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In anticipation of our pending visit to Göbeklitepe (a new date still to be confirmed) in Southern Anatolia and the upcoming conference by Prof. M. Fuchs on March 13th, we want to give you a short introduction to this fascinating archaeological site. Six miles from Şanlıurfa, the archaeological site of Göbeklitepe (literal translated, "Bellied Hill") is believed to date back to 10th century BC and the pre-pottery Neolithic era. It is believed to be the world's oldest temple. Göbeklitepe is a superb construction of its time and defies our knowledge and perception of human capability of the past. Indeed, it also challenges the theory that agriculture gave rise to civilisations, and instead, suggests that perhaps religious worship might just have been civilisation's real beginning.

The circular temple is formed of massive T-shaped stone pillars with an altitude of 6m weighing 20 tones each. National Geographic wrote in 2011 that "the site is vaguely reminiscent of Stonehenge, except that Göbeklitepe was built seven millennia earlier and is made not from roughly hewn blocks, but from cleanly carved limestone pillars splashed with bas-reliefs of animals—a cavalcade of gazelles, snakes, foxes, scorpions, and ferocious wild boars.

Please join us on March 13th for this special conference (which will occur during our annual general meeting) and learn more about this fascinating Göbeklitepe site from one of the world's leading experts. In the meantime, we wish you a very happy Valentine's day and, to all the children, happy holidays!

Editors

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

FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS

Association Events

Annual General Meeting – March 13 at 19h00
Geneva

This year's annual meeting will be preceded by Prof. M. Fuchs' conference on Göbeklitepe. We look forward to seeing many of you at the event.

Kindly register at assosuisseturquie@gmail.com.

Sovereignty and Children's Day – April 21 from 14h00

Geneva

Please save the date. More details about the event will be in our next newsletter.

For future Association events : <http://www.chtr.ch/fr/prochaines-activit%C3%A9s.html>

«Iran, causes et conséquences des récentes protestations» February 6, 12:30pm

Auditorium A1B, Maison de la Paix, Geneva

The conference is held in French by Prof. Djalili. Iran, one of Turkey's neighbours, surprised the world on December 28 with protests which took a political turn. The conference aims to give an analysis of these events that took place forty years after the Islamic revolution which changed the political system in the country: http://graduateinstitute.ch/events/_/events/corporate/2018/iran-causes-et-consequences

«World bank report on the changing wealth of nations» - Conference - February 21, at 17:30

Auditorium Ivan Pictet B, Maison de la Paix, Geneva

The conference will see the launch of the new World Bank report as well as the launch of a new book "National Wealth: what is missing, why it matters". It will be followed by a panel discussion. As the wealth gap between the nations ballooned to "extreme levels" in 2017 according to French economist Thomas Piketty, this conference is highly topical: http://graduateinstitute.ch/lang/en/pid/13977-2/_/events/cfd/2018/world-bank-report-on-the-changin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lausanne Bizim Lozan on Sale

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

Bookstore Letu in Geneva

Shop Hotel Beau-Rivage Palace, Ouchy Lausanne

Gallery Heritage in Geneva

And also on

<https://www.abebooks.com/servlet/BookDetailsPL?bi=22298731039&searchurl=sortby%3D0%26vci%3D601833>

We believe it will be a much-appreciated gift by your friends and family!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

On January 31 PBS Channel in the US aired a 2-hour Special on Solar Impulse's Journey

The special documentary called "The Impossible Flight" brought to light the challenges, both technical and personal, of Bertrand Piccard and our member André Borschberg, as they developed, built and flew around the world the solar-powered plane. It also transmitted the message of our aviators: "if renewable energy can work for a fragile aeroplane, it can help inspire humanity to develop new technologies that will avoid carbon pollution".

One of the most beautiful churches of Istanbul reopened on January 8, on Saint Jean Baptiste day

The church also called "Bulgarian Iron Church" is located in Balat on Golden Horn, and it is one of the most important landmarks of the district. Originally built in 1898 with iron structure elements (hence the name), it had been under renovation since 2011 which was funded by both Turkish and Bulgarian governments. The inauguration was attended by President Erdogan and Prime Minister Borisov of Bulgaria.

A 13-year-old Turkish-American boy founded the "Kids4community" charity for homeless

Kenan Pala from San Diego founded the charity for many homeless people in his city. His goal is to encourage the kids to get involved in the community. The charity's first achievements were to collect 4'000 cereal boxes as well \$5'000 in funding. On March 25, the charity will host the Bright Futures 5K, a race for the benefit of homeless.

"Crazy" Istanbul Canal Project has been approved

The route that the new canal will follow has been determined. It will start from the Küçükçekmece Lake, located between the districts of Esenyurt and Avcılar on Istanbul's European side. It would then continue north through Istanbul's Sazlıdere Dam and reach the Black Sea east of the Terkos Dam, located in the village of Durusu in the Çatalca district. Its length will be 45km and will be able host 160 vessels a day. It is expected to cost Eur 13bn.

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ISTANBUL

FARIT Tour of the Golden Horn and the Iron Church

Sunday, February 4

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/farit-tour-of-the-golden-horn-and-the-iron-church/>

Istanbul Recitals: Xuefei Yang

The Seed at the Sakip Sabancı Museum, Emirgan

Tuesday, February 13 at 8pm

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/istanbul-recitals-xuefei-yang/>

If Istanbul Independent Film Festival

Various locations

February 15–25

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/if-istanbul-independent-film-festival-2018/>

Exhibitions closing this month:

Epochs

Anna Laudel Contemporary, Karakoy

January 11–February 16

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/epochs/>

Leaden Waters: How To Be Brave

Galata Greek Primary School, Tophane

January 20–February 17

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/leaden-waters-how-to-be-brave/>

Noise

Orjin Maslak

January 12–February 17

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/noise/>

Sanctuary

Space Debris Art, Karakoy

January 18–February 17

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/sanctuary/>

Behind Mount Qaf

Multi-media exhibition

ARTER, Beyoğlu

Until February 18

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/behind-mount-qaf/>

The Curious Case of Çatalhöyük
ANAMED Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Beyoğlu
Extended until February 18
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-curious-case-of-catalhoyuk/>

Are you awake?
Mixer, Karakoy
January 20–February 24
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/are-you-awake/>

The Animal Side
Mixer, Karakoy
January 20–February 24
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-animal-side/>

Deletion Marks
DEPO, Tophane
February 1–February 25
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/deletion-marks/>

Exhibitions continuing:

Imaginary World of A Paper Architect
Istanbul Research Institute, Beyoğlu
October 4–March 3
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/imaginary-world-of-a-paper-architect/>

Gods, Monsters and Men
x-ist, Nişantaşı
February 1–March 3
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/gods-monsters-and-men/>

Sisters of Persephone
Leica Gallery, Bomontiada
Until March 3
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/sisters-of-persephone/>

Look At Me! / Re/Framing Louis Kahn
Pera Museum, Beyoğlu
Until March 5
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/look-at-me-re-framing-louis-kahn/>

Bring Him Back to Me, Voodoo
Blok Art Space, Beyoğlu
February 7–March 10
<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/bring-him-back-to-me-voodoo/>

Vik Muniz

Dirimart Dolapdere
February 2–March 11

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/vik-muniz/>

Creating the Moon Anew

Dirimart Nişantaşı

January 18–March 18

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/creating-the-moon-anew/>

Beewax is the Elbow Grease of Bees

Pi Artworks Istanbul, Karakoy

February 10–March 28

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/beewax-is-the-elbow-grease-of-bees/>

ANKARA

A Young Genius Painter

CerModern, Ankara

January 5–February 4

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/a-young-genius-painter/>

Scent and The City

Curated by Dr. Lauren Nicole Davis

Erimtan Archaeology and Art Museum, Ankara

through March 31

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/scent-and-the-city1/>

AROUND THE WORLD

Fahrelnissa Zeid Retrospective

KunstHalle by Deutsche Bank, Berlin

Until March 25

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/fahrelnissa-zeid1/>

Lecture: The Travels and Plant Collections of Aucher-Éloy, Oman, 1838

London Middle East Institute at SOAS, London

Thursday, February 15 at 5.45pm

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-travels-and-plant-collections-of-aucher-eloy-oman-1838/>

The Turkish Makam: Sounds of Istanbul

RAI, 50 Fitzroy Street, London

Wednesday, February 28 at 6pm

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-turkish-makam/>

11th Ancient & Modern International Research Prize

Applications close Wednesday, February 28

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/11th-ancient-modern-international-research-prize/>

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