



World-class  
**STARTUPS.**  
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# Startup Champions @ EPFL

## The multiple lives of entrepreneurs

**Date:** Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2017,

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

**Place:** Rolex Learning Center Forum, EPFL

### Keynotes:



From founder  
of Siri to Senior  
Software En-  
gineer at Apple

**Didier Guzzoni**



From founder of  
KB Medical, to Vice  
President, Inter-  
national Product  
Development, Ro-  
botics at Globus  
Medical

**Szymon Kostrzewski**

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**Student's special:** Learn more about new EPFL supports for students with a business idea and get inspired by two young EPFL startups, Inflight and Apety. Free Pizza lunch, mandatory registration: [bit.ly/2f7ADKv](http://bit.ly/2f7ADKv)

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

## KEYNOTES

**Dr. Didier Guzzoni** has been working in both Switzerland and Silicon Valley for more than 20 years. In 2007, he founded Siri Inc., a startup building an intelligent mobile assistant, which became part of Apple in early 2010 and is now used by millions of people worldwide in more than 30 languages. After graduating from EPFL in 1995, he spent several years in Silicon Valley working with world-leading research centers and several startups on topics ranging from mobile robotics to artificial intelligence (AI)-powered B2B platforms. In 2004, he returned to Switzerland to start a PhD at EPFL aiming at making complex AI techniques accessible to software developers.

Didier is currently working as a senior software engineer with the Siri Advanced Development Group at Apple.

**Szymon Kostrzewski** was the CTO and co-founder of KB Medical, EPFL robotics spin-off, acquired this summer by the American medical device company Globus Medical Inc. Szymon now holds the position of Vice Presi-

dent & International Product Development Robotics in the company. Szymon Kostrzewski completed his external PhD in medical robotics with distinction at the Warsaw University of Technology in 2011. During his scientific career, he conducted researches at institutions such as Stanford University, EPFL and DLR (German Aerospace Center). As an entrepreneur, Szymon has won several contests including the Venture Leaders (Boston, 2012).

## 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.

**venturelab** is a platform developing national and international entrepreneurial acceleration programs in partnership with academic and industry partners. For 10 years, venturelab has created and deployed programs in all main technology sectors, in Switzerland and abroad.

## PROGRAM

### Special student's program

**12:15** Pizzas offered by EPFL Innogrants

**12:45** Startup pitch: Yannick Bloem, Infinight

**12:50** Presentation of the new EPFL support "X-Grants" and more

**13:05** Startup pitch: Aurélien Soccard, Apety

**13:10-13:30** Q&As

### Evening event

**17:00** Doors opening

**17:30** Welcome and News

**17:45** Keynote Szymon Kostrzewski, CTO of KB Medical (acquired by Globus Medical)

**18:15** Keynote Didier Guzzoni, Software Development Engineer at Apple & Founder of Siri

**19:00** Wrap-up and networking apero