15th Meeting of the Innovation Group Bioconversion

Date: **03 December 2026**

Place: **Givaudan International SA, Kemptpark, Kemptthal (see next page)**

Time: **13:00 – 17:30 (followed by a Networking Apero)**

Program

13:00 Uhr	**Welcome Coffee & Registration**	
13:20 Uhr	Transfer to The Cultured Hub	
13.30 Uhr	Welcome to the Innovation Group	Jan Biehl, Swiss Food Research
13.40 Uhr	The Cultured Hub - Presentation and Tour	Erika Georget, The Cultured Hub
14:30 Uhr	Multifunctional yeast ingredient: serving stability, emulsification, masking needs and beyond	Juan Benitez, Cosaic
15:00 Uhr	**Coffee break & Networking**	
15:30 Uhr	Biotech approaches for ingredient development at Givaudan	Matthias Schultz, Givaudan Markus Kaufmann, Givaudan
16:15 Uhr	Traditional fermented products from global south as treasure chest for promising microbial strains: Opportunities & Challenges	Susanne Miescher-Schwenninger, ZHAW
16:45 Uhr	Wrap up	Jan Biehl, Swiss Food Research
17:00 Uhr	Guided Tour of Givaudan Innovation Center	Matthias Schultz, Givaudan Markus Kaufmann, Givaudan
17:30 Uhr	**Apero & Networking**	
18:30 Uhr	**End of Meeting**	

EVENT LOCATION

Givaudan International SA
Kemptpark 50
8310 Kemptthal

Room: P164/166
Google Maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/JtwAMkpqwLC7VUfj9



HOW TO GET THERE:

Arrival by TRAIN at Kemptthal station: You will easily see the entrance to the business park "The Valley". You will find the Givaudan Innovation Center at the very end of the "Valley" after a 10 minutes' walk from the station. It is the new grey building (not the yellow one) - the Givaudan logo can be seen from afar.

Arrival by BUS (usually from Effretikon Bahnhof): You approach the area from the other end. The Innovation Center is the first large building at this end of The Valley. The closest bus stops are Grafstal, Engelacher (Bus 657) – 10 minutes walk to The Valley, and Grafstal, Thalegg (Bus 655) – 5 minute walk to The Valley.

Arrival by CAR: The GPS address is **Kemptpark 50, 8310 Kemptthal**. The parking lot is next to the building. Approach the barrier – left of the barrier there is an intercom. Press the "IC" button to contact the Reception Desk to open the barrier. For more details, please, see https://www.givaudan.com/specials/site-visits/kemptthal-switzerland