

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme NOVEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

94th Edition

Campus Hönggerberg

“High tech meets cow pastures”



Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Please register by November 7 latest

Special Exhibition

Colonialism in Switzerland

at
NATIONAL MUSEUM
ZURICH



Tuesday, November 19, 2024

FONDUE EVENT

*** NEW LOCATION ***

LE DÉZALEY



Tuesday, January 14, 2025



«Schweizerische Rettungsflugwacht»

Swiss Air Rescue



Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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SUMMARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 12 th	Campus Höggerberg – <i>register by 7th November</i>
Tuesday, 19 th	Colonialism in CH at National Museum – <i>register by 12th November</i>
Tuesday, 26 th	Open House at the Werdguet

DECEMBER

Thursday, 5 th	Maschinen Poesie at Museum Strauhof - <i>register by 1st December</i>
Saturday, 14 th	Christmas Dinner – <i>register by 7th December</i>

JANUARY

Tuesday, 14 th	Fondue at Restaurant Le Dézaley – <i>register by 8th January</i>
Tuesday, 21 st	REGA Kloten - <i>register by 9th January</i>
Tuesday, 28 th	Open House at the Werdguet

<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <p>Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached. Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied</p>

A long note from the secretary

Let me wind up my note this time with a rather unpleasant reminder: As you all know and as laid out at our last AGM, various Committee members have been in office for years, for *decades (!)* even. So kind of a fatigue cannot be denied... That means, as per today, surely two, likely even more *will irrevocably step down per February 2026*, eg stand *one last time for re-election* at the AGM 2025.

For the proper functioning of the club, these portfolios are *indispensable*. So, if no successor(s) should be available for 2026, it indeed will jeopardize the future of the ESCZ! Therefore we cannot do otherwise but to appeal once more to you all: Think it over earnestly whether you might jump in and keep our beloved club running well beyond 2025 - and let us know in time!

After all, we want to look forward to celebrating another big birthday party, don't we???

Don't worry, we don't push you into the Committee and we don't lock you up there for decades. But yes, someone will have to "jump over the blade".

Everybody who has ever been on our Committee, will tell you that it was a great and educational time there.

Of course, the quality and frequency of our events is guaranteed and will be maintained all through 2025 – we promise you that too 😊

The Restaurant Werdguet „Saal“ in which we run our AGM's and various slide shows: This room has a proud age of 50 years – who would have thought that? Next year, it will undergo a renovation, i.e. the sliding walls are not really sliding anymore, rather are they grinding along. At the moment, we cannot guarantee if this room will be available for our next AGM. But we will not hold it out in the snow, that's for sure.

We recently had a wonderful guided tour through *the Valley“ in Kempththal which was the Maggi manufacture in past times. The guide brought me to the idea of visiting the real birth place of Maggi in Singen (DE). Guided tours are offered there as well. We think of December 2025 to do this, combined with a stay at the lovely Christmas Market nearby. A big challenge will be the transport. As you know, the *Deutsche Bahn DB* loves to strike before Christmas or to cancel train connections without replacement, therefore, we must set up a „Plan B“ with some private cars which would relocate stranded travellers back to Switzerland.

I wish you a nice autumn season.

Warmest regards

Jürg

November 7 Register with Sonja for Campus Höggerberg

November 12
15.50 h
Register



Campus Höggerberg

Once the ETH Zurich ran out of space around the main building in the city center, it expanded to a second location at the Höggerberg in the 1960s. The new site was directly adjacent to forests and farmland. Today, the vibrant university campus is Switzerland's largest and equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure. In short: High tech meets cow pastures! More than 10'000 people work and study here. The campus was inspired by the American model, where studies and social life blend together seamlessly. In addition to research buildings and lecture halls, there are flats, sports facilities, shops and restaurants here.

We can get an English guided campus tour of about 1 hour, to experience the vibrant center of modern research and breathe the air of academia. Members have to pay CHF 15.00 and guests CHF 20.00. Meet Sonja at 15.50 h at the bus stop ETH Höggerberg (buses 37, 42, 69 and 80 will bring you there).

Look forward to immersing yourself in a pocket-sized town, and register early with Sonja by sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening). Due to the limited space it's good to register as early as possible.

November 12 Register with Barbara for Colonialism at Landesmuseum

November 19
15.45 h
Register

→ **NOT 18.30h**
as in the past



Colonialism in Switzerland - Landesmuseum Zurich

Based on various results of research and according to concrete examples with illustrations of objects, art works, photos and documents, you get the unique chance to find out more about what colonialism means nowadays here in Switzerland. Be aware: the exhibition may have photographs with a racist touch. On the other hand, you can find out more on how Switzerland was involved in the early days (starting in the 16th century with colonialism), so do not miss this informative English guided tour lasting an hour.

Hence, the English Speaking Club of Zurich would like to invite you to join me today. Meet Barbara inside the Landesmuseum (Kasse) at 15.45 p.m. The tour starts at 16.00 h. The entrance fee is CHF 8.00 which you please go and pay at the entrance

(the owners of a Museum Card are asked to bring it along, for them the entrance is free). Besides the entrance fee, for the tour guide, we ask CHF 10.00 for members and CHF 20.00 for guests in cash. The Landesmuseum Zürich is located just next to the main station Zürich. You reach it best via the underpass Shop-Ville.

To take part, please register with Barbara either by SMS to 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com by November 12. **When registering, state if you come to a nearby restaurant after the tour for an early supper.**

November 26
19.00 h

Open House at the Restaurant Werdguet

Why didn't the teddy bear eat dessert? *A: He was stuffed.*



Tonight, you won't meet stuffed teddy bears but rather club members and maybe other guests. Come along for good food or just a drink. In the restaurant, we always have our cosy corner for us. Guests and visitors are very welcome to this event. No registration necessary, you can just step in. How to get there, see frame below. For any questions, contact Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81 or by e-mail to info@escz.ch

For various events like slide shows, lectures, the AGM or the so-called "Open House" events on the last Tuesday of the month, we meet as usual at the

Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.

How to get there: The restaurant Werdguet can be difficult to find. Those coming for the first time are recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the right hand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the left hand side at the first corner. www.werdguet.ch

December 1

[Register with Jürg for Maschinen Poesie at Museum Strauhof](#)

December 5
18.00 h sharp

Maschinen Poesie at Museum Strauhof

**Register
Thursday**

How do human, machine and text function together in harmony? Since we know about chat-gpt and AI (artificial intelligence) which becomes available to everyone, it is realistic that a machine (and not the human being) can generate literature.

In German



How did it come to all this? Museum Strauhof looks back to this development. We focus on three “new” modern techniques – typing machine, computer and “machine learning”. What comes in the future? Here we’d better make up our own mind. A German guided tour of 50 minutes will explore this topic which is fascinating and a bit frightening at the same time. Costs for the guide (excl. regular entrance fee) are CHF 5.00 for members and CHF 15.00 for guests. The entrance fee of CHF 6.00 is subject to various reductions (i.e. Museum Card). How to get there: Take any tram along Bahnhofstrasse and get off at Rennweg or Paradeplatz. Turn into Augustinergasse until you reach house no. 9.

Afterwards, for those who wish, we can go for a bite to eat but NOT in a nearby restaurant. Before Christmas, it has become so difficult to make table reservations. You can join me to go to the “Oase” which is the SBB Personalrestaurant (self service) in HB. They have everything for the small and the big hunger. No binding reservation necessary for this, just join me. For the guided tour, please register with Jürg by December 1 latest, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to info@escz.ch. More information, see also www.strauhof.ch

December 7 Register for Christmas Dinner

December 14
18.00 h
**Register
Saturday**

Christmas Dinner 2024 at Restaurant Oberes Triemli Zurich

You sit in the tram 14 in direction of Triemli. You don’t head towards a supermarket or the hospital - but to our “Weihnachts – Stammbeiz” Restaurant Oberes Triemli. You enter the Restaurant and you feel immediately that Christmas is in the air. As every year. What a wonderful feeling!



Please find more information in the invitation form included in the envelope which will be sent out by post soon.

January 8 Register with Heinz for Fondue Event

January 9 Register with Barbara for REGA Centre Kloten

January 14
18.30 h
Register



Fondue at Restaurant Le Dézaley (Niederdorf)

A new year often means change. As Burgwies has closed and reopened in new clothes, we change as well and go back to an old traditional place in the Niederdorf. We already visited this well-known place in the past, and it is easily accessible. They offer many traditional cheese fondues, starting from CHF 31.50 excluding side orders. So come along to this first event of the New Year and **start it with a glass of wine or similar**. For more details see www.le-dezaley.ch

Meeting point: Restaurant Dézaley, Römergasse 9, 8001 Zurich.
How to get there: Tram 4 or 15 to "Helmhaus". Then walk a few meters back along Limmatquai before accessing Römergasse.
Register with Heinz, not later than **by January 8**
(H: 044 780 19 45, O: 044 784 85 87, or E-Mail hvifian@bluewin.ch)

When you register, please leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice.

January 21
14.35 p.m.
Register



REGA Centre Kloten

It's a long while ago since our Club went to visit REGA at the Airport. Meanwhile, much has changed, also the refreshed location. Our guided tour starts with a presentation in English about REGA in the show room (many seating facilities). Then, we are shown around the hangar and may take a seat inside an ambulance jet (but sorry, we don't fly away!). We are also shown the 24h office as well as the area where the helicopters undergo inspection. At the very end of the tour, we have the pleasure of watching a movie about REGA.

Important organisational details:

Get a return ticket destination Zürich Flughafen, REGA.
The meeting point is at 14.35 h at Zürich Flughafen, Bahnhof,
➔ Bus station KANTE N, there we take Bus 739, leaving at 14.45 h, arriving at REGA Centre at 14.50 h. As parking spaces are only available after 17.00 h, the only way to reach the REGA Centre is preferably by public transport. In case you are obliged to come by car, you have to look for a parking space on your own account.

Members have to pay CHF 15.00 and guests CHF 20.00.

Extra donations to REGA are welcome but not compulsory. The tour begins at 15.15 h and will end at 17.15 h, when we catch Bus 739 in front of the entrance of REGA Centre at 17.24 h,

arriving at Zurich Flughafen, Bahnhof → Bus station at 17.29 h. Saying farewell upon arrival OR joining in the facultative supper at an Italian restaurant very close to the bus stop (inside the airport). Please take note: Children and, of course pets, are not allowed inside the Rega Centre.

REGISTER with your FULL NAME (needed for the security check-in before the 2h guided tour in English) with Barbara, merk.barbara@gmail.com or 079 582 19 48 latest by January 9.

When registering, also mention if you only come to the guided tour or join in an Italian meal at an Italian restaurant at Airport Kloten.

January 28
19.00 h

Open house at Restaurant Werdguet

Everyone welcome to meet at the restaurant for a relaxed social evening in English. Eat, drink or try a dessert, or have all three. For guests: Our group meets in a reserved corner to the right as you walk into the restaurant. For further information contact Sonja by 044 302 45 47. No registration required.



Upcoming Club events in 2025:

February 11	Annual General Meeting 2025
March 18	Guided tour at Gottlieber Spezialitäten AG, Gottlieben
December 2025	Excursion to Maggi Museum Singen (DE) & Christmas Market