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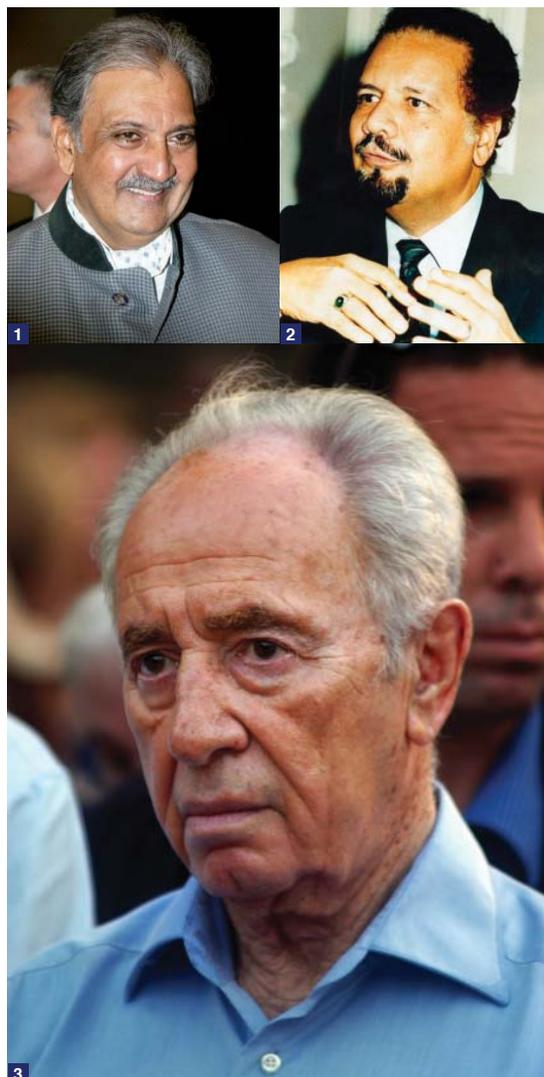
A History of the American International Club

"Let's form an American Men's Club in Geneva like the one Ben Franklin founded in Paris." Henry St. Leger, 1951

One of the original co founders of the AIC. The original idea came from Henry St. Leger, International Standards Organisation and Henry W. Dunning, League of Red Cross Societies. Its first constitution established that "the purpose of this organisation shall be to foster and promote friendly relationships among American men residing or sojourning in Switzerland. The club was founded on May 17th, 1951, **Past Presidents have been CEOs of Ford Motor Corporation, Pan American Airways, IBM, Caterpillar, DuPont, UNHCR, Procter & Gamble, JP Morgan, World Heart Federation.** Beginning with the desire to have 100 members, the club today represents over 800 members, men and women, whose pursuit of excellence and intellectual curiosity binds them together in the continuing search of global knowledge and nations.

The American International Club, founded in 1951, is a reflection of Geneva, the unique international City of Peace, where the world's most important global multinationals, financial institutions and intergovernmental organisations co-exist and complement one another in their diverse and worthy pursuits. Over the past 60 years, the AIC has had the honour to host a great diversity of global leaders, whether in government, the arts or business: from Richard Nixon, George Bush, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mikhail Gorbachev, Shimon Peres, David Niven, Sir Peter Ustinov, Prince Sadrudine Aga Khan; to Foreign Correspondents, such as Arnaud de Borchgrave, Newsweek and later Editor in Chief, Washington Times and William F. Buckley; Antonio Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); to Arthur Rubenstein and Vladimir Ashkenazy; to global business leaders, Umberto Agnelli, Managing Director, Fiat, Edgar Bronfman, CEO, Seagram's, Ivan

Pictet, Senior Partner of Switzerland's most important private bank, Peter Brabeck, CEO of Nestlé, Jean-Claude Biver, Hublot Watches, and Richard Lepeu, CEO Richemont Group; to inspiring world leaders in future technology, NASA Astronauts, Bertrand Piccard, Solar Impulse founder, and Professor Henry Markram, Director of the Blue Brain Project; and in sports, Jackie Stewart, Alain Prost and John McEnroe; as well as the leading Swiss government officials, such as former Presidents Adolf Ogi, and Micheline Calme-Rey.





The flagship activity of the American International Club is its prestigious ongoing Speakers Programme whose participants, in their actions and decisions, have often had a remarkable impact on the world. What other city, could feature such important and diverse global Speakers and topics but Geneva? The AIC has over 800 members, successfully integrating both the American, Swiss and international world of Geneva. The AIC also hosts Professional Programs, Cultural Events, annual festivities such as the Thanksgiving Gala and the July 4th Celebration, as well as sporting competitions, such as golf and tennis. It is a Club that embraces intellectual and cultural pursuits, as well civic concerns, encouraging on-going social interaction amongst its members on a regular basis. Our membership is comprised of one-third American nationals with the balance coming from over 45 different countries. Come join us-welcoming all nationalities for over 60 years!

Images 1) HRH, The Maharajah of Jodhpur 2) Sheikh Zaki Yamani 3) Shimon Peres, Prime Minister Israel 4) Peter Brabeck, CEO Nestlé 5) Micheline Calmy-Rey, President Swiss Confederation 6) Bertrand Piccard, Solar Impulse 7) Patrick Firmenich, CEO Firmenich 8) Ivan Pictet, Bank Pictet 9) Professor Henry Markram, Director Blue Brain Project 10) Mikhail Gorbachev, Former President of the Soviet Union 11) Peter Maurer, President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).