

Welcome

Dear Club Members – It's funny how the weather is always such an easy ice-breaker topic to discuss, and my introduction to this newsletter is no exception. We were took advantage of an exceptionally long winter season during February's Snow

Shoe Weekend trip. Spring briefly arrived in late April and we celebrated with the bike trip around Lake Geneva. We have many new events planned for the next few months. We look forward to seeing many of you soon.



Jonathan Claman

Past Events

Snow Shoeing Weekend (9-10 February 2013)

Six MIT alums met in Montreux, and took the cog-wheel train up to Haut-de-Caux. The weather was quite cooperative at first, but as we ascended the snow became very deep due to the previous week's storms. After a couple more hours of struggling through deep snow, the group reluctantly turned back before

reaching the planned summit, as the conditions appeared more treacherous with each step. Fortunately the descent was quick, and we rested and enjoyed some warm drinks and conversation. The hike ended with gorgeous afternoon sun; a very pleasant welcome back to the starting point.



James Lu

EPFL's Rolex Learning Center (6 April 2013)

The Rolex Learning Center opened as EPFL's central library in 2010. It is a campus focal point with curving ramps that connect levels and separate areas. Lake water feeds exchangers that heat or cool the Center, which is 30% more energy-efficient than required. Rolex paid 30% of the CHF 110M construction cost.

At lunch, Professor Stephan Morgenthaler, Chair of Applied Statistics and Dean of International Relations, who has also taught at MIT, told us that EPFL has grown to 9000 students, including 2000 PhD candidates. The student body, is 50% Swiss, 36% from the rest of Europe, 8% from Asia and 3% from the Americas.

EPFL spawned 126 start-ups between 2000 and 2012, but also works with larger companies including Rolex.



George Raymond

Annual General Meeting “AGM” (6 April 2013)

The Annual General Meeting made the following appointments to the Executive Committee:

- Martin Hahn as President, replacing Michael Helke, who had reached his term limit
- Bublu Thakur-Weigold as Vice President, replacing Martin
- Makoto Ikeda as member
- Nicolas Haenni continues as Treasurer.

Bublu will serve as Event Coordinator, and Mak as Communications Officer replacing Martin Hahn. Both are new Committee members.

It also reappointed Hans Hagenbuch as Auditor and newly appointed Frédéric Chambour as Deputy Auditor to replace the long serving Hans Herriger.

With a view to the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Club's founding, the General Meeting named the founding members as Members of Honor. They are:

- Oscar Kaalstad (Founding President)
- Jan Sissener (Founding Vice President)
- Howard Hornfeld (Founding Secretary)
- The late Philippe Vuilleumier (Founding Executive Committee Member)
- The late Henri B. de Cerenville (Founding Executive Committee Member)
- The late Eugene Lee Amazon (Founding Executive Committee Member)

Michael Helke

Bike Tour around Lake Geneva (18-19 May 2013)

The 8th Annual MIT Club Bike Tour started early on Saturday, May 18th at Bellerive Plage in Lausanne with a forecast of cold rain. Notwithstanding, the group set off in good spirits with Michael Helke leading the pack towards Nyon and Jill Helke following with sustenance and luggage in a car.

Over two days of riding from Lausanne counter-clockwise around the lake, only a bit of rain was encountered, but gorgeous views, great food and interesting conversations were abundant. The night was spent in

Excenevex, France, with views of the alpine peaks of Dent d'Oche and Château d'Oche from the lake. The group stopped on Sunday in Évian, for a picture at the same spot as one from the 1st Annual Bike Tour, which took the same path but clockwise around the lake. After an arduous climb from Montreux to Lausanne, the tired crew celebrated their accomplishment and parted ways at the SBB.

Next year's tour will take the group around Lake Constance.

Mark your calendars for June 7-8, 2014!



Jeanne Tomaszewski

Reminder of Recurring Events

Please consider joining one or more of these informal events to meet new people and learn about new topics. Information will be mailed out separately in advance.

Zürich after-work drinks

This is an informal gathering of the MIT Club of Switzerland members in the Zurich area and like to meet for a drink and a good conversation. All alumni and significant others are welcome. We typically vote on the exact times and locations with a Doodle poll.

MIT Sloan Speaker Series

This series hosts presentations on professional topics, for an informal platform on business-oriented discussions and networking. The Series is open to all alumni, and other clubs are invited occasionally.



Future Events

CERN Tour (3 Aug 2013)

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the world's most powerful accelerator that was instrumental in the discovery of the Higgs boson, is now in the midst of a two-year shutdown period. This provides us with a unique opportunity to visit CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid), which was one of the detectors involved in the discovery.

As an added bonus, we will visit the CERN facility of an international experiment that has also made the news recently, AMS (Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer), a cosmic ray detector that is attached to the International Space Station. The focus of this collaboration is the search for evidence of dark matter.

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Makoto Ikeda

Hike Weekend (30 Aug - 1 Sept 2013)

This year's hike will take us to the Zermatt/Matterhorn region. We will arrive Friday evening and do two hikes, on Saturday and on Sunday, staying in a simple but nice hotel on Friday and Saturday evening. As Zermatt is on 1700m altitude

and the hike takes us up to 3000m altitude, arrival on Friday is mandatory for acclimatization. Looking forward to meeting you in Zermatt.

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Donald Tillman

Joint Alumni Conference (26-27 Sept 2013)

Now in its 7th year, the Joint Alumni Conference (JAC) will take place on 26-27th September 2013 in Zurich.

Keynote speakers will include:

- Dr. von Gruenberg (Chairman, ABB)
- Axel Weber (Chairman, UBS)
- Prof. Jean-Pierre Lehmann (IMD)



For more information, please visit
<http://jac-conference.org>.

Martin Hahn

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Alumni Info (as of Jan 2013)

There are 424 alumni in Switzerland.

18% have degrees in Management.

13% in Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences.

74% are graduate degree holders.