

The President of ETH Zurich would like to invite you to attend the following lecture by
Dr. Susan U. Stucky

Time: Monday, April 10, 2006 at 16.15h

Location: Collegium Helveticum, Schmelzbergstrasse 25 (Sternwarte), Meridian-Saal,
8092 Zurich



Dr. Susan U. Stucky

On Learning: From theory to practice and back Implications for change in learning research, schools, corporations and society

The globalization of information access and the accelerating pace of technology change are providing new opportunities and new ways for everyone to learn — whether in school or out, whether in the workplace or not. Meanwhile the demands of society are changing as well. The rate of knowledge creation is increasing while at the same time people are changing jobs more often. For the academy to address this changing world of practice, it must understand and adapt to these new developments. To do so, the academy needs to find ways to:

1. Use more broadly what is now understood from the learning sciences
2. Be rigorous in going from new practices in learning to their implications for learning theory
3. Find ways to become engaged in these new ways of creating knowledge and information access

This lecture will first explore the landscape of the learning sciences, comparing their units of analysis, their contexts of inquiry and their distinctive research methods in order to explicate broadly where and how learning research is conducted. Then, in order to go deeper, the focus will turn to the speaker's own research and experience in organizational learning as played out in corporate settings. From these two explorations, suggested ways forward are laid out. Time will be allotted for discussion following the lecture.

April 3, 2006
Prof. Dr. Ernst Hafen