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Dear Reader

This summer really made us sweat. It was the third warmest summer in Switzerland since measurements began in 1864. Globally, it was even the hottest since 1940, with July as the warmest month worldwide and August the second warmest. But it wasn't just us humans who were hot. Trees and glaciers also sweated – with fatal consequences for some, as several articles in this issue show. But even what – for us – may not feel at all hot can have an impact. A little extra warmth for plants in the high mountains and in the tundra may stimulate them to grow and some trees to sprout new shoots. This **DIAGONAL** examines these as well as other issues, such as why snow is actually a high-temperature material. And we also introduce you, dear readers, to the hottest place at WSL. On that note, I wish you a “hot” read now during the cooler season of the year!



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