

My story as Chemist

Name: Bernhard Urwyler

Function: **Head of Production WMO**



My history:

Swiss, Chemist with PhD degree in Photochemistry, since 20 years in Syngenta and its legacy, such as Ciba, Novartis.

Career: Started 1990 in thermal process safety research → 1995 move to agro chem. Development → 2000 move into Production Monthey as asset manager; → 2002 taking over Schweizerhalle as site manager then leading the closure until 2006 → move to the HQ for a change manager role in the Headquarter Basel → 12/2007 again move to Monthey as Head of Production.

Married, 3 girls, passionate sailing, skiing, biking

My belongings:

Technician, Diplom Chemist in org. Chemistry, PhD in Physical Chemistry, Chemical Process Safety Expert and Development Chemist. Production Chemist. Site manager. Change manager, E.g. closure of Syngenta Schweizerhalle Site



My success in my career:

Breakthrough in thermal process safety assessment process in order to increase the reliability of scenarios of risk analysis

Redesigned chemical process to increase efficiencies and drive production units to high performance standards. Successful site closure.



My future as Production Head:

As part of the Monthey site leadership team I'm responsible for the lean production part. My challenge is to drive cultural change in manufacturing to get the lean thinking and improvement processes in order to optimize costs to a globally competitive level.

