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## **Swiss Friends of Oxford University – Scholarship Report D. Bötticher**

To whom it may concern

As part of my doctoral studies at the University of Zurich, I was given the opportunity to spend the Michaelmas term 2023 (Sunday 8 October 2023 to Saturday 2 December 2023) at the University of Oxford as a Visiting Doctoral Researcher (Recognised Student) at the Oxford Law Faculty and the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre. The Swiss Friends of Oxford University (SFOU) helped me to finance part of this stay.

In the following I would like to (i) briefly explain my PhD and (ii) describe my experience at the University of Oxford.

(i) The topic of my PhD is copyright issues that arise in the training of (generative) Artificial Intelligence (AI). One of the central questions is, whether the current copyright framework allows the use of copyrighted material to train AI systems. In my PhD, I am focusing on the situation under Swiss law, while also integrating a comparative law approach and looking at the situation under EU and UK law.

(ii) During my time at the University of Oxford I was also affiliated to St. Peter's College MCR. As well as having very valuable time to work on my own research, I also had the chance to attend discussion groups and lectures. I furthermore had the opportunity to discuss my PhD, current issues and challenges with my local supervisor, a professor in the field of intellectual property. I found Oxford to be a very inspiring place and the time there allowed me to make significant progress on my PhD.

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