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President's Report

Hello to all our readers,

Well, the month of all the Swiss picnics has just gone by ... I hope that you all had good crowd attendance and that the weather played its part too! It is normally a great time of year to have picnics and barbecues ... but I must say that the weather in Taranaki has played havoc with these ... talk about rain ... and more rain ... well over 250mm, and we are only at the 12th! So the ground is very soggy... and then in other parts of the country, it is still dry!

I have just received notification from the Embassy that the President for the Swiss Abroad, Mr Georg Stucky, is visiting various regions in New Zealand between May 1-7. If you would like more information as to when he will be in your region, please contact your club's committee members or the Embassy, and they should be able to assist you. I guess some of you will have some interesting questions for him, especially regarding the AHV.

Wishing you all a good month,

*Regards
Marianne*

Swiss Architecture Exhibition: Wellington and Auckland

An exhibition entitled A Matter of Art - Contemporary Architecture in Switzerland, an exhibition presented by Jacques Lucan, will be displayed at the Schools of Architecture at Victoria University of Wellington and The University of Auckland. The exhibition came into being in 2000-2001 and is largely devoted to the presentation of sixteen buildings built between 1997 and 2001, providing an incisive 'section' of Switzerland's most recent architectural output. Several of the Swiss architects represented in the exhibition have won international acclaim, and increasingly are being called on to take part in competitions and build major works, especially in Europe and the USA:

The dates are:

Wellington: March 19 - April 4, 2004

Faculty of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington, 139 Vivian St, Wellington

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