



MIT Club of Switzerland

Newsletter June 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.

AGM and Paul Klee Museum

Please find the minutes of the AGM 2007 attached. The visit to the Paul Klee Museum was fantastic: While some were fascinated by the pictures of the famous Paul Klee, I was particularly intrigued by the architecture of the museum. Overall, we spent a successful day in Bern.

Bike Tour around Bodensee (Lake Constance)



Left: Michael Helke leading the bike group; Middle: Yemi Babington-Ashaye stretching out; Right: The Ikeda Family after doing 100km

Like last year, the bike around Lake Constance was a big success. Starting in beautiful weather on Saturday, the first day took us from Romanshorn to Meersburg, and on the next day, the circle was closed back to Romanshorn. The hotel in Meersburg was located directly at the lake, and we all felt like being at the beach somewhere in Italy. Michael Helke's organization skills become legendary: Everything was planned in detail and to success. The chase care, driven by Jill, was needed however: Without the en-route support with food and drinks, and the possibility to just step into the car if the legs did not want to turn again, was really needed. So there were some parallels to our study time at MIT: Go to the limit. But it was great fun.

June 14, 2007: The big dig



Come to our next event: On June 14, 5pm, Prof. Einstein of MIT will present the "The BIG DIG". The talk will be at ETH Hönggerberg, the "Science City Campus" of ETH. Walter Steiner is organizing this talk, giving you a civil engineering insight into one of the biggest construction sites of the recent times, worth 15 billion. The presentation is held in German and is public. I am convinced this give us an interesting insight into this fascinating world or the Central Artery of Boston, followed by an Apero. For detailed information on how to get there, see http://www.ethz.ch/about/location/hoengg/index_EN or email steiner.riggisberg@hispeed.ch.



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



Come and visit Switzerland! The MIT club will bring you to the nicest places! Martin Hahn will be organizing a hike weekend in the middle of the Bernese Alps. It is central, so easily accessible from Geneva or from Zurich. See the attached flyer. Please subscribe as soon as possible, as we have to make the appropriate reservations. This is an event for the whole family, we have shorter or longer hike path, and of course the evening in the mountain hostel will be cozy and unforgettable. **See attachment.**

November 8, 2007: Cinématheque



Please reserve the date for our Cinématheque event in Lausanne. Pierre Ihmle is organizing the visit, the details will come in a later newsletter.

Interested to be our New Secretary of the Club?

Josué Sznitman did a wonderful job as our Club secretary, keeping our addresses up to date, sending welcome letters to MIT alums coming to Switzerland and organizing the mailings. Josué is now – unfortunately - leaving back for the USA. Therefore, he has resigned from the board. Josué, I thank you very much indeed for all your good and fast work, and the time and effort you have made available. Your achievement for the Club is substantial and we regret you leaving.

Now we need a new Club secretary!! Please let me know if you would be interested in knowing more about the position, the tasks coming with it, and how much time you need to be prepared to offer. **Please call me** on the number below, or write an email. I can assure you that this job is not just work, it is also fun, and it is something social to help our own community.

Payment of dues 2007

Please pay the dues (CHF 50 is the regular fee) with the below listed electronic information or use the payment slip. We strongly prefer electronic payment; this helps us to be more efficient. THANK YOU.

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Attachments:

- Minutes of the AGM 2007
- Invitation to MIT Hike