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40 years of AJAS – will you be there?

Unspectacular but all the more worthy for that, the task of the AJAS Secretariat is to help young Swiss to find study opportunities in Switzerland by providing concrete information, advice on grants and, in special cases, additional assistance. It was with pleasure that I took over the presidency of the Association for the Promotion of the Education of Young Swiss Abroad (AJAS). During the redesign of the AJAS web site I discovered that the AJAS is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year: a very good reason to organise something special.

Call for „former pupils“

The AJAS committee is organising an anniversary event in late autumn. Persons who found study opportunities in Switzerland through the AJAS or were helped through college/apprenticeship by the AJAS are invited to take part in this special day. We are in the process of compiling a file of former AJAS students prior to inviting these „FPs“ to this event:

If you have ever studied in Switzerland and had contact with the AJAS, and perhaps also received a grant, please contact the AJAS Secretariat, Alpenstrasse 26,

PO Box, 3000 Berne,
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Sponsorship options

What can Swiss Abroad do to help young people study in the old country? Support can be provided by

- 1) giving Swiss Abroad of studying age the opportunity to visit Switzerland for the 40th anniversary celebration,
- 2) contributing to grants to enable more young Swiss Abroad to study in their home country.

Please read through the following questions and contact the

AJAS Secretariat if you are interested in helping:

- Do you know of a Swiss club or company abroad which is willing to finance a trip to Switzerland including the cost of the stay for one or two students in your country?
- Do you know a Swiss company with a branch office abroad or a Swiss Abroad family which is prepared to make a contribution of any size to AJAS grants or to consider an AJAS bequest and discuss this with us?

Remo Galli, National Councillor, CVP
AJAS President

Young Swiss Abroad at the summer Expo

This is the summer to finally visit Switzerland. We will be taking part in the country's largest national festival: Expo.02.

The Youth Service expects around 200 young people this summer alone, in the four Expo camps. We will be organising memorable activity holidays with young people from over 40 countries and offering the chance to learn new types of sport or improve your existing skills. We also offer alternatives for people who are less athletically inclined. Creative, electronic and musical workshops, for instance.

Visit the national exhibition

This year our camps offer a special attraction: a visit to Expo.02. Five large exhibition complexes in the three-lakes region will amaze visitors and give them an insight into the country where their parents or grandparents grew up. We want to be more than mere consumers at Expo and are aiming to create

works that represent our view of Switzerland during the summer camps. Young Swiss Abroad will gain a deeper insight into Switzerland and view their home country from a modern, fresh perspective.

Language learning made easy

Swiss Abroad can learn German

or French in our 2-week language courses. The mornings are devoted to classes while the afternoons feature excursions, including a visit to Expo. Our friendly host families look forward to welcoming you and sharing everyday Swiss life with you.

For information and details on the above arrangements, contact

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