



**Welcome to the 57th congress of
the Swiss Societies in the UK**

Saturday, 21st of May 2022

Agenda

WELCOME by Ambassador H.E. Markus Leitner

Official Part

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (Encl 1)
- Delegates' Report (Encl 3)
- Finance (Encl 4 & Encl 5)
- Annual President's report (Encl 2) & changes in the FOSSUK committee
- AGM 2023
- FOSSUK Digital Stats & Swiss Review

Speeches from our Special Guests

- Ambassador Johannes Matyassy – Director of the consular direction of the FDFA
- Filippo Lombardi – President OSA and former member of the council of States

Coffee Break

- Panel Discussion – The next generation (Swiss students from Oxford, Cambridge and London School of Economics)

Cultural Programme

- René Dee
- Alessia

Complimentary Apéro kindly provided by Ambassador H.E. Markus Leitner

7:30 pm Drinks and Dinner at the “The Royal Oak” 74-76 York St, Marylebone, London W1H 1QN



WELCOME
TO OUR FIRST EVER HYBRID AGM

FOSSUK Members & Friends

FOSSUK Corporate Members (paid members, voting rights)

Unione Ticinese: Emilie Martinoni

New Helvetic Society: Erna Kaufmann & Loredana Guetg-Wyatt

Edinburgh Swiss Club: Ruth Muheim

East Surrey Swiss Club: Camilla Ghislanzoni (official proxy)

Swiss Club Guernsey: Michelle Hufschmid (official proxy)

FOSSUK Associate Members (registered charities with nominal payment, no voting rights)

Swiss Church London: Marc Peter (official proxy)

Swiss Benevolent Society

Friends of FOSSUK (social groups, no payment, no voting rights)

Swiss in the UK: <https://www.facebook.com/swissintheuk>

Swiss in London and the UK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SwissExpatsinLondonandtheUK>

Swiss National Day 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/events/396704165647209>

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OSA summer meetings 2021

Franz Muheim, UK delegate, elected into the OSA Executive Committee. Filippo Lombardi, former Swiss senate for Ticino, elected as OSA President

Pandemic/vaccination: All Swiss abroad can get the vaccine in Switzerland, Pfizer/Moderna from abroad now accepted. OSA was heavily involved to facilitate the obtention of vaccine passports and the recognition of several vaccines.

Voting/E-Voting: OSA is sending out questionnaires to track the delivery of voting material abroad and identify whether the issues come from cantons or countries of residence. New e-voting trials are said to be underway.

Social security: Brexit has created a gap between Swiss citizens who are eligible to join the voluntary AHV/AVS scheme and those who are not. There is currently no legislation in place to offer the opportunity for Swiss who lived in the UK pre-Brexit to join the voluntary AHV/AVS.

New community platform: OSA launched [swisscommunity.org](https://www.swisscommunity.org) to better connect the Swiss abroad and offer a modern, digital way to connect. Please check out the new platform.

Banking fees: The OSA is working on an improved banking system for Swiss abroad, especially with new Fintech/banks appearing on the market.

New app from FDFA: The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs is currently beta testing a new app for the Swiss abroad that will facilitate the communication with embassy, the booking of appointments, etc. Delegate, Andreas Feller-Ryf is involved in the testing process.

Representation of the Swiss Abroad in parliament: Although the political climate is not yet ready for such a significant change, a work group of OSA delegates is actively lobbying to improve the inclusion and representation of the Swiss abroad in Swiss politics.

Swiss Review: The Swiss Review remains the most important communication channel to reach Swiss abroad of all ages. Thank you to Gioia Palmieri, editor of the UK & Ireland part of the review.

The next OSA conference will be taking place in-person in Lugano on the 19th- 21st of August 2022.

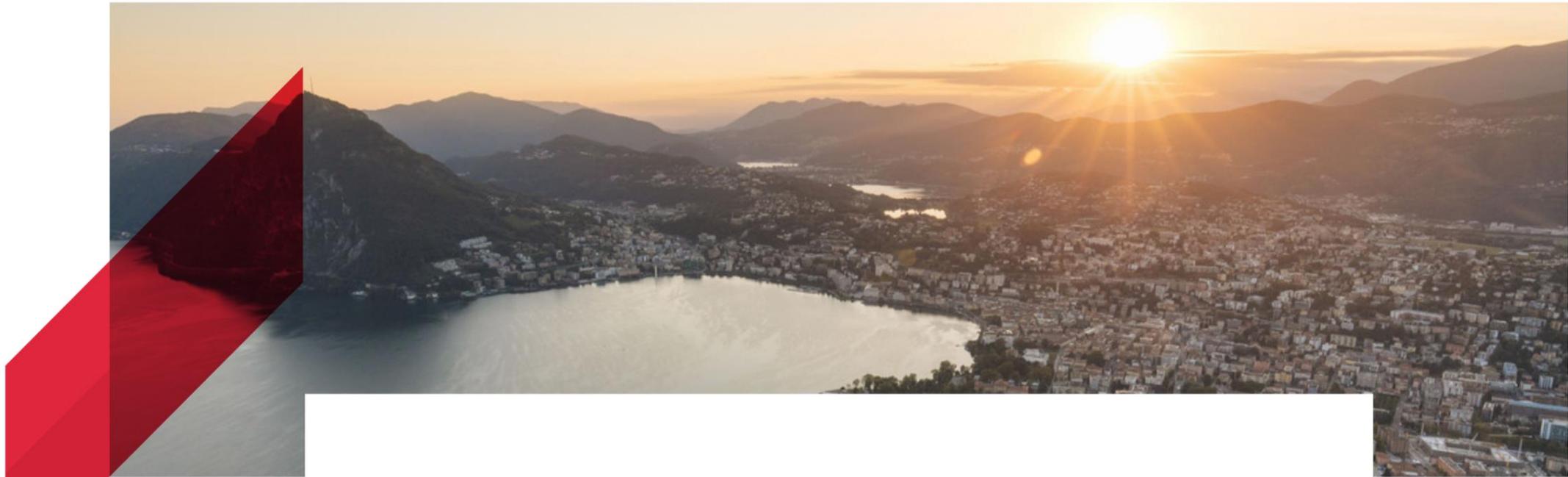


Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)

ASR-Sitzung
23. August 2021
13.00 - 16.15 Uhr

Séance du CSE
23 août 2021
13h00 - 16h15





98th Congress of the Swiss Abroad 2022 in Lugano

What are the challenges for our democracy?

More information: www.swisscommunity.org/

The Congress is open to visitors, please fill in the attendance form here:

<https://www.swisscommunity.org/en/offers-events/98th-congress-of-the-swiss-abroad-2022-in-lugano/registration-form>



FINANCE

Michelle T. Hufschmid

Treasurer

7. Finance

- a. To adopt the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021

- b. To accept the budget for 2022

- c. To accept membership subscription for 2022

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FOSSUK SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE AT 31st December 2021

Category	Sub Category	Income	Outgoings	Net	Previous Year
General	Total	£ -	£ -	0.00	3,177.13
	OSA Expenses	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
	Meetings Expenses	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
	Website management	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
	Sponsoring	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
	Donations	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
	Other	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
Forums	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Forum 2020	-	£ -	0.00	0.00
Presidents Meetings	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Meals	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
Memberships	Total	224.00	0.00	224.00	151.00
	Membership	£ 224.00	£ -	224.00	151.00
AGM	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	AGM 2021 - Online	£ -	£ -	0.00	0.00
Grand Total		£ 224.00	£ -	224.00	3,328.13

FOSSUK BANK BALANCE

Opening balance at 01.01.2021	3,328.13	
Current Account	3,552.13	check
		224.00
Total Bank & Cash Funds	3,552.13	
Closing balance at 31.12.2021	3,552.13	-

Notes to Income and Expenditure Accounts

AGM Committee Travel Expenses:

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the AGM 2021 on 19th June 2021 was held online.

No delegate incurred travel expenses in 2021. Thus, overall expenses were £0 in 2021.

We expect this to change in 2022, as FOSSUK resumes in person events and travel is possible again.

OSA Delegates Expenses:

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the OSA Congresses on 21st/23rd August and 27th November 2021 were held online. Thus, no delegate incurred travel expenses for OSA in 2021.

We expect delegates to claim travel expenses for OSA in 2022 as allowed by the constitution.

Membership:

We have been actively collecting membership fees for 2021. Total income from membership fees was £224. Membership remained at £1 per member in 2021.

Sponsorship:

Sponsorship remained on hold in 2021. The goal is to resume sponsorship for 2022.

b. To accept the budget for 2022

Previous budgets 2017 - 19

	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Expenses not claimed	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Expenses not claimed	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Expenses not claimed
INCOME									
Subscriptions	650	251		650	566		650	106	
Interest	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Donations/other income	-	-		250	-		-	-	
Website Advertisement	1,260	1,260		1,500	-		2,500	2,520	
Sponsoring & donations	6,000	-		5,500	-		3,000	-	
AGM Surplus				-	-		-	-	
Project FORUM surplus				-	-		-	-	
Total Income	7,910	1,511		7,900	566		6,150	2,626	
	Budget 2017			Budget 2018			Budget 2019		
EXPENDITURE									
Administration	50			50	-		50	-	
Insurance	292	219		300	321		360	357	
Committee Expenses	1,500			600	-		600	-	
OSA Delegates Expenses	3,000	343		3,000	-		3,000	-	
Support to Clubs	-	-		-	-		-	-	
AGM Subsidy	500	2,775		1,500	3,184		300	-	
Website Design	2,000	2,328		-	-		-	-	
Website Hosting	250	-		250	-		250	-	
Presidents Roundtable	200	-		-	-		-	-	
Project FORUM loss	-	-		-	2,892		-	-	
Total Expenditure	7,792	5,665		5,700	6,397		4,560	357	
Surplus/Loss	118	- 4,154		2,200	- 5,831		1,590	2,269	

Notes to 2022 Budget

Membership:

The estimated income from membership fees is £250 for 2022.

Website Hosting:

Website hosting is once again kindly donated by On Idle.

Sponsorship:

Sponsorship was on hold in 2021. As sponsorship in 2022 has yet to be determined, no expected income has been included.

OSA Delegate Expenses:

Consistently with the years previous to the coronavirus pandemic, we include within the budget travel expenses of £500 for all OSA Delegates together.

AGM:

FOSSUK is subsidising the AGM with £625.

SND:

FOSSUK is subsidising the Swiss National Day with £200. This is consistent with the sum that other clubs are providing for the event.

c. Membership subscription 2022

The Fossuk Committee has decided *not* to increase the current membership fee, which amounts to £1 per member.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT
and changes in the committee

Nathalie Chuard

A heartfelt
Thank You 

Committee updates



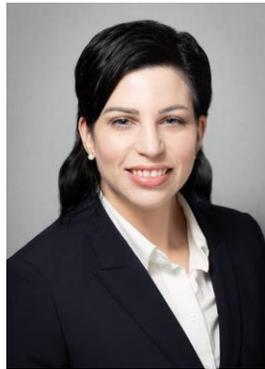
Ané-Mari Peter
President



Andreas Feller-Rys*
Vice President & Club Liaison Officer



Joelle Nebbe-Mornod
Secretary



Michelle Hufschmid*
Treasurer
Students & School Clubs Liaison



Lakshmi*
Social Media
Students & School Clubs Liaison



Loredana Guetg-Wyatt*
Social Media



Franz Muheim*
OSA Executive Committee

Meetings

- Monthly online meetings: dates notified on the website & social for ideas submission
- Quarterly in-person meetings: dates notified on the website & social for ideas submission
- FOSSUK AGM 2023 – outside of London
- Social media team – Loredana, Michelle, Lakshmi

Club Liaison Sub-Committee

- Dedicated point of call for clubs, members, and associate members with regular exchange with club presidents: Andreas
- Student and schools club liaison: Michelle & Lakshmi

Community Evenings

- Pensions and health insurance as a UK resident
- Tips for the transition from student to UK resident
- Tips for Swiss who recently moved to the UK (health insurance, bank accounts, credit score, etc.)
- Swiss entrepreneurs meetups working with the Business Hub, Universities, UK-Swiss Businesses
- Brexit-related issues
- And more to come... your ideas welcome!

Larger events-driver & assistance

Swiss National Day 2023 – new committee led by Andreas, assisted by Lakshmi

Swiss National Day

awaiting

AGM 2023

FOSSUK Federation of
Swiss Societies in the
United Kingdom

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FOSSUK Stats

Nathalie



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Swiss students from Oxford, Cambridge and LSE



SLIDES MATYASSY

Havent heard from his assistant yet (he is on annual leave)

Organisation of the Swiss Abroad

**FOSSUK – Annual general meeting
21 May 2022**

Filippo Lombardi

President of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA),
SwissCommunity



“Fifth Switzerland”

Swiss citizens living abroad

2021

01 Population

Swiss citizens living abroad



788 000

By sex



361 600



426 400

Average age

40 years

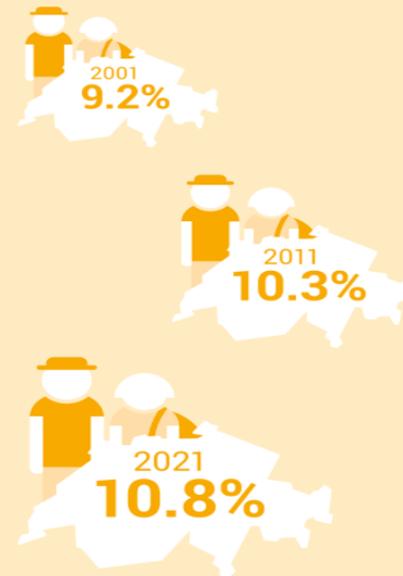
45 years

The most common countries of residence

(including dependent territories outside the mainland)



Swiss citizens living abroad as a percentage of all Swiss citizens



The OSA's mission

- Inform: Swiss Review / website / social media / publications
- Network: Community / annual Congress / offers for young people
- Represent: CSA / "Swiss Abroad" parliamentary group / lobbying
- Advise: Legal advice: political rights, social insurance, citizenship, military service, free movement of persons, returning to Switzerland, etc.

The OSA website: www.swisscommunity.org



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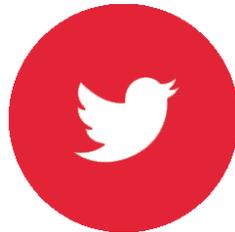
(<https://www.swisscommunity.org/en/news-media/swisscommunity-newsletter>)

Follow us on the various social media platforms:



Facebook

14k followers



Twitter

1.5k followers



YouTube

36k views



Instagram

800 followers



LinkedIn

700 followers

Offers for young people aged 15 and over in 2022

Overview of our holiday camps:

9 to 22 July 2022: Sport and leisure camp in Fiesch VS

23 July to 5 August 2022: Sport and leisure camp, with or without language course, in Jaun FR

6 to 21 August 2022: Swiss Challenge

28 December 2022 to 6 January 2023: New Year ski camp

Our online offers:

14 to 25 March 2022: Online German and French course

11 to 22 July 2022: Online German and French course

13 July 2022: 2nd online congress with YPSA

Further information is available here: [Offers for young people in 2022](#)

(at www.swisscommunity.org)

98th Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Lugano 19 to 21 August 2022

Theme: What are the challenges for our democracy?

- ✓ Opening address on behalf of the Confederation: Ignazio Cassis, President of the Swiss Confederation
- ✓ Taking place for three days featuring: the meeting of the Council of the Swiss Abroad on Friday followed by an opening apéritif, the congress itself with panel discussions and workshops and the Sunday trip plus much more...
- ✓ *At the Palazzo dei Congressi Lugano, Piazza Indipendenza 4, 6900 Lugano*

All information is available at www.swisscommunity.org under [2022 Congress in Lugano](#)

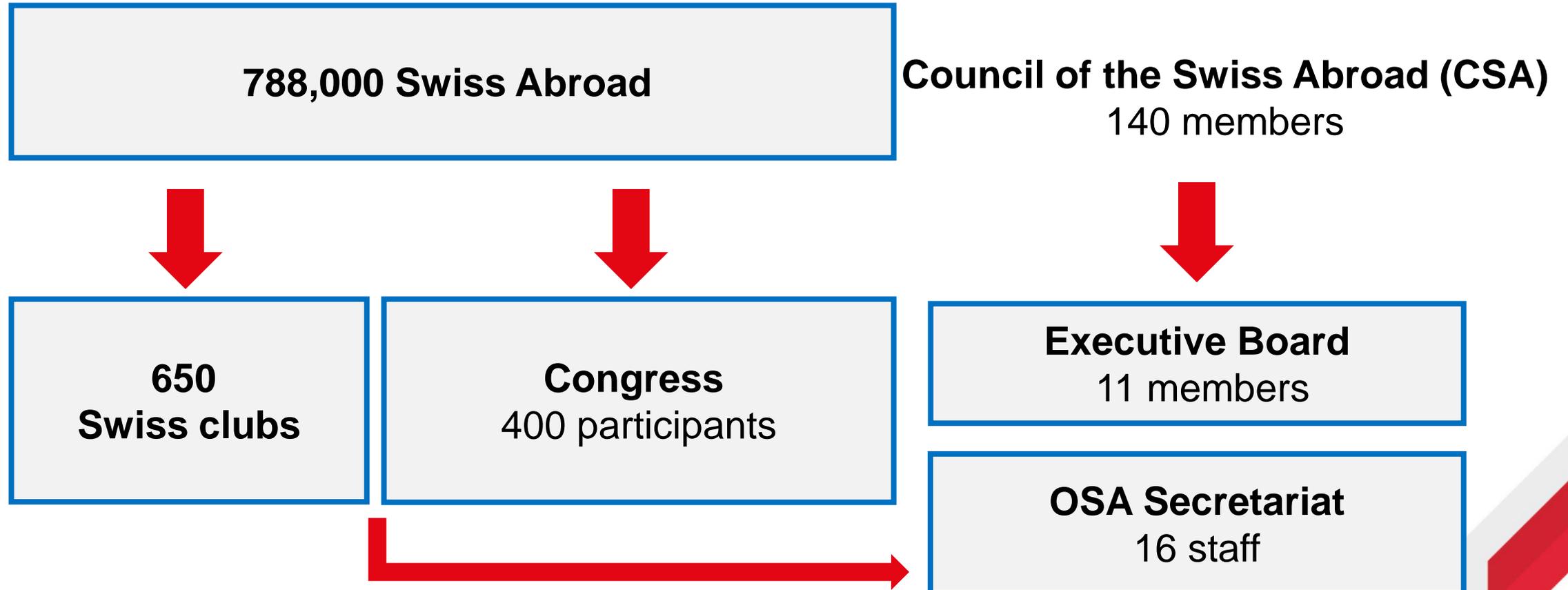
98th Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Lugano



The screenshot shows the website header with the Swiss Community logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a large photograph of a grand, ornate ballroom filled with people seated at round tables, likely during a formal event. Below the photo, the text reads: "Registration form" and "Complete the following form to register for the 98th Congress of the Swiss Abroad, which takes place from 19 to 21 August 2022 in Lugano."

Register now
(at www.swisscommunity.org)

Structure of the OSA



Executive Board for 2021-2025



President since 1 September 2021

Filippo Lombardi

Président

Executive Board members for the new term of office from 1 September 2021

5 of the 11 members were newly elected.



Laurent Wehrli

Glion, Suisse



Carlo Sommaruga

Genève, Suisse

20.05.2022



Lucas Metzger

Questeur

Binningen, Suisse

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New



**Dominique Baccaunaud
Vuillemin**

Ste-Colombe-en Bruilhois, France



Gian Franco Definti

Milan, Italie

New



Helen Freiermuth

Izmir, Turquie

New



Albert Eduard Küng

Munich, Allemagne

New



Carmen Trochsler

Adelaide, Australie



David W. Mörker

Minneapolis, États-Unis



Franz Muheim

Édimbourg, Royaume-Uni

Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) – 2021 elections

140 members

120 members from abroad

(including 2 members of the Youth Parliament of
the Swiss Abroad (YPSA))

20 members from Switzerland

Great Britain: 5 delegates

- Feller-Ryf Andreas
- Guetg-Wyatt Loredana
- Hufschmid Michelle
- Muheim Franz
- Sundaram Lakshmi



Duties of the CSA delegates 1/2

1. Representation

- Representing their Swiss community and institutions in the CSA
- Acting as a point of contact and source of information for compatriots in the area they represent

2. Communication

- Informing the Swiss clubs and umbrella associations about OSA activities, offers and news
- Featuring in the corresponding regional section of “Swiss Review”
- Maintaining contact with Swiss clubs and Swiss institutions in the area they represent
- Maintaining contact with Swiss representations (embassies, consulate offices, honorary consulates) in the area they represent
- Promoting political participation by the Swiss Abroad
- Participating in activities to promote Switzerland’s presence abroad

Duties of the CSA delegates 2/2

3. Participation

- Attending and participating in the CSA and in committees/working groups where required
- Being available for Swiss media



OSA objectives for 2022 1/5

1. Swiss banks

- Proceed with implementation of the agreements concluded with our banks and partners
- Send a questionnaire to banks to update the information on the OSA website

2. OASI/DI and health insurance

- Prepare a full report on social insurance in relation to the Swiss Abroad and use it as the basis for defining the main requirements
- Analyse opportunities for implementing these requirements with members of the “Swiss Abroad” parliamentary group

OSA objectives for 2022 2/5

3. Relations between Switzerland and the EU

- Show commitment to maintaining the bilateral approach

4. Political rights

- Send questionnaire to the CSA delegates after every vote to establish whether they received their documents in good time
- Step up links with the Cantonal Directors' Conference to ensure that the needs of the Swiss Abroad are listened to (introduction of a new e-voting system and earlier despatch of official voting papers)
- In terms of communication, ensure follow-up and support for Federal Council decisions regarding new electronic voting tests
- Encourage universities and cantons to analyse the votes cast by the Swiss Abroad



OSA objectives for 2022 3/5

5. Political acceptance

- Develop the political network at national level (political parties and key commissions) and at the level of cantonal parliaments (presidents and cantonal directors)

Maintain links with numerous contact persons from different parties for issues that affect the Swiss Abroad, in order to support the CSA's decisions at the cantonal and national political level

6. Networking

- Draw up an accurate overview of the organisations that act for the Swiss Abroad, in order to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new ones

OSA objectives for 2022 4/5

7. OSA strategy for 2025

- Approve a document setting out the strategic objectives for 2025
- Approve a code of conduct for the Executive Board, the CSA and the OSA Secretariat

8. Executive Board and CSA

- Compile a list setting out the specific expertise of each Executive Board member. Building on this, establish ad hoc committees to permit rapid decision-making on behalf of the entire Executive Board
- Compile a list setting out the specific expertise of each CSA member. Establish working groups where suggested by delegates

OSA objectives for 2022 5/5

9. Make the CSA more representative

- Inform Swiss clubs and umbrella associations that they should update their regulations to allow direct election of CSA delegates



Questions?

- ✓ Register now for what will be an exciting Congress!
- ✓ Please contact us if you have any questions about the Congress or about other offers:
- ✓ events@swisscommunity.org or info@swisscommunity.org Tel.: +41(0)31 356 61 00

On behalf of the OSA, thank you for your commitment!





COFFEE BREAK



PANEL DISCUSSION: THE NEXT GENERATION

Swiss students from Oxford, Cambridge and LSE
moderated by our OSA Delegate Lakshmi Sundaram

The Next Generation

- Simon Bühler (Cambridge University Swiss Student Society)
- Flurin Caviezel (Oxford University Swiss Student Society)
- Léonore Lavorel (LSE Student Union Swiss Society)
- Emmanuel Robert (Cambridge University Swiss Student Society)
- Amanda Wicki (Oxford University Swiss Student Society)

➤ *Introduced by Michelle Hufschmid, OSA Delegate*

➤ *Moderated by Lakshmi Sundaram, OSA Delegate*

Cultural Programme

Loredana Guetg-Wyatt

ASO Delegate and New Helvetic Society President

New Helvetic Society and ASO

The original Helvetic Society was founded in Switzerland in 1761 by a group of intellectuals who wished to promote a Swiss identity, a sense of patriotism, which went beyond cantonal boundaries.

In May 1914 at a time of divided loyalties, the Society was reborn in Geneva as the Nouvelle Société Helvétique (NSH) with the same aim in mind.

The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad was established in 1916 in the middle of the First World War by the Neue Helvetische Gesellschaft (New Helvetic Society, NHS) as the “Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad”. The aim was to strengthen Swiss expatriates’ links with their homeland and enable them to play a more active part in national life.

The New Helvetic Society is a Swiss cultural club based in London organising a wide range of events with a Swiss connection.

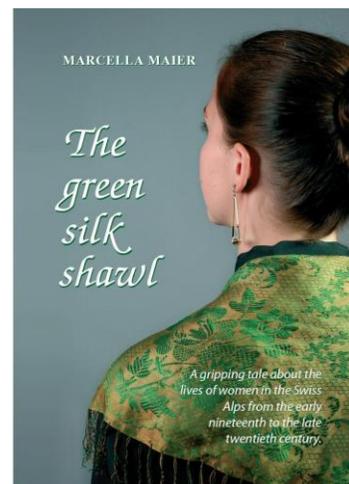
Apart from jazz and classical concerts, films shows, visits to museums and social gatherings, we provide a forum for discussing issues concerning Swiss nationals resident in the UK.

We offer an opportunity for people to exchange views on social, political and cultural developments taking place in Switzerland.



Presented by
Iris Hunter

Thursday
28th May 2020



SWANWING PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

LOVE IN THE TIME OF LOCKDOWN

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
SASKIA WESNIGK-WOOD



9TH JUNE
7.30PM

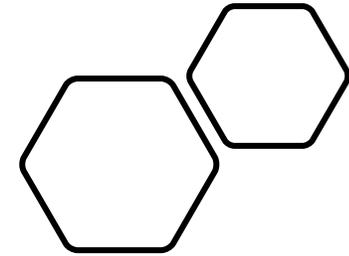
10TH JUNE
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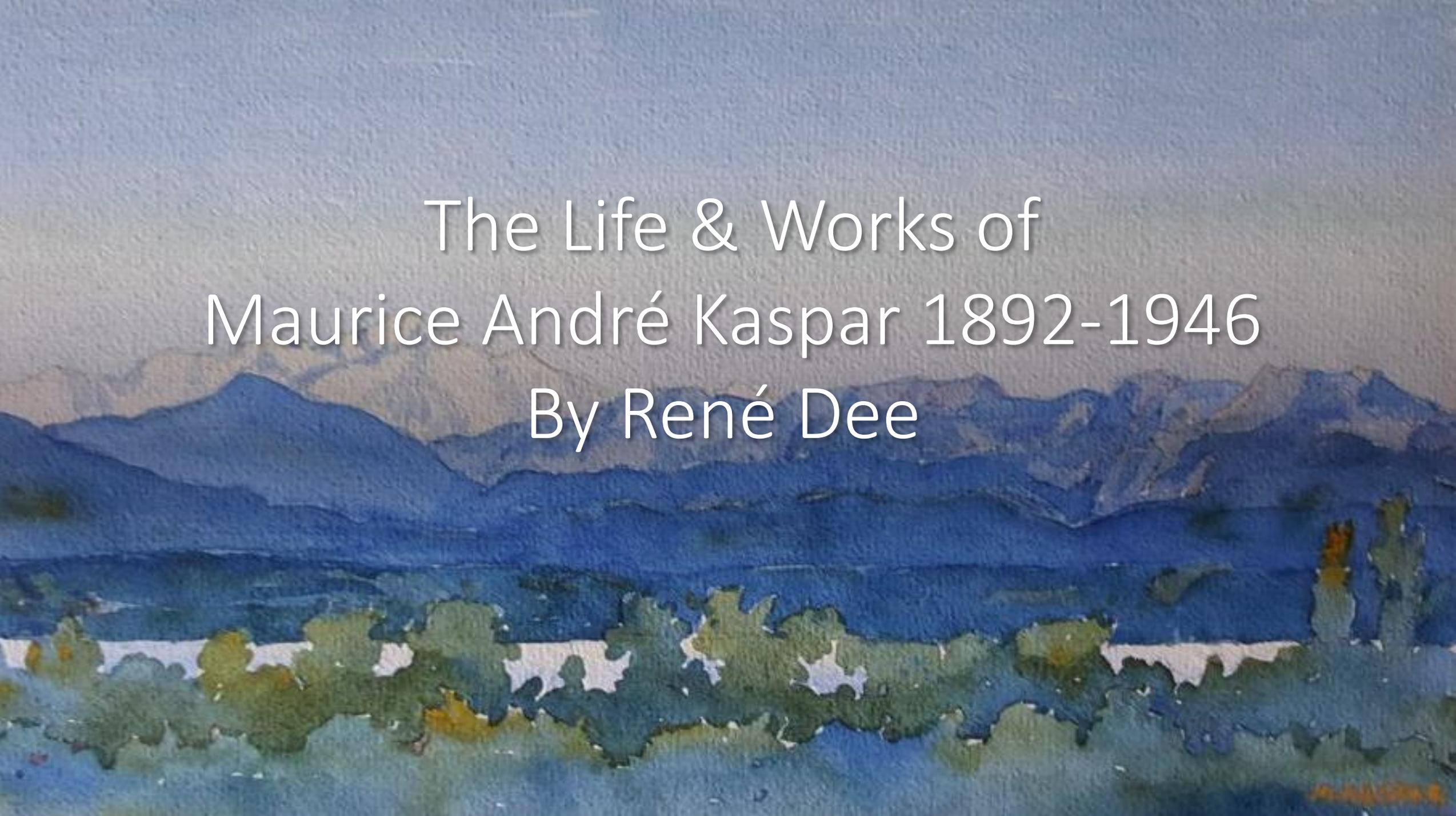
11TH JUNE
7.30PM

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The background is a painting of a landscape. It features a range of mountains in shades of blue and purple, set against a pale, hazy sky. The foreground is dominated by a row of green, rounded shapes that resemble bushes or small trees, rendered with visible brushstrokes. The overall style is impressionistic and somewhat somber due to the cool color palette.

The Life & Works of
Maurice André Kaspar 1892-1946
By René Dee

Alessia

Swiss girl Alessia was born in Lucerne in 1999. As a little child, Alessia started to play the piano and all over these years, she has learned a lot about the different music genres. Jazz and pop music are amongst her favourites.

While writing her own music, she improved a lot. The texts she is singing are all close and personal stories which she expresses through music.

With all her experiences she is bringing the feelings inside the music. In 2014, Alessia reached the semi-final of the Swiss Music Awards in her native country. However, 2018 was the official beginning to her music career.

She was discovered by multi award winning producer GEOSLAM, which led to the release of the single 'Butterfly' in June 2019. Following these achievements, Alessia started studying at BIMM London where she was able to focus on developing and forming her path into the music industry.





THANK YOU



Drinks & Dinner as of 7:30 pm

The Royal Oak” 74-76 York St,
Marylebone, London W1H 1QN