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## **Editorial**

## Malcolm Bulpitt

he time has come for me to sign-off as editor of Swiss Express. This is my 50th edition as editor, which means that I have edited 37% of all the magazines the SRS has published. Like most editors I have simply been the front man, as putting a magazine together is very much a team effort. Also 'retiring' at this time is our Photo Editor Tony Bagwell whom I have had the privilege of working with over the majority of this period. Our Swiss News Editor Bryan Stone has also decided that at 80 he too will step down from his post. I cannot thank both of them enough for all their help over the years. They have both contributed a valedictory message later in this issue, as I have. In my 12 -year-plus as editor I have also been helped by Hugh Edgley and Neil Wheelwright in organising the advertising input to the magazine, a role Neil will continue to play. For the first few editions John Weaver acted as the Photo Editor. Michael and Pauline Farr, then Lesley and Chris Johnston-Senior, have suffered as our proof readers during this time. Others have also helped. To all of them go my thanks. The magazine would not look anything like the one we have been producing without the professional input of Gerald Savine who has worked on the design and managed the production of all 50 issues. I thank Gerald for not only his input but also his help and advice over the years. He is not joining Tony, Bryan and myself in 'retirement' but will still be around to assist your new editor. Here I wish a warm welcome to Bill Salter who has taken on the role and has worked with the outgoing team on this last issue. Like I did he will need the support of the Society Board, and you as members and contributors, to continue supplying you with this magazine on a quarterly basis. Finally I make a familiar request that you find time to prepare articles for Swiss Express. It is your magazine, without your input it would not exist. 🚺

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