Editorial

Dear readers,
I wish all the readers of Swiss Review Southern Africa a great 2015. Let’s hope that this year will not only be remembered for the ongoing load shedding and the controversial new travel regulations which affect so many international and local travellers who are crossing the South African border.
Happy reading,
Gisela Piercey

Consular visits

The Regional Consular Centre (RCC) will be holding Consular meetings in Zambia, Mauritius and Durban this year. Lusaka, Zambia (foreseen, not confirmed) 22.04., Quatre Bornes, Mauritius 05.- 06.05., Durban, South Africa 27.- 28.05.

Swiss citizens can apply for a Swiss passport and attend to other consular business. Citizens living in Zimbabwe and Malawi and in the Eastern Cape can also join us in Lusaka or Durban. Please check if and for how long your current Swiss passport is valid. We intend to visit Quatre Bornes and Durban every two and Lusaka every three years. Should you decide to take this opportunity, you will have to present yourself in person due to the biometric data that has to be registered. You can also attend to the formalities during your visits to Switzerland at any Swiss passport office. Please take note that most of the Swiss passport offices have a waiting list. The RCC has to contact the passport office before you can call there to make an appointment.

Swiss citizens registered in Zambia, Mauritius, KwaZulu-Natal and the EC will receive a letter two weeks before the visit.

It is, therefore, important that you register your current e-mail address and/or your postal address to receive the information. Update your contacts to: southernafrica@eda.admin.ch.

Citizens living in Zimbabwe and Malawi will not receive the information automatically. Please contact the RCC if you would like to see us. RCC Pretoria: southernafrica@eda.admin.ch,
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Swiss Hotel School lunch

Last September the Swiss Ambassador Christian Meuwly and the management of the Swiss Hotel School South Africa hosted a lunch with the SA Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom at School’s facilities.

Originally founded by a Swiss Hotelier, The Swiss Hotel School South Africa is now in the hands of a South African trained in the Swiss tradition, Nicholas S. Martin. Comparable to the Swiss system of dual education, the School strives to enrich the academic topics with opportunities for the students to gain practical experience in subjects such as eco-tourism, foreign languages and entrepreneurship. Each year the graduating students host a pop up restaurant to the public on campus. In 2014 the theme was The Artisans’ Kitchen. The Minister highlighted that South Africa’s tourism industry and the hospitality sector were continuously growing and have improved in quality.

Update of contact details

You live in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia or Zimbabwe and moved, changed email address or cell phone number? Then it is time to update your details with the Regional Consular Centre in Pretoria or the Consulate General in Cape Town (citizens living in the South
PostFinance postulate

Following you will find an article taken from the ASO website: "Der Ständerat hat heute das am 22. September 2014 von Roland Graber eingebrachte Postulat angenommen. Dem Text zufolge soll PostFinance ange- wiesen werden, die Pflicht zur Eröffnung und Führung von Zahlungsverkehrskonten auf die Auslandschweizer auszuweiten. Das Postulat betont allerdings, dass dies unter Einhaltung der in der Schweiz sowie im jeweiligen Gaststaat der Auslandschweizer geltenden Rechtsvorschriften erfolgen muss."

From your representatives, Marcie Bischof & Hans-Georg Bosch, many best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2015.

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On Oct 24, 2014 we got together for a Fondue Plausch. Over 40 members came along and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. As usual we met at Armin and Ella’s place which is always very special and we feel homely there. The fondue prepared by Verena, Anne, Ella and Anuschka was absolutely delicious. It was well attended and everybody had a great time so we will have this year.

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