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As the upcoming weekend will take place the 4th edition of « Rallye du Chocolat » in Geneva and Lausanne, it is worthwhile to talk about this delicious topic in this edition. The “rallye” offers a gourmet promenade in town that not only let you taste the latest creations of chocolate houses but also vote for your favourites.

Switzerland takes the business of chocolate very seriously as the country consumes 54% of the chocolate it produces and Swiss are the biggest consumers of chocolate in the world at around 12kg per person per year. As to how the chocolate came to Switzerland, there are two major events. In 1679 the mayor of Zurich on his trip to Brussels falls in love with hot chocolate and decides to bring the recipe back to his town. It becomes a hit! However in 1772, the Council of Zurich bans chocolate in the protestant City due to its unseemly reputation as an aphrodisiac!

In the meantime, Italian “cioccolatieri” become experts at making the chocolate in solid form. François-Louis Cailler learns from them in Turin and on his return in 1819 opens the first chocolate factory in Switzerland. Many inventions and creations follow: chocolate with hazelnuts by Charles-Amédée Kohler in 1830, “torrone” formula by Jean Tobler in 1868, milk chocolate by Henri Nestlé and Daniel Peter in 1875... Industrial machine inventions by Philippe Suchard in 1826 and the “conching procedure” by Rodolphe Lindt in 1879 make Swiss chocolate not only tasty but also producible at a large scale. The chocolates of these founding fathers still flatter our palate, aphrodisiac or not! Today, the sector employs 4’608 people through 18 companies chocolate and generates a revenue of CHF1.86bn (about 0.3% of the country’s GDP) of which about half is exported.

You can find more information on this weekend’s rallye from this

link: <https://www.salondeschocolatiers.com/le-rallye-du-chocolat/>

With this occasion we also wish a happy anniversary of Turkish Republic !

Please keep us posted on events and news that you would like to share at

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OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

Association Events

Visit of the Ethnographic Museum – October 5 at 11:50am

Geneva

The permanent collection is called “The Archives of Human Diversity” and its over 1’000 objects are remarkable messengers from cultures all over the world. For those who wish, we will continue to lunch after our visit.

Association’s Annual Republic Day Ball – November 2

Geneva

This year’s ball to celebrate the Republic Day is again Geneva. We received many nice gifts from our sponsors for the raffle and hope to raise a tidy sum for the benefit of a Turkish Foundation (Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı). Every mavi boncuk purchased on the night will go towards this cause. We look forward to seeing many of you!

For more information and registration please contact: assosuisseturquie@gmail.com.

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

Swiss Federal Elections – October 20

Our member Murat Julian Alder will be running for the election on PLR’s list. 37 years old and a lawyer by profession, he has been a representative in the Grand Conseil of Geneva. In addition to French and Turkish, he also speaks Swiss German which is a strong representation point for our Canton in Bern.

“The European Union in a Global Storm” – October 21 at 6pm

Graduate Institute Conference, Maison de la Paix, Geneva

The speaker, Herman Van Rompuy, was the first full-time President of the European Council. Before that, he was the prime minister of Belgium. This conference is part of the EU Lecture Series “Europe Tomorrow”. For more information: <https://graduateinstitute.ch/communications/events/european-union-global-storm>

Turkish Republic Day Celebration Evening – October 29 at 6:30pm

WIPO, Chemin des Colombettes 34, Geneva

The annual celebration is also a happy occasion to meet the representatives of Turkey in Geneva and Switzerland.

For registration please send an email to geneve@mfa.gov.tr

“Future of Trade” by Association of International Chambers (AICC) – October 29 at 5:30pm

WTO, Rue de Lausanne 154, Geneva

Chamber of Commerce & Industry Switzerland-Turkey is pleased to invite you to this joint event with AICC at which the guest speaker is Mr. Roberto Azevedo, Director-General of the WTO. The evening will be brightened by the performance of the pianist Yuuko Suzuki.

For registration please send an email to info@ccist.com

Recital by Gülsin Onay – November 22 at 7pm

Geneva

Gülsin Onay is a leading Turkish concert pianist based in Cambridge. Winner of many competitions, she is considered an exceptional Chopin interpreter. In 2007 she was honoured with the award of a State Medal by Polish nation.

For registration please send an email to geneve@mfa.gov.tr

Atatürk Cultural Center Istanbul

Taksim, Istanbul

AKM which was originally designed by Hayatı Tabanlıoğlu and opened in 1969, has been transformed by his son Murat Tabanlıoğlu in a style that he calls a “reorganized” version of his father’s work. Indeed, the new building reflects the spirit of the old. Although it will mainly serve as an opera house, the center will also have venues ranging from cinema and theatre to exhibition halls, cafes and restaurants.

Our member Nalan Miri Sözer organizes on June 3/4/5/6/7 2020 a festival of nature, art, history and gastronomy: The "3rd Tasting Alacati" Izmir-

We wish to be with you for this trip. If you

are interested and would like to participate, please contact Ali Rıza Çandarlı until the end of October 2019: ali@claros.com.tr +905324127719

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

XV. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum Was Held in Istanbul on September 20

This year's hot topic was "Impact of Artificial Intelligence on our Society: Global Trends and Cases for Turkey". The guest speakers included Dalith Steiger of SwissCognitive and Faruk Eczacıbaşı of Eczacıbaşı Holding.

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ISTANBUL

16th Istanbul Biennial

The Istanbul Shipyards (Tersane), Pera Museum and Büyükkada

Until November 10

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/16th-istanbul-biennial/>

Two Archives, One Selection: Tracing Ara Güler's Footsteps in Istanbul

Istanbul Modern Temporary Space

Until November 17

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/two-archives-one-selection/>

Archival Memories: Marcell Restle's Research in Anatolia and Beyond

ANAMED

Until December 1

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/archival-memories/>

THE WORLD

John Frederick Lewis: Facing Fame

Until November 3

The Watts Gallery, Guildford

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/john-frederick-lewis/>

The Celebrated Mr Belzoni

Until November 10

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-celebrated-mr-belzoni/>

We, Elsewhere

Venice Biennial

Until November 24

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/we-elsewhere/>

The Efendis of 71 Wale Street, Bo-Kaap
The Iziko Bo-Kaap Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
Until December 31

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-effendis-of-71-wale-street-bo-kaap/>

Coming Up:

Inspired by the East: How the Islamic World Influenced Western Art
British Museum

Opens October 10

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/inspired-by-the-east/>

Troy: Myth and Reality

British Museum

Opens November 21

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/troy/>

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