Dear readers,

The Roger Federer Foundation is not in the news very often and almost “flying under the radar”, despite the fact that their work and dedication has a big impact on many children and their education in Africa. 277'000 children are currently benefitting from their programs, all of them in Southern Africa, and it is planned to reach one million children by 2018. This is impressive!

Happy reading,
Gisela Piercey

Roger Federer Foundation taking on lead role in Zambia

For the first time in the foundation’s history the Roger Federer Foundation has not only developed an initiative but is also the lead implementer. What is the rationale of the new programme called “i-act”?

The quality of teaching is a fundamental problem in Africa. The vast majority of teachers is only trained on content and lacks skills on efficient didactical approaches and pedagogical methods. Even worse, in rural schools, teachers often have no formal training at all. Large scale enhancement of pedagogical skills can make a real difference, irrespective of the speed of improvement in other areas.

Motivational learning method

Mobile technology and self-guided learning is an opportunity particularly for the many teachers without access to existing training schemes. Cost-effectiveness due to upscale potential despite higher initial costs than conventional trainings. A video based course can stimulate better: Play, watch and discuss instead of (not) reading. Individual and peer-

Based learning is more sustainable then getting just one training. The course needs to be attractive, motivational and offer incentives. Based on existing training materials on interactive teaching skills, the foundation has developed a self-guided course, supported by handheld devices. Much cheaper than traditional trainings, this will allow remotely monitored peer-group learning.

Training of unskilled teachers

The first target group are unqualified and unskilled teachers from community schools in Zambia who will receive tablets to be shared and personal workbooks at a one-day introductory training on the use of the course, followed by few face-to-face ‘pit stop’ events. Additionally, teachers in government schools can download the course or order a USB stick for free.

As local as possible’ is a key principle for all RFF-funded interventions. While, as an exception, RFF cannot hand over the complete lead to a local partner organization in this case, Roger Federer Foundation taking on lead role in Zambia
with Saide they have found an experienced institution in South Africa who did the design of the course and Zambian stakeholders will cover other parts of the course production. The roll-out is done by different Zambian NGOs such as ROCS, ZOCS and DAPP, facilitated by an implementing committee in Zambia. In 2017 there will be a roll-out to 1500 teachers and 500 community schools in rural areas of Zambia. In 2018 it is planned to reach out to another 500 teachers and 1500 community schools. For the development of the course and the roll-out in the first two years the Board has approved a total budget of 1.8 Mio CHF.

Goal: To reach one million children

The Roger Federer Foundation supports educational projects located in the region of southern Africa and Switzerland. The programmes on the African continent focus on the improvement of the quality of early learning and basic education and in Switzerland on the promotion of extra-curricular activities for children affected by poverty. All activities are realised and implemented by local non-governmental authorities in close collaboration with the local communities. In order to evaluate our impact we measure the changes in the levels of supported children’s performance, rate repetitions, absences or enrolment rates.

In celebrating its tenth anniversary, the Roger Federer Foundation has set itself an ambitious goal. By 2018, they aim to support one million children in receiving access to education of a convincing quality. The barometer below reflects the progress towards this goal. Each child receiving education at an institution supported by the Foundation will only be counted once in the process.

ASO update

As you read this, elections for the 2017-2021 Term of office of the 2 ASR delegates representing Southern Africa are ongoing, with most clubs already having had their AGM’s. The current incumbents Hans-Georg Bosch (HGB) and Marcie Bischof are up for re-election. HGB attended the March assembly meeting in Bern on 25th March. On 14th July there will be a presentation by HGB on matters Banking Accounts, E-Voting and Automatic Information Exchange SA-CH of banking accounts at the Swiss Club Natal during their Fondue Evening. Further such events are currently in the planning stage. For more information please send an email to aso@hbosch.com.

South African CEO for Spar Switzerland

Spar South Africa has announced that Rob Philipson has been appointed the new chief executive of its Switzerland operations, effective from the first of June 2017.

Philipson currently holds the role of managing director of Spar South Africa’s Kwazulu-Natal Division, having first joined the retailer in 1996, from Woolworths. He previously held a number of operational roles within the group.

In March 2016, Spar South Africa announced its purchase of a 60% stake in Spar Switzerland, for 44.5 million Swiss francs, describing it at the time as an 'opportunity for the company to invest in an established business in a stable market with growth potential'.

It also previously invested in BWG Group, which operates the Spar business in Ireland, taking an 80% stake there in 2014, as it sought to expand its business interests outside of the African continent.

Article: European Supermarket Magazine

Encounters film festival in June

The encounters film festival takes place from 1 – 17 June and we are pleased to announce that the Mats Staub project “21 Memories of Growing Up” is incorporated into the festival programme this year.

Additionally Mats and South African collaborator Maia Marie will be discussing the project in the context of a panel discussion organised by Encounters.

Encounters this year also happens in the wake of the South Africa focus at 2017 edition of the Vision du Reel documentary film festival in Nyon, Switzerland, and Swiss Films provides support for a Swiss focus in the Encounters film and master class programme, including films from Laurence Bonvin previously a Pro Helvetia artist in residence in South Africa.

Special Project: 21 – Memories of Growing Up (Exhibition)

When did you turn 21? What happened that year? And how did you become adult? Swiss artist Mats Staub asked these questions of a large group of people, of all ages, and recorded their stories and had them listen to their answers three months later, while filming their facial expressions. This became the video installation 21 – Memories of Growing Up. The exhibition is growing from city to city and will present portraits from Switzerland, Germany, Serbia, England, Holland and South Africa.

01 – 11 June, 9am – 6pm, Homecoming Centre, District 6
Saturday, 3 June, 4.15 – 5.15pm, Workshop 17, 17 Dock Road, V&A Waterfront, RSVP: pa@encounters.co.za

What does a Doc’ do? (Master Class with Heidi Specogna). What can documentary films contribute and how are they perceived? And, contrarily, what are the difficulties and needs of the documentary form? Award-winning director Heidi Specogna (Short Life of José Antonio Güitierrez, Tupamaros, Cahier Africain) has worked extensively in Latin America and Africa. Illustrated with clips from her impressive body of work, she will expound on the relevance of documentary film today. Specogna will also consult, one-on-one, with emerging filmmakers.

Tuesday, 06 June, 10am – 12pm, Big Fish School of Digital Filmmaking, 109D, The Foundry, Cardiff Rd, Green Point, R50 entry/DFA Members free (www.webtickets.co.za), RSVP: pa@encounters.co.za.

Still Lives and Motion (Panel Discussion with Laurence Bonvin). Laurence Bonvin, an award-winning photographer and filmmaker, has exhibited her work across the world, including South Africa. Bonvin will discuss the relationship and tension between the still and the moving image in her work.

Wednesday, 07 June, 12pm – 2pm, Cape Town School of Photography, 25a Buitenkant Str, Cape Town, RSVP: pa@encounters.co.za
**Swiss Club info**

**SWISS CLUB IN JOHANNESBURG:**

Our Clubs of Society: Afro Gugge, Amicale Suisse Romande, Boccia, Skittling Club.

Associated Groups: Swiss Choir, Swiss Rifle Club, Swiss Golf, G.S.N.A Seniors Swiss Circle meets every 2nd Saturday of the month for Lunch Swiss Ladies meet every 4th Thursday of the month for lunch. Swiss Rifle Club Johannesburg: We shoot every 4th Sat of the month, from 9am. We normally shoot two different programs, with Swiss rifles, provided by the club. Visit our Facebook site or call Daniel: 082-5699146.

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On 29th July our National Day celebrations will take place as usual at the Trefpunkt (Church Hall) of the Johannesgemeinde next to the DSP. See our newsletter for more info. For 2017 a new initiative has been started to accommodate our younger members and teens of our members. Committee member Hans-Rudolf Bosch is the driving force behind this. Contact him at hansrudolfbosch@gmail.com. The Fondue event, held on 27th May once again was a roaring success. Please see our newsletters for details of club events etc.

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The club remains open every Wed and Thu for dinner. To receive the “newsflash” contact the club at catering@swissclub.co.za or on 0214348405. For those that didn’t know, our Club boasts a traditional Swiss Jass Club (card playing club) so join in on the ‘Jassen’ every last Thursday of the month where you can hone in on your traditional Swiss card playing skills. There are also weekend trips planned during the year and Baenze Jass days. For more information contact Mettwiss@bucknet.co.za. Our Little Gem in the Jonkershoek Valley has continuously been blessed with many upgrades this past year. Since this facility is enjoyed by the club members as and added benefit, we would encourage you to become a member so that you too can enjoy this little piece of forest. Contact membership@swissclub.co.za for more info on becoming a member.

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**IMPORANT NOTICE**

*For more up-to-date information regarding times/venues/directions/maps please visit our informative website – www.swissclubnata2.org.za*

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