



**DIPLOMATIC CLUB
OF GENEVA**

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Activity Report 2021



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Message from the President



Dear Members,

The world has undergone a paradigm shift within a very short period, its geopolitical lines in a state of constant flux. The need for a bellwether is acute, and this is where Geneva comes into its own. As a unique laboratory of ideas and experience, International Geneva is the undisputed world center, in terms of its concentration of international actors. Here, decisions are made daily that have a direct impact on the citizens of our planet. Amid global disorientation, this seat of worldwide governance points toward the directions to be taken, and in this regard, the Diplomatic Club of Geneva wishes to make a modest contribution.

Recognized as the official Club of International Geneva by the Swiss Confederation, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva and the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Diplomatic 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 network of exclusive relationships.

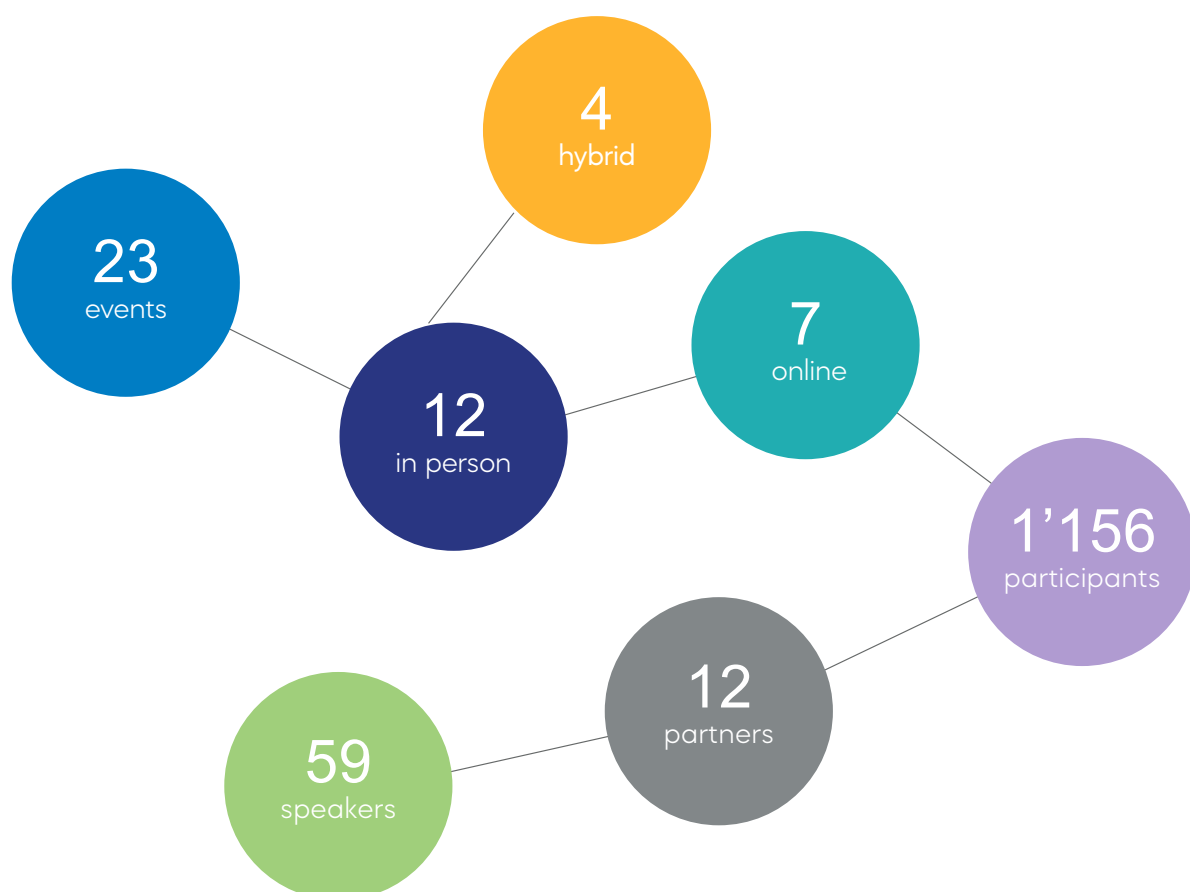
Thanks to the precious support of the Fondation pour Genève, the Club offers its members some twenty high-level events each year, highlighting the different facets of International Geneva, whose potential are never-ending to be explored. The Diplomatic Club means to be part of this dynamic and, numbering 800 members today, to assert itself as an essential place of reflection.

The Committee extends its gratitude to all those who work tirelessly to ensure the quality and perfect organization of our events and meetings, especially to the operational team under the leadership of our energetic Secretary-General, Alizée Ehrnrooth.

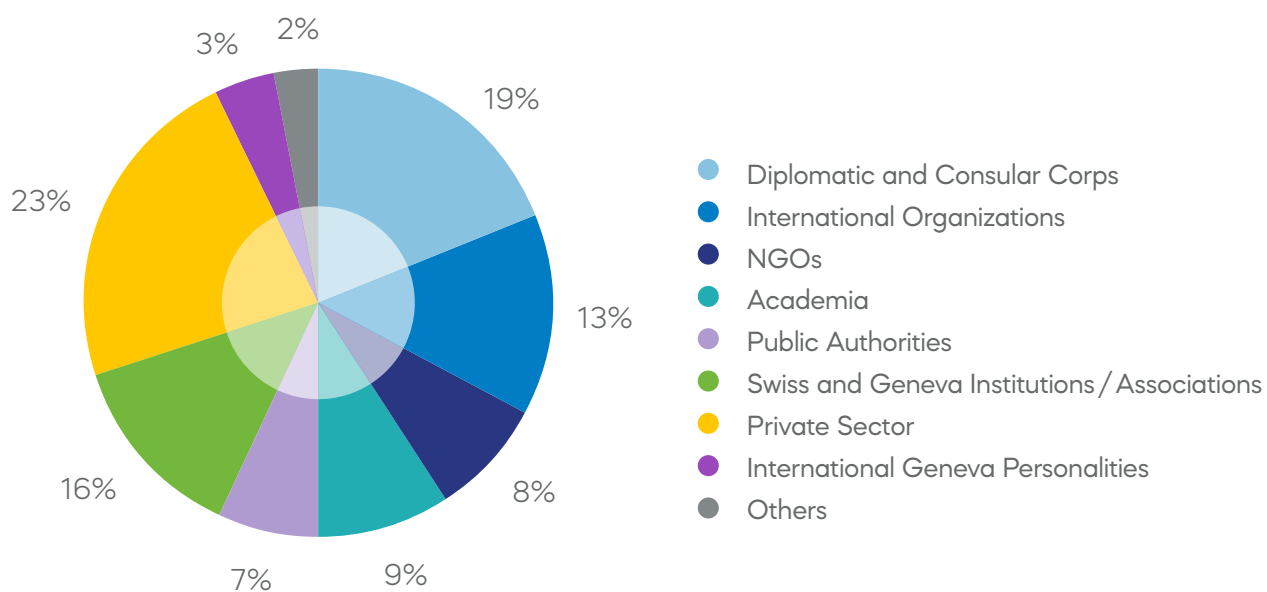
To all of you, thank you for your loyalty and your enthusiasm to support the dynamic development of our Club and thus contribute to the influence of this International Geneva that is so dear to our hearts.

Raymond Loretan

2021 at a glance



> 836 members



Highlights 2021



Diplomatic New Year

28 January 2021

Virtual edition of the Diplomatic New Year with speeches by Tatiana Valovaya (UNOG), Sami Kanaan (City of Geneva), Blaise Matthey (FER Genève) and Marc Pictet (Fondation pour Genève) followed by a discussion on the future of the International Geneva moderated by the President of the Diplomatic Club Raymond Loretan.



High-level Dialogue at the Campus Biotech

15 September 2021

Opening remarks by the Geneva State Councillor Nathalie Fontanet and the Vice-Director of FOPH, Andrea Arz de Falco, followed by a panel discussion on “Are we ready for the silent pandemic of antibiotic resistance?” with Manica Balasegaram (GARDP), Melchior de Muralto (BlueOrchard), Bertrand Levrat (HUG) and Enrichetta Placella (FDFA).



Panel Discussion at the Radio Télévision Suisse

25 November 2021

“Quel avenir pour la Genève internationale à l’heure du virtuel” with Michael Møller (GESDA), Niniane Paeffgen (Swiss Digital Initiative), Amb. Yannick Roulin (Swiss Mission), Marie-Laure Salles (Geneva Graduate Institute) and Amb. Benedikt Wechsler (FDFA) followed by a cocktail reception at the Balcon du Léman.

Evening in honor of Ivan Pictet

2 September 2021

General Assembly followed by an evening in honor of Ivan Pictet with the messages of the Swiss and Geneva authorities and a dinner of Geneva’s terroir in the gardens of the Domaine de Collex.

Discussion with Bertrand Piccard

15 November 2021

Public Conference on “Reconciling Ecology and Economy: A Realist Approach with Bertrand Piccard” followed by a private reception with the guest of honor, at the Maison de la Paix.

Luncheon-debate with Thomas Greminger

30 November 2021

Luncheon-debate with Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Director of the GCSP and former Secretary-General of the OSCE, on the theme “Multilateralism in Transition: Challenges and Opportunities for the OSCE”, at the Terrasse de la paix.



By joining the 2050 Today initiative in June 2021, the Club commits along with the other actors of International Geneva to reach the goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Club works every day, and in its events, on acting in a responsible and tangible way towards our planet.

Events 2021



Meet the Members - virtually 1st Edition

24 February 2021

Virtual meeting with Raymond Loretan, President of the Diplomatic Club of Geneva, on “International Geneva: Breaking the Silos and Building Bridges”.

Exclusive Dialogue with Alexandre de Juniac

20 April 2021

Online Exclusive Dialogue with Alexandre de Juniac, outgoing Director-General and CEO of IATA, on “How aviation will survive the COVID-19 crisis?”. In partnership with SMLH, Suisse.

Exclusive Dialogue with Bertrand Piccard

20 May 2021

Online Exclusive Dialogue with Bertrand Piccard, Chairman of the Fondation Solar Impulse Foundation, on “1'000 solutions rentables pour protéger l'environnement”. In partnership with SMLH, Suisse.

Science Diplomacy: a slogan or a concrete asset for society?

18 March 2021

Online Panel Discussion with Martin Chungong (IPU), Michel Jarraud (WMO), Daria Robinson (GESDA) and Nicolas Seidler (GSPI), moderated by Maurizio Bona (CERN).

Meet the Members - virtually 3rd Edition

28 April 2021

Virtual meeting with Olivia Guyot Unger, Director Legal Advice of the FER Genève, on “Vaccination, tests - obligations des employeurs et des employés”.

Screening of “Wake Up on Mars”

25 May 2021

Screening of the documentary film “Wake Up on Mars” followed by an exchange with its film director Dea Gjinovic, at Cinélux.

Meet the Members - virtually 2nd Edition

23 March 2021

Virtual meeting with Vincent Subilia, Director-General of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce (CCIG), on “Have we done enough to mitigate the economic impact of Covid-19?”.

L'art comme lien entre la Genève locale et la Genève internationale

11 May 2021

Panel Discussion with Vincent Defourny (UNESCO), Philippe Dinkel (HEM), Isabelle Gattiker (FIFDH) and Sami Kanaan (City of Geneva), moderated by Marie-Laure Salles (Geneva Graduate Institute). In partnership with the Geneva Graduate Institute and the Fondation pour la Cité de la musique.

Tour of the Piguet Auction House

3 June 2021

Guided tour of the Piguet Auction House's June exhibition with its Director Bernard Piguet.

Events 2021



Exclusive Dialogue with Jean Todt

8 June 2021

Online Exclusive Dialogue with Jean Todt, UN Special Envoy for road safety and President of the FIA, on “A man committed to action”, at Maison de la Paix. In partnership with SMLH, Suisse.

Conversation with Khalid Koser

6 September 2021

Conversation with Khalid Koser, Executive Director of GCERF, on “20 years after 9-11: Counter-terrorism at a Crossroads in Afghanistan”, at the Varembe Conference Centre.

100 ans +1 de vie internationale

21 October 2021

Visit of the exhibition “100 ans +1 de vie internationale” at Divonne-les-Bains followed by a friendship drink with the Mayor Vincent Scattolin.

Guided Tour of International Geneva

29 June 2021

Guided Tour to discover International Geneva followed by a drink at the InterContinental.

GESDA Annual Summit 2021

8 October 2021

Series of events as part of the GESDA Annual Summit, including a cocktail reception at the Campus Biotech.

Innovating together for a resilient International Geneva

2 November 2021

Discussion with Corinne Momal-Vanian (Kofi Annan Foundation), Alex Wong (ITU) et Daniela Wuerz (UNOG), moderated by Tina Ambos (UNIGE), at the InterContinental. In partnership with Geneva Innovation Movement Association.

Geneva Welcome Day 2nd Edition

3 September 2021

Meeting with the Host State authorities and the welcome services of the International Geneva, at the Palais Eynard. In partnership with the CAGI, the Swiss Confederation, the State of Geneva, the City of Geneva and the Fondation pour Genève.

Women in Leadership - How can we close the gap?

13 October 2021

Discussion as part of our commitment to the International Gender Champions initiative with Nathalie Fontanet (State of Geneva), Kareen Jabre (IPU) and Marie-Laure Salles (Geneva Graduate Institute), moderated by Hiba Qasas (Interpeace), at the Birdhouse.

Event for the recently arrived Permanent Representatives and Heads of International Organizations.

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