ACTIVITY REPORT

January 2016 to June 2017
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Being a member of the Diplomatic Club of Geneva is to participate in the influence of International Geneva

As a unique hub for ideas and experiences, International Geneva is the world’s leading centre in terms of concentration of international actors and meetings. The Diplomatic Club embodies this image.

The Diplomatic Club is recognized as the official club of International Geneva by the Swiss Confederation, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva, the United Nations Office in Geneva and the Fondation pour Genève. The Club is cherished by decision-makers and opinion leaders who meet there to exchange ideas and discuss current issues, all while developing synergies between their respective institutions and cultivating a rich and exclusive network of relationships.

Members of the Diplomatic Club enjoy a variety of activities organized by the club. These include roundtables, conferences, receptions, visits and excursions which all participate in bringing to the fore the countless riches of International Geneva.

I look forward to meeting you.

Raymond Loretan
former Ambassador of Switzerland
March 1, 2016
Public Lecture by Mr Staffan de Mistura, United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, on the topic of the Syrian crisis “Syria tragedy: what can be done by the UN when governmental agendas diverge?” at the Maison de la Paix. Moderation: Dr Thania Paffenholz, Research Associate at The Graduate Institute and Director of the Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative.
Participants: 160 Members

May 3, 2016
Panel Discussion on the topic: “Are Elections Giving Democracy a Bad Name?” at the Maison de la Paix. With the participation of Mr Kofi Annan, 7th Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ms Ruth Dreifuss, former President of the Swiss Confederation, Mr Ricardo Lagos, President of Chile (2000-2006), Mr Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria (1999-2007), Mr Hassan Wirajuda, Foreign Minister of Indonesia (2001-2009). Moderation: Dr Thania Paffenholz (The Graduate Institute).
In partnership with The Graduate Institute and the Kofi Annan Foundation
Participants: 130 Members

June 30, 2016
General Assembly and ceremony to officially bid farewell to Ambassador Alexandre Fasel, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UNOG. Speeches by Mr François Longchamp, President of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, Mr Michael Moller, Director-General of the UNOG, Mr Guillaume Barazzone, Mayor of Geneva.
Participants: 120 members

October 3, 2016
Luncheon-debate with Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations at the Chateau de Penthés on the occasion of his farewell to International Geneva.
In partnership with The Swiss Forum for International Affairs (FSPI) and with the support of the Republic and Canton of Geneva
Participants: 110 members

October 3, 2016
Public Lecture by Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations at the Maison de la Paix.
In partnership with the Swiss Forum for International Affairs (FSPI) and the Graduate Institute
Participants: 80 members
October 11, 2016
Evening debate in the company of Mr Cornelio Sommaruga, former President of the ICRC for the presentation of the book “En mission dans le monde de l'humanité”, and visit of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum.
In partnership with ICRC Alumni
Participants: 80 members

November 3, 2016
Exclusive Dialogue with Prof Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum on the topic “The Fourth Industrial Revolution” at the World Economic Forum. The event was followed by breakout sessions led by WEF managers and by a reception.
In partnership with The World Economic Forum
Participants: 120 members

November 21, 2016
Lecture by Mr Johann Schneider-Ammann, President of the Swiss Confederation on the topic of “La Globalisation: déclin ou nouveau départ. Un regard suisse” at the Maison de la Paix, followed by a private reception in the company of the President. Moderation: Ms Esther Mamarbachi (Journalist, RTS) and Prof Cédric Dupont (The Graduate Institute)
In partnership with the FSPI and The Graduate institute
Participants: 120 members

November 25, 2016
Exceptional journey through the Gotthard Tunnel, the world’s longest railway tunnel before its official opening to the public. Visit of the Sedrun multifunction station at more than 800 meters deep under the mountain with Mr Alain Barbey, Regional Coordinator for Western Switzerland (SBB CFF FFS). Traditional Ticino-style drinks reception on the platform in Biasca.
In partnership with the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB CFF FFS)
Participants: 60 members
January 30, 2017 Major Events

Reception on the occasion of the New Year at the FER Genève. “Toasts” by Mr Blaise Matthey, Director-General of the FER Genève, Mr Raymond Loretan, President of the Diplomatic Club of Geneva, Mr Ivan Pictet, President of the Fondation pour Genève, Mr Michael Moller, Director-General of the UNOG, Mr Valentin Zellweger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland (UNOG), Mr François Longchamp, President of the State Council of the Republic and Canton of Geneva.

With the support of the FER Genève

Participants: 160 members

February 21, 2017 Major Events

Exclusive evening with Ms Fabiola Gianotti, Director-General of CERN at the Globe of Science and Innovation and visit of the exhibition “Universe of particles”.

In partnership with the CERN

Participants: 100 members

February 25 and March 4, 2017 Excursions and Discoveries

Underground visit of CERN, including ATLAS, one of the detectors of the LHC accelerator, the result of a unique international collaboration.

Participants: 80 members

February 27, 2017 Debate Series

Luncheon-debate at the Cercle de la Terrasse with H.E. Mr Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania on the topic “Lithuania and its Region in the Face of Global Policy Challenges”.

Participants: 45 members

March 21, 2017 Major Events

Conference and private reception with H.E. Mr Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal on the topic “Pour un nouveau regard sur l’Afrique”, at Uni Dufour, University of Geneva.

In partnership with the University of Geneva

Participants: 120 members
April 24, 2017 Major Events
Conference and private reception with Mr Don McCullin on the topic “Irreconcilable truths: Don McCullin, photojournalist and witness”. Moderation: Prof David Rodogno (The Graduate Institute) and Ms Lisbeth Koutchoumoff Arman (Journalist, Le Temps).
In partnership with Le Temps and the Graduate Institute
Participants: 70 members

May 29, 2017 Excursions and Discoveries
Exploring Geneva: Visit of ABB Sécheron SA, a pioneering technology leader that works closely with utility, industry, transportation and infrastructure. Presentation of Mr Jean-Luc Favre, CEO of ABB Sécheron and Prof Yves Flückiger, Rector of the University of Geneva.
In partnership with the University of Geneva and ABB Sécheron SA
Participants: 40 members

June 6, 2017 Major Events
Organized by The Graduate Institute and the United States Mission with the support of the Diplomatic Club of Geneva
Participants: 100 members

June 6, 2017 Debate Series
Exclusive dialogue with Mr Dominique de Villepin, former Prime Minister of France, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the topic “La nouvelle donne européenne et internationale au lendemain des élections présidentielles françaises”, at the Cercle de la Terrasse.
Participants: 90 members

June 8, 2017 General Assembly
General Assembly followed by a Special Evening “Discovering the Geneva’s Terroir”, at the Farm of Lignon. Speeches by Mr Luc Barthassat, State Councilor, Republic and Canton of Geneva, and Mr Didier Fischer, Vice-President of the Office de promotion des produits agricoles de Genève (OPAGE).
In partnership with the OPAGE
Participants: 110 members

June 20, 2017 Excursions and Discoveries
Breakfast debate on the topic of personalized health and visit of the BATLab, the biggest innovative medical center in Switzerland.
In partnership with the University of Geneva
MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CLUB OF GENEVA

The Diplomatic Club of Geneva aims at gathering the international community and at stimulating exchange that fosters the development of relations with the host State. The 603 members of the Diplomatic Club embody the diversity of the key actors of the International Geneva.

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