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## Dear Members of our MIT Alumni Club

I hope this note finds you well and you are able to cool down from a fruitful year and relax towards the year end.

We will inform you on a 2-monthly basis on the Club activities and other relevant news. In general, these newsletters will be sent electronically by email – except for this one. The email addresses to which these Newsletters are sent are the ones stored in the official MIT database. If you have not done yet, you are kindly invited to check out your data at <http://alum.mit.edu/index.html>, where you can log in using your personal password. Let me know if you encounter difficulties doing that.

## Events:

We will continue to have about 4 events throughout the year on a regular basis. And we are happy to already announce 2 firmly scheduled and attractive events for 2006. Please mark your calendars and sign in:

- **Winter Event (Jan 26, 2006): Looking beyond the future: Neuroinformatics:** We will have the unique opportunity to explore one of the most dynamic research fields and meet Prof. Rodney Douglas. He will introduce us to how our brain works and let us look behind the stage of this extremely fascinating research field. See the attached sheet to sign in. Would be great to welcome you there.
- **Summer Event (June 3 and 4, 2006): Refreshing biking.** Michael Helke will guide us around Lake Geneva. This will be a fun tour combining fresh air, beautiful views, good exercise and teamwork. I am definitely looking forward to this opportunity to “make the lake of Geneva”. Some of you have already subscribed to the tour, others who like to join please contact Michael directly ([Michael.Helke@wipo.int](mailto:Michael.Helke@wipo.int)).

Further on the 2006 program we have already marked:

- **Spring Event (Zürich): “The Big Dig: Boston re-constructed”.** Big projects, big money and big visions. You will get more information shortly.
- **Fall Event (September): Cinémathèque Suisse, Lausanne.** This tour, organized by Pierre Ihmle, will open up the history as it is stored on movies. This event was announced to be held earlier, but due to a prolonged construction period, we will visit Cinémathèque in the fall.

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- **AGM:** Will be held in the spring, probably with the spring event. Invitation and agenda to come.

### Regional Luncheons:

The Sloan Group had started in recent years more business and networking oriented events. We will pick up this good initiative and will organize regional luncheons, starting in Zürich. The first one will be announced in a next newsletter. We will have short presentation by an interesting personality, followed by a lunch and discussion.

### Dues

Those who did not yet pay their 2005 dues (CHF 50.-) will find an extra sheet enclosed and a payment slip. Please help us managing our Club account in a timely and stable way, and support the Club with your membership fee without delay.

### Riddle for MIT Alumni

Let's keep our brains working! At MIT we were used to solve all these high-end problem sets. A reason to keep up our skills. Let me ask you:

#### **“How much water is used to produce one cup of coffee?”**

The solution to this question will be displayed in the next newsletter. The person who sends me the correct answer first is the winner! And for clarification: A cup of coffee requires 7 gram of Coffee powder and 125 ml of water. But how much water is needed to grow and process the coffee beans? You will be surprised...!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald Tillman".

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### **Enclosures:**

- Neuroinformatics signup sheet
- Reminder Dues (for those who did not pay yet)