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Greetings from the President

Dearest Swiss Society Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful and memorable Christmas time with your family and friends and a fantastic start to the New Year. For those lucky ones that had some time off, I hope you had an unforgettable and fun holiday! It seems already a distant memory now with Christmas decorations all stored away again for another eleven months...

Most of you receive the magazine "Swiss Revue", the magazine for the Swiss abroad, either by post or by email. Up until now the New Zealand regional news has been included in the general "News from around the World" section and was mixed with information from Africa, Asia and parts of Europe.

Onwards from January 2015 the regional news from Australia and New Zealand will be combined in a new issue called "Oceania" (located inside the printed version of the "Swiss Revue" and on a separate link in the online version). The Swiss Embassy in Wellington is also responsible for diplomatic and consular relations with the Republic of Fiji, the Cook Islands, Samoa, The Kingdom of Tonga and Tuvalu, as well as for consular relations with Niue and American Samoa.

Information from and for the Swiss community in these states will also be included in the "Oceania" issue. There are currently about 7000 "Swiss Revues" that are distributed through the New Zealand Embassy.

To ensure you receive the "Swiss Revue" please follow these instructions: first you need to be registered with the Swiss Embassy in Wellington. When you register you will be asked if you want to receive the magazine. If you're not yet registered please visit the following link for more details:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/new-zealand/en/home/services/registration-change-address/registration.html>

If you are already registered but don't receive the "Swiss Revue" or if you would like to switch from hardcopy or electronic version, please visit the following link: www.swissabroad.ch

In the past Australia published their own region specific news. They have now kindly agreed to share some of that space with us. For the Swiss living in New Zealand this is a very exiting change.

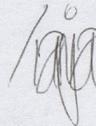
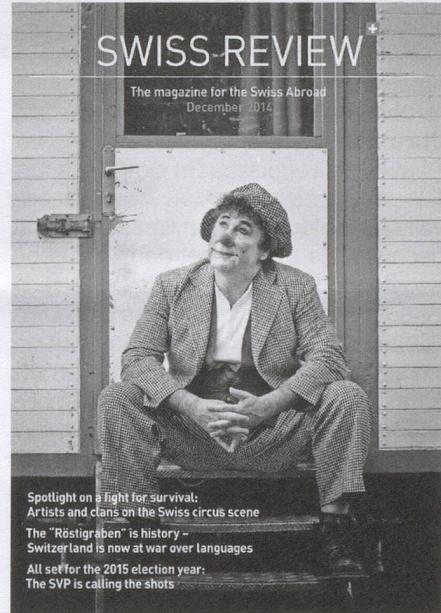
Amongst the Swiss clubs it was decided that the Swiss Society, who also produces the Helveta,

will take on the responsibility for the "Oceania" articles and make sure they are all submitted to the editor of the Swiss Revue.

We are excited to have our own regional news published in the Swiss Revue!

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Liebi Grüess,

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