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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Report on Form 6-K for date October 11, 2002

Novartis AG

(Name of Registrant)

Lichtstrasse 35
4056 Basel
Switzerland

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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INVITATION FOR MEETING, WEBCAST & TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

R&D Day and Q3 2002 Results Review

Dear Investor

We are pleased to invite you to attend the Novartis R&D Day and review of Q3 2002. You may participate in person, via webcast or by teleconference. Please see the preliminary program on page 2.

Date: October 17, 2002

Time: 09.00 a.m. New York
02.00 p.m. UK
03.00 p.m. Switzerland

If attending in person: registration and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m
Webcast or dial-in: test connection 10 minutes before program start

Location The Waldorf Astoria Hotel
301 Park Avenue Grand Ballroom (3rd Floor; Lexington Ave entrance)
New York, NY 10022

Phone numbers: Switzerland: +41 91 610 4111

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Europe Free-phone +800 2467 8700

US: +1 800 860 2442

Canada: 866-519-5086

You may also access the conference call as a live webcast on the Internet at: <http://www.novartis.com/investors> (under Upcoming Event). This information will be available for tests and for the submission of questions in advance from October 15, 2002.

Preliminary Agenda

All times Eastern Standard/New York

9:00 AM Introduction and Q3 Results

9:15 AM Review of recent product launches

10:35 AM Q&A (in person or via webcast only)

11:00 AM Break

11:30 AM Development/Functional Genomics/Conclusion

1:30 PM Presentations conclude

Poster / booth session & luncheon

2:30 PM Therapeutic area breakout sessions (Oncology, Transplant)

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[Programs will be taped and posted to the internet site October 18, 2002.]

3:30 PM End of R&D Day

Program presenters will include Daniel Vasella and others from senior management of Novartis.

Internet playback of presentations and therapeutic area breakout sessions may be viewed from the following times at www.novartis.com

Date: **Friday, October 18, 2002**

Time: 2:00 p.m. Switzerland
1:00 p.m. UK
8:00 a.m. New York

**If you have not responded yet to attend the presentations in person
and would like to do so, the reply form is attached for your use.**

Novartis
Pharmaceutical Research & Development Day

Thursday, October 17
The Waldorf Astoria Hotel Grand Ballroom
New York, NY

Reply Form

- I will attend the New York Presentation
- I will follow the presentations on the Internet (a test link will be sent to you prior to the R&D Day)

First Name _____

Name _____

Company _____

Job Title _____

Country _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

To confirm your attendance, please e-mail or fax this form to Novartis Investor Relations by October 10, 2002.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Novartis AG

Date: October 11, 2002

By: /s/ MALCOLM B. CHEETHAM

Name: Malcolm B. Cheetham

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