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1997 Congress of the Swiss Abroad

Swiss creative art worldwide

The presence of Swiss culture abroad will be the main theme of this year's Congress of the Swiss Abroad, which will be held on August 22-24 in Lugano.

Swiss creative artists are making their mark all the time and all over the world. Their works and achievements will be the cornerstone of the 75th Congress of the Swiss Abroad. The following subjects will be discussed at the two-day plenary session:

- Swiss culture and Switzerland's image abroad
- The culture component of Switzerland's foreign policy

• Swiss creative art abroad
Those responsible for the most important government and private culture-promotion bodies will describe their activities and the opportunities they provide. But the main focus will be on the creative artists themselves, who will report on their experiences abroad. This is intended to make the event into a meeting-place in two senses of the word: between Swiss artists from all over the world and between them and their compatriots living in Switzerland and abroad.

An attractive fringe programme with concerts, exhi-

bitations, a speech by a federal councillor, a banquet and a Sunday excursion will help make this Congress an experience which you should not miss. Just think of the incomparable charm of Ticino.

You may register using the form below. The sooner, the better!

No post-Congress trip

Even though it has become something of a tradition, we are unfortunately obliged to cancel the three-day post-Congress trip from our programme. We regret that financial belt-tightening has

Summer camp 1997

From July 13-26 and from July 27-August 8, the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad will be holding multi-sports summer camps for Swiss Abroad aged 15-25. And the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad will be organising two-week holiday camps for children aged 7-15 in July and August. Further information and registration at:

Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16

forced us to take such an unpopular measure, and we hope you will understand.
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75th Congress of the Swiss Abroad, August 22-24, 1997, in Lugano

Please use block capitals

Closing date for applications: July 10, 1997

Participant Mrs./Mr.:

Name of accompanying person Mrs./Mr.:

Name/first name: _____

Address: _____

Contact address in Switzerland: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Valid from: _____

- I am 25 or under and am entitled to a 50% reduction for all events
- I am participating for the first time

I travel by car train

Accommodation (please mark the category required)

Arrival date:	*****	****	***	**	Nights:
Single room	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 280.-/300.-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 190.-/220.-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 130.-/160.-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 95.-/120.-	
Double room	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 390.-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 270.-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 200.-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sfr. 150.-	

Prices are per night and per room, including breakfast, service, charges and VAT. All registrations will be dealt with in order of arrival. No reservations can be guaranteed after July 10, 1997. Confirmation of your reservation will be sent to you by the Convention Centre Lugano. **Cancellations must be in writing and reach us by August 8, 1997 - otherwise you will be liable to pay full hotel and participation costs.**

I wish to attend the following events (please indicate number of participants for each event):

Price (including VAT/drinks not included)	Until May 31, 1997	From June 1, 1997
___ All-inclusive card	Sfr. 220.-	Sfr. 260.-
or		
___ Congress card, obligatory	Sfr. 40.-	Sfr. 50.-
___ Official opening, August 22	Sfr. --	Sfr. --
___ Cultural evening	Sfr. 30.-	Sfr. 40.-
___ Plenary meeting, August 23	Sfr. 20.-	Sfr. 30.-
___ Lunch, August 23	Sfr. 40.-	Sfr. 50.-
___ Dinner and evening entertainment, August 23	Sfr. 70.-	Sfr. 80.-
___ Excursion and lunch, August 24	Sfr. 70.-	Sfr. 80.-

I would like to pay with:

- Visa Mastercard

N° _____

Expiry date: Month ____ Year ____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

The completed form should arrive by July 10, 1997, at the latest at the following address: Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, P.O. Box, CH-3000 Berne 16. Tel.: 41 31 351 61 00, Fax: 41 31 351 61 50.