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Dear Wikimedians

We would like to inform you about current activities of WMCH and give you an update about noteworthy news. Enjoy the Newsletter and get back to us via info@wikimedia.ch in case you have any questions.

Association's life

General Information

- Each member of WMCH can now directly submit resolutions on the page of the [Board](#).
- Furthermore we started to create a [Lexicon](#) where we would like to define all important terms and shortenings. This will make it easier for new members to get on board. Everybody is very welcome to contribute.

General Assembly 2014

The date for the General Assembly 2014 will be set soon, so that members are able to plan ahead and attend the General Assembly in the year 2014. To follow the discussion about the date for the GA 2014 please check [Village Pump](#)

Wikimania 2013

[Wikimania](#), the yearly worldwide reunion of Wikip/medians, took place in Hong Kong, from August 7-11. It was an exciting time with lots of interesting inputs. For everybody who staid at home and missed the event, you can find valuable insights here:

- [Podcasts](#) of the main presentations are available online. Make sure to not miss the ones from Sue Gardner, Jimmy Wales etc.
- Wikimedia CH sponsored 12 scholarships for Wikip/medians all over the world in order to make their attendance possible. If you missed to apply for this years Wikimania, make sure to apply for scholarships next year!

Coming Soon

- 01.09. - 30.09.2013: [Wiki Loves Monuments 2013](#)
- 09.09.2013: Kick-off event for everybody interested in exchanging ideas and experiences about organizing and hosting Wikipedia workshops (in German). For more informations please check [Workshop Introducing Wikipedia/de](#)
- 14.09. - 15.09.2013: [OER Conference](#) (Open Educational Resources), Berlin
- 16.09. - 18.09.2013: [OKcon Open Knowledge Conference](#) in Geneva. Wikimedia CH is granting 10 scholarships and you can apply at info@wikimedia.ch. More info further down.
- 19.09.2013: [Re:Public Domain Walk](#), Geneva and Mont Salève
- 27.09.2013: [Re:Public Domain Night](#), Zurich (Rote Fabrik)
- 28.09.2013: [Zürich-Stammtisch](#). A visit of the [Theater-Museum](#) is planned as supporting program.
- 20.10.2013: [Re:Public Domain Matinée](#), Aarau
- 09.11. - 10.11.2013: [Wikimedia Diversity Conference](#), Berlin
- 15.11.2013: [Zürich-Stammtisch](#)
- 22.11.2013: [Re:Public Domain Show](#), Bern
- 22.11. - 24.11.2013: [WikiCon 2013](#), Schwerin
- November 2013: [10th anniversary of the Alemannic Wikipedia](#)

Wiki Loves Monuments

The photo contest for monuments is starting again at September 1. For more information see wikilovesmonuments.ch

Wikipedian Reunions

28.09.13 in Zürich

Important Dates

16.-18.09.13 OKCon in Genf
09.-10.11.13 Diversity Conference in Berlin

Scholarships

Wikimedia Switzerland is awarding 10 scholarships for the attendance at OKCon in Geneva and 4 scholarships for the attendance of the Diversity Conference in Berlin. If you're interested, please apply at info@wikimedia.ch.

Wikipedian in Residence

Enjoy the [Interview](#) with the Wikipedian in Residence in the Federal Archive.

Questions?

Please get back to us via info@wikimedia.ch

And last but not least: Wikimedia CH is a partner of the PD remix event [Re:Public Domain](#) (1942 -> 2013)

Interesting: [Maps of the European events](#)

Presentations and/or training on Wikiplmedia

Wikimedia CH hosted a [booth](#) during [Wikimania](#) in Hong Kong in order to present the Swiss chapter and the following projects:

- [Kiwix](#)
- [Public Domain Project](#)
- Digitization projects in general, like the [Neuchâtel Herbarium Project](#)
- [Edelweiss Award](#)

Projects

Digitization: Herbarium in Neuchâtel & Botanical Garden in Lausanne

If there is anyone out there who needs to perform civilian service in 2014: We're looking for you! In the Herbarium in Neuchâtel and in the Botanical Garden in Lausanne we're looking for civilians in order to digitize the assets. Please get back to us if you want to know more!

Labisalps and history of Alps project

The project of [LabisAlps](#) donation is in the second phase.

In the last months the [International Association of Alpine History](#) has released the scientific journal in cc-by-sa and the first upload in [Wikisource](#) is started.

In the same time also the first upload of an ancient book, [De Re Metallica](#) of Georgius Agricola, is done and the community is working in to adapt the text to Wikisource.

The collaboration with the Association has opened some good discussions for new projects for 2014.

Wikipedian in Residence in Federal Archives

As you already know, the [Swiss Federal Archives](#) and Wikimedia CH are joining forces to review source materials from the Federal Archives and publish them online through a Wikipedian in Residence. The first joint project will provide access to a photographic collection on the First World War.

The Wikipedian in Residence at the Swiss Federal Archives started work at the beginning of July. [Micha L. Rieser](#) has been an active Wikipedian since 2005. He will assist the Federal Archives in publishing selected documents as part of Wikimedia projects and advise the Federal Archives staff on how to contribute to Wikipedia. Micha Rieser is also the contact for anyone in the Wikipedia-Community wishing to learn more about the tasks and fonds of the Federal Archives. If you would like to read more about this, check out the exclusive interview with Micha on our [website](#).

This project was initiated by Wikimedia CH's volunteers, Rupert Thurner and Beat Estermann. Wikimedia CH will share the salary costs of the Wikipedian in Residence with the Federal Archive.

Wiki Loves Monuments

see their [report](#)

Offline

[Kiwix](#), the offline Wikipedia, has new promotion material, e.g. [flyers](#) and [brochures](#), which were handed out during Wikimania in Hong Kong to a lot of attendants. This communication material allows us to broadly communicate this project which is strongly supported by WMCH.

Community: Scholarships for OKCon

Wikimedia CH is granting 10 scholarships to WMCH members to attend the [Open Knowledge Conference](#) in Geneva from 16th-18th of September. We're looking forward to get your application on info@wikimedia.ch.

Working Groups

[see their reports](#)

Staff

As you have seen on all our means of communication, WMCH is selecting a new CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) and a CSO (Chief Scientific Officer). The application deadline has officially ended on June 30 and WMCH received lots of promising applications. The interviews has been held in July and we'll communicate the updates on this issue regularly. Chantal Ebongué left Wikimedia Switzerland by mid July. We wish Chantal all the best for her promising future career and private life - she has been an endless enrichment for WMCH in the past 12 month and for this we would like to thank her wholeheartedly. Muriel will take over a part of Chantal's tasks until a successor is hired. Please feel free to contact her on muriel.staub@wikimedia.ch.

Community Liaisons, CIO, CAO

are [reporting](#) every week.

Board

Charles Andres, from the board of WMCH, would like to share the following insights with you:

- Wikimania: During Wikimania in Hong Kong there were several discussions regarding the FDC (Funds Dissemination Committee) and what an excellent FDC application should look like. These talks with staff and volunteers of the FDC committee were very time-consuming but also very valuable.
- [KIWIX](#): Thanks to [Wikimania](#), there was a chance to work on a lot of collaboration-plans, f.ex. with the Wikimedia chapters from Canada, Indonesia and Argentina. On the top of that, a lot of chapters got in touch with Charles after Wikimania regarding KWIX. The upcoming year 2014 is all about the dissemination of KIWIX - all around the world.
- GLAM: A partnership with the botanical garden and -museum in Lausanne was established. The projects contains the digitization of a historical herbarium as well as the implementation of a path for person with a debility of sight. The infrastructure contains KIWIX servers as well as audio-data of 30 Wikipedia articles from the theme botanic.

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