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From the Desk of the Consul General



Consul General Olivier
Zehnder visiting Jinling
Sports in Zhangjiagang
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Dear fellow Citizens,

Dear Friends of Switzerland,

As activities slowed down this summer, our **visa section** experienced an intense period, reflected in the growing attractiveness of Switzerland as a tourist destination.

Fall came with numerous events occupying the economic section. Among others, we organized an **official visit to the city of Lishui** in Zhejiang Province and we carried out an **economic mission to Jiaxing**. Early November was quite busy as the second **China International Import Expo (CIIE)** was taking place in Shanghai. The Consulate General participated to several company events, reflecting the increase of Swiss activities in the Yangtze River Delta. On the cultural side, we welcomed many Swiss artists, such as the musician **Eliane Amherd** and the **band Klischée**, as well as the famous **Lucerne Festival Orchestra**.

In terms of personnel, our consulate welcomed new colleagues. I would like to extend my warm welcome to **Mrs. Daniela Ziliotto** and to **Mr. Martin Baier** and their families. Changes did not only take place at the consulate, as the **Swiss Club** has likewise recently changed its president. We wish all the best to Mr. Peter Egli, who is leaving us after several years in Shanghai, and we welcome are looking forward to the election of his successor!

The year 2020 will be a symbolic year in terms of Sino-Swiss relations. Indeed, 2020 will celebrate the **70th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Swiss relations**.

But before that, on behalf of the entire consulate, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Olivier Zehnder
Consul General

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Economic Section

Official Visits Highlight Swiss Presence in the Yangtze Delta Region



Consul General Olivier Zehnder met with the Party Secretary of Jiaxing, Mr. Hu Haifeng, with representatives from SwissCham, Switzerland Tourism and Swiss Re © Lishui government

Consul General Olivier Zehnder has concluded his official visits in the consular area throughout the year. In Shanghai, Mr. Zehnder has met with the **Governor of Pudong, Vice Governor of Minhang and Songjiang District**, where the Swiss presence is significant.

Mr. Zehnder also visited the neighboring cities of **Hefei** (Anhui), **Jiaxing** (Zhejiang), **Lishui** (Zhejiang), **Gaochun** (Jiangsu) and **Zhangjiagang** (Jiangsu), accompanied by delegations of different formats. The visits strengthened the visibility of Switzerland in the region, and in the meantime created opportunities for further cooperation.

More visits and follow-ups are planned in 2020, with participation of Swiss business community and relevant partners.

Company openings

Swiss companies reinforce their footholds in the Yangtze Delta Region. Consul General participated to four company openings/expansion ceremonies since June 2019.

R&M (Reichle & De-Massari AG), a leading Global cabling and connectivity solution provider for high end-communication networks, opened its first factory in June in Jinshan District of Shanghai.

Oerlikon has been present in China for over 50 years. Its Additive Manufacturing Technology Center opened in June in Jiading District. The latest coating technologies provided by Oerlikon will protect and enhance the performance of parts, engineered components or the entire processes in multiple industries.

Since the founding in the 1990s, **SMACO** has made its name in the market of Curing Lights and Amalgamators. In 2012, with the investment from the world leading Swiss Prophylaxis company E.M.S., SMACO could bring more efficient and affordable prophylaxis therapy to its customers. The new manufacturing site is located in Hangzhou and was inaugurated in October.

One of the world industrial leaders of flavor and fragrance **Givaudan** has expanded its Nantong site by opening Phase II for the flavor business in November. The state-of-art factory aims to serve the local clients with most advanced and individualized solutions.

Consular affairs

Job offer - Local Visa officer

The Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai is recruiting a Local Visa officer (Swiss national).

Beginning of employment: 01.01.2020

Application deadline: 15.12.2019

For more details and to apply, please visit [our website](#).

Culture

A season of musical highlights

In June, New York-based singer and songwriter **Eliane Amherd** captivated the audience at the JZ Club in Shanghai



Premier of creations by the Yen Han Ballet Company in collaboration with the Shanghai Ballet © FDFA

with her sultry voice. For her, the concert in Shanghai was one of the many highlights of the China tour, which was supported by Pro Helvetia Shanghai, Swiss Arts Council.

The **Lucerne Festival Orchestra and Music Director Riccardo Chailly** returned to China for the third consecutive year this October. The orchestra continued its Shanghai residency with three phenomenal performances, featuring moving symphonies and concertos from Mahler, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff. Next to the performances, the Executive and Artistic Director, Michael Haefliger, held a presentation on the future of the Lucerne Festival and its orchestra in China and Asia.

If classical music is not your cup of tea, the Swiss electro-swing band **Klischée** delivered an interactive and entertaining performance at the JZ Club in October. Their funky beats and stunning vocals inspired even the laziest people in the audience to get up and dance.

As part of the Shanghai International Arts Festival, the **Yen Han Ballet Company** in collaboration with the Shanghai Ballet developed “Creations”, which had its world premiere in early November. Yen Han, who has been a prima ballerina for the Zurich Ballet for 25 years, starred in the production. Throughout the project’s one-month creation period, the public could gain first-hand insight into the development of a ballet production through public viewings, workshops and lectures. The project was supported by Pro Helvetia Shanghai, Swiss Arts Council.

Swiss Business Hub

A coming spring full of Swiss presences at international trade fairs



DaCarbo AG reception at the residence of Mr. Erwin Lüthi, the Deputy Consul General of Switzerland in Shanghai ©PEI

On the evening of 11th of October 2019, with the support of Mr. Erwin Lüthi, the Deputy Consul General of Switzerland in Shanghai, Swiss Business Hub China assisted **daCarbo AG** and its Chinese distributor in organizing an exclusive performance and workshop. DaCarbo AG is a high precision and leading company in the field of wind instruments.

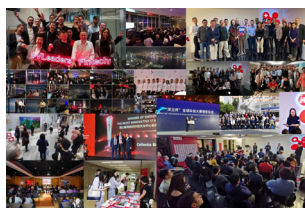
As a guest of honor, the multiple international award-winning **Swiss trumpet player Professor Philippe Litzler** amazed guests with a small solo trumpet performance. The famous musician is a trumpet soloist for the prestigious Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich. The event took place at the residence of Mr. Erwin Lüthi and the Swiss Business Hub China invited the Chinese industry players.

With the purpose of promoting Swiss made products during the Music China 2019 trade fair, the event was a huge success and all guests were impressed by both the quality of the musical performance and of the Swiss made instruments.

In the spring of 2020, the Swiss Business Hub China together with S-GE will support Swissmem for the **Swiss Pavilions at CCMT**(China CNC Machine Tool Fair 2020) April 7-11, 2020; and also organize **Swiss pavilions at CMEF**(China International Medical Equipment Fair) April 9-12, 2020 & **Chinaplas** (plastics and rubber industries) April 21-24, 2020. Moreover, with the support of Switzerland Global Enterprise, the Swiss Business Hub China will organize a **Swiss Pavilion at SIAL China** (Food and beverage), May 13-15 2020.

swissnex China

2019: Exciting Year for Swiss Higher Education, Innovation and Art-Science in China



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The past months have seen a number of high-profile activities connecting Swiss education, innovation and art-science with Chinese audiences organized by swissnex China, the Science Consulate of Switzerland.

In September, swissnex China held [Einstein Day at Fudan University](#) for students to learn more about the world-class Swiss higher education and innovation landscape with guest speakers from leading Swiss companies Bühler, Schindler and Roche and Swiss alumni.

In November, swissnex China led a 6-day [Venture Leaders Fintech](#) pitching roadshow in Hong Kong linking 10 leading Swiss Fintech startups with local multi-\$B investors, mentors, experts, business partners over an astounding 12 pitching sessions including participation at the Hong Kong Fintech Week.

Every third Thursday each month, swissnex China holds a Café des Sciences lecture event for Swiss Spotlight Scientists and Startups to present their projects and connect with the community. Register [here](#) for its last edition of the year Internalizing Home Tech to be held on Dec 19th with Vytautas Jankauskas, Head of Research and Creation at the Chronus Art Center Lab to present his fascination with domestic and home technologies.

swissnex China is also recruiting Operations Manager and Junior PR & Communications Manager to join its dynamic and supportive team in Shanghai! Please check out its [Career page](#) for more details!

Stay tuned for more exciting news, events and activities: follow swissnex on [LinkedIn](#), [WeChat](#) (swissnex), [Weibo](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or sign up to our [monthly Highlights Newsletter](#) and our [bi-monthly Science-Switzerland Newsletter](#)!

SwissCham Shanghai

Swiss Ball - April 18, 2020

It is with great pleasure that SwissCham would like to announce the biggest event of the Swiss community in China:

Swiss Ball 2020

Theme: Aladdin & 1001 Nights

The Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong

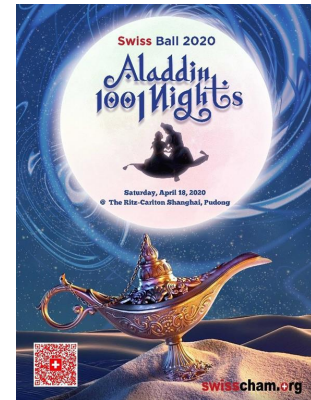
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Rundown:

Cocktail 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Dinner from 7.30pm onwards

Dance, Entertainment & Fun until sunrise



Swiss Ball 2020
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The yearly Swiss Ball has developed into a must-go-to event in Shanghai and we are inviting everyone to join us to make this Ball another memorable edition. Get exposure! Before, during & after: Ballroom, Invitations, Bags, Magazine, Website, WeChat! Get mentioned by the MC, go on stage and be part of the largest Swiss event in China! Impress your clients and friends with a centrally positioned named table!

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Regional Annual General Assembly



Swiss Ball 2020
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The upcoming Regional Annual General Assembly (RAGA) of **SwissCham** Shanghai will take place on Friday, March 13, 2020.

Please save the date! We look forward to meeting our members and people who are interested in our Swiss community there!

Swiss Centers China

Swiss Centers' Representation at the CIIE



Swiss Centers China
booth at CIIE ©Swiss
Centers Shanghai

Swiss Centers China (SCC) organized a joint Swiss booth at this year's Chinese International Import Exhibition (CIIE). Aimed at offering an ideal platform of greater visibility and synergy to Swiss SMEs, the cluster booth brought together 16 Swiss companies from different industries to showcase their quality products.

11 of the companies were gathered under the common theme of "Food". Their products ranged from chocolates, cookies, cheese, salt and pork to coffee, wine and beer. The other five companies were clustered under the theme of "Quality Life". They displayed various Swiss products from industries such as skin care, cosmetics, watches, sportswear and bedding.

SCC organized different Switzerland themed events at the respective booths, including an alphorn performance, a Ticino cooking show and a Swiss wheel of fortune. This led to great visitor interaction.

SCC also hosted a Swiss Evening Event during the CIIE, on November 7th 2019 at Hongqiao CBD, with the presence of the Consul General Mr. Olivier Zehnder, and over 160 participants from the exhibitors and local Swiss business community.

Need any further details on the activities of SCC or how you can benefit from the services? Visit the website under <http://swisscenters.org/>

New employees

Mrs. Daniela Ziliotto, Consular Attaché

Mrs. Daniela Ziliotto grew up in Canton of Ticino. She started working in Shanghai in August 2019 as Consular Attaché. Prior to Shanghai, she worked at the Consular Section of the Embassy of Switzerland in Beijing. Previous to her Chinese experience, Mrs. Ziliotto worked in the Recruiting office of the FDFA in Bern as well as in several Swiss embassies around the world, such as in Tanzania, Italy, Latvia, Zimbabwe and England.



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Together with her husband also "Ticinese" and their teenager son, Daniela is enjoying

some more years in this fascinating city. In her spare time, Daniela likes travelling and is passionate about discovering many aspects of Chinese culture.

Mr. Martin Baier, Consular Attaché



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Martin was born and brought up in the greater Zurich area. After many years working in different fields in Switzerland, he got married in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he later started his career at the FDFA by serving as a visa officer at the Embassy. In September and October 2019 he received an intense training at the Headquarter in Bern as a consular attaché and was transferred afterwards to Shanghai, where he now has the opportunity not only to deepen his work related knowledge but also learn more about the Chinese culture. In

his free time he is passionate about hiking, travelling and enjoying the nature, as well as studying languages and history. Martin is looking forward to welcome and meet you either once at the Consulate General or during a more informal occasion at one of the many events the Swiss community is hosting in Shanghai.

Mrs. Anna Blunshi, Academic Intern

Anna was born and raised in a small town near Fribourg, Switzerland. When she was 11 years old, she moved to Hong Kong for two years with her family. After their return to Switzerland, she completed her high school studies in Bern and enrolled in the Bachelor's programme of International Affairs at the University of St. Gallen. Growing up in an environment with Swiss and Chinese influences, she has cultivated a strong interest in international politics and cooperation. During her studies in St. Gallen, she spent an exchange semester at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. Next to her studies, she has participated in several student organizations and enjoys doing sports, drawing, going to concerts and travelling.



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