A Nationwide Movement

Staying Resilient, Going Digital

2011–2012

Medicine Gets Personal

The Basel region emerges as a hotspot for biotech innovation.

Roche and Novartis lead the charge toward tailored therapies — using genetic data to design drugs as unique as the patients they serve.

2016

A New Chapter Begins

Michael Bonenberger takes the reins. The 20th Ilmac attracted a large audience and reflected a generational shift, combining established traditions with new perspectives.

2017

Lausanne Joins the Movement

Ilmac expands west. The first edition in Lausanne opens at Beaulieu — bringing the platform closer to French-speaking Switzerland and marking a new chapter in Ilmac's national reach.

Seeing Life in Atomic Detail

Jacques Dubochet earns the Nobel Prize for cryo-electron microscopy — a technique that captures biological structures at near-atomic resolution.

His discovery changes how science sees life itself.

2018

AI Enters the Clinic

The FDA approves the first AI-powered diagnostic tool for eye disease.

It's more than a tech milestone — it marks the moment AI steps into real clinical practice and moves from promise to practice in healthcare.

2019

Over 60 and Still Evolving

Ilmac celebrates its 60th anniversary with the launch of Pharma Logistics Days.

MUT joins the programme, and the spirit of innovation continues — as lively as ever.

2020

The Fair That Never Stops

In a year of lockdowns, Ilmac Lausanne goes ahead — safely, calmly, in person.

Behind the scenes, Swiss firms Roche, Novartis, and Lonza lead global efforts to produce COVID-19 vaccines at scale.