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The four-year partnership between the Poly and the B360 Education Partnerships based in Switzerland, is growing stronger each year. The partnership has benefited many students and lecturers at the Poly.

Since 2009, close to 30 volunteer experts have visited the Poly's six different schools. Last year three students from the Poly completed a two- to three-month internship at Credit Suisse Asset Management in Zürich and at Swiss Quality Testing Services in Courtepin.

B360 and Poly partnership getting stronger

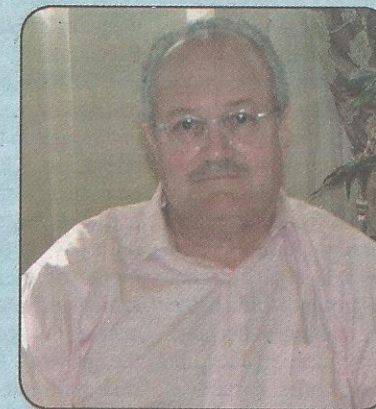
This semester two more students have started internships at Credit Suisse in February. This semester, the partnership will bring eight distinguished professors and expert to the Poly to teach various disciplines.

Prof Peter Schmuki, Board Member of B360 Educational Partnerships, is teaching the course in International Financial Markets in the Department of Economics for two weeks. He said

the partnership is based on needs and requests of partners which B360 responds to by calling companies, institutions, professionals, students, lecturers and universities in Europe to assist their partners in Southern Africa. "We want to exchange know-how and build capacity but do not provide investments or any hardware which may require future maintenance and support," Prof Schmuki said.

The B360 partnership is a Swiss-based volunteer organisation involved in knowledge transfer between Europe and Southern African countries. The Polytechnic was the first member of the B360 partnership in the region.

Prof Schmuki will give a public lecture on campus on Wednesday, 14 March 2012 at 18:00 in Auditorium 1. The lecture will deal with 'Turmoil in the Financial Markets - from banking crisis to a sovereign debt crisis'.



Professor Peter Schmuki