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Soliswiss General Assembly 1958–2008 Jubilee

The General Assembly adopted the annual report for 2007, the 2007 account statements and the proposed budget to cover administrative costs in 2009; it also granted a release to the Executive Committee. Jan Metzger and Richard Vögeli are new members of the Executive Committee. The jubilee celebrations included a first screening of the documentary film "Thank you Soliswiss" by Roy Oppenheim.

The President, Dr. Barbara Rigassi, chaired the proceedings of the meeting and dealt with the statutory business items. When the votes were taken, the annual report, annual account statements and appropriation of the annual result were approved; a release was also granted to the Executive Committee. The administrative cost budget for 2009 was adopted with substantial ordinary software writedowns and an estimate of earnings based on long-term investment proceeds.

Solidarity fund and auxiliary relief fund

The solidarity fund continues to be particularly well-endowed and the likelihood of a claim being made under the default guarantee with the Federal authorities remains extremely low. Despite withdrawals, further re-

sources were added to the auxiliary relief fund which is used to provide assistance in borderline and hardship cases. The cooperative society is making great efforts to cut the costs of collecting membership contributions and premium payments. Arrangements have recently been made for payment transfers to be effected using a credit card in the web shop at the website www.soliswiss.ch.

Elections

Vice-President Beat Zeller and Roy Oppenheim resigned from the Executive Committee because of the limitation on the term of office. Gratitude for their many years of dedicated and valuable service on the Executive Committee was conveyed by warm applause. Dr. Jan Metzger, Secretary of Studies at the University of

St.Gallen and Dr. Richard Vögeli, an independent management consultant and expert in insurance matters, were elected. Eric Herren, security consultant with mandates for national and international public and private organizations was elected first Vice-President. Ernst & Young AG, Basel, were reappointed as the auditors.

Documentary film

"Thank you Soliswiss"

To mark the 50th anniversary, the well-known media professional Roy Oppenheim produced a documentary film in which he presented seven typical lump sum compensation cases from the recent past. His film was given its first showing during the jubilee celebrations. A trailer was shown at the opening of the Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Fribourg. The film provides impressive evidence of the way in which political events can suddenly interrupt or even destroy an orderly and successful life story.



Dessert served at the General Assembly: one of the many highlights of this sweet Jubilee

Authentic images alternate with interviews with the persons directly affected and clearly show the meaning of genuine solidarity both now and in the future and the importance of the aid provided by Soliswiss. "Thank you Soliswiss – At the service of the Fifth Switzerland" can be viewed at www.soliswiss.ch. Soliswiss – living abroad with Swiss security.

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RETURN OF FORMER SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Not all former account holders have come forward to claim their credit balances in the past two years. With the approval of the Swiss Federal Banking Commission EBK, Soliswiss has transferred the outstanding balance to the Raiffeisenbank in Kölliken-Entfelden. The bank has opened a personal "dormant assets" account for each former savings deposit holder and will manage this account for the next ten years. The beneficiaries may continue to submit claims either to Soliswiss or to the Raiffeisen Bank.



Dr Felix Bossert, Director, and Dr. Barbara Rigassi, President