

Newsletter

January 2021



After a tumultuous and extraordinary year is over, we want to take a quick look back at all the planned and unplanned moments of 2020. Also, if you'd like a new challenge to look forward to, we have an announcement from the Cyber Group below.

We wish you good luck with the exam session and we hope to see you soon!

- the CSNOW team

A look back on 2020

In the quiet, innocent spring, our well-known “Schnupperstudium” was held to introduce high school girls to Ada Lovelace’s footsteps and get them excited about studying computer science.

After that—a very long break. The “Schnupperstudium” in September was held online for the first time, but in a shortened version. The mentoring apéro, which is especially important for first-year students, could luckily also be transformed into a virtual event.

Throughout the fall semester, the curriculum was revised and grand new workshops were set up: with this, the “Schnupperstudium” returns online in February 2021, full of exciting content, inspiring

presentations and a highly motivated team!

In the second half of the year, we welcomed Joel as the new co-leader of the team, who immediately tackled the redesign of the newsletter and website with success.

To increase the overall well-being and sense of belonging, we made it a priority to treat the CSNOW community something good: We hired a yoga instructor for virtual yoga classes via Zoom (that our sisters LIMES and Phimale could also participate in), hosted an online game night including a real "Samichlaus" surprise, and the "Professor AMA" format was launched.

Behind the scenes, we also participated in an interdepartmental discussion of the scientific umbrella organizations on the topic of equal opportunities and diversity at ETH. In the process, we were able to jointly define goals and contribute our perspective. In a letter to the new Vice President, written by SWiSH in cooperation with us and other women's organizations at ETH, we expressed our support for gender equality concerns and encouraged future cooperation.

We can now end 2020 on a highly positive note: Larissa is coming back to the team, and Selin is joining brand new!

We are happy to start a new year with our dedicated team and thank you for your participation and motivation, be it off- or online!



Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge

Kick-Off Event

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to be under a large-scale cyber attack? Now is your chance to find out!

The GCSP [Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge](#) in Geneva is a student competition in which teams respond to a major cyber incident that affects a key part of Europe's critical infrastructure. It challenges the teams to respond to a realistic and evolving cybersecurity scenario by analyzing the threats posed to national, international, and private sectors and coming up with a real-world response plan in a limited amount of time. Over two days, students will present and defend their solutions and have the unique opportunity to interact with expert mentors and cybersecurity professionals.

The ETH teams last year had terrific success, and you can find an insight into last year's competition [in this article](#).



"CyberGroup - ETH Student Initiative" will provide you with training sessions led by experienced coaches and support you before and during the challenge. Furthermore, we will cover all expenses!

Interested?

Register below for the kick-off event, where the group will explain in more detail everything you need to know about the challenge and the training sessions. Please note that it is absolutely not required to have a team before signing-up! After the kick-off event, the group will form all teams to ensure a diverse mix of team members.

- **January 26**
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- Zoom (register to receive the link)

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