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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 dated January 9, 2004 (Commission File No. 1-15024)

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:

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Yes: |_| No: |X|

Enclosure: Invitation to Participate in Novartis' Full Year Results 2003 Presentation. Investor Relations

Novartis International AG CH-4002 Basel Switzerland

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Novartis Corporation 608 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10020 USA

-SAVE THE DATE-

Novartis' Full Year Results 2003 Presentation

to be held

in Zurich, Switzerland

on

Thursday, January 22, 2004

Door opening at 13.30, start at 14:00

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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Novartis AG has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOVARTIS AG

Date: January 9, 2004

By: /s/ MALCOLM CHEETHAM

Name: Malcolm Cheetham Title: Head Group Financial Reporting and Accounting