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Finally, it was the unanimous wish of the Committee that we should place on record our indebtedness to Alan Ramage for the concept, design and development of the 'Swiss Express' into a publication well respected here and abroad, notably in Switzerland, where it is highly regarded by official organisations. Through his work, Alan has enhanced the image of the Society, and we remain in his debt. A suitable letter has been sent to him by the Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A RENEWAL FORM IS ENCLOSED.

Following a decision earlier this year, the fee for UK members is £8 per annum, and for those overseas £11. These are the minimum sums which enable us to break even unless membership increases. But because existing members have not received the service to which they are entitled this year the SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR EXISTING MEMBERS WILL BE REDUCED TO £6 IN THE UK AND £9 ABROAD provided renewal is BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 1988.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

First of all, another apology. There will be no Annual Dinner this year. As well as editing the magazine, Alan Ramage also organised this event, and the same problems which have caused the non-appearance of 'Swiss Express' have also meant that Alan has been unable to devote the necessary time and effort to arranging it.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 12th March, 1988 at the University of Bristol. A dinner is being arranged for the Saturday evening, and full details will be included in the next newsletter at the turn of the year.

Please can I repeat the Chairmans appeal for articles for the magazine/newsletter. These should, for the time being, be sent to me. Members who have sent articles to Alan Ramage which have not yet been published are asked to send copies to me, as we do not yet have the material which Alan has accumulated.

NOTES AND NEWS

This spot is taken up almost entirely by an eye-witness account of the storms which beset Switzerland and adjacent countries this summer, and what happened in the immediate aftermath.

Our member, Richard Pinner, was there, as was John Jesson. Richards story which follows conveys vividly the sense of immediacy and urgency at the time, and places on record so much which certainly did not reach other