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## Q&A: YOUR INFLUENCE AS A SWISS EXPAT | WEBINAR

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

19:00 – 20:30 GMT

Election of Delegates to serve on the **CSA** 2021 – 2025

# AGENDA

- **INTRO TO FOSSUK**  
NATHALIE CHUARD, PRESIDENT FOSSUK
- **INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGANISATION OF THE SWISS ABROAD (OSA)**  
ARIANE RUSTICHELLI, DIRECTOR OSA
- **HOW TO BECOME A UK DELEGATE FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD (CSA)**  
**ELECTIONS FOR THE TERM 2021-2025**  
CAMILLA GHISLANZONI
- **EXPERIENCES FROM THE CURRENT CSA DELEGATES**  
LOREDANA, SARAH, NATHALIE, VINCENT AND FRANZ
- **Q&A**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE USE THE CHAT BOX TO ASK QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT**

# OUR SPEAKERS TODAY



**ARIANE RUSTICELLI**  
DIRECTOR  
ORGANISATION OF THE SWISS  
ABROAD (OSA)



**CAMILLA GHISLANZONI**  
CSA ELECTION LEAD  
NEW HELVETIC SOCIETY



**VINCENT CROSET**



**NATHALIE CHUARD**



**SARAH GRAND-CLEMENT**



**LOREDANA  
GUETG-WYATT**



**FRANZ MUHEIM**

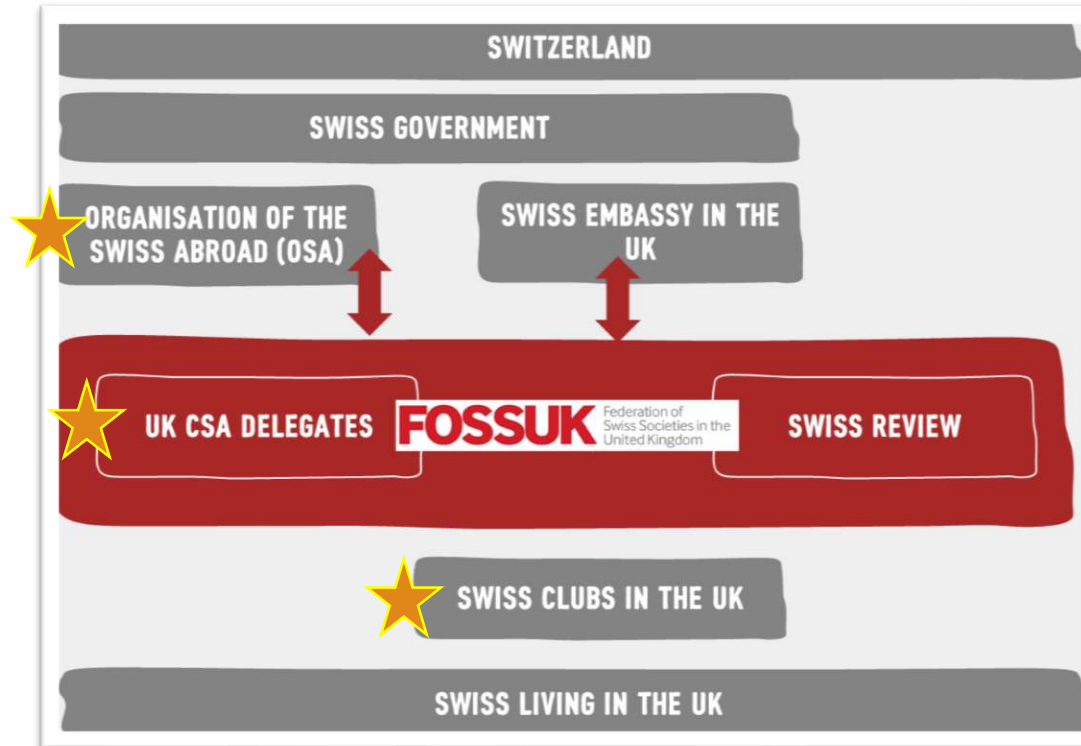
**UK DELEGATES TERM 2017 - 2021  
COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD (CSA)**

# INTRODUCTION TO FOSSUK (FEDERATION OF THE SWISS SOCIETIES IN THE UK)

## WHO ARE WE?

- VOLUNTARY UMBRELLA ORGANISATION
- LONDON IN 1949: "THE PRESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY"
- 1965: RENAMED "FEDERATION OF SWISS SOCIETIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM" (FOSSUK)

## HOW DO WE WORK?



## THE COMMITTEE:

**PRESIDENT:** NATHALIE\*  
**HONORARY PRESIDENT:** AMBASSADOR FASEL  
**TREASURER:** LOREDANA\*  
**SECRETARY:** ANE-MARI  
**SWISS REVIEW:** GIOIA

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**  
JOELLE, SARAH\*, VINCENT\*, FRANZ\*

\*CSA DELEGATES 2017-2021



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# Organisation of the Swiss Abroad

## **FOSSUK ZOOM MEETING**

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Ariane Rustichelli**

Director Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, Swiss Community



# Swiss Abroad





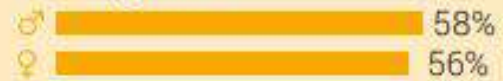
# Swiss Abroad

## Swiss citizens living abroad by gender and age group

### 0–17 years



### 18–64 years



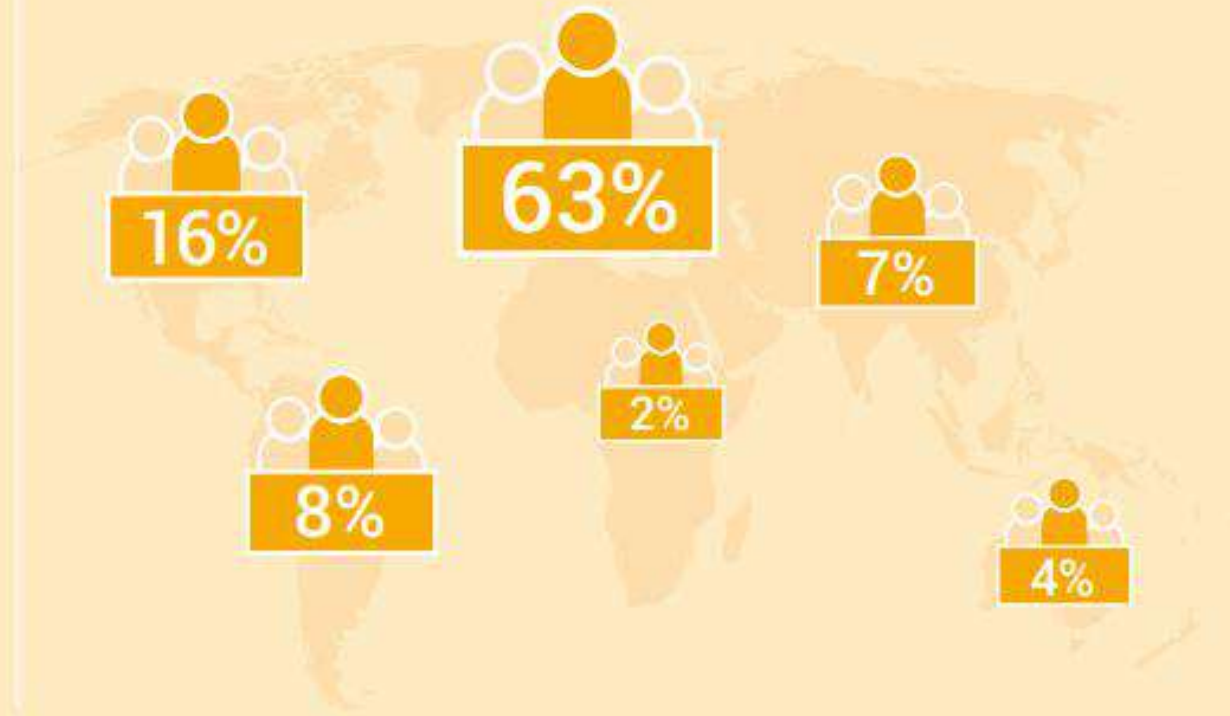
### 65 years or older



75%

Swiss abroad with  
multiple citizenships

## Percentage of Swiss citizens living abroad by continent of residence



# OSA – Swiss Confederation



**Swiss Confederation**



**Organisation of the Swiss Abroad,  
SwissCommunity**



# Milestones of the OSA

**1916** Recognition of the expatriate Swiss community in London

**1953** Swiss Citizenship Act: allows women with a foreign spouse to hold on to their Swiss citizenship

**1966** Constitutional article for Swiss Abroad

**1989** "Organisation of the Swiss Abroad" as a foundation

**1992** Right to vote by mail

**2000** Voluntary old-age and survivors' insurance (AHV) for Swiss Abroad living outside of the EU/EFTA

**2015** Swiss Abroad Act

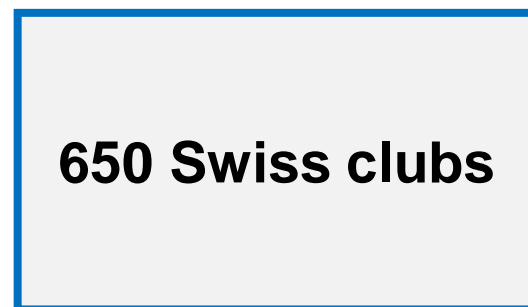
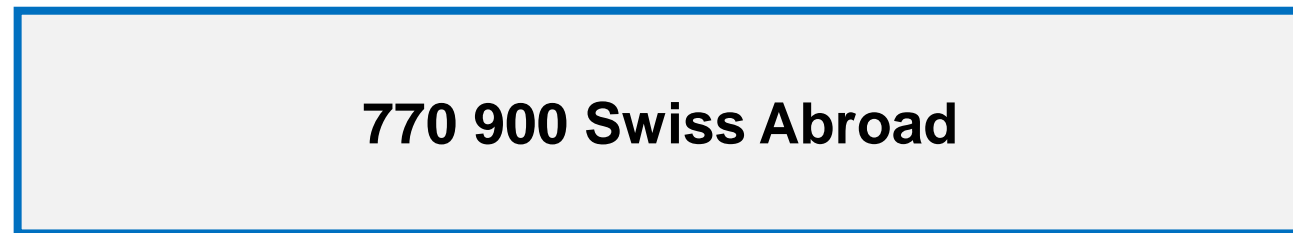
**2016** 100 years of the OSA

## Mission of the OSA

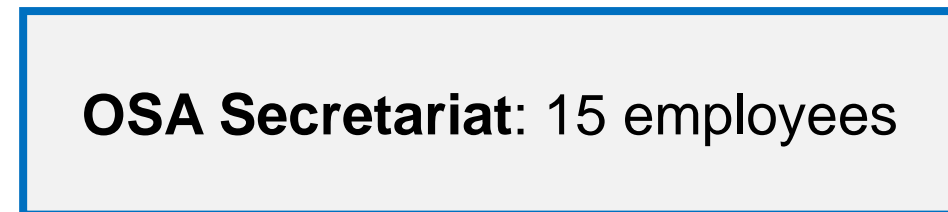
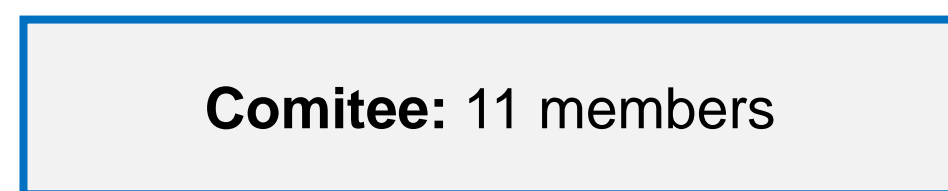
- Information: Swiss Review / Website / Social Networks / Publications
- Networking: Community / Annual congress / Youth activities
- Representation: CSA / Parliamentary group / Lobby
- Advice: Legal advice: political rights, social insurance, citizenship, military service, free movement of persons, returning to Switzerland, etc.

**[www.swisscommunity.org](http://www.swisscommunity.org)**

## Structure of the OSA



**Council (CSA):**  
140 members



# Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA)

## 140 members

- 120 members from abroad
- 20 members from Switzerland
- UK: 5 delegates



# Missions of the Delegate of the CSA 1/2

## 1. Representation

- Representing the concerns of their Swiss community and its institutions in the CSA.
- Acting as a point of contact and source of information for compatriots in the represented area.

## 2. Communication

- Informing the represented Swiss associations and umbrella organisations about the OSA's activities and offers as well as about news from the OSA.
- Presence in the corresponding regional section of the Swiss Review.
- Maintaining contact with Swiss associations and Swiss institutions in the represented area.
- Maintaining contact with the Swiss representations (embassy, professional and honorary consulates) of the represented area.
- Promoting the political participation of the Swiss Abroad.
- Participation in activities to promote the Swiss presence abroad.

# Missions of the Delegate of the CSA 2/2

## 3. Participation

- Presence and participation in the CSA and, where appropriate, in commissions/working groups
- Availability for Swiss media



# Questions



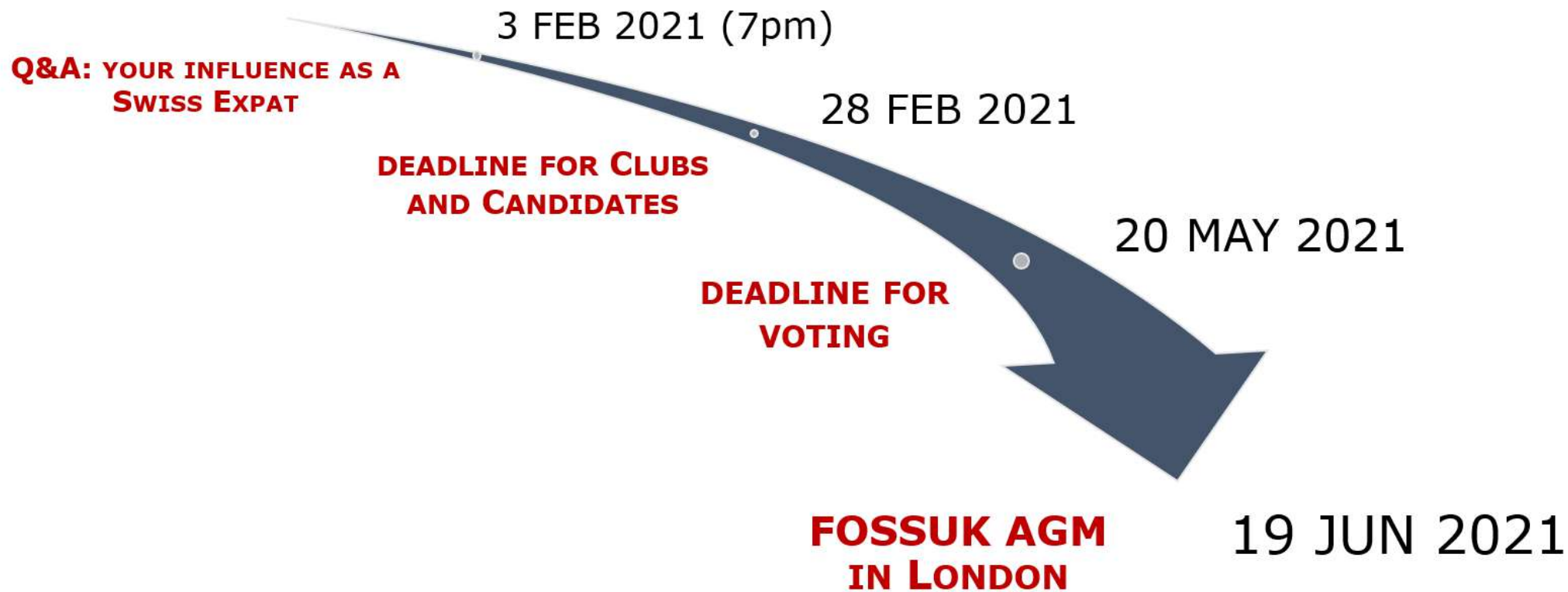
Election of delegates to serve on  
**The Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA)**  
for the 2021 – 2025 term



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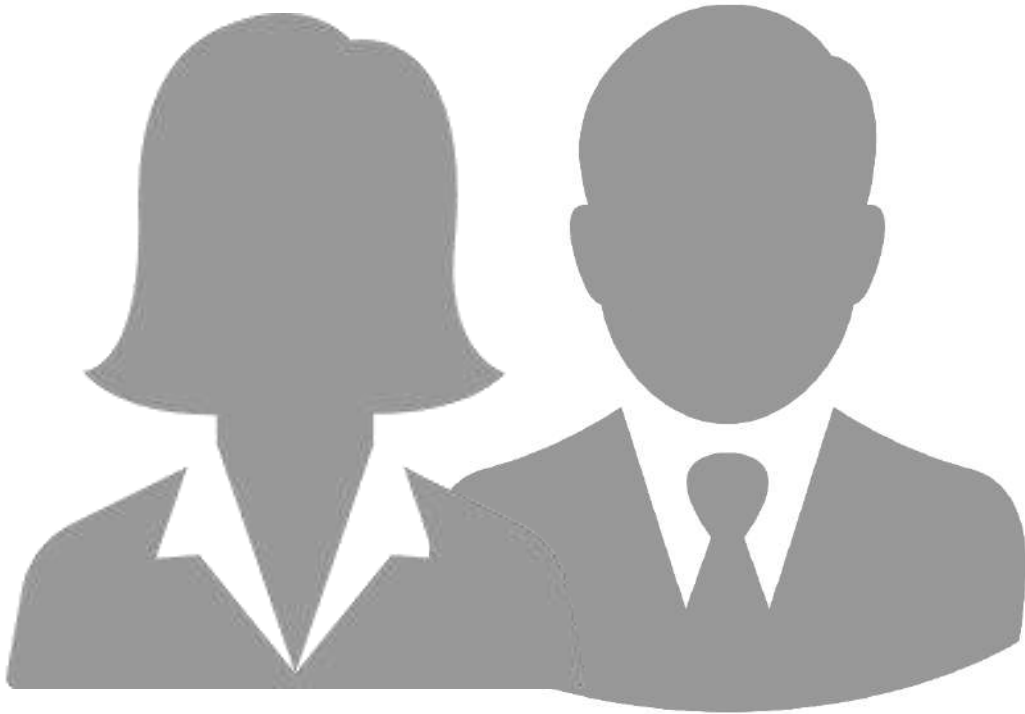
# CSA UK ELECTIONS | KEY DATES



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# 5 UK DELEGATES | HOW ARE THEY ELECTED\*?



## PUBLIC

- The three candidates who secured the largest popular vote are elected as delegates to the CSA. These are the “Directly elected Delegates”.

## CLUBS

- A further two delegates are elected by the Swiss Clubs who are Corporate (i.e. voting) Members of FOSSUK. These are the “Corporate Member Elected Delegates”.

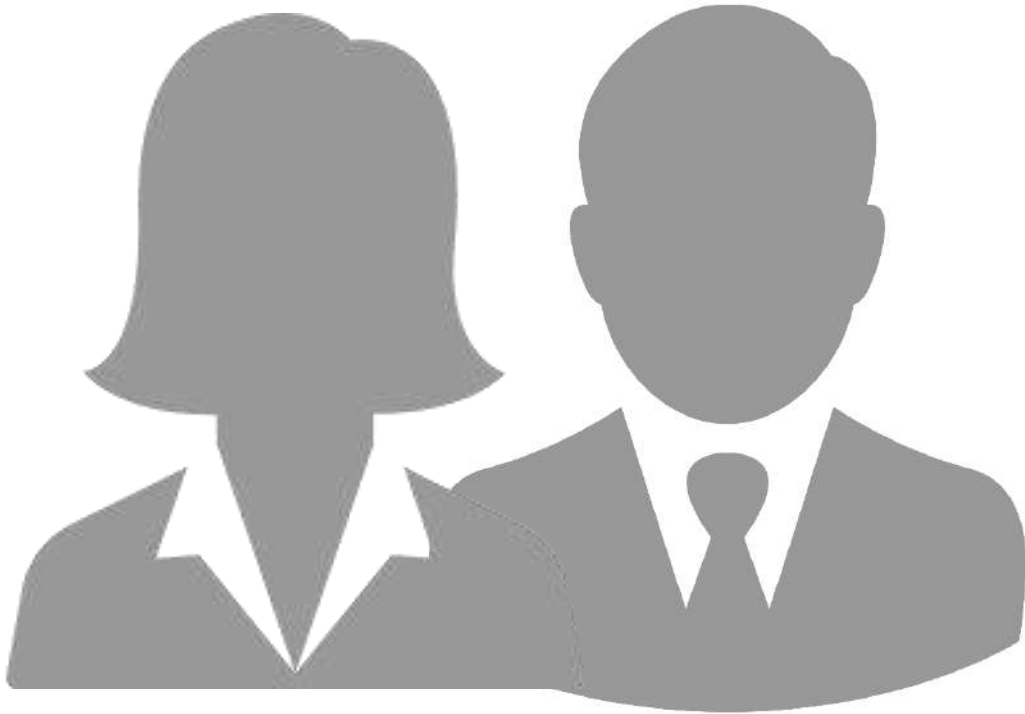


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**\*FOSSUK Constitution 2019, Rule 8.3 “Election of UK Delegates to the Council of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad”.**

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# PHASE 1 | CALL FOR CANDIDATES



## WHEN

- Deadline: 28.02.2021

## CANDIDATES

- APPLY ON [SWISS-SOCIETES.CO.UK](https://swiss-societes.co.uk)\*
- If you are member of a Swiss Club notify the Club's President of your application; if the Club is a member of FOSSUK they can endorse you. This will give you access to both election streams.

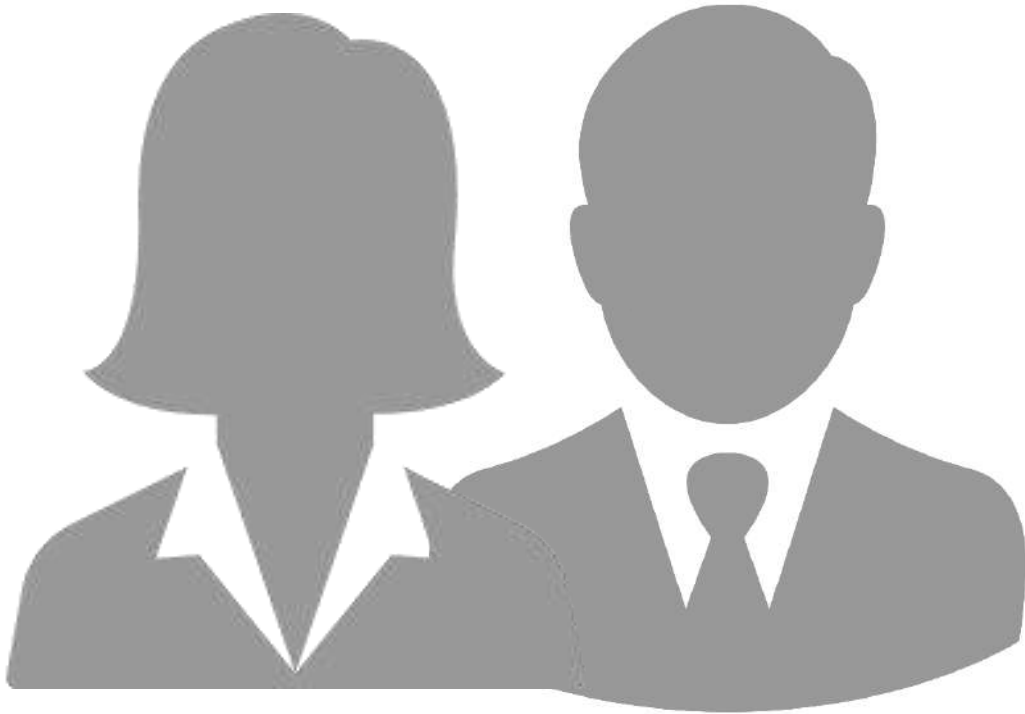
\* Eligibility criteria apply



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# PHASE 1 | CALL FOR CANDIDATES:CLUBS



## WHEN

- Deadline: 28.02.2021

## CLUBS

- Spread the word
- Email [elections@swiss-societies.co.uk](mailto:elections@swiss-societies.co.uk) to let us know that you support your member candidates

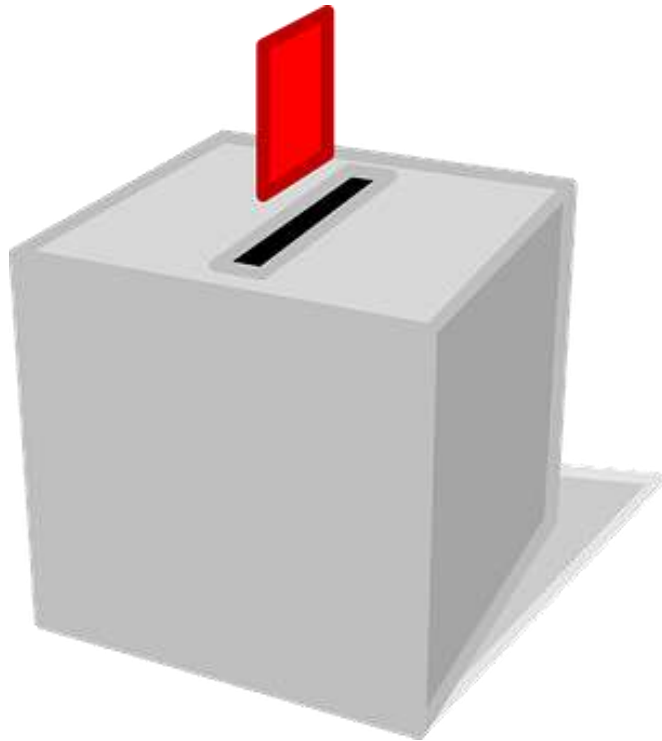


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# PHASE 2 | CALL FOR VOTES



## WHEN

- 20.04.2021 – 20.05.2021

## CLUBS

- SPREAD THE WORD!

## VOTERS

- CHECK CANDIDATES PROFILES ON SWISS REVUE (APRIL '21 ISSUE) AND SWISS-SOCIETES.CO.UK
- CAST YOUR VOTE\* per post or online!

\* Voters criteria apply



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# PHASE 2 | ONLINE VOTING LAUNCH

## Vote for your CSA UK Delegates

All fields marked with a \* are mandatory - you will not be able to submit your voting slip without filling out these fields.

This form is security checked.

Submitted votes will be checked confidentially by the Swiss Embassy London for eligibility.

For any queries relating to the voting process, data processing or anything pertaining to the election of UK Delegates to the CSA (Council of the Swiss Abroad), please email

[elections@swiss-societies.co.uk](mailto:elections@swiss-societies.co.uk).

Only one voting slip per person will be counted.

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email

Candidate 1 \*



# PHASE 3 | DELEGATES ANNOUNCED



## WHEN

- 19.06.2021 - FOSSUK AGM

## CLUBS

- JOIN TO RATIFY DELEGATES

## CANDIDATES

- JOIN TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED, IT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



# QUESTIONS?

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# **UK DELEGATES COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD**

# MEET THE 5 UK DELEGATES




**FRANZ MUHEIM**

**VINCENT CROSET**

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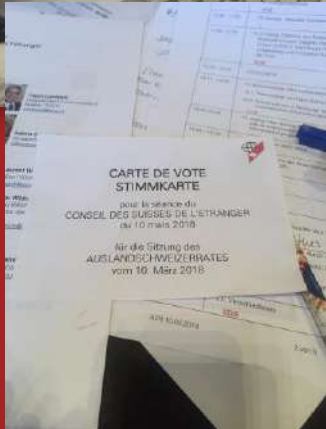
**LOREDANA GUETG-WYATT**

FROM	NOW	IN THE UK SINCE
	EDINBURGH	
	DURHAM	2013
	CAMBRIDGE	2009/2013+
	LONDON	2013
	POOLE	2004





# Q1 MEETING IN BERN



# SUMMER CONGRESS



BASEL - 2017



VISP - 2018



MONTREUX - 2019





# AGM (JUNE)



# VIRTUAL FOSSUK MEETINGS



# VINCENT CROSET

- Assistant Professor, Durham University.
- Joined the CSA in 2017 to help ensure Swiss people can maintain their political rights no matter where in the world they live.
- Main highlights: Meeting Swiss people from all around the world / Starting a working group to push for better representation of the Swiss abroad in the Swiss parliament.
- Tips for candidates:
  - To get elected: be very active on social media.
  - Once you're elected: be active and take initiatives / maintain relationships with fellow delegates between the sessions / never be afraid to speak up during the sessions.





# LOREDANA GUETG-WYATT

- Came to the UK in 2004 from Lugano, Ticino.
- 20-year experience in Business Risk Consulting for FTSE 100
- Non-Executive Director and CEO of International Charity
- President of the New Helvetic Society

## Why did I join OSA?

- To support the Swiss living in the UK to maintain (and improve!) their rights and provide them with the most up to date information.
- To push for a better representation of the Swiss Abroad within the current parliament.

## Main Highlights?

- Obtained a better understanding of the issues that Swiss people are confronted with outside of Europe.

## Tips for future candidates?

- To get elected: first, know exactly why you want to be a candidate and then be vocal on social media about it.
- Once elected: Be patient! Change does not happen immediately, and you need to keep pushing for what you believe in.





# SARAH GRAND-CLÉMENT

- Joined as a delegate in May 2019
- Originally from Geneva, I moved to the UK in 2009 then again in 2013 and am now living in Cambridge
- I applied to be a delegate to help make a difference for the Swiss in the UK and represent the younger voices
- Highlight was attending the 2019 Congress and helping OSA's campaign against the limitation referendum
- My tip: don't hesitate to stand for election even if you don't know many other Swiss in the UK



# NATHALIE CHUARD

- Marketing for Cadbury
- Why did I apply?
  - Learn more about Swiss politics
  - Bringing Swiss nationals together
- Main highlights over the last 4 years
  - local impact:  
Jungbuergerfeier,  
1<sup>st</sup> of Aug celebration
  - Meeting interesting Swiss nationals  
from around the world
- Tips for candidates:
  - To get elected: activate your network
  - Take initiatives





# FRANZ MUHEIM

- About me
  - Professor of particle physics at University of Edinburgh, worldwide researcher, also at CERN, Geneva
  - Council of Swiss Abroad since 2013
  - Executive Committee since 2017
  - Regular contact with Swiss Embassy in London and Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern
    - Have provided input regarding the worries of Swiss citizen in the UK after Brexit, e.g. on Settled Status
  - Have written articles, e.g. on E-Voting in Swissinfo,
  - Regularly asked for interviews
  - On twitter @muheim
- Highlights
  - Led CSA task force to increase our representativity. Proposals to connect virtual Swiss groups with OSA and to reform CSA election modus were accepted by Council
  - Was asked to stand for election to the National Council in 2019
- Tips for interested candidates
  - A Council member can make an impact
  - If you don't apply you cannot get elected



**QUESTIONS?**