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# President's Report

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter, and that you have re-energised after a nice break. For us the weather was superb ... couldn't have asked for better!!! Quite out of the ordinary ... most of the time public holidays / school holidays have miserable weather, but we certainly can't complain about this one!!!

On one of those lovely days, I read this joke and thought that I would share it with you ...

## SMART DOGS

Four men were bragging about how smart their dogs were.

One man was an engineer, the second man was an accountant, the third man was a chemist, and the fourth was a government worker.

To show off, the engineer called to his dog. "T-square, do your stuff." T-square trotted over to a desk, took out some paper and a pen, and promptly drew a circle, a square, and a triangle. Everyone agreed that that was pretty smart.

The accountant said that his dog could do better. He called to his dog and said, "Spreadsheet, do your stuff." Spreadsheet went out into the kitchen and returned with a dozen cookies. He divided them into four equal piles of three cookies each. Everyone agreed that that was good.

The chemist said that his dog could do better still. He called to his dog and said, "Measure, do your stuff." Measure got up, walked over to the fridge, took out a litre of milk, got a 500ml glass from the cupboard, and poured exactly 300ml without spilling a drop. Everyone agreed that that was pretty impressive.

Then the three men turned to the government worker and said, "What can your dog do?"

The government worker called to his dog and said, "Coffee Break, do your stuff." Coffee Break jumped to his feet, ate the cookies, drank the milk, claimed he had injured his back while doing so, filed a grievance report for unsafe working conditions, put in for worker's compensation, and went home for the rest of the day on sick leave.

They all agreed that that was brilliant!!!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Wellington for the AGM of the Swiss Society.

Regards, Marianne

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**Marianne Drummond**  
**President**

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