



MIT Club of Switzerland

Newsletter October 2008

Dear Club Members

July: Steamer Event

The visit to the Compagnie Générale de Navigation (CGN) was interesting for three reasons: fascinating technical visit to the bottom of every steamer boat, good people and networking, and a perfect ride on the boat surrounded by blue sky and super scenery. Many thank to Michael Helke for making this happen.



The “electronic” display telling the machine operator what to do. And the raw rudder in the dry dock, being prepared for fine painting.

September: Kandersteg Hike

The hike unfortunately had to be cancelled, as the weekend was drowned in snow and rain. Unpossible to hike to the Berghotel Schwarzenbach. We will go there next year.

September: Joint Alumni Business Conference

The 2nd Joint Alumni Conference at Ruschlikon in Zürich was a great success. Many superb speakers, good attendance, interesting networking among the Alumni of various US Universities. The overarching theme was "The Future of Business". A timely topic, especially in light of the financial crisis, fueled by bad business practise.

Membership payment 2008

If you find enclosed a payment slip, this means you have not paid the membership fee of 50.- yet. We thank you for making the payment in the next days. Your membership is important to us. Let's keep connected and enjoy good excursions, stimulating input, life-long contact to MIT, and unexpected contacts. Thank you. If you have questions regarding the membership fee, please contact me. Please excuse potential cross postings.

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Upcoming November: PSI Event

On November 15, we will visit The Swiss Light Source (SLS) at the Paul Scherrer Institute. This is the third-generation synchrotron light source that allows cutting edge research in materials science, biology and chemistry. For example, to discover better data storage systems or new materials for solar cells.

Please see the flyer attached and join us. Please subscribe as soon as possible (see flyer).



Elections for the board

Your participation is needed !

Are you motivated to engage more in the Club? Are you interested to give something back to MIT, by steering the Club and make it better and bigger? Are you intrigued to engage socially, be part of the many who make things happen without financial payment? Would you like to take the opportunity to engage for a good cause? And keep the connection to MIT running?

Many of our board members need to step down as their term of 2-4 years is over. We have 5 board positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Communications.

If you are interested or not sure yet: Please call or email me. Let's discuss the opportunities.

Outlook 2009

The board is already working on the program for 2009. We are again planning a super event in:

- January. Something you will never forget, and something that will attract the world views in the next years. Invitation to follow.
- June 27: Tour to below the rocks, discovering the power stations in the Grimsel area.
- September: Hike in Kandersteg, to Berghotel Schwarnbach (weekend)
- October 2: Joint Alumni Business Conference

Looking forward to seeing you at the next event!

Kind regards

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Attachments:

- Invitation and sign up sheet for Paul Scherrer Institute Event
- Payment slip for membership fee (if you don't have one, you have already paid)