Cat-like robots, calculating environmental risks or fair AI: 28 talents from the Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Programme (ESOP) and the Pioneer Fellowship Programme exchanged ideas with over 400 donors at this year’s “Meet the Talent”.

“You probably feel like me and wouldn’t mind being a student again,” said ETH Rector Günther Dissertori in his welcoming address at this year’s “Meet the Talent” event. And he must have spoke from the heart of some of the more than 400 guests in the audience – another 60 were there via live stream from all over the world.

Because what the donors got to see and hear was varied and up-to-date. In addition to the Rector, the three Excellence Scholars Angéline Pouget (Data Science), Benjamin Savinson (Physics) and Berkay Şenkalfa (Health Sciences and Technology) gave presentations in the Audimax, and the young entrepreneur Lukas Ambühl presented his ETH spin-off Transcality, which simulates mobility solutions for cities.

At interactive exhibition stands, guests were whisked away into the world of science and there were many lively conversations with students about ETH then and now in the “Meet & Greet” area.

Private funding is essential for the promotion of talent. However, the impact of the support goes beyond the financial aspect, as Günther Dissertori emphasized: “With your donations, you are giving much more than money. You give the young talents self-confidence and motivate them to achieve their full potential.”

Recording of the presentations (in German)
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