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So many changes...

...have taken place in your life since your IAESTE experience and also IAESTE Switzerland is moving forward. We think that variation and development are important. That is why we came up with this amazing newsletter. The principle is very simple: We want to keep in touch with our Alumni. As all of you have experienced a very special time with us, we want to keep you up to date about what's going on

within IAESTE Switzerland.

Are you a veteran or a recent homecomer? Are you still studying or have you already established your own start-up company? Have you found your perfect job here in Switzerland or abroad? We want to hear about it!

At regular intervals (about 2 times a year) we will feed you with news about IAESTE Switzerland. We will keep you informed about

current events, send you invitations and announce the latest activities on the Alumni Network.

So stay connected, we're looking forward to read, see or hear you soon!

SAVE THE DATE: our annual *"Summer BBQ on the roof"* will presumably take place on **7th of August!**
Don't miss it!

By The Way...

We did it! Our Facebook Fanpage has reached over 1000 Likes!

IAESTE Switzerland has implemented out a new marketing concept during the last months. This includes a more active dialogue and a closer cooperation with others. Thanks to the support of our IAESTE friends we have managed to achieve a four digit number of fans on Facebook. Would you like to get more involved and to be kept up to date?

Then we look forward to your interaction on our Facebook Fanpage:

www.facebook.com/iaeste.switzerland





Changes of staff at the National Office (NO)

As **Marianne Steinemann** is expecting her second child very soon, she decided to step back from her duties as National Secretary of IAESTE Switzerland. Although we regret she is leaving us after almost 8 years, we wish her all the best for the future with her family!

Marianne's decision implied some changes of staff at our National Office in Zurich.

So we're very happy to welcome **Barbara Widmer** as a new member in our team! She will be responsible for the incoming exchange and Visa service, together with **Gaby Hilpertshauser**, who many of you already know.

Victor Varga is now our new Outgoing Exchange Coordinator and **Sabine Lenz**, former Outgoing Exchange Coordinator, took over the position as new National Secretary and Managing Director of IAESTE Switzerland.

Our team is completed by **Barbara Lingel** who is at the office in Lausanne responsible for the Romandie since six years now.

As always, we will do our very best to improve and develop IAESTE Switzerland and to give our students, employers, company and university partners our best service!



Alumni Network

Over 10'000 members from IAESTE countries worldwide have joined already!

As you might already know, our **International Alumni Network** has been established in 2011 and ever since the community with members from all over the world is growing faster and faster!

So we're really proud to tell you that we have already cracked the limit of 10'000 users in 2014.

Have you already signed in?

It is free of charge and a great way to stay in contact with other former IAESTE interns. You can join our IAESTE Switzerland community and/or the one of your receiving country and get informed about what's going on within the IAESTE world.

Would you be happy to find and contact someone you have met

during your own amazing time abroad but don't know how to get his/her email address or telephone number? Sign in and search for your friends, employers, other LC members or maybe your (almost) forgotten love!

You can find tips and tricks for planning your next trip to a foreign country, a couch surfing community and many other interesting and useful information there.

Sign in now!

www.iaeste.org/alumni/



The NO joining the Activity Weekend 2014 in Solothurn

The Activity Weekend is a yearly event organized by and for our Local Committees (LCs), sharing their experiences in between; combined, of course, with having a lot of fun for everyone. Not only difficulties and problems are discussed and solved, but as well the planning of the activities for the upcoming year is done. This year it took place in a very nice, little youth hostel next to the forest near Solothurn. All participants worked

in different workgroups about events and accommodation planning, member-raising, smooth communication between all LCs, etc.

For us from the NO, it is always great to see how our LC members are planning all these trips & events for incoming students all over Switzerland with great enthusiasm and we are so thankful for their much appreciated work and support! About 30 events are already planned for 2014.

Thumbs up to all our LC members!



Annual Conference 2014 in Quito

This year's IAESTE Annual Conference took place in Quito, Ecuador. On an altitude of 2800m, 77 member countries came together to celebrate the biggest and most important conference within IAESTE community of the year.

All participating countries were excited to join the conference and having a fruitful exchange of internship offers. This year IAESTE Switzerland was able to exchange 130 Swiss internship offers with interesting offers abroad for Swiss outgoing students. Moreover we were very proud cracking the limit of the top 10 countries with the highest exchange numbers!

But not only offers were exchanged during the Annual Conference. A lot of meetings, workshops and discussions were held among the delegates of the participating countries to reach the common goal of 5000 exchanged offers in 2014. So the message of the General Conference was clear: more exchange, more cooperation and more efficiency in the future.

Let's make it happen with the work and efforts of everyone!

Seminar on IAESTE Development (SID) – Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina

This year Sabine Lenz participated in SID 2014 at the beginning of April. As every year, different workshops (e.g. strategy 2020, finance, marketing and IT development) were held to implement and discuss new strategies & guidelines for the further development and improvement for IAESTE International. It is always a great way to contribute to make IAESTE even better and see how many persons from all over the world are heading towards the same goal: international exchange and comprehension!



Forum HES-SO, Montreux

As one of our goals is to extend our network in the Romandie as well, Barbara Lingel was present at this years' Career Fair from HES-SO in Montreux. Students from technical and scientific study fields could talk to Barbara and ask her everything they wanted to know about our internship possibilities abroad.

It is always wonderful to see how young people are eager to head for the experience of their life!



Be a part of IAESTE Switzerland!

We're sure you still remember your own IAESTE experience in a foreign country very well, recalling time by time all the wonderful memories you made there. It is always a pleasure for us supporting young students during their application process and helping with the preparations for their stay abroad.

For sure we have exchanged many emails with you during the process - but do you know as well about our daily work and our organization? Do you e.g. know that IAESTE Switzerland is structured as an association? We are! And therefore we have as well a National Committee, which is the basis of our association, including members out of politics, industry, universities, other Swiss associations, alumni and our LCs. We would be happy to receive your ideas & inputs as well and welcome you as a new member of our committee! The membership for individuals only costs you CHF 30.- a year and, among other services, you will be invited to join our General Assembly (including the "Trainee Award") once a year in November.

This is the chance for you to join our network, be a part of IAESTE Switzerland and help us to form the future of our exchange organisation and of many young talents from all over the world!

Or do you see the opportunity to employ an IAESTE intern at your company? Then contact us: incoming@iaeste.ch



Last year the General Assembly took place at **Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)** in Winterthur.

ZHAW is not only one of our partner universities, whose students we send abroad, but also a long-lasting employer for us, having international students every year and giving them the chance to experience work and life in Switzerland.

Therefore we're more than happy to welcome ZHAW as our new Premium Partner since 2013 and thank them for their great support and the good cooperation since many years.

As every year, the "*Trainee of the year Award*" was held at the General Assembly. It was great to listen to the presentations of the 4 winners this year!

Our exchange is always done on a 1:1 basis. So two incoming and two outgoing students told us about their own experiences in a foreign country, personalizing the exchange between the countries Panama : Switzerland and Spain : Switzerland.

Hearing stories of our students, such as the experience of the first snowfall of their life in Switzerland or getting used to the Spanish siesta or the humid weather of Panama, makes us always very happy. It is really great to see how our work helps them to develop new abilities and grow personally.



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