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Startup Champions @ EPFL

Value creation using technology transfer

Date: Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

Time: from 17:30 – 19:15 (doors open at 17:00)

Place: Rolex Learning Center Forum, EPFL

Keynotes:



Dr. Felix Mayer

Co-chairman of board and
Co-founder of Sensirion:

**From start to
one billion quoted
company**



Gabriel Clerc

Senior advisor IP & TT matters
EPFL-Presidency
Former Head of EPFL-TTO:

**Lessons learned
from 20 years of
tech transfer**

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Venturelab and **EPFL**, through its **Innogrants**, will be hosting an exceptional happening featuring world-class entrepreneurs as guest speakers:

KEYNOTES

Felix Mayer is an entrepreneur. He studied physics and holds a Ph.D. in the field of Microsensors. In 1998, Felix Mayer and Moritz Lechner, both ETH Zürich graduates, started their own company Sensirion AG as a spin-off of the university. For eighteen years, they managed together Sensirion as Co-CEOs. In July 2016, they handed over their function to the next generation by stepping down from operational management duties. In their new role as active co-chairmen, they now focus on strategic product innovations for new markets. Since its foundation, Sensirion has grown to over 750 employees and has become one of the leading sensor companies for flow and environmental sensors solutions. Felix Mayer is also a member of the board in various other companies and advocates startup entrepreneurship in Switzerland.

Gabriel Clerc is a mechanical engineer from the EPFL with a specialization in applied thermodynamics and turbo-machinery. In 1988, he joined the EPFL research directorate as a staff member and became Head of the Technology Transfer Office (EPFL-TTO) from its crea-

tion in 1998 until 2018. Presently, he is a senior advisor at the Presidency of EPFL, mainly for IP and TT matters. Having spent nine years active in the field of aeronautics as an experimental test pilot for the Swiss department of defense, he also works as an R&D engineer for SULZER Co. central R&D department. He also co-founded and was president of the Swiss Technology Transfer Association (swiTT). He is a member of AUTM and ASTP associations.

The EPFL-TTO is protecting, managing and licensing EPFL intellectual property. It is responsible to negotiate and approve collaboration agreements with industrial partners. The TTO also manages the relations between EPFL and its numerous start-up/spin-out companies.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- To learn from world-class and successful entrepreneurs
- To kick the development of your network
- To be part of the innovation revolution

The Innogrants were created in June 2005 by EPFL to support student and faculty entrepreneurs from the school with grants tailored to their initial financial and technical needs.



Evening event

17:00 Doors opening

17:30 Welcome and news

17:45 Keynote Felix

Mayer: «*From start to one billion quoted company.*»

18:15 Keynote Gabriel

Clerc: «*Lessons learned from over 20 years of tech transfer.*»

18:45 Bar discussion

«*How to ensure long lasting value creation*»

19:15 Apero and networking

Venturelab designs and operates programs to bring the best startup talents to the next level of development. Together with key academic and industry partners; we support entrepreneurs towards successful fundraising and business growth, throughout the evolution of the company.