



MIT Club of Switzerland

Newsletter February 2007

Dear Members and Friends

The year 2007 started with the super reception by MIT President Susan Hockfield including the presentations of two MIT professors. Let's take this momentum further into the year.

Invitation Annual General Meeting and Paul Klee Museum

Saturday, March 31, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

at Museum Paul Klee, Monument im Fruchtländ 3, 3006 Bern, Tel: 031 359 01 01

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by the very interesting visit of the Paul Klee Museum, organized by Hans Herriger. See the separate flyer for details. We very much hope that you are able to join us for the AGM and the visit of the museum and its architecture. Please sign up (see flyer).

AGM agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Report on activities 2006
3. Financial Status 2006
4. Report of Auditor
5. Budget 2007
6. Elections of officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Special Tasks, Auditor)
7. Goals and outlook 2007
8. Varia

Elections:

All existing officers are volunteering to continue for another 2 years, in accordance with our bylaws. We will also elect a 5th board member for special tasks (according to our new bylaws). The board is suggesting to elect Alysya Kodisch, currently being responsible for our webpage as a "member for assigned tasks", for the 5th board position. Communications is getting increasingly important. Nevertheless, fresh blood is very important for the board and other positions. **So please, if you are willing to somehow become more involved in the club, let me know. We would be very happy to have you with us.**

If you want to suggest any other person for any position, please let me know in advance.

Input for Agenda:

If you have further suggestions to be put on the agenda, please let me know at least 7 working days before the AGM takes place. Otherwise, the agenda cannot be changed anymore.

May 26/27, 2007 (Whitsun, Pfingsten): Bike and relax around Lake Constance

You already received an email announcement by Michael Helke, probing the interest for the bike tour. I hope you already signed up, otherwise please contact Michael directly: michael.helke@bluewin.com. The bike tour around Lake Constance can also be abbreviated; you can join for the whole tour or part, or



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only for the dinner etc. I am strongly looking forward to this tour. Would be great if you would join.

June 14, 2007: The big dig

On June 14, you are cordially invited to the presentation and seminar of “**The BIG DIG**”. Please also find attached the invitation to this joint seminar with the Geotechnical Institute of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. The location of the event – the ETH Campus on Hönggerberg – is also the place where the often cited “Science City” of ETH is growing. Many new buildings and labs are rising and are an indication of the vibrating study environment for students. Through several agreements, ETH is in strong collaboration also with MIT. This presentation by MIT Professor Einstein will be in German. Don’t miss this fascination topic and event, organized by Walter Steiner, and don’t miss to see Science City as it grows. For a description how to get there, see http://www.ethz.ch/about/location/hoengg/index_EN or email steiner.riggisberg@hispeed.ch.

Next events (to be announced in detail in next newsletter):

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

Martin Hahn will be organizing a hike weekend somewhere in beautiful Switzerland.

November 8, 2007: Cinémathèque

Finally, it seems that the Cinémathèque event becomes real. Please reserve the date for this visit, organized by Pierre Ihmle.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Kind regards

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Attachments:

- Annual Report 2006
- Profit/Loss Statement and Balance Sheet 2006
- Budget 2007 (P/L)
- Invitation and sign up sheet for AGM and Paul Klee Museum
- Invitation for seminar on “the big dig”