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Dear friends and colleagues at Advanced Fibers,

Time goes by so fast – it's already been a year since I left the Laboratory, so I wanted to let you know how things have been going.

The move to the Baden area was a smooth one and I have been very pleasantly surprised by the many options offered by the Baden / Wettingen / Ennetbaden region. For example, did you know that Wettingen has vineyards dating back to the 13th century? They were originally cultivated by the Cistercian Order, and people used to talk about them and their wine using the saying "Die Klosterherren ze Wettingen, sie tranken gerne settigen". In this picture you can see Paulina during one of our hikes through the vineyards last Fall:



Other than that, things have been going great at work. The ABB Corporate Research Center in Baden-Dättwil had its 50 year celebration recently. During this time, the Center has invented a number of very relevant technologies, such as the self-blast circuit breaker, the first fiber laser pressure sensor, the first high-temperature superconducting fault limiter and the world's leading generator breaker. Here is a view of the main entrance of the ABB campus-style Research Center:



Well, I hope things keep going well in St. Gallen for all of you and hopefully see you soon!

Best regards,  
Andrés Leal