



# MIT Club of Switzerland

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Newsletter February 2008

## Dear Club Members

The year 2008 will again bring a series of interesting visits with technical, scientific or cultural focus and will allow us to meet new MIT alums, old friends, potential business partners or just simply amazing people. The year will start with the AGM and an interesting visit to the airplane maintenance factory SR Technics at the Zurich Airport.

### **Invitation Annual General Meeting and Visit to SR Technics**

Saturday, March 15, 2007, 10:15 a.m. Airport Zurich. See attached flyer.

#### **AGM agenda:**

1. Welcome and report on activities 2007
2. Elections of officers (Secretary)
3. Financial Status 2007
4. Report of Auditor
5. Events and outlook 2008
6. Budget 2008
7. Varia

#### **Elections:**

As Josué Sznitman, our previous secretary, returned to the US, Nida Farid jumped in on short notice. The board suggests to the AGM to elect Nida Farid officially as secretary. However, as Nida will possibly leave Switzerland at the end of 2008, the board suggests to also elect Sheila Ohlund as a (temporary) observer, as she may take over the secretary position if Nida leaves. All other positions are up for re-election next year only.

#### **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.

### **Guided Tour at SR Technics: Airplanes, Engines, Safety, Logistics and more**

Hans Hagenbuch is organizing this event and I am sure this will be most fascinating. Please have a look at the attached flyer and sign up as soon as possible. Guests, friends and family are welcome too.

### **May 10/11, 2008 (Whitsun, Pfingsten): Bike and relax around Lake Neuchatel**

It's already a tradition. This time, we will pedal around Lake Neuchatel and Biel. Join us for fun, sun and activity, for a nice overnight tour with relaxing dinner. You could also join us only for the dinner or for one day. See the attached flyer and email Michael Helke, our tour guide.



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## New Address Booklet

We will update our member booklet. Please make sure your address is updated. We would also like to include a small picture of every member. Till now, we have just received emails from barely 10 members. Therefore, everybody please **send your updated address, email, and possibly an electronic picture** of you, to Nida: [farida@alum.mit.edu](mailto:farida@alum.mit.edu). Thank you!

## 2008 MIT Europe Conference

On March 26-27, the MIT 2008 Europe Conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a 2 day conference around the topic of Global Strategic Frontiers: Research Imperatives and Organizational Challenges. Online agenda, brochure and registration at: <http://ilp-www.mit.edu/events/Portugal2008/>.

## Outlook

Please mark your calendar with the following events, that are already planned:

June 28: Boat Steamer Visit, Lausanne  
Sept 6/7: Hike in the alps  
Nov 15: Swiss Light Source Synchrotron at Paul Scherrer Institute

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM and the visit to the airport.

Kind regards

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

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### Attachments:

- Profit/Loss Statement and Balance Sheet 2007
- Annual Report 2007 and Budget 2008
- Invitation and sign up sheet for AGM / SR Technics and for Bike Tour