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# 81. Auslandschweizer-Kongress - 81<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Swiss Abroad

I have just received notification that the 81<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Swiss Abroad will be held in Crans-Montana from the 29-31 August 2003. Should you not know where Crans-Montana is, I will try and explain it to you...having just looked at a map of Switzerland! The village is not far from the motorway that goes from Sierre to Sion in the Valais...this is a most

picturesque part of Switzerland (we took a train trip through this area two years ago). Reservations need to be made by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003, so if you are interested, please let me know and I will send you an application form. Marianne.

## Some facts about Swiss Abroad

- Approximately 600,000 Swiss Abroad have made contact with a Swiss Embassy or Consulate. Nearly 60% live in a member country of the European Union. The number of Swiss Abroad increased by 7300 this past year.

- Approximately 420,000 Swiss Abroad are double or multi nationals. The remaining 180,000 live in their country of domicile as foreigners.

- About two-thirds of emigrants are single!!!

- Nearly half of all Swiss Abroad are aged between 20 and 30.

- The majority of the 600,000 Swiss Abroad will stay overseas for between one and five years - mainly to study or for career opportunities.

- Nearly 70,000 Swiss live in Germany and about 160,000 Swiss have their official residence in France.

- Over one million Americans stated in a census that their origins were Swiss!!!

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## Things One Can Learn From A Dog

- 1 Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- 2 When loved ones come home always run to greet them.
- 3 When it's in your best interest, practise obedience.
- 4 Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- 5 Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- 6 Take naps often and stretch before rising.
- 7 Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- 8 If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- 9 Thrive on attention, and let people touch you.
- 10 Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

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