Novartis' table tennis section looks back to another successful year. Over the last few years it has repeatedly won championships and cups at regional and national levels, and proudly won the Corporate Sports European Champions 2013 in Prague.



At the general meeting of June 29th, 2017, the section president Hans-Joerg Martus welcomed some 20 participants, including Beat Schybli, the new President of the Novartis Sports Club. Hans-Joerg took the opportunity to highlight another series of achievements:

- The first team, captained by Thomas Vorherr, won the Basler Cup as well as the Swiss Cup. Congratulations to the players: Thomas Vorherr, Thilo Vorherr, Nico Mohler, Pascal Kaeshammer and Gamal Khallaf.
- The first team further won the Switzerland corporate team championship 2017. Congratulations to Thomas Vorherr, Thilo Vorherr, Edgar Hagmann, Pascal Kaeshammer, Gamal Khallaf and Nico Mohler who contributed to this outstanding achievement.
- Another series of good results were achieved at a number of events such as the Roche tournament, the "Eröffnungsturnier", the "Schlussturnier" and the senior / veteran tournament. Congratulations to Sando Borghesi, Thomas Frey, Barbara Denlöffel, Christine Eigenmann and Daniel Müller. Congratulations to all for their achievements, and for representing Novartis at those events.



The table tennis section is making use of an excellent training facility. It welcomes interested players to further their table tennis skills and to participate in team and individual sports events. There's great sense of friendship and camaraderie among its members. Trainings, competition events, but also various social events support that spirit. To name a few: "Wuschtbröötle" - a BBQ event with traditional local sausages - a Minigolf tournament, and other fun events.

The section is all set to enjoy another successful season! Novartis provides, with a total of 8 Teams, the biggest number of participants. The team compositions for the season 2017/2018 have newly been made available on the SFS website (<u>http://www.sfs-tt-basel.ch</u>).

The season 2017/2018 starts in August. Get ready, be prepared, have fun and enjoy the spirit!