

IMCZNEWS



AUGUST 2014

EDITORIAL

The Love Machine

An atypical title you would say, I agree but please read on. Once upon a time in the annals of the IMCZ two enterprising members gave a presentation with active participation of the audience. Even your editor participated and managed to collect some ungrudging applause.

What is then this all about? Well in the presentation they refer to a book which contends that there are basically only three types of persons in our societies: Givers, Takers and Matchers. In spite of the fact that the book gets long winded at times and has too many irritating repetitions, the ideas presented in it are excellent. The message coming out, however, is loud and clear, *givers* always win in the end, and *takers* always lose in the long run.

In a quest to encourage the givers especially those working in big corporations, whose selfless activities are taken for granted and often go unnoticed, the author proposed using a "love machine", yes a love machine in order to encourage and morally reward the givers. There is even a dedicated website for it at www.LoveMachineInc.com

The idea behind the love machine is to stimulate peer recognition and encourage every employee who had received help, direction or hint from a peer or colleague to send a short message thanking him or her, and copy all the other members of the team. The big surprise is that once the scheme is introduced and running, those who have been recognised and thanked become more motivated to help more, others

who were keeping all their know-how close to their chests become envious and start helping as well. The end result is a remarkable jump in the productivity of the team or the corporation, not to mention the vast improvement in the work atmosphere.

Would you like to introduce the love machine in your company, team or corporation? Would the IMCZ be a candidate as well?

Muthana Kubba
Newsletter Editor
newsletter@imcz.com



IN THIS ISSUE

PAGE 1

- Editorial
- New Members
- Future Events

HEALTH P.3

- Too much Red Bull does not kill you!

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY P.4

- The Fourth Element comes of Age

ESSAYS P.6

- Just Run!!!!

SPORTS P.7

- Les Pléiades & Mont Pèlerin

SELECTIONS P.10

HUMOUR P.11

- Various

TIDBITS P.12

- Member's Marketplace
- IMCZ Rates
- Corporate Space

YOUR NEWSLETTER GOES PUBLIC

The board had decided to make the current Newsletter available to everyone.

Visitors to our site imcz.com can read the current Newsletter under About Us -> Current Newsletter

FUTURE EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY JULY 16, **Bowling at the White Line Bowling Centre**, Meierskappel [Stephen Butterworth](mailto:Stephen.Butterworth)
- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20, **Bowling at the White Line Bowling Centre**, Meierskappel [Stephen Butterworth](mailto:Stephen.Butterworth)
- SUNDAY AUGUST 24, **Annual Barbecue** Siehbachsaal, Chamerstr. 24 in Zug
- MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, **Visit to the Pilatus Aircraft Works** in Stans 14:00-17:00. More details to follow.
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, **Bowling at the White Line Bowling Centre**, Meierskappel [Stephen Butterworth](mailto:Stephen.Butterworth)
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18, **ZIWC & IMCZ joint Stammtisch** at ParkHotel, Zug events@imcz.com
- MONDAY OCTOBER 27, **Fresh Water Plant visit**, Zug, 1830-1945, events@imcz.com
- WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, **ZIWC & IMCZ joint Stammtisch** at Park Hotel, Zug 18:30-20:30, events@imcz.com
- SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER, **ZIWC & IMCZ Christmas Dinner in Casino**, events@imcz.com

REMEMBER

The Stammtisch every Thursday evening 18:00-20:30
Join us in the Park Hotel in Zug.



Pilatus Flugzeugwerke AG



Come and look inside the factory which has made and still makes the famous Pilatus Aircraft since 1939

Exclusive Conducted tour of the factory : Dear Members, a couple of weeks ago, Pilatus Aircrafts unveiled its new twin jet PC24, first jet propulsion long range aircraft in Pilatus history. Pilatus registered already 84 orders for the next 5 years. Even the Swiss Government (Federal Counsel) is planning to swap its old Cessna Citation Excel 560 with a new "swiss made" PC24

When: Sept. 1st, 2014 at 1345 till 1700

Where: Pilatus Flugzeugwerke AG, Ennetbürgerstrasse,

Access: As there is no parking at the plant area, we suggest to you go by car or by train direction Stans-Bahnhof and take then bus number 311 at 13:26 to arrive at the factory at 13:30 (8 minutes trip).



ZIWC Autumn Book Sale

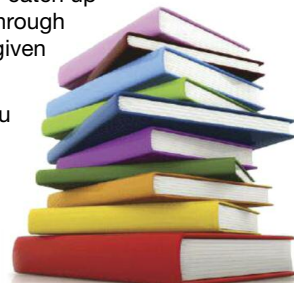
Once more this year the "Service Publique" of the Library Committee in the ZIWC is on again. The next book sale has just been announced.

It shall be held at the same location:

"Guthirt", Guthirtstr. 1, 6300 Zug on Wednesday October 1, 2014 from 16:00 to 19:00 hours. 5 minutes walk from Zug main Railway Station. Parking available at Metalli next door.

Come along and enjoy a tea with scones generously offered by the ZIWC Business Group, catch up with friends and browse through thousands of books being given away at CHF 2,00 each.

If your shelves are full and you have no room for new books, empty them and give all the books you have already read to the ZIWC. Contact Ms Alison MacKinnon at jones.ian@bluewin.ch



IMCZ BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member bios are posted under the following link: <http://www.imcz.com/Board.asp>. Go ahead and check them out!

PRESIDENT
Andy Habermacher
078 815 8837
President@IMCZ.com

VICE PRESIDENT
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Muthana Kubba
079 340 2592
Newsletter@IMCZ.com

SECRETARY
Adrian Luedi
079 871 7136
Secretary@IMCZ.com

TREASURER
Max Leyherr
076 272 3822
Treasurer@IMCZ.com

STAMMTISCH AND MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
Amit Purohit
078 620 0242
Stammtisch@IMCZ.com Membership@imcz.com

EVENT COORDINATOR
Danilo Bertocchi
079 202 4603
Events@IMCZ.com

WEBMASTER
Roger Brooks
079 583 9935
webmaster@imcz.com



IMCZ welcomes you,
your family and
your friends to our
Annual Picnic



The theme this year is "being Indian".



This is the time when we all meet with our families. Everyone is welcome and children up to 16 enter free of charge. A full program is set up with Luzern Indian master Gourmindia serving famous tandoori barbecue and other traditional meals, even the vegetarians will be taken care of (<http://www.gourmindialuzern.com/>)

Raffle with lots of prizes including vouchers in Fitnesspark Eichstätte (<http://www.fitnesspark.ch/eichstaette/>), vouchers in Andermatt's Riverhouse Boutique & Chedi Hotels vouchers or Bürgenstock tickets, presents from Zug famous men's boutique (<http://www.mk-premiumfashion.ch/de/ueber-uns.html>) and more

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone especially all the faces we haven't seen since last year's party.

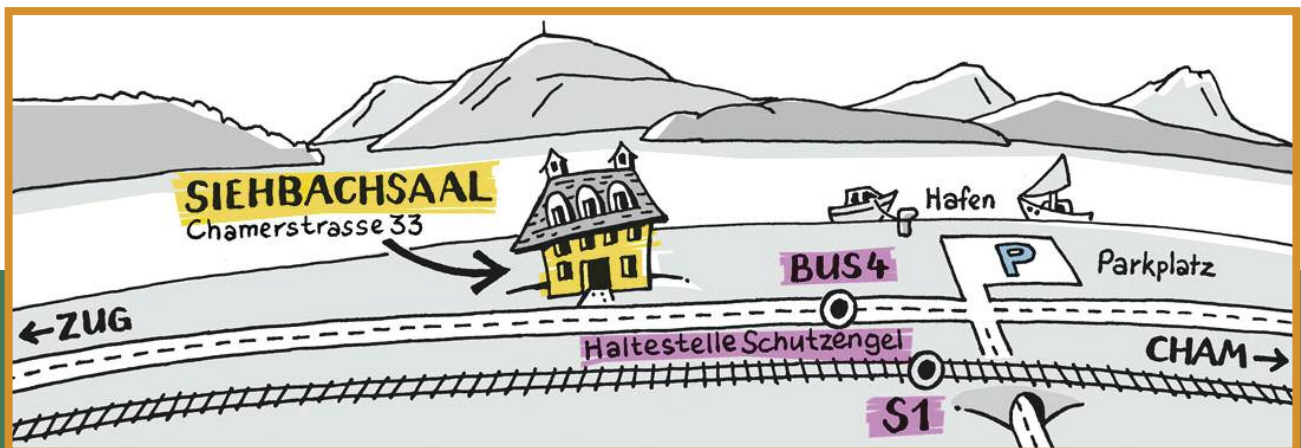


WHEN Sunday August 24, 2013

WHERE Siehbachsaal, Chamerstrasse 33, the yellow looking building by the lake, near the Marina / Bootshaven located directly across from the Schutzengel train platform and a five minute walk from Zug. Parking close by.

COST CHF 35.- / person

[http://www.stadtzug.ch/de/redverwaltung/reservationen/raumreservation/welcome.php?show=details&action=none&raum_id\[0\]=14](http://www.stadtzug.ch/de/redverwaltung/reservationen/raumreservation/welcome.php?show=details&action=none&raum_id[0]=14)



Too much Red Bull does not kill you!

Contributed by IMCZ member Remo P. Jutzeler van Wijlen,
Head R&D Sponser Sports Food Ing. Appl Food Sciences, MAS Nutrition & Health ETHZ

From time to time we read shocking news about the death of consumers of caffeine-containing energy drinks, followed by discussion about the deadly risks of this drink category which is highly popular amongst teenagers. In 2011, a 14 years old US girl died from cardiac death after she drank two 700 ml (!) cans of an energy drink called Monster. These two cans contained in total 480 mg of caffeine, corresponding to six cans of Red Bull or about six regular (European-sized) cups of coffee.

The resulting storm of criticism in the all present social media was inevitable. The discussion usually is reduced to the (presumed) linkage between “caffeine - energy drink - and how bad it is for the health

of kids and adolescents”. Meanwhile, many other potential intriguing factors are ignored. Alcohol, drugs, caffeine pills, stimulants, pre-existing diseases - are blotted out as being not really of interest, worth a side-note at best. “Energy Drinks are the killers”, make good headlines. But whoever cares to look closer and check for specific caffeine contents will soon realise that Red Bull does not kill, nor does coffee! Six cups of coffee may constitute a quite normal daily ration for many people over many years without any serious side effects, or diseases.

In fact, the caffeine dosage in Energy drinks is rather low, and one would have to swallow high volumes within the metabolic half-life of the caffeine to ingest a relevant caffeine dose at all to constitute any serious danger to a healthy human. For your interest you can find a “death by caffeine” calculator on the web at: www.caffeineinformer.com/death-by-caffeine. If you enter your body weight and a listed drink or food containing caffeine, you shall never manage to drink the needed quantity required to kill you, because you shall get yourself killed long before reaching the critical caffeine limit by sheer water intoxication. But more probably a person of about 70-80 kg weight shall not be able to get even to close to drinking more than 100 cans of Red Bull (250 ml) or Coca-Cola (500 ml) within 3-4 hours!

The safety of caffeine has been established by The European Food Safety Agency EFSA. It has even approved several health claims for caffeine, two of them read: “Caffeine helps to

Enter a Drink
Red Bull

Your Weight
82 Pounds Kilos

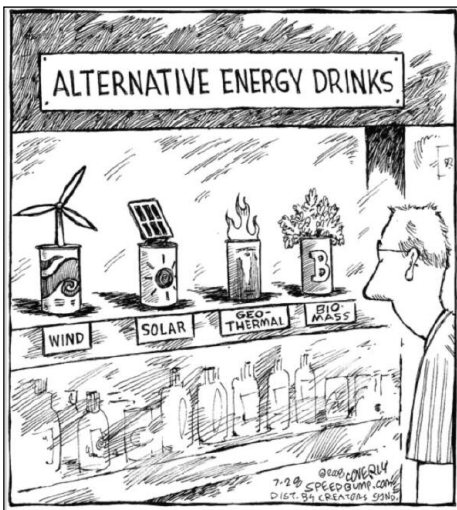
How Much Will Kill Me?

154.23 cans of Red Bull + You = Death.

Tweet Share

increase alertness and to improve concentration”. However, caffeine health claims are not authorised by parliaments solely for political reasons. It is a fact that most Energy drinks are calorie-dense and are consumed by younger people. Overweight and overestimation of one’s own capabilities are a concern in this population group. The latter being especially so during nightlife situations in combination with alcohol consumption.

As outlined in a previous column, caffeine in moderate doses corresponding to 3-5 cups of coffee is considered rather health-promoting than the opposite up to now.



Caring for each and all of your insurance needs – your independent broker.

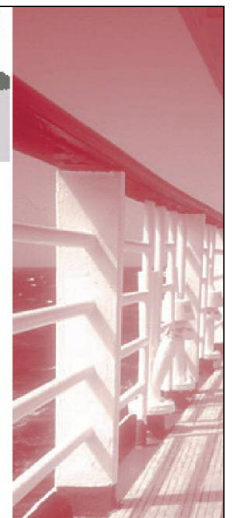
We cover all your insurance needs for business and private, i.e. assets; liability; legal protection; medical aid, as well as wealth management for the planning of your pension...
... as we have been doing since 1982.

Stephan M. Leuthard

www.gfsa.ch/Insurance.html
(all information online)



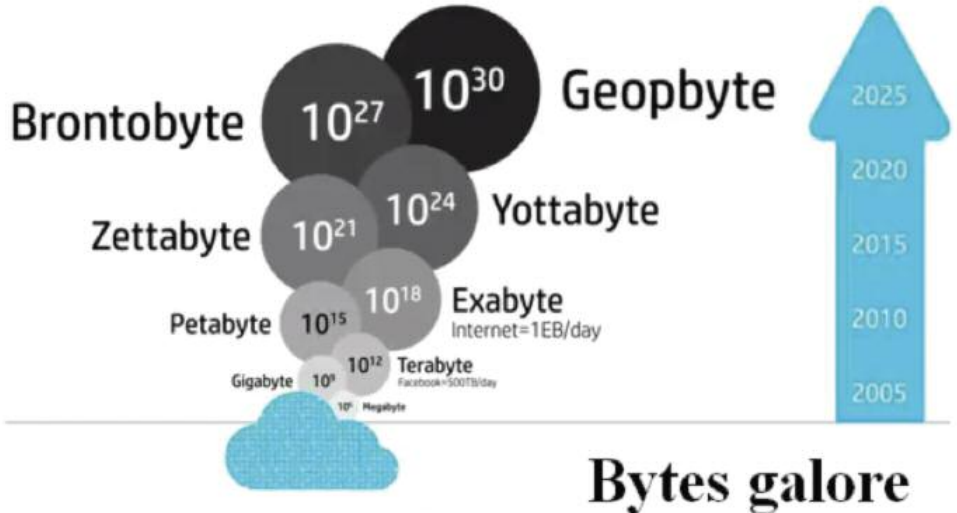
GFS
Insurance AG
Poststrasse 24,
6301 Zug
Tel 041 781 50 80
Fax 041 781 09 90
mail@gfsa.ch



The Fourth Element comes of Age

Contributed by IMCZ honorary member and Newsletter Editor Muthana Kubba

The fourth basic element in electronics was the subject of two previous articles in this Newsletter (October 2010, July 2012). At the time it was predicted that fundamental changes to most electronic gadgets shall come about, as soon as its use becomes commercially viable. One of the more tangible changes would be that computers would no longer need to be 'booted' up every morning when they are switched on. They shall be ready for use the moment they are switched on. All other gadgets shall no longer need a 'backup battery' to ensure that the settings or the program on them is not lost when they are switched off. Most modern cars, by the way, have a standby battery nowadays. It ensures that the programs that run modern complicated car electronics are not lost when the main battery is changed or disconnected. Well, at last the first products using memristors are due to appear on the market next year in 2015.



Bytes galore

power is dissipated or heat generated. The designation for such current is aptly referred to in German as 'Blindstrom' or blind current.

the data are reloaded on it from the "Cloud", since it has no hard disk.

The three passive elements described are the backbone of all electric and electronic equipments and gadgets. All electronic and electric equipment from smart phones to television sets are made of these, together with an array of active elements, including diodes, transistors, thyristors, integrated circuits, relays, etc.,. In those gadgets where memory is required, like computers or smart phones, it is provided by active binary electronic circuits, i.e. circuits which change their state between two different states, usually referred to as 0 and 1. These elaborate memory stacks have proven to be both reliable and fast, hence all the computers and supercomputers. However, as soon as they are powered off, they lose what was stored in them. Therefore, computers have, in addition to this on-line memory, hard disks, which are usually magnetic storage devices. They form the non-volatile memory in the computer, meaning that they retain whatever is stored on them when they were powered off. This is why computers have to be booted up whenever they are switched on, in order to transfer the operating system, programs etc to the on-line memory. As for your iPhones, iPads and other smart phones, well, they do not have hard disks. Instead they have non-volatile "flash" memory, similar to the memory found in the ubiquitous USB memory sticks. However this only contains the operating system and important system parameters. Even when they are "powered off", the battery is never disconnected from the memory stack. This is why you can normally start up these devices so quickly. Normally, they must only be rebooted if you let the battery of your smart device run down completely. When rebooting a smart phone,

Memristors, Memory-Resistors

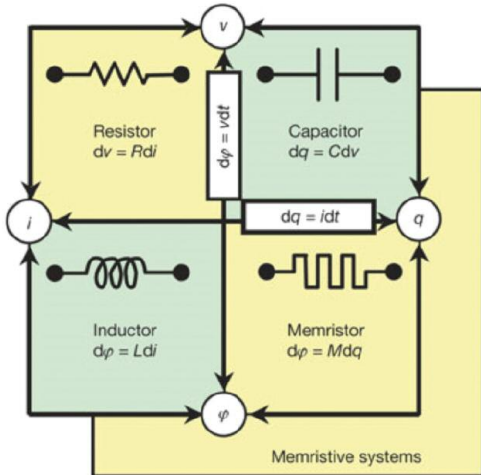
Well all that shall soon be history. The fourth element was discovered in the Hewlett-Packard (HP) research laboratories some four years ago. Simply put, the memristor is a resistance, which takes two



different values and retains them when powered off. Furthermore, they are very fast, so in theory at least they could be used for on-line memory as well, doing away with hard disks altogether.

Of course you may wonder and ask why can't the flash memory be used for on-line memory and mass storage in computer already after all there are memory stick now available capable of storing up to 128 GBytes? The answer is simple: They are not fast enough for on-line working memory and are not reliable enough for mass storage. How many of you woke up one morning to find all the data you had stored on your treasured memory stick had suddenly disappeared? I for one had this nightmare experience more than once.

As mentioned in the earlier article (Newsletter July 2012), bi-polar memristors have been developed as well. These have three instead of two states. It was claimed that these elements can be used to build 'neuromorphic



To refresh your memories, there are three basic "passive" elements or components in the electronics and electrical world. Passive means that they are linear, current is proportional to the voltage applied. In contrast 'Active' elements like diodes, transistors etc. current and voltage are not proportional. In all the passive elements, doubling the voltage across any one of them doubles the current through them. For any given element the ratio of the voltage to current is constant, which is simply a statement of Ohm's law. The three basic elements are resistance, inductance and capacitance.

In a resistor the current and the voltage are in phase (the reference here is to AC=alternating current), hence power is dissipated and heat is generated. The irons for pressing clothes, soldering irons and electric heaters etc. all use resistances to generate heat. In capacitors and inductors, the current and voltage are 90 degrees out of phase, hence current flows just as in resistors, but no



computers', computers that can simulate the functions of the human brain, since neural synapses work in the same way.

The Machine

Back to Earth, Hewlett-Packard seems at last to have put its act together and has made the critical jump from interesting laboratory experiments to solid market products. Hewlett-Packard CEO Meg Whitman announced that it shall shortly present a new memristor based computer which shall trigger a new era in computing and form a true new paradigm in the history of computers and computing. Apart from the fact that it has no hard disks or volatile memory, HP's vision for the future computer based on non volatile memory as on-line memory as well as mass memory is to further develop the first generation of such a computer into

one which shall ultimately be six times faster than the fastest available supercomputer at present; additionally it shall consume 80 times less power to operate. Access to its on-line memory of up to 160 Petabytes (1pB = 10¹⁵ Bytes, or one million Gigabytes) shall be if the order of 250 nanoseconds (one nanosecond is = 10⁻⁹ seconds, or one thousandth of a microsecond). These astronomical figures are not pipedreams but physically available. This computer shall be called "The Machine".

It remains to be seen whether HP shall have the capacity, will and determination to push ahead with its plans and thus make the memristor the corner stone of all future computers.



HP's CTO Martin Fink discusses The Machine

Further reading :

The Machine from HP by Martin Fink

<http://www8.hp.com/hpnext/posts/discover-day-two-future-now-machine-hp#.U8fBz7HiMmj>

Can HP build the Computer of the Future?

<http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2014-06-19/is-hewlett-packards-the-machine-the-computer-of-the-future>

Das vierte Element

<http://www.nzz.ch/wissenschaft/die-memristor-machine-von-hewlett-packard-1.18326046>

The Memristor's Fundamental Secrets Revealed - IEEE Spectrum, 6 June 2013

http://spectrum.ieee.org/nanoclast/semiconductors/nanotechnology/the-memristors-fundamental-secrets-revealed/?utm_source=techalert



JUST RUN!!!!!!

Contributed by
IMCZ member Amit Purohit

Philosophy and an action plan in same breath: I loved this often repeated strain in the box-office hit Bollywood biopic 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag' (Run Milkha Run).

As a matter of brief introduction, Mr. Milkha Singh is one of the top athletes India has produced. Sprinting in the 1960's, he was famously nicknamed 'Flying Sikh', by an impressed General Ayub Khan of Pakistan.

Back to topic, many of us feel impeded in our professional lives by factors which we feel are beyond our control or influence. They frustrate and demotivate us or, worse, make us even shy away from starting some tasks. I won't go into elaborating these elements as most of us have faced them in form of bosses, colleagues, stakeholders, resources, unclear objectives etc.

But what is the way out? What is the solution to best handle these barriers? And that's where this strain comes in the Bollywood 'picture' (pun intended). Ask yourself this basic question:

Are you running the right race?

By this I don't mean to explore the 'life purpose' question, but I want you to answer - Are you really in a work area which you dislike or which you just can't relate to? Now, whatever your answer to this question is - yes or no, like or dislike, the solution is the same. This may not be the most intuitive one, but nonetheless the most practical.

Are you running in right manner?

In my brief experience, one thing that definitely doesn't work is giving up, or waiting



for heaven's brilliance to shine on you and illuminate your path. What definitely works is giving your best shot or at least the best you can make yourself do.

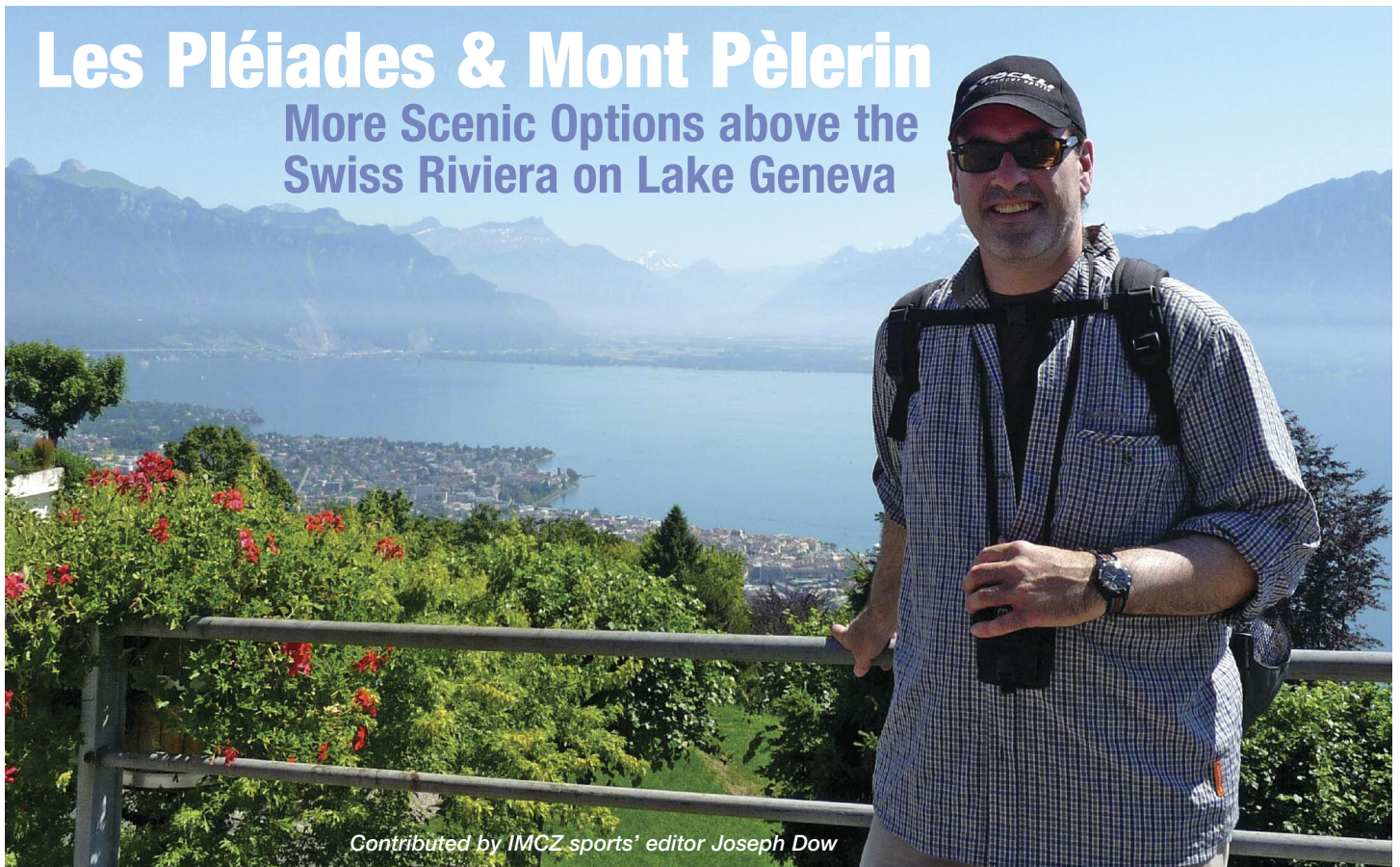
As you run along, life may reveal the track you are meant to run or it may not; your projects may become successful or some of them may not. But one thing is sure: You would not face the ignominy of calling yourself the worst - a loser.

Aab tu Bhaag ! - Now, Just Run!

REMEMBER The **Stammtisch** every **Thursday evening 18:00-20:30**
Join us in the **Park Hotel** in **Zug**.

Les Pléiades & Mont Pèlerin

More Scenic Options above the Swiss Riviera on Lake Geneva



Contributed by IMCZ sports' editor Joseph Dow

Last year, I visited Rochers-de-Naye above Montreux (*IMCZ Newsletter – September 2013*) and recently returned to explore some more high terrain above the Swiss Riviera. These two mountain locations, Les Pléiades and Mont Pèlerin, are actually above Vevey and provide some hiking opportunities and beautiful views of Lake Geneva and the cities of Montreux and Vevey.

Les Pléiades, 1397 m ü.M

• **Hiking:** I started my hiking on Les Pléiades after taking the cog railway up from Blonay and opting to exit at the Lally station below the summit. The markings of the trails are confusing. I soon understood why they gave me a free, waterproof map of the area at the Blonay train station, which I had thought excessive at the time. My first destination was Les Tenasses marshland and its carnivorous plants trail. The Hermit Path with its wooden walkway is quite spooky, even in the middle of the day. I kept worrying that a wicked gnome, armed with a long butcher knife, would jump out of the weeds and ambush me just like in some B-horror movie! A real threat did appear when I was challenged by some bees, obviously guarding a hive. I stayed strictly on the wooden path and got by them without additional incident. Beyond Les Tenasses, the rest of the journey to the summit is steep and strenuous but not technical and takes you by the tops of the lifts of the small ski area. There are some nice views of the Rochers-de-Naye and the sheer Tour d' Ai (2,331m) and Tour de Mayen (2,326m) mountains, high above Leysin, in the

distance. There are also other trails away from the summit, but they seemed like very long options, taking you far from civilization.

• **Additional Attractions:** Astro-Pléiades Discovery Trail – At the summit, there is an easy, circular walking trail with different stations providing educational exhibits about our solar system. Later, I decided to take the Claude Nicollier (Swiss astronaut) trail, which leads back down to Blonay. This was somewhat disappointing. I really seem to dislike hiking on a steep grade in forest with limited views. Once through a tricky, muddy forest section, a majority of the route is on the

hard road. It's just steep enough to be very uncomfortable for the knees and feet and had me wishing I'd taken the train back. There are some waypoints with scientific information here and there, but they left me unimpressed. Once near the towns, it is not easy to understand the way, and I ended up heading through a residential area towards the Blonay Castle and its train stop.

• **Food:**

- **Restaurant Les Pléiades** – I really wanted to sit out on the terrace and have lunch on the summit. However, it was not to be. When the waitress finally came over to my table, she



Summit Les Pléiades

seemed irritated that I did not speak fluent French. So, I just pointed to the chalk board and said I'd take the daily special, which she replied was sold out. Before I could say another word, she muttered something and left. I thought she was going to get an English menu, but when she returned to the terrace, she just went to other tables. I have no tolerance for poor service, so I got up and left.

- **La Brûlerie du Petit Train in Blonay** – After the nasty trudge down the Nicollier trail, I was hungry and not in the greatest mood, when I spotted the little crêperie-tea room across from the Blonay Castle train stop. I love crêpes and always try to get them when I'm in Romandie. So, I was optimistic when I looked at the menu and was rewarded with fantastic, delicate crêpes with prosciutto crudo and cheese, followed by one with bananas and chocolate. The service was excellent, the terrace was pleasant, and the food was delicious. I guess the waitress at Restaurant Les Pléiades did me a big favor. I highly recommend this place.
www.labrulerie.ch

Mont Pèlerin, 1080 m ü.M

• Current Situation:

- **Vevey–Chardonne–Mont Pèlerin funicular**
– Normally, one would take a funicular up from Vevey to an area near the top of Mont Pèlerin where you can begin a hike to the summit. However, the funicular is under major renovation and not operating until the end of October. The tourism board informed me about this situation and told me that buses were running to take passengers up on to Mont Pèlerin. When some other hikers and I arrived by bus at the funicular top station, it was unclear in which direction to walk to reach the summit. Surprisingly, the bus driver had absolutely no idea and official information was nowhere in sight. We started to walk to the right, as opposed to the paved road to the left, and came upon a sign indicating that the way ahead was closed. A passing local in a little truck told us to disregard the sign and continue walking. First, we decided to get some water at a nearby shop. When we told the shopkeeper where we were going, she became alarmed and said that the way was very difficult. She said that we should instead proceed on the road to the left, which would take us approximately an hour and a half. With aching feet from the prior day's hiking at Les Pléiades, this endeavor was growing less and less appealing.

- **Mont Pèlerin TV Tower** – Perplexed at our desire to go to the top, the shopkeeper then informed us that the tower with the observation deck was also under renovation and closed. We replied that we would hike up anyway and just have a look at the view. She then informed us that the road was entirely through forest and the summit was also forested with no view possible if unable to ascend the tower. That would have been a very useful detail for the tourist board to have provided!

Mount Pelerin



• Scenic Views (with a touch of comfort and luxury):

- **The Terrace at the Kempinski** – The other hikers, seeing the shuttle bus back to Vevey arriving, ran to catch the ride back down, but I decided to explore a bit around the funicular top station. To my surprise, in this quite secluded and sleepy place, I came upon the luxurious Kempinsky Mirador hotel. When I walked out on to the terrace at the piano bar, a spectacular view of Vevey, Montreux and the Swiss Riviera opened up. I sat down, put my sore feet up and enjoyed probably the most expensive beer I've ever had (11 CHF for a 30 cl Boxer beer on draft,) but it was worth it. *By the way, who knew the Park Hotel in Zug sold beer at such a discount?!!*

Kempinski Mannequin



Terrace View, Kempinski



Travel & Stay:

• **How to get there:** By SBB train: Zug – Luzern or Zurich – Bern – Lausanne – Vevey/Montreux. Just over 3 hours.

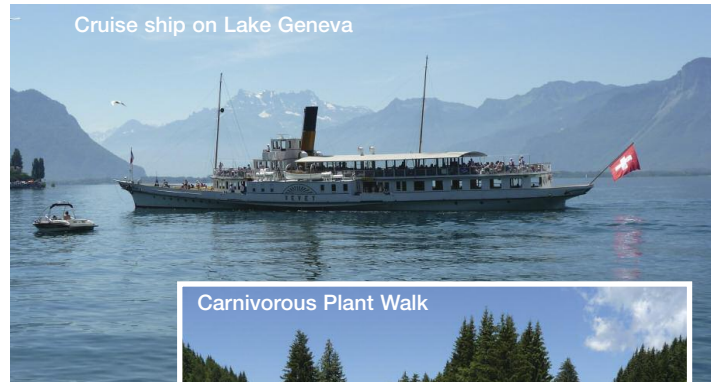
• **Where to stay:**

- **Le Mirador Kempinski Lake Geneva *******, Mont Pèlerin, – It may be exceptionally expensive, but the views from the terrace of the Lounge Piano Bar are simply amazing. The strange mannequins arranged around the property as some sort of artistic decoration are a bit creepy, but nothing is perfect, I guess.

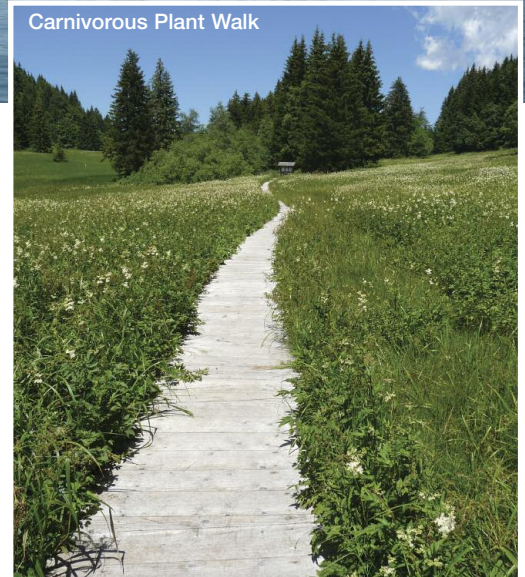
www.kempinski.com/en/montreux/mirador-hotel/welcome/

- **Grand Hôtel Suisse Majestic ******, Montreux, – An impressive Belle-Époque hotel, right on the lake and across the street from the main train station. The location could not be more perfect for someone staying in Montreux. My room was huge, more like an apartment. Despite being quite dark with only a few narrow windows, the room was immaculately clean.

www.suisse-majestic.com/en/accommodations/your-stay



Cruise ship on Lake Geneva



Carnivorous Plant Walk

Additional information:

Montreux-Vevey Tourisme: www.montreuxriviera.com

Les Pléiades: www.lespleiades.ch/

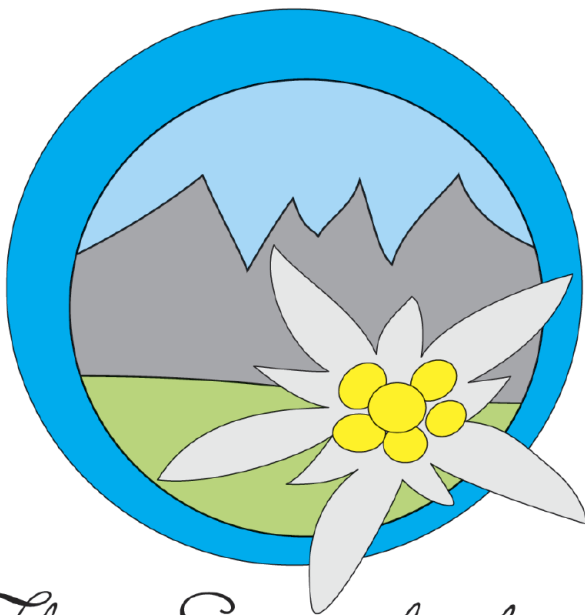
Mont Pèlerin: www.chardonnemontpelerin.ch/en

MySwitzerland: www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/Nnarcissus-fields-photo.html & www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/mont-pelerin-from-vevey-a-vista-across-the-lake.html

Golden Pass Train:

www.goldenpass.ch/goldenpass_standseilbahn_vevey_chardonne_mt_pelerin

THE ENGLISH THEATRE GROUP OF ZUG PRESENTS



The Sound of Music

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
 Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**
 Book by **HOWARD LYND SAY**
 and **RUSSEL CROUSE**
 Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers"
 by Maria Augusta Trapp
 Director **TIMOTHY SOCHA**

DORFMATTSAL ROTKREUZ
 September 19th, 20th, 26th & 27th at 19.30
 September 21st & 28th at 17.00

TICKET SALES START 25TH AUGUST ON
www.etgz.ch





Good attendance in spite of the heat

Despite the heat seven of us went bowling and again on July 16. The star of the evening had to be Hans-Peter Schobert, I was dead level with him, and he had only one frame to go, I tried hard to put him off but nothing worked! A wine winner again, the Ladies were equally neck and neck right to the end with Terri Werder winning out against Gail Brenton.

We now know what tournaments are like! It was mistakenly thought that we were a

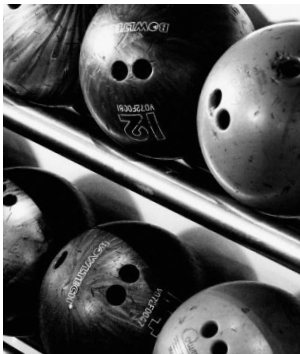
'professional group', and in consequence the scoring system was put into Tournament Mode, which means you play a frame and then swap to the next lane, and then back - everyone had to do it! That is great for mixing with people, but it sure plays havoc with one's game! It took us all to the third game to get in the groove, so to speak.

As you see both handicapped and bowled totals were very close this month. Really there

is not much in it. However this does not allow you to imagine for a moment the hilarity of the event. The good-natured fun and games of changing lanes so frequently!

Putting a cap on the Handicap of 84 max, seems to do the trick to make more of a competition and perhaps we might 'spring upon' the event now and again Tournament Mode, just for a laugh.

Organised and compiled by IMCZ member Stephen Butterworth



First Name	Surname	Game1	Game2	Game3	Bowled total	overall_avg	handicap	STRIKES	SPARES	Split
Otto	Steuri	140	93	119	352	146	44	3	8	1
Hans-Peter	Schobert	118	90	142	350	118	66	4	8	2
Stephen	Butterworth	96	119	126	341	118	66	4	8	1
Roger	Dixon	86	105	102	293	118	66	3	5	4
Amit	Purohit	76	84	120	280	124	67	4	2	1
Terri	Werder	67	64	96	227	78	84	1	5	5
Gail	Brenton	41	86	93	220	85	84	1	5	1

First Name	Surname	Game1	Game2	Game3	Handicapped	overall_avg	handicap	STRIKES	SPARES	Split
Hans-Peter	Schobert	118	90	142	548	118	66	4	8	2
Stephen	Butterworth	96	119	126	539	118	66	4	8	1
Roger	Dixon	86	105	102	491	118	66	3	5	4
Otto	Steuri	140	93	119	484	146	44	3	8	1
Amit	Purohit	76	84	120	481	124	67	4	2	1
Terri	Werder	67	64	96	479	78	84	1	5	5
Gail	Brenton	41	86	93	472	85	84	1	5	1



The Journey of Life

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down, don't dance so fast.
Time is short, the music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask, "How are you" do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed,
with the next hundred chores running through your head?

You better slow down, don't dance so fast.
Time is short, the music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste, not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die
Cause you never had time to call and say, 'Hi'

You better slow down, don't dance so fast.
Time is short, the music won't last. When you run so fast
to get somewhere, You miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day,
It is like an unopened gift...thrown away.

Life is not a race. do take it slower.
Hear the music before the song is over.



A birthday Present

A couple sit together and the husband asks his wife:
What would you fancy for your birthday present my dear?
She replies: Actually I want a divorce!
His response: Oh, actually I didn't want to spend that much!

An Honest Lawyer

A lawyer nearing retirement started shopping for a tombstone. After he had made his selection, the stonemason asked him what inscription he would like on it. "Here lays an honest man and a lawyer," responded the lawyer. "Sorry, but I can't do that," replied the stonemason, "In this country, it's against the law to bury two people in the same grave. However, I could put 'Here lays an honest lawyer'." "But that won't let people know who it is," protested the lawyer. "It most certainly will," retorted the stonemason. "People will read it and exclaim, "That's Strange!"



Tennis Balls

One day while jogging, a young man noticed a tennis ball lying by the side of the track. It looked fairly new and in good condition, so he decided to take it and use it for his next tennis game. So he picked it up and put it in the pocket of his shorts, then proceeded with his jogging. At the end of his jogging he was on his way home waiting at the road crossing lights to change. He noticed a beautiful young blond lady standing next to him, also waiting to cross the road. "What do you have in your pocket?", she asked smiling. "Tennis ball,?" the man said smiling back. "Wow," said the blond looking upset. "That must hurt. I once had tennis elbow and the pain was unbearable!"





Our regular contributor IMCZ member Ian Stansfield is on Holiday. The Editor had compiled this month's Selections.

All web sites included in this series are offered in an unbiased way and do not necessarily reflect my personal views or those of the IMCZ; the reason for bringing them to your attention is that I found them interesting and informative, perhaps offering an alternative point of view, but above all else definitely worthy of note.



All Apps are available at the Applications store of iTunes, simply click on the App Store icon on your iPhone/iPad etc. and then search for the given application.

Languages

1. One App which I use very often, especially when reading the Economist or a book authored by a particularly sophisticated author, is called WordWeb. It is in effect a most comprehensive dictionary contained within the device be it an iPhone or an iPad or any of the other Android gadgets. By 'contained', I mean no Internet connection is required to look up any word or phrase.

Before the age of the smart phones, I used to underline every word or phrase whose meaning I wasn't sure of or didn't know, when reading English texts. Afterwards, when I needed a pause, I picked up the thick Oxford dictionary to look up the words or phrases. Now, I can do so at the comfort of the arm chair with my legs raised up, the best part being I can do so immediately after seeing a strange word or phrase so I do not lose track by waiting to look it up later.

Highly recommended to everyone who wants to keep up his English, what is more it is completely Free. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wordweb-dictionary/id309627313?mt=8>



2. Another indispensable App is called iTranslate. And again it is completely Free. The App is particularly useful for non-native English speakers. As we all know, there are no rules on English pronunciation. I shall never forget the day when I wanted to buy a railway ticket from London to Reading, when the ticket clerk laughed and said surely your mean 'redding'! Well this App has a voice button, you click on it and you can hear how the word is pronounced. Better still, you can look up the corresponding meaning and how it is pronounced in 80 odd other languages. I checked it in Arabic and it was perfect. It is a great help to non-native German speakers as well. I use it most when reading the NZZ, which has a habit of using mouthfuls, it gives me their equivalent in English or Arabic etc.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/itranslate-voice-translator/id522626820?mt=8>



3. In case you don't know it already, you do not need to buy a 'Kindle' reader from Amazon in order to download and read the huge collection of books available at Amazon. There is a free App available which enables you to read all the books which you might have already downloaded at other devices, or which you might choose to buy or download.

Personally, I much prefer to use this App on my iPad rather than use a Kindle reader. It has a function where the script is inversed, instead of black script on a white background, I prefer white script on a black background. It is much less tiring for the eyes, especially if you are getting on and need reading glasses like me.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kindle-read-books-ebooks-magazines/id302584613?mt=8>



4. Just in case you haven't got it already, the App, 'Eurosport' is a must for everyone. It is Free and it is brilliant. Not only can you follow the scores of Federer and Djokowich finals duel at Wimbledon or Germany beating Brazil 7-1 in the World Cup semi-finals at Belo Horizonte Live! There are even some video clips and photos of their highlights. For a small sum, one have live videos of the games.

<https://itunes.apple.com/en/app/eurosport/id324021126?mt=8>

5. BBC News. If you happen to be a fan of the BBC and its world coverage of events, this Free App is a must. You can listen to News on the hour and half the hour, you can read commentaries on all major events in just about every country of the world. Many news items have video clips to see and get a visual impression of the events taking place at that part of the world. I don't know about you, but I couldn't even exist without it, to the dismay of my wife who has forbidden me from touching the iPhone when eating lunch.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bbc-news/id377382255?mt=8>





Members' Marketplace

Are you **selling** your yacht (harboured in Piraeus)?
 Your Aston-Martin old-timer with the roll top roof?
 A gorgeous view of the Bay of Biscay,
 with a little bit of house attached?
 Or are you **cashing in** the half of your stamp
 collection that is finally worth something?
 Perhaps you're **looking** for all of these things?

Then ADVERTISE here, in the IMCZ News;

The Members' Marketplace is reserved for unformatted advertisements of 150 characters (approx. 3 lines) of text.

These are free of charge to IMCZ members.

Advertisements must be submitted as illustrated below.
 Longer advertisements cost CHF 30.-

Example: FOR SALE: gorgeous view of
 Bay of Biscay with stunning sunsets and high waves.
 Wee house (12 rooms), dock and yacht included.
 Call Bill at 041 123 45 67.

IMCZNEWS Advertising Rates

Circulation: 300 plus online download.

Issued: Monthly

Format: A4 vertical, full color.

Ad content delivery:

electronic by e-mail, .pdf, .jpg, .gif

Advertising Rates:

- Full page, A4 vertical. (19 x 27.7 cm), Fr. 200.-
- 1/2 Page, A5 horizontal (19 x 13.5 cm), Fr. 110.-
- 1/3 Page, vertical (6.3 x 27.7 cm), Fr. 85.-
- 1/3 Page, horizontal (19 x 9.2 cm), Fr. 85.-
- 1/4 Page, A6 vertical (9.2 x 13.5 cm), Fr. 60.-
- 1/4 Page, horizontal (19 x 6.9 cm), Fr. 60.-
- Business Card (9.2 x 6.45 cm) Fr. 45.-

Extra costs may be incurred for typesetting, special formatting, etc.
 IMCZ Members receive a 20% discount on advertisement costs.

Place your ad for an extended period and receive a discount: get seven months of advertising for six months paid, or receive twelve months for the price of ten.



GARAGE ZIMMERMANN



Your English Speaking Partner & Supporter



Specializing In ExPat & International Sales & Service

Just Arriving in Switzerland? Need help getting your imported car on Swiss Number Plates

Other Services Offered

- Over 40 New, Demonstration & Quality Pre-Owned Vehicles in stock with Guarantee • All Quotes, Brochures, Owners Manuals, Sound System & Board Computer Settings in English, French, German & Italian • Getting You The Best Car Insurance Rates Possible & Insurance Claim Assistance • Company Fleet Rebates & Special Financing or Leasing Rates • Service & Repairs for all Makes including Pick-up & Delivery Service • Winter & Summer Tires Sales & Storage, Ski Box Rental. • Professional Car Cleaning / Valet Service • Top Value for your Trade-In & Free Appraisal of your Current Car
- Special ExPat Events: Golf, Sailing, Cycling, Music Concerts & More.

For All Your Automotive Needs Contact:



Mark Shires
 Volvo • Heico Sportive • Ford
 Fleet & International Customer Sales

Garage Walter Zimmermann AG
 Sinslerstrasse 400, 6332 Hagendorn-Cham
 Mobile: 079 365 21 88
 www.zimmermann-garage.ch
 mark.shires@zimmermann-garage.ch

