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Cleantech: new entrepreneurial eldorado? Learn from the most successful entrepreneurs.

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Patrick Hofer-Noser
CEO 3S Swiss Solar System
Quoted at the Berner Stock Exchange

Alexandre Closset
CEO VHF-Technologies SA (Flexcell)
Building of a flexible solar cells factory in Yverdon

Stefan Schneeberger
VP, General Manager, Precision Wafering Systems
From HCT Shaping SA, purchased $500M by Applied Materials

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«venturelab» and EPFL, through its Innovation Network and College of Management of Technology, offer you an exceptional event with the presence of world-class entrepreneurs:

Patrick Hofer has been the managing director of 3S since its establishment. His chief activities to date in the solar area are the development and realisation of manufacturing plants for module production, and in the development of solar building elements. Patrick Hofer obtained his PhD in power electronics and propulsion technology at ETHZ, and holds several patents in these fields.

After a first professional experience at Norsk Hydro in Norway, Alexandre Closset dove into entrepreneurship and co-founded VHF-Technologies and HTceramix. VHF-Technologies received a €7M investment from Q-Cells and further convinced his strategic investor Q-Cells to build a 25MW factory to manufacture 500'000m² of flexible solar cells per year in Yverdon. Alexandre holds a MSc in Physics from EPFL and a MSc in Management of Technology from EPFL and HEC UNIL.

Prior to joining HCT Shaping, Stefan Schneeberger held various senior management positions in companies in the semiconductor and precision tool industries including the general manager position at Small Precision Tools, USA and product manager at ESEC, Switzerland. He holds a MSc in Microtechnology EPFL and MBA in Management and Marketing (University of San Francisco).

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Why participate?
- To discover a new dimension associated with technology: the entrepreneurial career!
- To be a part of the innovation revolution
- Interested by innovation and entrepreneurship

The Management of Technology has been an important effort within EPFL over the last several years, and it has come to fruition in the form of the new College of Management of Technology which was launched in October 2004.

L’Innovation Network created in June 2005, supports entrepreneurs and project carriers with a network of competences and grants tailored to the financial and technical needs of inventions and to the management of innovation.

«venturelab», a national initiative of the CTI Innovation Promotion Agency, offers in close cooperation with EPFL/ETHZ, Universities and Universities of applied sciences tailor-made training modules for promoting innovative young enterprises and for sensitizing students to the subject of entrepreneurship.

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