



# MIT Club of Switzerland

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## Dear Members and MIT Friends

While the year 2006 is fading away, let's take a look at the program of 2007. Please reserve the dates!

### *Program 2007*

#### **January 23, 2007: Reception with Susan Hockfield, MIT President**

To have MIT President Susan Hockfield visiting our Club, and bringing along two experts from MIT faculty is a great honor for us all. You have all received the invitation by postal mail. The event will be located in the restaurant of Zurich with the absolutely best view: the "Dozentenfoyer" at the top of ETH Zurich, overlooking the city. We will hear interesting and stimulating talks about cancer research and nanotechnology, but most importantly will have the opportunity to meet the very reputed and famous MIT President.

We have not received very many subscriptions yet. Please help us to make this a successful event with a respectfully large group of members. You will not be disappointed. Thank you for coming and signing in ASAP (see my contact details below).

#### **March 31, 2007: Visit of Paul Klee Center Museum, combined with the Annual General Meeting**

The "Zentrum Paul Klee" opened its doors to visitors interested in art and to art lovers from all over the world nearly two years ago. At the heart of this new cultural institution is the artist Paul Klee (1879–1940), his life and his work. Today Paul Klee, who was also a musician, teacher and poet, ranks as one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most significant artists. The "Zentrum Paul Klee" in Bern, where the artist spent half of his life, is a monument of international renown and a personal tribute to Paul Klee himself.

We will hold the AGM in the center itself, followed by a tour through this world famous museum (also due to its architecture). You will receive a separate invitation (with all the details) in January. Please reserve the date.

#### **May 26/27, 2007 (Whitsun, Pfingsten): Bike and relax**

The bike tour around Lac Léman was certainly a very special highlight in the Club's history. Michael Helke will again organize a 2-day bike tour, either around Lake Geneva or another lake. We will announce the tour with a separate email in January. As a member of the 2006 bike team, I can definitely recommend to join the bike team also in 2007. Please reserve the date, and let us know (email) if you would be interested to join.

#### **June 14, 2007: The big dig construction site : insights with Prof. Einstein and Prof. Springman**

The "Big Dig", the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in its final stages of construction remains the largest and most complex highway and tunnel project in US history. MIT Professor Einstein and ETH professor Springman will present today's challenges in construction and this big \$15 bn project. This will be an evening event in Zurich, organized by Walter Steiner, himself a geological expert.

#### **September 1/2, 2007: Hike weekend in the mountains**



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Martin Hahn will be organizing a hike weekend somewhere in beautiful Switzerland. We will announce the details later, but please – for the active among us - reserve the date. For sure a great opportunity for enjoying the air and landscape, being active and getting hungry.

### **Outlook**

Last time we announced a possible visit to the deep heat mining project in Basel. As you all know from the news, the project is temporarily stopped due the earthquake it triggered. We are keeping it on hold.

The ski weekend did not attract attention, so it will be skipped.

### **ESPAS**

This newsletter is being sent to you through the organization called ESPAS. This is a private foundation that helps handicapped people, gives them work and integrates them back into society. We are very happy with their service, and are also proud to be working with them and thus supporting them.

We wish you a very Happy New Year.

Kind regards

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

Donald Tillman, President

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