

# IMCZ NEWS



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## EDITORIAL Summer Time

Although the weather in the month of May seems not to bode well for the summer, according to statistics it has been our 11th warmest spring since records began back in 1864. Statistics can mislead however, rather like my somewhat over enthusiastic barbeque technique where everything is always perfectly cooked (on average). It was great to see so many people at the New Members' Reception at the Bossard Arena Legends Club. The wealth of opinions and backgrounds on these occasions always ensures an entertaining evening. The flurry of short working weeks due to various public holidays is now behind us so it is time to start looking forward to vacations proper. After all, summer is statistically warmer...

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## IMCZ

Introducing...New members

THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

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Jean Paul was born in Switzerland in the Bernese Jura from Italian parents. He spent two thirds of his life in Modena (Italy) and the rest in Switzerland. Jean Paul studied Computer Science in Bologna and has been focusing on cyber security for the last 15 years. He prefers human interaction to IT, so his passion has nothing to do with IT. He sings as a bass in the Audite Nova Choir in Zug and doesn't dislike the occasional solo roles. Jean Paul is married with three daughters; he likes hiking, jogging, music, socializing, good food and good wine.



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## STAMMTISCH

Every Thursday from  
18:00-20:30  
At the City Garden Hotel

## FUTURE EVENTS

- THURSDAY JUNE 4TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY JUNE 11TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- WEDNESDAY JUNE 17TH **Joint Stammtisch with the ZIWC at the Park Hotel Lobby**
- WEDNESDAY JUNE 17TH **Bowling at the White Line Bowling Centre, Meierskappel** *Stephen Butterworth*
- THURSDAY JUNE 18TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY JUNE 25TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY JULY 2ND **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY JULY 9TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH **Bowling at the White Line Bowling Centre, Meierskappel** *Stephen Butterworth*
- THURSDAY JULY 16TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY JULY 23RD **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY JULY 30TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY AUGUST 6TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH **Bowling at the White Line Bowling Centre, Meierskappel** *Stephen Butterworth*
- THURSDAY AUGUST 20TH **Stammtisch at City Garden Hotel Lobby.**
- SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD **Summer Barbecue at the Siehbachsaal, Zug**

## YOUR NEWSLETTER GOES PUBLIC

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

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## Milan World Expo 2015

The weekend trip to Milan is being organised by the IMCZ's board member and Webmaster, Roger Brooks. It is taking shape with the dates fixed and the designated hotels informed. Three members with their spouses have registered so far. If we can get two more members with their spouses, then at a total of

10 we qualify for additional discount. Please register soonest with Roger.

Leaving by train on Friday 18th of September at 8:00 hours, to Milan where we shall spend two nights at a 4 star hotel Sanpi. Return on Sunday September 20th 18:25, arrive in Zug at 21:59. Prices include transportation in Milano and entry tickets to the Expo. Price per person in double room is CHF 580,- Full details on our website.



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## Bridge Players

"Calling all Bridge players". If you play Bridge and would like to make up a social foursome please contact Phil Woodford ([philip.woodford@bluewin.ch](mailto:philip.woodford@bluewin.ch))

## Spring New Members' Reception

This years NMR took place on Thursday May 21st at a new venue. We met at the normal Stammtisch time at the Legends club situated at the Bossard Arena in General-Guisan-Strasse 4, 6303 Zug. As usual we saw many faces which we have missed for quite a time. It was a great occasion to enjoy drinking a nice cold beer and chatting with the newcomers to the club as well as those long missed colleagues.



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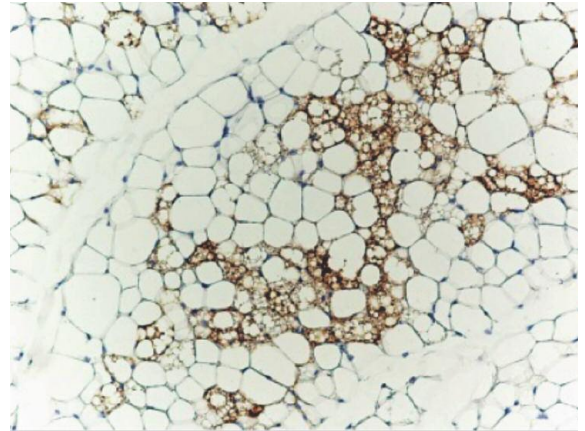
## From white, brown and “brite” fat

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

Nowadays we distinguish between brown and white body fat tissue. White adipose tissue is typically classified as either visceral, meaning it surrounds organs, or subcutaneous, which means it is under the skin. Brown fat works in the opposite way to white fat. White fat infamously stores extra calories in overflowing bellies, muffin tops, love handles and plump thighs. Brown fat is considered “good fat” or “healthy fat” because it burns calories to generate heat for our bodies and expend energy; while white fat stores energy and, consequently, increases the risk of health issues, such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

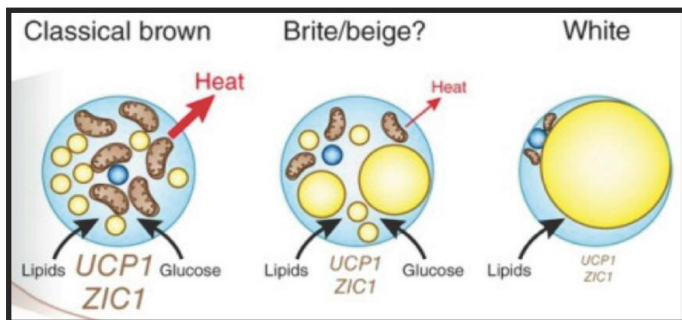
Scientists believe brown fat originally evolved in early mammals as a defence against the cold. It helped them maintain their body temperature and survive in extreme

with the brain through sensory nerves, possibly sharing information, such as how much fat we have and how much fat we have lost. Brown fat, being active, starts to generate heat and gets hotter, which speeds up our metabolism and helps us burn white fat. It is believed that, like a thermostat, as brown fat gets hotter, it notifies the brain, and probably influences how the brain, in turn, controls the fat.



Apparently, people with more brown fat have a more active metabolism, lower instances of type II diabetes and are leaner. Of course, this knowledge does not help anybody who is trying to lose some unneeded excess weight. However, the hunt for a drug that turns white fat into brown fat has already been launched

and first trials with mice have shown some promise. Knowing how to increase the amount of brown fat tissue in our fat stores, and/or its activity, is the future of trying to find another way to lose weight effectively and quickly. Pharmaceutical companies are trying to target brown fat and activate it more. Although



researchers call it - “brite” (from brown + white). Not only drugs, but also nutrients, can switch genes on and off. For the yet to be found substance that is able to switch on the gene which turns white into brown fat, the future is “brite”.

environmental conditions. It is also very useful for maintaining the body temperature of newborns and indeed brown fat takes up so little space that until recently most doctors believed adults had none. Studies show that brown fat plays a very active part in our capability to burn more energy, becoming a potential tool to stay lean and fight obesity. Brown fat tissue communicates

previous studies have found that simply being in a cold environment could stimulate the growth of brown fat, this method is not very practical. Using genome sequencing techniques, researchers found that a protein called KLF11, which is found in all fat cells and regulates their expression, could be manipulated to flip a genetic switch and convert white fat cells to brown, or - as the



“You have many weight-loss options: gastric bypass, donut shop bypass, pizza parlor bypass, buffet bypass...”

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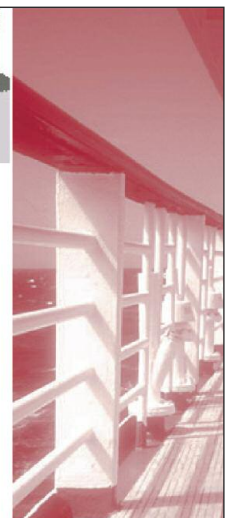
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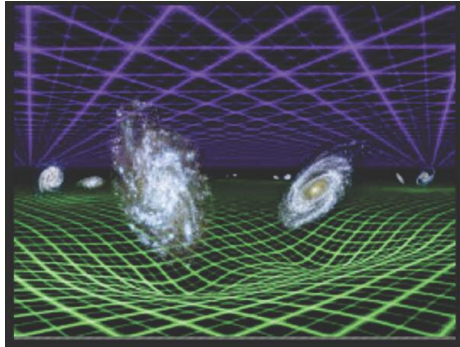


## Reflections on Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Contributed by IMCZ honorary member, and Newsletter editor Muthana Kubba

Less than a month ago the world media were trumpeting that at last scientists were able to detect the very elusive "dark matter". Additionally we are told that the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva will start soon again with dizzyingly higher power to smash atoms and possibly arrive at a proof of the existence of dark matter.

The foundations of modern physics were laid down by Sir Isaac Newton in the 17th century when he stated his famous three laws of physics. The inverse square law of gravitation which states that the force of gravity between



two objects in space is proportional to their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them, explained surprisingly well all the motion of the planets and their moons in the solar system. It was a big hit and humanity thought our understanding of the Universe is complete until Kepler found out that, out of all the planets in our solar system, one planet was not behaving exactly as Newton said it should. Mercury, the closest planet to the sun, was not moving according to the predicted orbit. Yes, the deviation (also called precession of the perihelion) was minute, but measurable. In 1887, the speed of light was accurately measured by the famous Michelson-Morley experiment. The incredible thing about it was the fact that it was constant irrespective whether the source is moving towards or away from you at any speed.

### Einstein to the Rescue

These two puzzles lingered on until the turn of the 20th century in 1905 when Albert Einstein postulated the special theory of relativity to explain the constancy of the speed of light. The genius of Einstein is that he made a radical change from accepted wisdom. Instead of assuming that the prevailing theory was correct and the experiments were faulted, he thought that the experiments were correct and the theories of the existence of ether were at fault. He started by saying that if we can't measure any change in the speed of light, then

let us assume it is constant, and find out the implications of such an assumption. Even if we have difficulties in visualising how and why time and space change between two objects which are moving relative to one another, the theory nevertheless explains this strange phenomenon very accurately.

Einstein's theory was called the 'special' theory of relativity. 'Special' because it refers to two objects moving at constant speed to each other. Ten years later he published his 'General' theory of relativity in which he handles the general case where objects are accelerating from each other and moving in different directions. One of the predictions of the General theory is that if a large object were rotating around itself, then this rotation shall affect all objects that might be orbiting it. He in fact calculated the amount of precession of Mercury, caused by the sun's rotation around itself. The measured deviation was identical to the calculated one as predicted by Einstein's theory. Einstein's theory of relativity is now accepted by all scientists.

### Galaxies Galore

Astronomers are a special creed of devoted scientists who are truly fascinated by the skies and the stars. They are used to spending many long nights observing the night skies with their powerful telescopes. More recently, however, and thanks to the Internet, they left the powerful telescopes usually perched at mountain tops in very remote areas, to be operated by technicians and continued to observe the skies at the comfort of their labs. With ever more data available, mostly in the form of long exposure pictures of certain segments of the skies, they discovered endless numbers of galaxies or clusters of stars as far away as their powerful telescope could resolve. Over the years and generations of brilliant astronomers, they developed techniques to measure the speed of motion and distance of the stars and galaxies, some of which are 4 to 5 billion light years away. A light year is the distance which light travels in one earth year (about  $9.5 \times 10^{12}$  km).

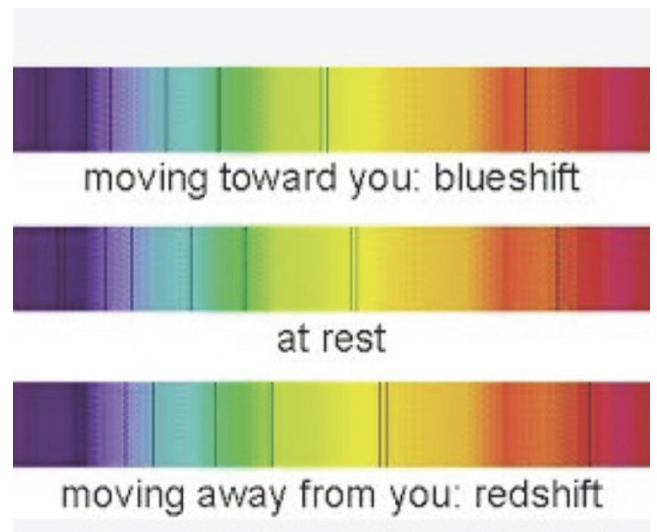
When they tried to apply the known laws of motion and gravity, they were confronted by an inconsistency. Galaxies were moving away from us and each other at ever increasing speeds. According to the laws of gravity the

speed at which they are moving away should decrease and not increase, and at some point in the distant future they should start moving towards each other and not away. No one offered a satisfactory explanation for the anomaly. A long last, they decided that there must be some energy which causes the galaxies to move apart, and they dubbed it "**Dark Energy**".

Additionally they observed the stars in individual galaxies, including our own home galaxy, the Milky Way. They found out that in all galaxies the stars (our sun is one), move around a central point within the galaxy. However, another surprise was waiting for them. The stars were moving too fast, and at their speed of motion, they should be ripped away by the centrifugal force, from their galaxy. Time and again, by every galaxy they observed, the same inconsistency was observed. Finally, they decided that the only explanation they could think of, is that there is more matter than could be seen, which was holding the stars together and preventing them from being ripped off. They called this invisible matter, "**Dark Matter**".

### Red shift and Distances

The basic method astronomers and scientist use to measure or estimate the speed of faraway moving objects or stars is the famous **red shift**. Every element emits light when heated up. The spectrum of this light can be analysed with a spectroscope, basically a prism, to resolve the wavelengths within it.



The most abundant element in the universe is of course hydrogen, which has a very well-known and characteristic spectrum. When observing distant stars and galaxies the astronomers discover, time and again,



hydrogen's characteristic signature. However, often the spectral lines were shifted towards the red end of the spectrum. The only explanation delivered by accepted wisdom is that the object being observed is moving away from us at vast speeds. In fact speed is almost always measured by the amount of the red shift. Red shift is caused by the famous Doppler Effect. We are all familiar with it. If you are standing on a platform in a train station and a train passes by. If the whistle is on, then its pitch will change as it passes by. It will increase when the train is approaching and decrease when it is receding.

Up to about 10 light years distance, the triangulation method is used to measure the distance. A star's position in the sky is measured at two points in time six months apart. The photos of the two measurements are superimposed and the position of the star against the background distant stars or galaxies would shift slightly. The amount of the shift indicates how distant the star is, because the orbit of the earth is known and in six months it would have moved twice the Earth-sun distance or 310 million km. Other techniques are used to measure the distance to more distant objects. Mostly the brightness method is used. Certain stars or star-pairs have known characteristic brightness. Therefore, measuring the brightness of such stars within a galaxy indicates how far away it is.

## Soul Searching

Frankly, I think the big boffins of the astronomical community should go back to the drawing boards, and do some very thorough soul searching. Of course, the notion of dark matter and dark energy sound weird, but so does the notion of the absolute

constancy of the speed of light, which drove Einstein to his theory of relativity. However, couldn't there be a simpler explanation?

Surely it sounds odd that we need to postulate the existence of invisible dark matter which is supposed to make up more than 70% of the Universe's mass, in order to explain why the stars and galaxies are not ripped apart due to their high speeds of rotation, and at the same time we need to postulate that there is dark energy to explain why the galaxies are moving apart at increasing speeds.

Let us not forget that at the other end of the scale of distances, other laws apply. At the atomic scale, quantum laws apply, where a quantum can be at two different places at the same time. The behaviour of the quanta is so weird that the famous physicist Neil Bohr who is considered to be the father of the quantum theory, once said, "Whoever thinks that quantum physics is not weird, has not understood it". The famous thought experiments of the light bulb with two slits and the [Schrödinger cat](#) are the two more famous hypothetical experiments which illustrates the weirdness of the quanta. In fact it is so weird, bizarre and illogical that it beats the logical mind. However, it does



Niels Bohr

explain the behaviour of the tiny atomic particles, photovoltaic emission and a host of other phenomenon on the atomic scale quite well.

Of course this article does not pretend to explain Newton, Einstein or the quantum theories. It just illustrates that scientists should be flexible and ready to change accepted wisdom in order to explain observed phenomenon.

## New Laws?

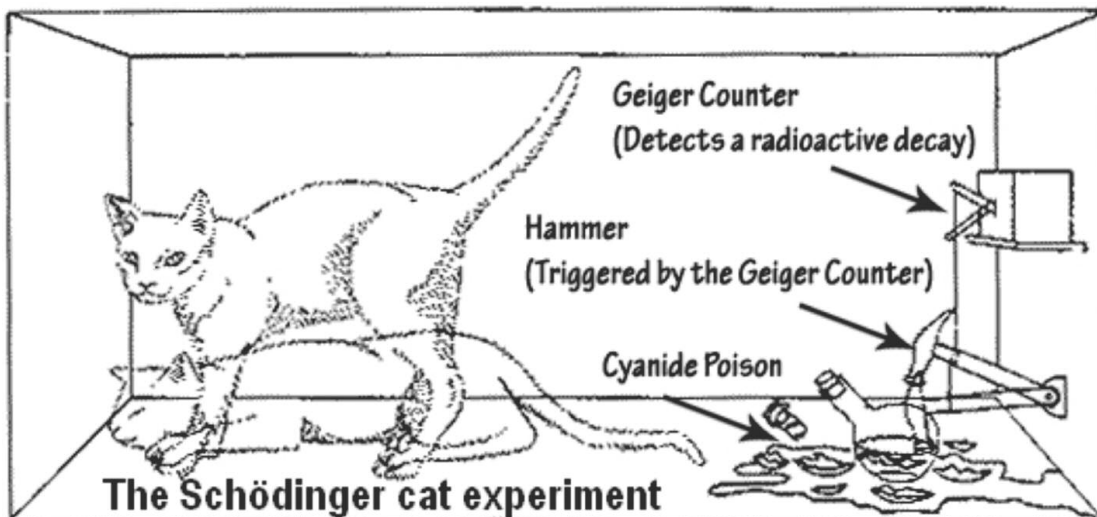
Why should the red shift, which really is the major culprit for the assumptions of the weird dark entities, be the same at very, very large distances as it is at normal ones? Or why should Newton and Einstein laws of gravity apply at tremendous distances in the same way as they do on solar scales? Remember quantum theory applies at very small distances less than <10-12 metres so it is only logical that at distances above >10+12 metres different laws may apply.

Scientists, boffins, astronomers and geniuses, please; you must do better than that. Postulating invisible dark matter even if there are unconfirmed claims that it has been detected and mysterious dark energy is the easy way out. Why not try to get out of the box and forget accepted wisdom for a change. New thinking is called for and a more palatable explanation must surely be found.

## Further Reading

Thanks to our Club's cosmologist, Richard Toyne, he provided a very interesting link to an article from Quanta Magazine in which young and brilliant brains voice their thoughts on new approaches to the intractable questions of cosmology:

<https://www.quantamagazine.org/20150527-a-new-theory-to-explain-the-higgs-mass/>





## Cruising the Caribbean, Part 3

### Dominica

Contributed by IMCZ board member and Webmaster Roger Brooks with photos courtesy of ZIWC member Margareta Pfander

#### The Windward Islands

After departing from St. Thomas, we proceeded eastward toward the Windward Islands. They are so named because they bear the brunt of the trade winds, the prevailing winds in the Caribbean. The trade winds blow from the ENE born of the temperature gradients and the Coriolis force, which also give birth to hurricanes. The Windward Islands are thus often the first landfall of hurricanes. Our first destination in this region was the island of Dominica (not to be confused with the Dominican Republic, which occupies roughly half of the island of Hispaniola, further north). Although you might logically consider the entire East Caribbean to be “windward” (as do the Dutch, for example), the British describe the islands north of Dominica as the “Leeward Islands” and reserved the term “Windward Islands” for those to the South. Dominica belonged to the British *Leeward Islands* from the late 19th century until 1940, after which it was consigned to the Windward Islands.

#### Dominica

Dominica has easily the most lush vegetation of any of the islands that we visited. In contrast to Eleuthera, which is basically an oversized sandbar, Dominica is a volcanic island rising up to nearly 1500 meters out of the sea. Columbus named the island “Dominica” after the day of the week (Sunday) on which he sighted it. Before his arrival, the Carib inhabitants called it “Waitukubuli”, which is interpreted “Tall is her body”. Although the Spanish laid first claim to the island among the European powers, they didn’t do much with the island, finding the natives and the landscape less tractable than those of other islands which they had claimed. The French subsequently claimed the island in the early 17th century, along with the neighboring islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, but left Dominica to the natives until the end of the century, when they began to colonize it. In the 18th century the French established a few coffee plantations on Dominica worked by imported African slaves. The British, who took over several Caribbean islands from the

French in the mid-18th century, abolished slavery in the early 19th century.

As you might expect from the introductory paragraph, Dominica has repeatedly been battered by hurricanes, on average more than one in three years. The most significant in recent memory was hurricane David, which struck in 1979, shortly after Dominica had gained its independence. After it had rendered 75% of Dominicans homeless, David went on to cause further damage in S. Florida, where I was living at the time. More recently, in 2007, hurricane Dean damaged fewer than 200 homes, but wiped out 99% of Dominica’s banana trees. As you can see from this

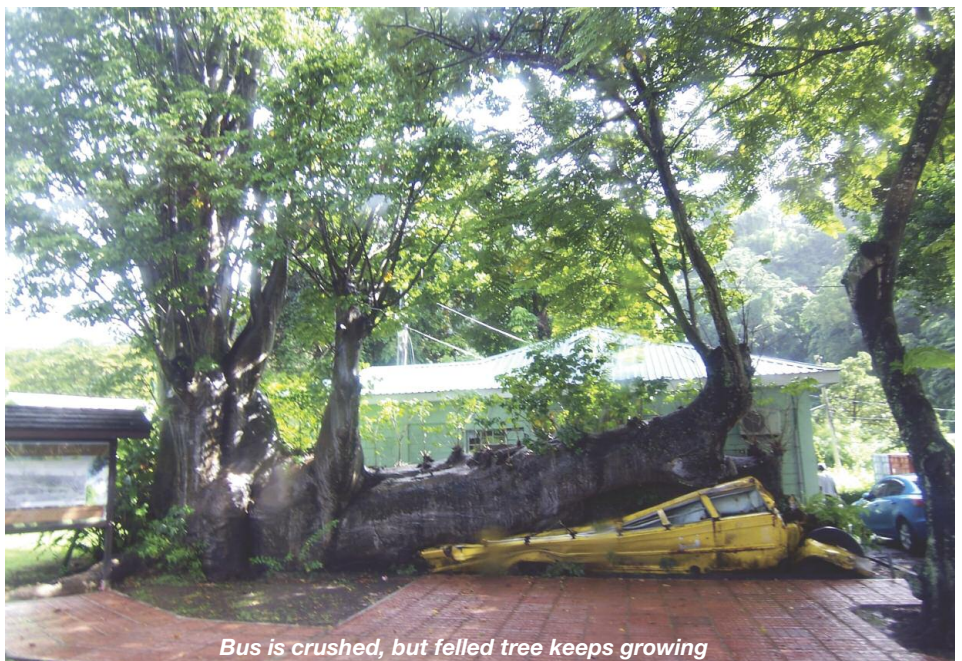
snapshot taken during our tour of Dominica, nature is far more adept at recovering from such incidents than are the products of human endeavor.

Our tour of Dominica took us through a botanical garden to Morne Trois Pitons National Park, which features many waterfalls, the most notable of which is Trafalgar Falls. It rained off and on for most of the tour, even though it was “dry season”.

Bananas are still Dominica’s principal crop, so on the way we saw a lot of banana trees, but Dominica also produces a wealth of other fruits and vegetables, mostly for local



Botanical Gardens



Bus is crushed, but felled tree keeps growing





**Bananas**



consumption. Other big export crops are citrus fruit, coconuts and pineapple, which Dominica is trying to promote in an effort to diversify away from bananas.

The “high point” of the tour (even though we had to climb down to it ;-)) was the Emerald Pool, said to rejuvenate those who bathe in it. Dominica is reputed to have an above average quota of centenarians (those over 100) so perhaps there’s something to it! I took a dip (nothing ventured, nothing gained!), but any rejuvenating effect was probably undone by my indulgence in food and drink back on the ship.

After the obligatory stop at a souvenir shop we relaxed for a while on a black (volcanic) sand beach, before returning to the capital city of Roseau and the Royal Princess.

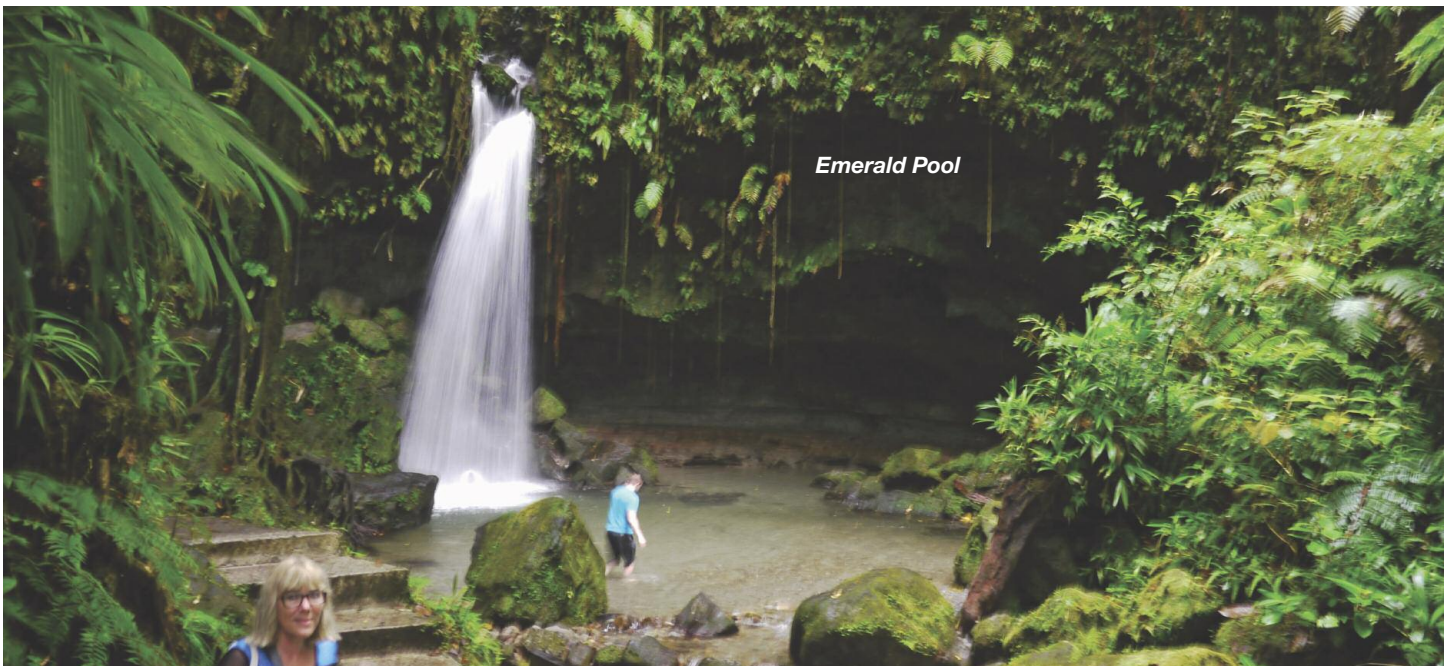
Dominica is sometimes called the “nature island”, and with good reason! Its unspoiled quality earned it a starring role in at least two of movies in the Disney “Pirates of the Caribbean” franchise: “Dead Man’s Chest” (the 2nd movie) and “At the World’s End” (the 3rd). However, despite the hundreds of rivers flowing down from the island’s volcanic peaks, Dominica is, like Eleuthera and St. Thomas, also dependent on desalination for fresh water. However, the greater quantity of rainfall here allowed the Dominicans to meet their water needs during most of their colonial history by collecting rainfall, and collected rainfall still makes a modest contribution to the island’s water supply.

Join us again next month, as we “weigh anchor” for Grenada, the Island of Spice!

**Pineapples**



**Emerald Pool**







Contributed by IMCZ sports' editor Joseph Dow



# A SLOW START BUT STILL A FINE SEASON: *Wrapping up the 2014-15 Swiss Ski Season*



At the beginning of the season, snow was in short supply in most of Switzerland.

Compared to prior years, my pre-Christmas skiing in Zermatt was surprisingly limited with hard snow conditions. The hidden gem was Airolo in Ticino, which early in the season seemed to have lots of snow where others were bare.

In the middle of the season, I managed to revisit the international resort of Samnaun (CH)/ Ischgl (A), which is somewhat out of the way, but worth the trip. It's one of the biggest and best ski areas in Europe, and I will try to return next season and prepare a full report. During January through April, I had plenty of good skiing at Arosa, Scuol, St. Moritz, Davos and a new one for me, Brigels.

Just a few weeks ago, I spent a particularly enjoyable ski day at Engelberg-Titlis with Muthana Kubba, our newsletter chief editor. At 79 years old, he skis with reckless abandon

like a maniacal junior in the Swiss ski race pool. Concerned about me skiing above him with my ultra-short 128cm hypercarvers, he insisted I ski first down a particularly steep and icy run near Stand. I scoffed, but said OK and zipped down the run. Just as I was turning to yell over my shoulder, "See, *no problema!*" I saw him flat on his back, upside down, sliding towards a large lift tower at speed with his skis and equipment littering the hill above. Amazingly, and much to my relief, he popped right up to declare he was A-OK. Phew! The season ended on a very good note.

So for next season, to what do we have to look forward? I will try to continue my quest to ski every Swiss ski area (outside of the random named rope tows that every farmer seems to put up) of the approximate 160 areas. At the top of my list are Tschierschen, Savognin, Obersaxen, Elm, Arolla, Evolène, Vals, and the little areas around Visp.

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Here are a few interesting pieces of gear you might consider for next season:

**POC** – Products from this Swedish company seem to be the most technically advanced and stylish in my opinion. Check out their very comfortable helmets and goggles. I recommend the Skull X helmet and Cornea goggles.

**Arc'teryx** – While they are more of a climbing company than one focused on resort skiing, I have to say their ski gloves are by far the best I've ever used. They have great functional features and the quality is impeccable. My choice is the Zenta AR gloves.

Again, we say good-bye to a wonderful Swiss ski season. Enjoy the pictures!





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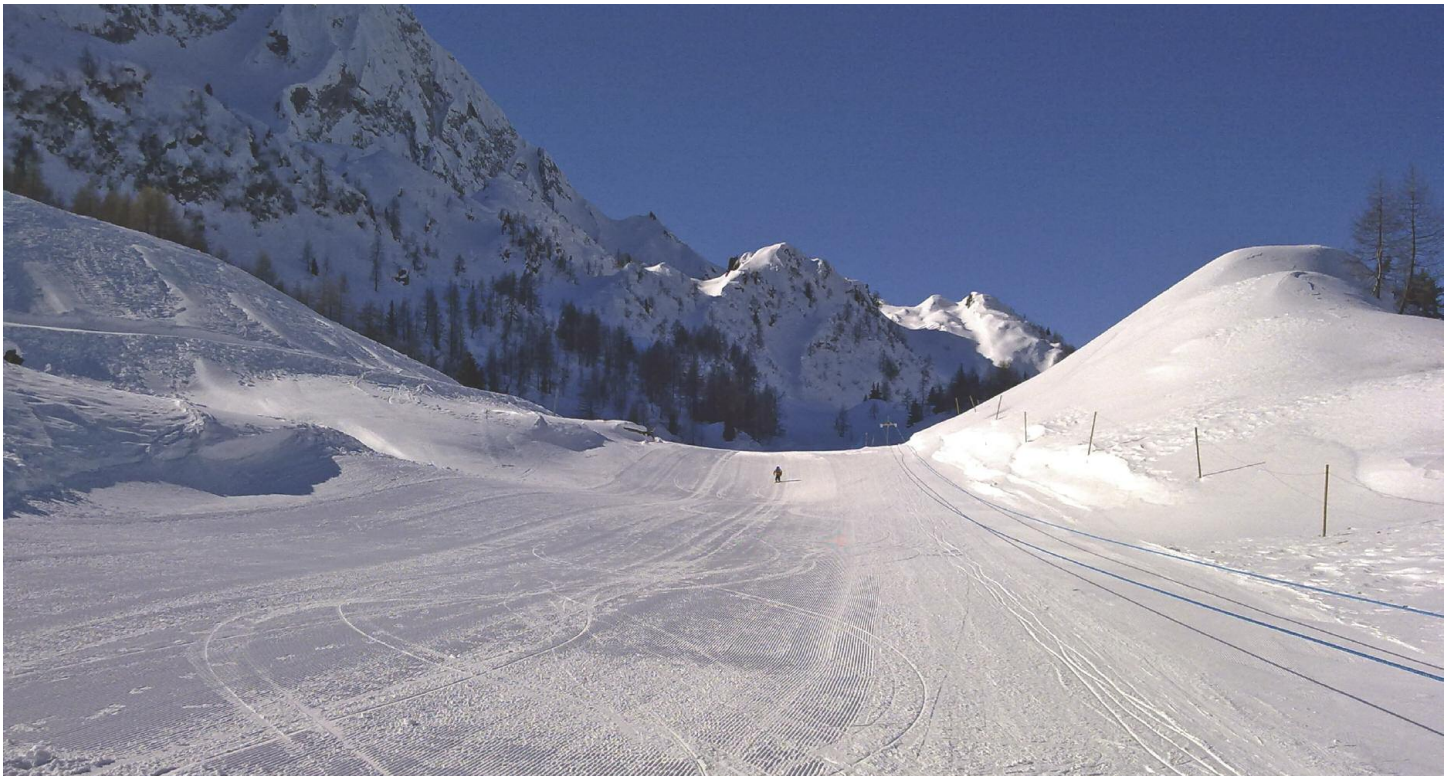
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**Arc'teryx:** <http://arcteryx.com/product.aspx?language=EN&gender=mens&model=Zenta-AR-Glove>





### Low Turn-up

Organised and compiled by IMCZ member Stephen Butterworth

Possibly because Tuesday is not a good day for many, the turn up was quite low this time. Just the same both Roger Dixon and Colin Mason played splendidly, and were closely matched, even with their different handicaps. Colin claimed he hasn't been practicing, I too had my excuse for my poor performance: according to one or two participants, there was oil on the lanes ☺ Adrian joined as well, from Singapore! It is proven now, that an Intercontinental game can be played monthly. A good idea! How about other members joining in by "Tele-Bowling"? Who knows one may even win the wine, without being anywhere near Meierskappel. This time, however, a well deserved bottle of wine went to Roger Dixon as first, the second bottle went to Colin, he was second. Congratulations to both.



HANDICAP RESULTS											
First Name	Surname	Game1	Game2	Game3	total	this months avg	overall_avg	handicap	STRIKES	SPARES	Split
Roger	Dixon	119	177	115	615	137	116	68	5	10	
Colin	Mason	133	164	115	583	137	129	57	6	9	1
Adrian	Lüdi	93	114	116	518	108	119	65	3	6	
Beat	Züger	114	108	127	505	116	136	52	5	6	3
Sergiy	Shtangey	106	85	98	493	96	115	68	1	4	4
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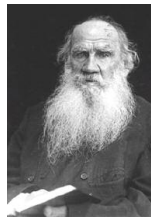
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Adrian	Lüdi	93	114	116	323	108	119	65	3	6	
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Stephen	Butterworth	100	89	99	288	96	119	65	1	5	1





## Words of Wisdom

- You're getting old when you enjoy remembering things more than doing them.
- You can't buy love, but you pay heavily for it.
- Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something
- Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
- Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.
- I believe we should all pay our tax with a smile. I tried - but they wanted cash.
- Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.
- Don't feel bad. A lot of people have no talent.



## At the hospital

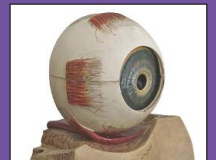
The Royal College of Nursing has weighed in on Prime Minister David Cameron's health care proposals for the National Health Service. The Allergists voted to scratch it; but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. The Obstetricians, however, felt they were all labouring under a misconception. Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted. Pathologists yelled; "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up." The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it. The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands off the whole thing. The Ear Nose and Throat specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it. The Pharmacists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter...." The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, but the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the arseholes in Whitehall.

## On Marriage and Wives

- Don't marry the person you want to live with, marry the one you cannot live without, but whatever you do, you'll regret it later.
- Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right and the other is the husband!
- Marriage is give and take. You'd better give it to her or she'll take it anyway.
- My wife and I always compromise. I admit I'm wrong and she agrees
- Ladies first. Pretty ladies sooner.
- There is only one perfect child in the world and every mother has it.
- There is only one perfect wife in the world and every neighbour has it!



An ophthalmologist was retiring. His colleagues decided to present him with a finely sculptured model of an eye. At the presentation ceremony, he looked long at the present, then said "Thank god I am not a gynaecologist."



## Long Life

A woman and her twelve-year-old son were riding in a taxi in Detroit. It was raining and all the prostitutes were standing under awnings.

"Mom," said the boy, "what are all those women doing?"

"They're waiting for their husbands to get off work," she replied.

The taxi driver turns around and says, "Geez lady, why don't you tell him the Truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money."

The little boy's eyes get wide and he says, "Is that true Mom?"

His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answers in the affirmative.

After a few minutes, the kid asks, "Mom, if those women have babies, what happens to them?"

"Most of them become taxi drivers," she said.



## Heart Issues

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to have his annual check up. A few days later, his doctor saw him walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor saw Morris again and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor replied, "That is not what I said, I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'"

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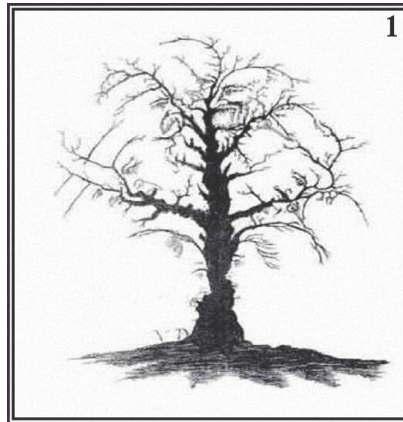


This month's puzzle does not require sums or algebra. It does, however, tax your observation faculties and imagination. Each of the following five pictures has figures within them. If you can't see them then it helps to take another look from a different distance and angle. If you can see the figures in all the pictures, then do send an email to the editor



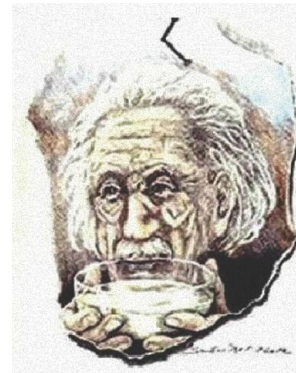
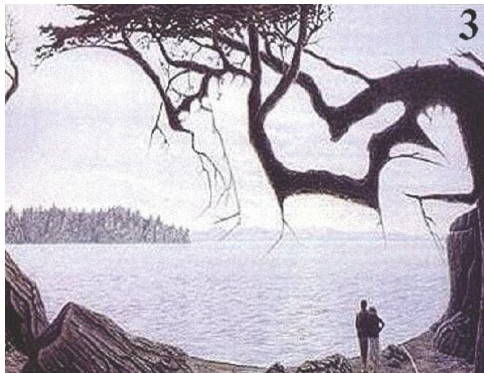
giving detailed description of the content of each picture. The pictures are numbered. The sender of the first received correct answer shall have his first drink on the house next time he comes to the Stammtisch.

For example, what do you see in this picture? A young girl ... Look again. Ooo it is an old witch.



There were no responses to last month's three lamps with three switches puzzle. The solution is so simple that those who might have tried it, would wonder why they haven't thought about it:

- Assume the switches are labeled A, B and C
- Turn on switches A and B.
- Wait one minute,
- Switch off B
- Enter the room
- The illuminated bulb is controlled by switch A
- Feel the non-illuminated bulbs
- The warm non-illuminated bulb is controlled by switch B
- The cold non-illuminated bulb is controlled by switch C



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