

9th SCIENCE FILMMAKING MARATHON

25-27 June 2026, Zurich

Communication

- For faster communication, before and during the marathon, we have a 'WhatsApp group' for participants and trainers. Please join, as soon as possible, using this link

https://chat.whatsapp.com/K5jKUSGC9kMKdcXVvtniBV?mode=gi_t



- Please keep with you the telephone numbers of the trainers (see down)
- During the marathon, each small group could have their own 'WhatsApp group'
- Please note that the workshop will be very intense and that ideally participants are flexible to work more time within the three days

Trainers

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Administration

- Samer Angelone (Science Film Academy); tel. 0041792326068

Where

- For the whole marathon (25-27 June): University of Zurich Zentrum (Karl Schmid-Strasse 4)

Program

Day 1 (Thursday, 25 June 2026)

Where

University of Zurich Zentrum (Karl Schmid-Strasse 4); Room KO2-D-54

Timing

10:00-18:00 (it could be extended to 19:00)

Including coffee and lunch breaks

Aims of the day

Before 13:00

- Know each other
- Making small groups of 3-4 PhD students and a filmmaker (up to the interest of the participants)
- Brainstorming and deciding which story/idea to film (we should have one film from each group)

After 13:00

- Preparing the script and storyboard
- Deciding where and when to film (technical storyboard)
- Deciding who does what (filming crew: producer, director, camera operator, sound operator...etc.)

Day 2 (Friday, 26 June 2026)

Where

- Each group decides where to meet and where to film
- In case your group needs a classroom, we have a big classroom booked; University of Zurich Zentrum (Karl Schmid-Strasse 4); Y10-G-03/04 EV
- In case any group wants to use the TV studio, they must tell us at the end of the day 1
- We collaborate with the Zoo of Zurich. If you want to film there, you need to tell us at the end of day 1

Timing

Each group decides when to start and when to finish

Aims of the day

This day is for filming (each group decides where and when).

Day 3 (Saturday, 27 June 2026)

Where

- University of Zurich Zentrum (Karl Schmid-Strasse 4); KO2-F-174
- In addition to the Room KO2-F-174, we have the following rooms (for small groups): KO2-F-153, KO2-F-172, KO2-F-155, KO2-F-173 EV, KO2-F-151 EV

Timing

10:00-17:00 (coffee and lunch breaks to be decided by each group)

Editing

17:30-19:00

Presentation of the films

Evaluation of the workshop


Aims of the day

Editing the films and present them

Films handover

On the 27th of June BEFORE 17:00, all groups should

- Handover the film: MP4 format, not bigger than 5gb
- At the beginning of your film, please add the following promo <https://vimeo.com/725636429/d3a669a79e>
- One still photo from the film (jpg)
- Info about the film (see down a template)

Zurich Sunday 17 November, 19:15 CONNECTIVITY SWITZERLAND, 2019, 3 min, English		SCIENTISTS-AS-FILMMAKERS Melina Zimmerli University of Zurich Alain Luck University of Zurich Fabio Bargardi ETH Sabrina Stettler ZHAW Michael Gerlt ETH
		
Story	Connectivity is the story of several protagonists in daily life situations. Due to the limited amount of resources we have on earth, the outcome of their decisions affects the potential use of these resources by others.	

Premieres of your films

Your films will be screened as premieres at the 8th Global Science Film Festival (www.sciencefilm.ch) in Basel, Bern and Zurich 22-24 October 2026



Filming and editing material

1. TV Studio

- In the TV studio you can use the green screen, film stop motion and record voice over.
- The TV studio is at Irchel Campus (Building Y15 flat F room 52). To go there it would be easier if you go through building Y4 flat F room16.
- Info about Irchel Campus and how to reach there are here <https://www.zi.uzh.ch/cl/org/toirchel.html>

2. Camera, light, sound

We already have good material (camera, light, sound) for you, but please bring your own material (camera, tripod...etc.), if you have good stuffs. This will save our time/money, and you have the opportunity to work with your own material.

3. Laptop

Please bring your own laptop (Mac or PC) to the workshop, if you have one.

4. External memory

Please always bring an external memory with you (external hard drive or USB stick), if you have.

Stories to be filmed

As mentioned, each group (about 4-5 participants) will shoot one short film (1-3 minutes). The story that each group films will be decided by the members of the group.

You can send us your ideas directly in the Whatsapp group. Ideally you send us a one-minute video to explain your story and how to make it visual.

In this link you can see how other participants shared their ideas with the others <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8810148>

Password: marathon

Please note: Each 3-4 participants will make (together with the filmmaker) one video, so if you don't have your own idea, you can still help your group to make a video.

Examples from the previous marathons

<https://www.sciencefilm.ch/filmmaking-marathon>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any question,
Filmmaking Marathon Team