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When hiking along a stream in the Swiss mountains, you might have come across a tiny power station with its water control mechanisms and what looks like a very small dam. There sure is one on Avançon in les Plans-sur-Bex (Vaud). It makes one wonder how many more hydroelectric stations or dams there are in Switzerland. And once we start exploring, we find out some amazing facts.

We dedicate this edition to a renewable future and to Switzerland's impressive contribution to it, a country that has more dams than any other. There are 220 large dams which are under the federal government's authority, and more than a thousand under the Cantons' jurisdiction. There are many firsts: the Maigrauge Dam in the canton of Fribourg, constructed in the 19th century, was Switzerland's first dam and Europe's first dam made from concrete. Grande Dixence Dam in Wallis, is Europe's tallest at 285 meters and the world's tallest gravity dam. Wallis also boasts the world's first high-altitude floating solar power plant, which was constructed in the winter of 2019. The plant is a stunning feat of engineering, comprising 2,240 m² of bifacial solar panels floating on the reservoir of the Toules dam at 1'180 meters altitude.

Until the early 1970s, around 90% of the energy produced in Switzerland came from hydropower. Later, as nuclear power became more prevalent, this percentage fell significantly, with hydropower now accounting for about 55% of total electricity production. However, plans to increase this portion again are in motion.

Indeed, in 2011, Switzerland made the decision to stop all the nuclear plants, with the execution to take place between 2019 and 2034. It is seen as relatively easily achievable for Switzerland to rely on renewable energy by 2030, most of which will be procured from the hydroelectric centrals through renovations and technology upgrades of electrical centrals attached to dams.

In the meantime, for your summer weekend plans, we vividly recommend you to visit some of these stunning dams. Nearest to Geneva, in Martigny, there is an opportunity to take VerticAlp, a 87% gradient funicular journey to the reservoir of Emosson at 1'930 meters above sea level, and its dam at 180 meters tall. The site of Grande Dixence dam includes a hotel, restaurant and bar and there is a cable car to carry visitors right to the top of the dam. Thrill seekers can even fly across the dam on a zip wire!

Until our next edition in October, we wish you a wonderful summer!

Please keep us posted on events and news that you would like to share at editorsassosuisseturquie@gmail.com

JUNE AND JULY EVENTS

Association Events

Happy Hour– June 15

Geneva

We look forward to seeing you there from 6pm.

For RSV, please contact assosuisseturquie@gmail.com

Republic Ball 100th year Anniversary – October 7

Save the date for this very special ball!

For future Association events : www.assoctr.ch

Member Events

Tasting Bodrum – From June 16 to 18

Aktur Arasta Bodrum

The event to discover Bodrum cuisine is organized by our member Nalan Miri Sözer. There will be tasting, music and stands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Lausanne Bizim Lozan”

100th year edition is just out.

The much-praised book published by our Association is available for purchase at:

-Online on our website : www.assoctr.ch

-Musée Historique Lausanne, Pl. Cathédrale 4 | 1005 Lausanne

-Bookstore Letu in Geneva

<https://letubooks.com/collections/new-arrivals-1/products/notre-lausanne-bizim-lozan>

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

84th Edition of Bol d'Or Was Held on June 10-11

This year's winner in TF sailing category was Double You Team after a 17 hours and 14 minutes racing. Due to lack of wind, many smaller boats had to abandon the race.

Turkish Cuisine Week in Geneva Was Held from May 21 to May 27

This event supported by the Turkish government is an annual gastronomic event to showcase and promote Turkish Cuisine. The dishes were prepared by Turkish chef Can Kayahan. This event is also held in Bern and Zurich.

ARTS UPDATE sponsored by Cornucopia Magazine

Exhibitions and Events

Here Fairytales

C.A.M. Gallery, Istanbul

Until June 24

The relevance of fairytales to current issues in pencil artwork.

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/here-fairytales/>

Istanbul Music Festival

Until June 17

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/istanbul-music-festival-2023/>

Photo Basel

Until June 18

Switzerland's first and only international art fair dedicated to photography-based art.

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/photo-basel/>

Occupied City : Politics and Daily Life in Istanbul 1918-1923

Until December 26

Istanbul Research Institute

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/occupied-city/>

Lecture

Jalal Al-Din Rumi and His Legacy

July 6

British Institute at Ankara

Religion, literature and culture between medieval Anatolia and the Persianate world

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/jalal-al-din-rumi-and-his-legacy/>

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