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The scorching heat of the past two months seems to be finally behind us. We just had the beautiful fireworks of “Fête de Genève,” and Autumn seems to be just around the corner.

Schools in Geneva will restart in about two weeks. Many school children and their families are already planning what to do on Jeûne Genevois, a one day holiday on September 6th. In this month’s newsletter, we wanted to tell more about the history of this uniquely Genevan holiday and how it is celebrated in Geneva.

In English, “Jeûne Genevois” is known in as Genevan fasting day. Every year the holiday, is fixed on the Thursday that follows the first Sunday in September. It is a religious holiday, and--as you may have guessed--relates to Geneva’s roots as the cradle of the Protestant Reformation. The holidays’ origins date back to 1567, when in the beginning of autumn, Protestants in Lyon faced harsh repression during the French Wars of Religion. In a sign of solidarity with their religious brethren, Genevans marked a day of fasting. Later, it became custom to eat a prune tart to break the fast. Because a major part of the afternoon on the day would be spent in praying, a “prune tart” was the only dish that could be prepared the day before. Today, most Genevans do not fast during the day, but they do still enjoy the prune tart. So to celebrate, make sure to have a slice of prune tart on the day!

We would like to wish great start to a happy and successful school year to all our member students, and we would like to wish a very happy August 30 Turkish Victory Day to our members!

Editors

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

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Association Events

The Visit of Patek Philippe Museum – September 26 at 2pm
Geneva

Home to the prestigious creations of the Geneva-based master watchmakers founded in 1839, Patek Philippe Museum has an extraordinary display of watches, musical automata and portrait miniatures from the 16th to 19th century. Prior to the visit there is an optional lunch at 12pm.

Please book for both before September 19 by emailing assosuisseturquie@gmail.com. We have limited space for 30 people only.

Heads up for the Annual Association Ball – November 3

Geneva

Please mark your calendars for our annual gathering to celebrate the foundation of the Republic of Turkey.

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

Opening of Ara Güler's Museum – August 16 at 7pm

Tarihi Bomonti Bira Fabrikası, Istanbul

This new museum is sponsored by Doğu Group as a dedication to lifetime work of the famous photographer. Güler born in 1928 studied in Getronagan Armenian School and Istanbul University. He started his photographic career at Time-Life's newly opened office in 1958. He reached international renown and is known as "Istanbul's Eye".

Gender Equality: why is it so difficult to achieve? – September 25 at 6:30pm

Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Maison de la Paix, Geneva

The gender equality has been one of the most important topics of the past 5 years and it gained further attention with the recent MeToo movement. The conference will be given by Joan Wallach Scott, professor at Princeton University. For more information and registration: http://graduateinstitute.ch/events/_/events/corporate/2018/opening-lecture-of-the-academic

Fêtes de Vendanges – Septembre 26 - Octobre 1

Lutry and Neuchatel

The grape harvest festival is taking place in Neuchatel and Lutry. There are plenty of events and of course vine tasting!

For the full program in Lutry:

<https://www.fetedesvendanges.ch/fete>

For the full program in Neuchatel:

<http://www.fete-des-vendanges.ch/le-programme-de-la-fete/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lausanne Bizim Lozan on Sale

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

- 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

Nestlé is celebrating its 108th year in Turkey

Nestlé is one of the most rooted companies in Turkey and has been operating there for 108 years. For most people, it is surprising to hear that Nestlé's third sales office, right after Paris and London, opened in Istanbul, in 1909. Just 14 years later, in 1927, Nestlé was already opening one of the first factories of the young Turkish Republic, in Feriköy, Istanbul. Today, Nestlé offers more than 800 quality products to the Turkish consumers. Its production in Turkey takes place in two plants in Bursa, Karacabey and Kestel and they produce more than 90% of the Nestlé products sold in Turkey. It also exports from Karacabey to 40 countries in the Middle East and surrounding regions, as well as to the USA.

The Swiss Chamber of Commerce's Summer Cocktail for the Benefit of TEV

On June 21 Swiss Chamber of Commerce organised its annual Summer Cocktail reception at the Grand Hyatt Istanbul. This year's beneficiary was TEV (Turkish Education Foundation). Founded in 1969 TEV is a charity for educating the children in need in Turkey.

"Out of Land" Jazz Quartet's concert was on July 12

One of the most charismatic quartets of European jazz took place at Zorlu Centre. The quartet's Swiss singer Andreas Schaerer grew up in Valais. He later attended the University of Arts in Bern studying singing, improvisation and composition. With his other sextet group "Hildegard Learns to Fly", he won the prestigious Jazz ZKB prize and BMW World-Jazz award. In 2015, he was awarded the title of International Vocalist of the Year at ECHO Jazz Awards.

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Istanbul's Seaside Leisure: Nostalgia from Sea Baths to Beaches

The Pera Museum

Beyoglu, Istanbul

Until August 26

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/istanbuls-seaside-leisure-nostalgia-from-sea-baths-to-beaches/>

8th International Cappadocia Music Festival

August 25 – September 9

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/8th-international-cappadocia-music-festival/>

Weaving History: Mystery of a City

Ankara Rahmi Koc Museum

Until September 16

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/weaving-history-mystery-of-a-city/>

Kütahya: The Sadberk Hanım Museum Kütahya Ceramics Collection

Sadberk Hanım Museum, Büyükdere

Until November 25

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

Picturing a Lost Empire

ANAMED Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Beyoğlu

Until December 31

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/picturing-a-lost-empire/>

AROUND THE WORLD

Istanbul: Two Worlds, One City

International Cultural Centre, Rynek Glowny, Krakow

Until September 2

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/istanbul-two-worlds-on-city/>

Beyond Beyond: a solo exhibition by Ai Kijima

ASU Art Museum, Phoenix AZ

June 23 – September 29

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/beyond-beyond/>

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