

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010**FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – YORK 2010**

The meeting was held at the Swiss Embassy in the presence of many Delegates, Guests, Committee Members and Observers.

As you may recall from previous announcements, the London AGM was suppose to be one with lesser costs attached. This was indeed the case and we kept the outgoings to a minimum not only for FOSSUK but also for the Delegates.

At the conclusion of the AGM, H.E Ambassador Alexis Lautenberg offered a Reception on the terrace of the Embassy where we enjoyed drinks and canapés and blessed by a glorious afternoon weather. This was the time when we could chat to friends one did not see for a while.

The Forty Fifth AGM itself was a short one as the Agenda showed that no Elections were due. In fact there are no Elections scheduled until 2013. On the other hand some lively discussions took place nevertheless. One point of interest was the Forum that took place earlier that year. As it proved to be a very good platform for interaction and interesting topic, it was decided to take this further in the coming years.

FOSSUK COMMITTEE

The committee met on four occasions during the calendar year.

FINANCES

Please see accounts for full details.

SWISS REVIEW

The untimely death of Derek Meakin Editor of the Swiss Review UK Pages took us all by surprise and left us in a profound state of chock. Our most sincere condolences go to his Family.

Of course this meant a change in the running of the UK Pages. As you may have been aware the UK Pages were always run on a different platform than the other National Pages. This has now stopped and we have been asked by Berne to conform our Pages with the rest of the National Pages. Of course we had to look to fill the position of a new Editor and at the same time terminating the Swiss Review UK Pages as it was known to comply with the new rules imposed upon us by Berne. More on this will be given by our Editorial Committee. As usual the Accounts year ending 2010 will be presented by Erika Farwell. Once again I would like to thank Derek Meakin sadly now departed and Jeffrey Long for their tireless commitments to produce time after time most interesting UK pages and profitable revenues from adverts.

PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

Due to illness I was only able to attend the Congress held in St Gallen but my three colleagues were able to attend the Spring Meeting held in Berne.

CONCLUSION

With the passing of Derek Meakin, a total different sense of values left us, at FOSSUK, with a feeling of emptiness. Sometimes it is difficult to find words to express the loss we experienced and I, as well as all of us will miss Derek immensely. The effort he put in, in giving us, the Swiss Community, news, anecdotes and stories in the Swiss Review UK Pages will be remembered for a long time to come.

APPRECIATION

Many thanks to all whose help was very appreciated, to the Committee and to the Guests, Delegates and observers for coming to London and in particular to Ambassador Lautenberg for a Reception well appreciated by all.

Freddie Wyser

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