CSA. Autumn Session

Report on the meeting of the Council Of The Swiss Abroad in St.Gallen, 20 August 2010

This year’s Congress of the Swiss Abroad in St. Gallen from August 20 - 22, 2010 dealt mainly with the representation of the Swiss from Abroad in the Council, and with the proposed new Law regarding the Swiss Abroad. Federal Councilor, Mrs Calmy-Rey, who was present at the congress, emphasised strongly her support for a new law, which is in preparation and under review. She also stated that the current 140 Delegates from Abroad and from Switzerland must be elected in a democratic manner to truly represent the electorate. That means, in her words, that in the proposed new law, only those Swiss from Abroad who are registered to vote in Switzerland can elect those delegates. How the 20 Delegates from Switzerland (now appointed) will be elected and by whom, remains open. There was quite some discussion on the election process and the ASO has asked for a legal opinion from a constitutional lawyer on various questions arising from the proposed reform.

Electronic voting for the Swiss Abroad was again a topic of discussion and some progress was reported by some Cantons. Mrs Calmy-Rey provided information that it is the intention of the Federal Council to concentrate all matters concerning the Swiss Abroad in (her) Department of Foreign Affairs. Also, more Honorary Consuls would be appointed in future.

Finally, the new internet platform for all Swiss Abroad: SwissCommunity.org was launched to great acclaim by the Delegates.

The date/place for the the 2011 Congress: 26 - 28 August in the Tessin, either in Lugano or in Locarno.

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

Swiss Review. Meeting

Interesting facts about the Swiss Review, how you make sure you still receive the Swiss Review, and outlook for the year ahead.

This year’s meeting of the Regional Editors was held at the Swiss Printers headquarters in St. Gallen.

As you already know, the budget cuts from the government were a big challenge for the Swiss Review and there was a push to move as many people to the electronic version in order to cut printing costs. As per mid-2010, there are now over 125,000 recipients which signed up for the email version only, so there are only about 245,000 printed issues remaining. This reduction plus other cost-saving measures now should allow for at least 5 issues for 2011 again, which is a small victory in its own.

The most important thing is, if you have registered to receive the email version only, your email address which you have registered with the Consulate should be up-to-date. So if you change your email address please let them know.

Even if we do not encourage this, in case you wish to opt in to receive the printed version again, you can do so by visiting www.swissabroad.ch

Marc Godat, Local Editor
SwissCommunity – The platform for the Swiss Abroad

SwissCommunity is a free, high-quality platform exclusively serving the Swiss who have been, are, or will be resident abroad. It is a "club" for international Switzerland, designed and tailored to meet the needs of Swiss people worldwide.

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SACCI EVENTS
18/10 SACCI Swiss Ambassador Cup
Melbourne (sold-out)
3/11 25th Anniversary Celeb. Sydney
11/11 Chocolate Appreciation Evening
Sydney
25/11 Cruise with the Europeans,Sydney
Check our website to find out more what’s happening in the Swiss-Australian business community!

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SAAAN continues to lead and facilitate negotiations for an agreement supporting the bilateral exchange of early career-researchers between the leading Australian and Swiss universities.

SAAAN supports the re-activation of an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

SAAAN leads the organisation of the forthcoming visit of Prof Dieter Imboden (President, Swiss National Science Foundation, SNSF) and Prof Ulrike Landecker (President, International Co-operation, SNSF) to Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. On this occasion, SAAAN is arranging bilateral meetings between the representatives of SNSF, Australian universities, the Australian Academy of Science and commonwealth funding agencies for research (NHMRC, ARC). In addition, SAAAN is organising a lecture at the Lowy Institute for International Affairs in Sydney and, together with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, a symposium on “Bilateral scientific opportunities between Switzerland and Australia” in Melbourne.

For more info please visit our website or send us an email for any further enquiries.

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October is a month of celebrations for members of our choir: Raphael, the newest and youngest choir member is getting married, and we are having a 65th birthday party for Chrigel, Marco and Erwin. On 28 November, we will entertain the elderly residents of the Tabulam & Templer and Martin Luther Homes, in combined performances with the Companion Singers and the Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose.

We wish all our friends and supporters an enjoyable Festive Season and a prosperous New Year. Interested in singing among a circle of friends (and perhaps participating with us at the Swiss Yodelling Festival in Interlaken next year?) Then come and join us at one of our enjoyable Wednesday evening practice sessions at Marco’s place.

Erwin Weinmann

The Swiss Museum of the Swiss Abroad, located at the heart of International Geneva, is a very special place for the Swiss - abroad or at home - and for friends of Switzerland everywhere. Its collections are focussed on remarkable Swiss who have left the country over the centuries and have left traces in their new surroundings. But in so doing, the Museum also explains the main features of Swiss identity and Swiss history - always a necessary endeavour!

The Museum has undergone extensive changes both in the presentation of its rooms and in the treatment of its key themes. At present, the Canton of Geneva, who is the owner of the beautiful Penthes estate, is evaluating whether a new long-term lease shall be granted to the Museum and its conference centre and restaurant. Other uses, of course, can always be envisaged, particularly in the light of its excellent location. These negotiations may well turn out to be quite difficult: you can be assured that we shall defend our «jewel» vigourously.

What we do need are expressions of support, especially emanating from the Swiss abroad themselves; what we also need is support of a more material kind to prepare for our future: new exhibitions, new publications, new acquisitions …

With our warmest thanks for your interest and for your help!
Please visit: www.penthes.ch (click on «Save The Museum...»)
Swiss Folk Dance Group
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Together with the Companion Singers, we will perform at the Tabalum Retirement Home and Lutheran Nursing Home on Sunday, 28 November.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergreut / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc. (contact same as Alpenrose)
We would like to invite the retired Swiss/Australian Community (over sixty) to our mysterious and exiting “Fahrt ins Blaue—mystery trip”.
Cost is $28.00 per person, which includes a three-course lunch.

President: Bruno Zueger

Swiss Playgroup Sydney
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Dear Readers
The National Day Celebration was a great success, when the Ambassador Daniel Woker and his wife came to Adelaide. As we did in the last years, we celebrated the Swiss National Day at the Foxtail Recreation Hall. With Alphorn music and Lampson, old and young enjoyed the Event.

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CABERRA EVENTS
17/10 Jass Tournament - Round III
30/10 Whale watching, Jervis Bay
5/11 AGM
12/11 St. Patricks Day Picnic
Jass evenings are in full swing and are held every second Wednesday.

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The Guggeburras, only “Guggemusig” in Australia, practice every Tuesday. Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or send an e-mail to guggeburras@swiss.org.au
Play Group, meets every first Friday of the month. For more information ring Alexandra Schaub on 0416 744 949.

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Swiss Club of Nsw has started Swiss German Classes for Adults, the current class has just finished, however due to the success of the first semester, we will be running further classes commencing in October.
Don’t miss out on the events coming up so please check our website for the latest updates on event dates or contact the club directly.

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If you enjoy a Jass, the Jassers get together every Monday night at the Elite Swiss Restaurant in Petersham.

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Regular Monthly NSW Events:
1st Monday: Committee meeting @ Il Bolognese – Gladewater (from 7:30pm)
1st Wednesday: Swiss Entrepreneurs Lunch (Lord Nelson brewery)
1st Thursday: Cercleromand, soiree pub
2nd Friday: Social Evening (Fenchs For.)
3rd Thursday: Pyragiq drinks and dinner
Last Friday – Swiss Play 6p (Fenchs For.)
Last Weekend – Bushwalk

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1 Aug at the Castle Hill Showground: We sincerely thank the staff of The Shore Council for their hospitality and assistance, all our sponsors and donors, our volunteers, our many friends from within the many Swiss groups, and all the visitors taking part and being there.
We invite anyone interested and passionate about Swiss Folklore and Singing to consider joining our Club. You need not be a Yodler, just give us a ring.

Alois Kretz
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Le cercle romand regroupe toute personne intéressée par la pratique et le maintien du français. Le cercle est basé à Sydney; il a pour but de créer des contacts entre nos membres par le biais de sorties et réunions régulières.

Nos activités sont réparties tout au long de l'année: soirées pub le premier jeudi de chaque mois, tournoi de pétanque, bowling, beach volleyball, randonnée, week-end camping et les toujours très appréciées journées fondee et racette.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,
Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrétaire.

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The Swiss Historical Society is still looking for material for its planned book on the history of the Swiss community in New South Wales. We are planning to include a chapter on Swiss contributions to the hospitality industry, including the numerous Swiss restaurants which existed in the past. If you have information, photos or other memorabilia about the following or other establishments, we would like to hear from you:

Name, Location (Proprietors/Manager):
Brandy's, Hurstville
(Werner & Lilly Krienbühl)
Café Fondue Suisse, Sutherland
(James Musack)
Chez René, Willoughby
(R. Rietberger & Frank Baiker)
Matterhorn Inn, Sylvania
(Werner & Lilly Krienbühl)
Brook, McMahons Point (Trudy Bobrovicka)
Swiss Chalet, Ammandale
(Trudi & Sepp Ambühl)
Swiss Express, Cremorne
(Werner & Rosmarie Röösli)
Swiss Tavern, York St
(Calilas, Sturzenegger)
The Chalet, Circular Quay
(Lina Holderegger)
The Swiss Restaurant, 354 Oxford St,
Bondi Junction
The White Hart, Kellyville (Walter Bucher)
Wilhelm Troll, Balgowlah
(Fred & Claire Staub)
Worden Heart Kaffee, North Sydney
(Jörg Liebeners)

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Swiss Children’s Dance Group
rehearsals once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Please contact Katja Wallimann Gates for more information (email: katja@swiss.org.au).

Johannes Berger