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About us

The importance of research work

Science plays a crucial role in our understanding of the world and the universe around us. It provides a systematic way of learning about us, natural phenomena leading to advancements in technology, medicine, physics, mathematic, sport, music, literature, law and environmental protection.

Through scientific inquiry we can develop solutions to complex problems and improve the quality of life for people everywhere. Ultimately, science fosters critical thinking and innovation, driving progress for as a whole.

What can our Neumann Association do?

Our aim is to bring together scientists living and working in Switzerland, regardless of their field of activity, and, through public lectures on scientific topics, to make scientific knowledge accessible to everyone.

We warmly welcome all interested parties—students, early-career scientists, young and experienced researchers, as well as university faculty—who, within the framework of interdisciplinary collaboration in the fields of practice, research, and development, share the methods or results of their work in plain language.

We are convinced that these regular events help raise awareness of the work of scientists and emphasize the importance of collaboration, thereby sparking interest in science. The events are free of charge.

Janos Neumann - the person after whom our association is named

John von Neumann (Hungarian: Neumann János Lajos, born 28 December 1903 – February 8, 1957) was a Hungarian and American mathematician, physicist, computer scientist and engineer. Von Neumann had perhaps the widest coverage of any mathematician of his time, integrating pure and applied sciences and making major contributions to many fields, including mathematics, physics, economics, computing, and statistics. He was a pioneer in building the mathematical framework of quantum physics, in the development of functional analysis, and in game theory, introducing or codifying concepts including cellular automata, the universal constructor and the digital computer. His analysis of the structure of self-replication preceded the discovery of the structure of DNA¹. He studied in Budapest (Hungary,) in Berlin (Germany) and in Zurich at the ETH (Switzerland).

Picture, source: Wikipedia²



¹ [John von Neumann - Wikipedia](#) last visit 29 August 2026.

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