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Schweizerischen Verband Eisenbahn Amateur Conference

Winterthur, 30 April - 1 May 1994

The annual conference of the umbrella body covering most railway clubs in Switzerland, and with which the SRS is affiliated, meets at different locations year by year. Local branches volunteer to organise the event, the costs of which are covered by a relatively small contribution by individual members (which our members do not have to meet, by courtesy of the managing body).

This year it was the turn of the Winterthur club. This was fortunate in that our President lives nearby and I had the pleasure of his company for the formal proceedings, although a business engagement unfortunately precluded his attendance at the remaining events.

Proceedings are conducted in German and French. This year matters were generally less contentious than in the past. The main dissen-

tion came when the discussion of the basic cost to members of *Eisenbahn Amateur* produced a motion to raise it by SFr. 5 a year with the object of increasing the editorial and colour content. The motion was lost, but it can be expected that a similar motion will be raised at the 1995 conference.

Some 200 people attended the annual dinner in the evening and on the next morning (sunday 07:30) many delegates set out for the DVZO steam special from Winterthur Seen to Hinwil and return from there by two 450 units via Zürich to Winterthur.

We should like to thank the SVEA and the Winterthur club for their courtesy and hospitality.

A.J.Pike



New Society Lines

New items to the Society Lines this month include two superior china mugs, one with the SRS Logo, the other with the SBB/CFF/FFS Logo. As mentioned in the previous issue of Society Lines, we have Swiss Logo mugs, these include Appenzell, Emmental, Bodensee Toggenburg and the RhB.

The new Desti video *By Rail to the Glaciers* is an excellent 57 minute ride finishing on the Jungfrauoch, superb value at £28.95. We have also found a 52 minute video of the *Glacier Express*. Both videos are PAL standard, suitable for the UK and Australia.

Swiss Layouts on View

Via Mala

14 Sept Reading (Earley)
13/14 Nov Tolworth

Maloja

1/2 Oct Orpington
19/20 Nov Carshalton

Lenz

17 Sept German Rly.Soc; Oxford

Driebrucken

10 Dec Bath

Jura Simplon

10 Dec Chippenham