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EXHIBITIONS - Paul Hannant

If you are able to assist in manning the stand, even if only for a few hours, it would be most appreciated and it can be fun! Offers of assistance can be emailed to me at:

Exhibitions@SwissRailSoc.org.uk or Tel. 01885 483697 (evenings).

I write this in the middle of the "exhibition season". It seems every weekend there is some exhibition in Europe to tempt those interested in Swiss modelling. This year Eurospoor had a large gathering of several Swiss themed layouts from various Dutch clubs, representing metre and standard gauge. Köln exhibition featured the breath-taking model of the BLS North Ramp in HO. This is some layout !!! And then of course there was Stuttgart, Leiden and Bremen, all featuring some Swiss layouts as well as tremendous new and second-hand trade. And finally, not forgetting the bimonthly swapmeet at Houten, Utrecht. This claims to be the largest swapmeet in Europe. Of course all these tempting exhibitions are made that much more affordable as a result of the low cost airlines. Why not pay a visit abroad to a European exhibition in 2005.

Do you have a Swiss layout – which you are exhibiting this year or next?

Then let me know, so we can let all our members know, but bear in mind the copy dates for Swiss Express at the front of the journal. We need to know at least 2-3 months in advance.

The SRS stand/diorama, Menziwil, will be attending the following:

SAT. 26TH/SUN. 27TH FEB. 2005 **EUROTRACK**, Eastleigh, Fleming Pk Leisure Centre
Just off the M3 at Jct.14. Major European themed show with many specialist traders and layouts.

SAT. 12TH MARCH 2005 **SOCIETY AGM AND SPRING MEET**
Edward VII & Alexandra Suites, Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way, London WC1.
Unmissable. Traders and layouts all with a Swiss theme.

SAT. 2ND/SUN. 3RD APRIL 2005 **FESTIVAL OF RAILWAY MODELLING**,
Alexandra Palace, London. Swiss layouts, including Perrapswil

Swapmeets in Europe:

Sat. 18.12.04 Euretco-Expo-Centre, Meidoornkade 24, Houten, Utrecht, Holland
Largest swapmeet in Europe. Open from 1000-1500

Swapmeets in Switzerland:

Checkout: <<http://www.spielzeugboersen.net/>>

25th, 26th & 27th February 2005

Dave Howsam's fantastic Perrapswil will be at:

Model Rail Scotland

Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre, Glasgow

If anyone is able to provide further details or feedback from attending these events (opening times, addresses, size and scope) please contact me.

We are frequently asked whether our members have Swiss layouts available for exhibitions. Please let me know if you have a layout, which is exhibitable. I am looking to put together a portfolio of layouts. Please contact me for a form for layout details if you wish to be included on our register.

Happy Modelling!