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The Place of the Swiss Abroad

One more step

The idea of turning the Place of the Swiss Abroad in Brunnen into a permanent meeting centre has come a step nearer fruition.

At the latest meeting of the Board of the Foundation "Place of the Swiss Abroad, Brunnen", it was decided to commission the Swiss architect, Cuno Brullmann, who works in Paris, to present a draft for the construction of his prize-winning project "Monolith".

In reaching this decision the Board of the Foundation was accepting the advice of the specialist jury set up for this purpose. The jury had unanimously awarded the first prize in the competition for the final design of the Place of the Swiss Abroad to Cuno Brullmann and had selected his draft as the most suitable for further development.

The planned construction, which has already been presented in the Swiss Review, is in the form of a cube which can be opened up towards Lake Lucerne as and when desired. It will be possible to use the building all the year round and for a wide variety of purposes. There will be space for events including 100 to 150 participants when closed and 600-1,000 when opened up – the latter being

possible throughout the summer months.

The Foundation "Place of the Swiss Abroad, Brunnen" is made up of the municipal authority of Ingenbohl-Brunnen, where the Place is situated, the Cantonal Government of Schwytz, the Cantonal Bank of Schwytz, the Swiss Government and the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad. ■

Patronage certificates on the way

Individuals and institutions who have contributed Sfr. 500 or more to the collection for the Place of the Swiss Abroad in Brunnen will be receiving the promised patronage certificates about now. If you are among those expecting such a certificate in the next few weeks and do not receive it, please let us know.



Fun and games are the best part of SSA camps.

New Year Ski Camp 1992/93

We want to bring young Swiss Abroad nearer to each other and to winter sports in a fun way. A wide choice is on offer (Alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, curling, skating, free half days, trips, etc.).

Date/Place:
26.12.92– 4.1.93/ Splügen, Grisons

Price: About Sfr. 600.–, including ski pass and ski hire

Conditions: Age 15–25. Mother or father must be Swiss.

Registration: Before November 14, 1992. With the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, Youth Service, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16. Tel: 41 31 44 66 25. Fax 41 31 44 21 58 ■

Persistence bears fruit

Easier student fees

Swiss students from abroad will not pay higher fees than domestic students at Swiss universities. This is official, and it comes as the result of persistent demands by AJAS (Verein zur Förderung der Ausbildung junger Auslandschweizerinnen und Auslandschweizer/Association for the Training of Young Swiss Abroad).

AJAS has made several requests to the University and Canton of St. Gall to cancel a decision to charge Swiss students from abroad more than home students. And these steps have finally succeeded. As a result Geneva has also come to the same conclusion.

So in future Swiss students from abroad have the same status in Swiss universities

as home students. Very good to know. And a good thing too. ■

AJAS Annual Report

The AJAS head office dealt with over 700 new requests for advice last year. One of the main jobs of the organisation is exactly that: to inform and advise young Swiss Abroad on all matters concerning their further education or training in Switzerland.

If you would like more details, you can obtain the 1991 Annual Report (just published) from:

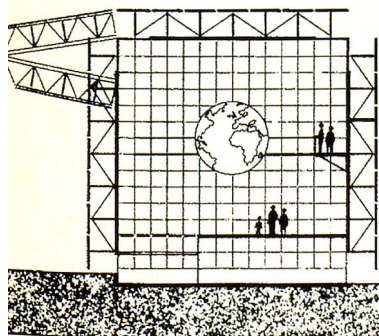
AJAS, Alpenstrasse 26
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Indispensable Cathrine



Organising a Congress has to be done well. The SSA specialist for the Congress of the Swiss Abroad is Cathrine Jacober. A new subject and a new place every year. New faces too. A new challenge every time!

Cathrine spends much of her time during each year preparing the next Congress – including accommodation. She is also responsible for the SSA's everyday work, including preparing sendouts, printing, dispatch and organising special events. In short, we couldn't do without Cathrine! ■



Meeting centre at the Place of the Swiss Abroad: Cuno Brullmann's sketch.