



AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB



E-Newsletter



Dear AIC members,

We would like to share a few updates with you on what's been going on lately.

Thanksgiving Celebration

This year's Thanksgiving Celebration will be held on **Friday November 27th** from 7pm to midnight... at the 5-star **Hôtel Beau-Rivage Genève**. There will be a cocktail sponsored by **Bacardi**, followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner made by the **Michelin Star Dominique Gauthier**. We will then have our traditional **Charity Auction** and **Tombola Draw**. At 10pm dancing to the **Albert-Mark Band**



Registration price: CHF 125 for AIC members, US Mission, Bacardi Employees and Brown University. CHF 150 for non-members.

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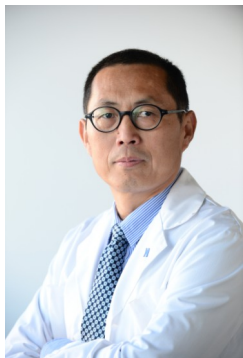
Prof. Program with Sophie Lavaud



Sophie Lavaud, the first Swiss French speaking woman in Switzerland to climb Everest on the Tibetan North side was named "Sagarmethe" "the woman whose head is touching the sky". Sophie climbed the Mont Blanc in 2004 and after subsequent climbs is now known as the "Lady 24'000". She will be speaking to the AIC on **Wednesday October 28th** in the evening on **"EVEREST, the followership: secrets of a successful climb, a dream, a project, a summit."** Sophie was in Nepal during the devastating earthquake and avalanches. Come and hear her own personal story as to what happened on the mountain during these terrifying moments. If you would like to donate to the victims of the earthquake in Nepal please go to her website on www.sophielavaud.com.



Dr. Hong Guang Dong



Dr. Dong will be speaking to the AIC on **Wednesday 4th November** in the evening on **"Traditional Chinese Medicine in modern health care"**. Dr. Hong Guang Dong graduated from both the University of Chinese Medicine Beijing and the Faculty of Medicine of the **University of Geneva**. He has worked for almost 10 years at the Clinic of Geneva. Since 2004, he has integrated Chinese medicine with Western medicine practicing at the **Hôpital de la Tour**. In 2010 he created his own network of care, Dr. Dong Clinic, in collaboration with La Tour Hospital Medical Group and Onex. Luncheon sponsored by



Opera Midsummer Night's Dream



On Sunday, November 22nd at 3pm, the matinée performance at the **Grand Théâtre** for Benjamin Britten's opera **"A Midsummer Night's Dream"** will take place.

AIC Members and a guest may purchase tickets for the Opera at a **special reduction of 10%** by presenting your AIC Member Card at the box office of the Grand Théâtre. Please note AIC pre reserved seating together is reserved until November 1st in blocks A & B.

Following the performance, the English-speaking cast of the Opera will meet us in the exquisite Foyer of the Grand Théâtre for an **exclusive AIC "meet & greet"** with champagne and feuilletés.

If you love opera and wish to be a part of this exceptional afternoon of entertainment, please purchase your tickets before November 1st. We would expect all people participating to attend one of the performances.

In collaboration with the Grand Théâtre de Genève.

For more information, www.amclub.ch



Social Media

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Do not forget to tweet: **#AICGENEVA**



Reporting on AIC Events

4th of July

This year's 4th of July was held at the Campagne du Château in Grand-Saconnex. Four different **curb trucks** served food and deserts. Participants enjoyed delicious hamburgers from **The Hamburger Foundation**, large and tasty hot dogs from **Hot Dog Brokers** and **Funky BBQ** serving authentic American BBQ ribs, brisket, pulled chicken, with a variety of homemade BBQ sauces. For desert, we were pleased to have **Puro Gelato**, who served real Italian ice cream, the perfect desert on a hot day or anytime. Back by popular demand was the famous **Bacardi bar**, serving Mojitos, Daiquiris and other fine Bacardi drinks. The **Geneva Seahawks football team** played flag football with club members and their children, the latter tossing and catching the ball with the pros while others danced and moved to the **Zumba** beat, following the lead of the dance instructor from Gisela Vargas "**Wellness Only**". **Party Time** entertained children with bouncy castles, face painting and games. The AIC would like to sincerely thank the 4th of July sponsors: **Manor, HP, Collège du Léman, Honda, Safe Home and Axa Winterthur.**

Chand Kaul Memorial Golf Tournament



The 2nd edition of the AIC Chand Kaul Memorial Golf Tournament was once again held under sunny skies and ideal golfing temperatures at the beautiful **Maison Blanche Golf and Country Club** in nearby **Echenevex, France**, on September 4th. **36 AIC members** (plus a few guests) participated in the now traditional "**Shotgun Scramble**" event.

Participants started arriving bright and early to partake in the continental breakfast on offer. They then moved over to the practice area to warm up before heading off to their assigned holes. The "shotgun horn" went off at 8:30 sharp and the teams were off to what was to be a fun filled morning of highly competitive, but friendly, golf. It should be noted that all of the teams completed their rounds in close to four and a half hours and for this the Maison Blanche director **Cédric Perret-Bory** thanked all of the AIC participants. The weather was most cooperative which allowed us to enjoy the **cocktail and buffet lunch** that followed on the lovely Maison Blanche terrace overlooking the 10th and 18th holes. We even managed to get a peek at beautiful Mont Blanc and the surrounding mountain range. The prize giving ceremony was an event unto itself, hosted, once again, by **AIC Club President Ed Flaherty** and **AIC Sports Chair Raphael Negron**. As was the case last year prizes were awarded to all of the teams, which speaks volumes to the generosity of this year's sponsors. Although we did not enjoy the support of a corporate partner, a small group of



AIC members plus a few club friends stepped up to the plate to finance the bulk of this event. We would like to thank members **Peter and Pamela Cloutier, Gilles Sautebin, John McCarthy, Roy Ryan, Cédric Good, Sandor Szabados, Ed Flaherty and Raphael Negron** as well as “club friends” **SWISS, Golf Center and Maison Blanche** for their generous contributions.

Visit of Château d'Hauteville



On September 5th, AIC members and guests were invited to a private **pre-auction viewing** with **Mr. Bernard Piguet**, DG of Hôtel des Ventes (GE), as our guide. What a relief to be able to move around the chateau before the doors opened to the public ! Mr. Piguet highlighted some items of *Americana* : original Benjamin Franklin lightning rods on the roof ; Tiffany silver ; and promotion certificates of General Alexander Macomb (1782-1841) – the “Hero of

Plattsburg” (War of 1812) – signed by the first five American Presidents, together with his Congressional Metal of Honor. Afterward, fighting the crowds to exit, we had a relaxed **lunch at the Hôtel des Trois Couronnes (Vevey)** with 25 of us around the same table in our own dining room. We were honored that **Mr. & Mrs. Grand d'Hauteville** joined us, provided more background on the family’s American ancestors, and offered three toasts: to President Obama ; to the AIC ; and to the long and friendly Swiss-USA relations.

Professional Program Panel on Career Movement with 4 panelists



Diana Ritchie moderated a panel on the importance of **cross sector transition among the private, non-profit and government sectors** in and AIC Professional Program at the **Swissôtel Metropole** on September 15th. **Janet Voûte**, Head of Global Public Affairs at Nestlé; **Karen Saddler**, Chief Communications Officer of AOG Private Investment Group and Executive Director of Addax and Oryx Foundation; and **Judith Webster**, Co-Founder of Jhamtse Switzerland,

shared with **the 60 plus participants** their personal stories and valuable advice on learning the language of each sector, being aligned with one’s values, using one’s network and being strategic with one’s career progression while knowing oneself, the culture of the employer and the aspirations for career moves. Judith inspired the audience to give to society even if it means creating an association. Janet made it clear that business and social issues go hand-in-hand, and Karen had much to say about giving (not “giving back”) and the importance of values in any job.



Luncheon with Dr. Steve Myers - CERN



On September 25th during an AIC luncheon held at the **Intercontinental Hotel** our speaker, **Professor Stephen Myers**, accompanied the mesmerized attendees on a **voyage through science**. Professor Myers was CERN's Director of Accelerators and Technology from 2008 to 2014 and currently holds the position of **Head of Medical Applications**. In the first part of the lecture he gave an overview of our relationship as a civilization with particle accelerators and explained how these sophisticated and often enormous machines provide us with insight into the dawn of the universe. He described the engineering requirements for construction of modern day accelerators with particular reference to the **Large Hadron Collider (LHC)** and told the story how the initial commissioning was immediately followed by a serious technical accident. He guided us through the steps needed for recovery following the accident and how shortly afterward the elusive **Higgs Boson** was discovered.

The second part of the lecture had to do with the transfer of CERN's know-how and technology to other fields. He explained how CERN's commitment to knowledge transfer to the medical field has been growing over recent years, leading to the establishment of the Office for Transfer of **CERN Technologies for Medical Applications (CMA Office)** in January 2014. He went on to explain how the CMA Office is mandated to identify, make available, and foster the applicability of CERN's core technologies in accelerators, detectors, simulation, large scale computing and data handling that are pertinent to medical applications. He then took us on a tour of current and future projects such as novel designs for compact accelerators, medical imaging, dosimetry and radioisotope production that hold enormous potential for the **treatment of cancer and other diseases**. The lecture/voyage ended with an enthusiastic audience wishing that they had more time to listen to Professor Myers talk about many of the exciting projects the CMA Office is involved in.

Luncheon with Carole Hubscher - Caran d'Ache



During the AIC luncheon on October 8 at the **Swissotel Metropole**, **Carole Hubscher**, President of **Caran d'Ache**, shared a fascinating journey of 100 years of family passion, innovation and excellence of the internationally renowned **luxury writing instruments** house. 50 participants were held spellbound by her story. Since 1915, Caran d'Ache ("karandash" is the Russian term for "pencil") workshops in Geneva have **used 90 crafts and traditional processes** to create a range of world-renowned exceptional products. This "**Maison de Haute Ecriture**" employs 280 employees in Geneva and is truly 100% Swiss made, offering a unique portfolio of products for all generations.



Karl Lagerfeld, Mario Botta and Picasso have been associated with this **iconic Swiss brand** whose values and promising future developments are represented thought its brand ambassadors – Solar Impulse with Bertrand Piccard and Belinda Bencic, leading Swiss tennis player.

Event sponsored by Enrico Börger, founder of

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CERN *Tour for our Ambassadors*



Everybody in Geneva has heard of **CERN**, but do we really now what reaserch, or search should I say, is conducted there? Where do we come from? What is the universe made of? How did it start?

A group of **AIC Members** were welcomed on October 13 at CERN by Dr. **Rolf Landua** who kindly took us through a fascinating journey in time, space and matter. Then **Antonis Papanestis** took on a tour of various

premises showing and explaining us the **machinery used for the research**. At CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, physicists and engineers are probing the fundamental structure of the universe. They use the **world's largest and most complex scientific instruments** to study the basic constituents of matter – the fundamental particles. The particles are made to collide together at close to the speed of light and thereby create other particles. The process gives the physicists clues about how the particles interact, and provides insights into the fundamental laws of nature. **Many thanks to our two experts and guides and to Marcello Mannelli** for having made this visit possible.



Members Benefits

As you know, being a member of the AIC has many benefits. Please find the list of benefits and their conditions below

MANOR BENEFIT: 15% DISCOUNT AT MANOR SHOP

Conditions: you have to buy the discounted cards at the Office (24 place Bourg de Four, 1204 Genève). You will get a CHF 100 worth card for CHF 85. No limitation in duration or quantities.

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BENEFIT: 10% DISCOUNT ON THE LAST OPERA OF THE SEASON (FALSTAFF)

Conditions: you have to buy your ticket at the Grand Théâtre Box Office and show your AIC Member Card. You can only purchase one ticket per AIC Member.

Grand Théâtre Genève, 11 boulevard du Théâtre, 1204 Genève, Tél. 022 322 50 00

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Heinz Heimann welcome you to discover his broad selection of exceptional hand made chocolates made with pure cocoa butter and free of any hydrogenated fats, no palm oil and no preserving agents.

Chocolaterie Sweetzerland – 36, Place du Bourg-de-Four. 1204 Genève, Tél. 022 310 49 48 – info@sweetzerland.net – www.sweetzerland.net



BENEFIT: UP TO 25% DISCOUNT AT CINE 17 AND CINERAMA EMPIRE

Conditions: show your AIC Member Card when purchasing. Discount for the AIC Member only

Discounts at CINE 17: CHF 15 instead of CHF 20 before 6pm, and CHF 20 instead of CHF 25 after. Discounts at CINERAMA EMPIRE: CHF 12.5 instead of CHF 15, and CHF 40 instead of CHF 45 for a sofa for 2 people.

Ciné 17 – 17 rue de la Corraterie, 1204 Genève. Tél. 022 312 17 17. www.cine17.ch

Showing this week: Woody Allen's « Irrational Man » and « Sicario » amongst others. Relax and have a glass of wine in the most comfortable cinema in Geneva.

Cinerama Empire (opening on 11th November 2015) – 72-74 rue de Carouge, 1205 Genève – Tél. 022 310 72 74 – www.cinerama-empire.ch

For those who want to receive a weekly update of Ciné 17, please subscribe to their e-newsletter webmaster@ciné17.ch



New Members

We would like to inform you of our new AIC Members who have joined since June 2015. We would like to encourage you to invite your friends and colleagues to be members as they will enjoy not only **top global Speakers** with **special member prices** to attend, but also the many professional programs, sporting and cultural events that the AIC organizes for its members. Go to **AIC Facebook** to view all the exceptional events that were organised by the AIC. Give us your opinion on Facebook and on the **AIC Linked In** page. We value your input.

Sara	ABDELFATTAH	GCSP	
Sophie	AGUETTANT	WHO	
Cyrus	ALAM		
Suzanne	ANDERSEN	Proprietor	PURE
Torsten	BARTSCH	Law and Public Policy	CATERPILLAR
Antonio	BATTISTINI	Director	PHORMIUM SA
*Seth	BERKLEY	CEO	GAVI
Carl-Manuel	BRACHET		SUNPOWER CORPORATION
Anthony	BRAHAM	Sefl Employed	
Avenel	BURGESS-THOMPSON	Administrative Assistant	WIPO (retired)
Allyn	ENDERLYN		EDI FOUNDATION
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Anne-Rachel	INNE		ICANN
Sandra	JONES		
Michael	KANE		BACARDI
Philippe	MONNIER	Consultant	MONNIER BUSINESS CONSULTING



**Past Speakers*

*Steve	MYERS	Head of Medical Applica- tions	CERN
Laura	PENN		THE PROFESSIONAL SPEA- KER COACH
Thierry	REMONDEULAZ	Director	FRED JEWELERS
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