

# Pesticides – What Does Science Say?

A World Food System Center salon discussion on the impact of pesticides on our health and the environment while considering different geographical perspectives and the power of policy

**Wednesday, 3 April 2019 | 17:30**

**ETH Zurich, Dozentenfoyer (HG J)**



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## Program

Do you wash your apple before you eat it? The use of pesticides in agriculture and the consequences on the environment and human health are a subject of controversial discussions. The World Food System Center wants to contribute knowledge to the debate about the use of pesticides in food systems. We want to provide a platform for a science-based discussion and address questions relevant for a broad audience. Register for our event and send in a question on any of these four topics:

- Health (both of consumers and workers in the field) and risk assessment
- Environmental impacts
- Various geographical perspectives (Switzerland, Uganda, Costa Rica)
- Policy (incentives and regulations)

The invited experts will evaluate the questions prior to the event. Selected questions will be answered from various perspectives during the informal salon discussion.

## Speakers

**Prof. Robert Finger** holds the chair of Agricultural Economics and Policy at ETH Zurich. His research focuses on risk management in agriculture, evaluation and design of agricultural policies, sustainable farm-environment interactions, and agri-environmental measures.

**Dr. Lothar Aicher** received a doctorate in Biochemistry in 1997 from the University of Kaiserslautern and became a Swiss and Eurotox Registered Toxicologist in 1999. He has held various positions in marketing and business development in the agrochemicals sector. Lothar joined the Swiss Center for Applied Human Toxicology in April 2010 as a regulatory toxicologist.

**Philipp Staudacher** is a doctoral student at Eawag and contributes to an inter- and transdisciplinary research project on pesticide use in tropical regions. The aim of the project is to deepen the understanding of the environmental, health ,and regulatory dimensions of pesticide use in agriculture in low- and middle- income countries.

**17:15**      **Doors open**

**17:30**      **Salon Discussion**

Prof. Robert Finger, ETH Zurich

Dr. Lothar Aicher, Swiss Center for Applied Human Toxicology

Philipp Staudacher, Eawag

Moderator: Michelle Grant, Education Director, World Food System Center

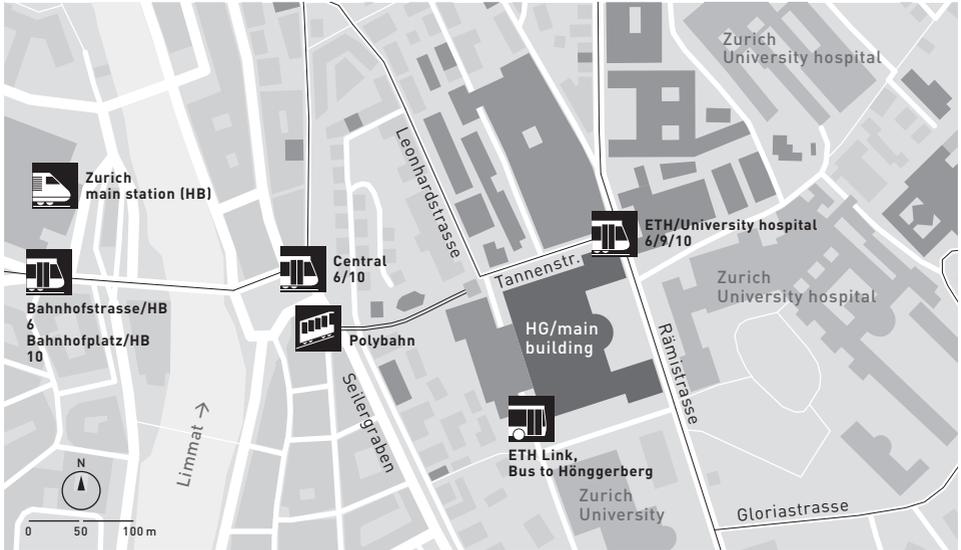
**18:45 Uhr**    **Apéro**

**Registration: We kindly ask that you register at**  
<https://goo.gl/forms/WLnqa59s5C4pGD722>

\* Space is limited, please register only if you plan to attend.



The **World Food System Center** is a competence center at ETH Zurich that supports multi- and cross-disciplinary approaches to addressing the challenges confronting the world food system. We do this through research, education, and outreach activities that contribute to sustainable food and nutrition security.



## Location

ETH Zurich, main building, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zurich

### How to get to ETH Zurich by public transport

The main building of ETH Zurich can be reached from:

- Zurich main station by tram 6 (direction "Zoo")  
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- Bellevue by tram 9 (direction "Hirzenbach")
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