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# Youth Service arrangements and projects

Apply soon and you'll still be able to find a place in the forthcoming trips for young people. The OSA offers young Swiss Abroad from age 18 a very special adventure tour. In August we'll be visiting various attractive locations in the **Bernese Oberland**. The emphasis is on various exciting activities (climbing, hiking, glacier trekking, river rafting etc.). And the highlight of the week is an ascent of a 4000 meter Alp! We provide instruction on handling ropes and pitons.

As in other years, a group of young people will be attending the 2005 Congress of the Swiss Abroad. This year's congress promises to be extra-special, since it is being held in Interlaken to coincide with the Unspunnen Festival. For those who want to find out all about traditional Swiss culture, this is an opportunity not to be missed. The topic of this year's youth **seminar** is tourism. We'll

introduce you to the subject and provide an insight into training opportunities in Switzerland in the tourism sector. A highly instructive and entertaining workshop.

This September sees the launch of a unique project. Hundreds of youth groups will be taking part when the starting shot to "**Aktion 72 Stunden**" ("Action 72 hours") is fired. Swiss Abroad can also take part and, with any luck, get their assigned charity project up and running in a race against time. Get with the programme!

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## Thomas Straubhaar: Swiss Expatriate Prize 2005

ASO. Thomas Straubhaar, Professor of Business in Hamburg, has been awarded the Swiss Expatriate Prize for 2005 by the FDP Switzerland International. The award ceremony was held in Basel on 17 March, attended by Pascal Couchepin, member of the Swiss Federal Council.

Straubhaar was born in 1957 and has been President of the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWA) since 1999. He has previously lectured at home and abroad. He has championed liberal economic structures in Germany and, thanks to his knowledge of the Swiss economy, also acts as a valuable ambassador for Switzerland abroad.

Thomas Straubhaar has done excellent work for the Swiss community abroad; outlining the reasons for their choice, the FDP Switzerland International said that his work has a radiating effect at home and abroad.

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### swisskids



More swisskids!  
**Summer up an Alp**

Perhaps you've already noticed: since the beginning of June, there have been twice as many exciting stories at swisskids, the website for the young Swiss abroad. In June, children from dairy-farming families described how they herd livestock and make cheese with their parents in the Swiss Alps. In July, you can find out more about Heidi and the author of the world-famous children's book, Johanna Spyri. As usual, Professor Emmi Taler answers all your questions about Switzerland. You can look for pen pals, win fantastic prizes in a competition, and much more! For swisskids, go to the website [www.revue.ch](http://www.revue.ch)

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## Children of Congress participants at the Unspunnen Festival in Interlaken

**The Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad (FYSA)** has put together an exciting programme specially designed for children who accompany their parents to the Congress for the Swiss Abroad in Interlaken. During the Congress children will stay in a beautiful house in Beatenberg together with 30 young people attending a 2-week SJAS holiday camp, and be looked after by an experienced team of camp leaders. The participants of the 2-week camp will also be aged between 12 and 14 and come from Canada, France, Greece, Germany, Holland, Italy,

Spain, Venezuela, the UK, the USA and the United Arab Emirates.

**Age:** 12–14  
**Duration:** 1–4 September 2005  
**Supervision:** By a team of experienced FYSA camp leaders  
**Cost:** CHF 200.–  
**Registration:** [www.aso.ch](http://www.aso.ch) (Events)

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