



## NEWS

### **Implenia man wins gold at skills championship** – Impressive performance at SwissSkills Bern 2014 | Implenia employee Sandro Leuenberger and team-mate win “Best Road Builder in Switzerland” title

**Dietlikon, 23 September 2014** – Last Sunday, Implenia employee Sandro Leuenberger from Hunzenschwil AG, together with his team-mate Pascal Studer from Reichenbach BE, became Switzerland’s champion road builders. They won their competition, organised by the Infra trade association, during SwissSkills Bern 2014. This was the first ever SwissSkills and it gave the public an opportunity to follow 1,000 competitors in 70 professional championships covering a total of 130 different trades and professions. Over the course of four days, 14 road builders from German and French-speaking Switzerland put their skills to the test. With the clock ticking and around 155,000 visitors looking on, they had to build a complex section of road covering an area of approximately 30 square metres. A jury of experts then evaluated the different surfaces involved – from natural stone paving to asphalt – checking their height, slope and geometry. The two happy winners were presented with their gold medals in front of 5,000 spectators at the victory celebrations on Sunday evening. One of them, Sandro Leuenberger (18), completed his apprenticeship at Implenia and has been working for Implenia in Buchs AG since August 2014. “Implenia is very proud of Sandro Leuenberger,” says Anton Affentranger, CEO of Implenia. “His great success shows just how skilful our young professionals are. We congratulate Sandro on his achievement and are proud to count him as one of our own.” Implenia currently has around 200 young people doing apprenticeships in office-based roles and in trades such as road building.

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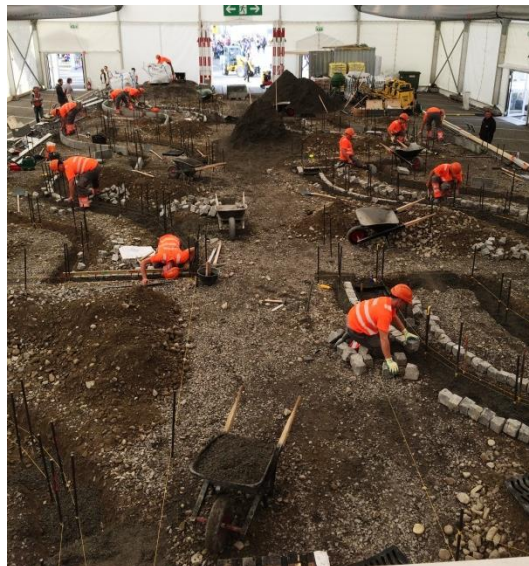
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The beaming winners of the Swiss Road Building Championship: Implenia employee Sandro Leuenberger (third from left) and his team-mate Pascal Studer (fourth from left, Walo Bertschinger) won gold. Photo: @swisskillsbern2014.ch



Left: Implenia employee Sandro Leuenberger now holds the title of "Switzerland's Best Road Builder". Photo: Implenia



Right: The road builders at work at SwissSkills Bern 2014. Photo: Implenia



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