



«Otto Jaag» - is the name of the new Eawag research boat

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«Otto Jaag» is the name that has been given to Eawag's new research boat, which was launched fittingly and in traditional manner on Greifensee during a modest celebration in Maur on Saturday. The boat bears the name of the influential Director (1900* - 1978†) who was head of Eawag from 1952 to 1970, and led the organisation with a great deal of personal dedication.

Prior to the launch, Janet Hering and Piet Spaak had welcomed the invited guests from the various partner organisations and members of the Jaag family. In spite of the driving snow and cold, around fifty spectators gathered to enjoy Piet Spaak's humorous speech and the aperitif which followed. Eawag has been carrying out research on Greifensee for decades, recording, among other things, how the lake has recovered from the pollution of the 70s and 80s. In addition, Eawag has supported research projects on Greifensee for many years, as well as educating ETH students on the lake. The «Otto Jaag» is the only motorised vessel on Greifensee that is not used for public sailings.

As the launch and christening of the boat took place as part of the Open Day of the Schifffahrtsgesellschaft Greifensee (Greifensee shipping company), the team from the Eco department made the most of the opportunity, offering the public an insight into the research carried out on Greifensee. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at a stand on the «MS David Herrliberg», inquisitive members of the public were able to get an idea of the research activities, peer through microscopes at daphnia and ask questions of the Eco crew.



At 11.45 a.m. the bottle shattered even before it hit the nine metre long, 2.35 metre wide aluminium boat.

Launching the vessel, the visibly proud Elisabeth Jaag (widow of Otto Jaag) wished her safe sailing and water beneath her keel for all time.

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