

IMCZ NEWS



APRIL 2008

Rolling into 2008

PRESIDENTIAL DISPATCH

Following the AGM in late January the IMCZ's year 2008 is gaining momentum and taking shape. The IMCZ's Auditors for 2007, **Andrew Glass** and **Kari Imholz**, who deserve and receive our special thanks, completed their audit of the Club's books, and you can read their report by logging on to the IMCZ website and following the link from "Resources" to "IMCZ 2007 Auditor's Report". A financial summary for 2007 is also posted there. The Club can now launch ahead into 2008.

Membership Dues / Membership Directory

Our invoice for membership dues for 2008 has with luck arrived in your mailbox recently. We thank you in advance for prompt payment. Special thanks to this year's Treasurer **Fabian Nicolussi** for timely dispatch of the invoices. Once all payments have been reconciled we can announce our definitive membership figure for 2008, so don't keep us waiting!

Membership rolls close following the unpaid invoice reminder period, after which we begin work on the IMCZ Membership Directory for 2008. This booklet publication will be sent by post to all paid and honorary IMCZ members.

Please update your membership data in the online database, so that your most recent information is included in the Membership Directory. If you're not sure how to do this, please contact me at President@IMCZ.com for instructions. If you'd like to place an advertisement in the directory, please contact our Newsletter Editor at Newsletter@IMCZ.com. Submit ideas for entries into the Directory to me.

IMCZ News I'm sure you've noticed the new and improved *IMCZ News* - the Club's monthly newsletter. I've received countless compliments on the new newsletter - many from outside of the IMCZ. I would very much like to thank **Andrew DeBoo** - the IMCZ Newsletter Editor for the content and production management. Special thanks also go to **Ron Sumners** for his graphics expertise and flair. The newsletter looks fantastic and it's great advertising for the IMCZ. In fact, we are now beginning to accept advertisements. If your firm would like to place an ad or you know one which would, please feel free to get in touch with Andrew at Newsletter@IMCZ.com.

If you have something you'd like to sell, buy, a service you'd like to offer or need to have, consider an "ad-let" in the Member's Marketplace. Contact Andrew and he'll fill you in. Most importantly, we're looking forward to your contribution to the newsletter. If you have an idea for an article, column, review, some great jokes - please send them to Andrew. You'll soon see your name in print!

IMCZ Website The IMCZ website at www.IMCZ.com has come a long way in the past 18 months. As software geek and nominal Webmaster, I'd hope the user-side is now largely complete and functions as it should. Most potential new members find the IMCZ through the website, so it should reflect the Club professionally. Please contact me with problems or questions at Webmaster@IMCZ.com.

I would particularly like to thank **David Harris** - not only for his years of tireless service to the IMCZ but also for his submission of historical information about the IMCZ. I have recently posted the first twenty years of IMCZ history as compiled by him in the "Resources" section of the website. David also contributed many years' worth of back newsletters and other materials which I will post online during the coming months. The IMCZ will soon be 30 years old! If you have any information of historical interest about the IMCZ, please let me know at President@IMCZ.com.

Stammtisch / New Members Reception The Stammtisch concept has been around for nearly as long as the IMCZ. The current Stammtisch at the Parkhotel began in November 2006 with a few lonely board members holding down a table in the restaurant. In the

IMCZ Introducing... new members

THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

Paulo Fernando Arend, who is of Brazilian and German origin. Paulo speaks a whole slew of languages: Portuguese, English, German, French and Dutch! Among his interests he includes other cultures, travel, film, photography and computer games. Paulo is here as a Business Consultant for VCP Overseas Holding Ltd, a Brazilian pulp and paper, having arrived in Zug in June 2006, following sojourns in São Paulo, Amsterdam and Antwerp with this same firm. He and his wife Jordana have a three-month-old daughter Laura.

Mark Murray is Canadian and a proud speaker of English. Mark is Head of Trade Marketing and Distribution for British American Tobacco. He is particularly interested in travel and golf.



Remember

to attend the
Stammtisch
every Thursday
evening
18:00 – 20:00.

Join us at the
Park Hotel in Zug.
Through the bar in
the Dining Room.

future events

APRIL 6TH:
See the Large Hadron
Collider (LHC)

APRIL 17TH:
New Members Reception

APRIL 21ST:
IMCZ Bowling

APRIL 25TH:
ZIWC / IMCZ TGIF

APRIL 26TH:
Whisky Tasting

MAY 6TH:
ZIWC Book Sale

MAY 19TH:
IMCZ Bowling

MAY 20TH:
Tour of Seeger Moor



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Board Member bios are posted under the following link:
<http://www.imcz.com/Board.asp>.
 Go ahead and check them out!

Golfing? Hiking? Bicycling? Oldtimers? Motorcycling? Poker? Jam Sessions?

Well, something in that heading must have caught your attention. Are you interested in a regular golfing day? A recurring hiking event? Would you like a monthly bicycling trip? Is a Harley's throaty rumble what makes a weekend complete? How about a jam with other English-speaking musicians? Wednesday night Poker? Fifteen classic cars on a tour around the Lake of Lucerne?

It's all possible - with your help. Let us know what you're interested in. We can help arrange it. YOU can help us put together the activity you'd most like to see. Steven Butterworth's zeal won 20 participants for a regular event. Make the Club reflect your interests. We'll support you. Gerhard: Oldtimers? Ira: Golf? Max: Hiking? Matt: Bicycling? Georg: Motorcycling? Michael: Poker? Joe: Jam Sessions? David: what is it you're interested in? You know the drill - send an e-mail to President@IMCZ.com. Do it today; we're into the second quarter already.



Thanks Thanks for reading this far. For making the Stammtisch a success. For coming out to bowl. And especially, in advance for your input on how to make the IMCZ a better place to meet, socialize, and network.

David LeBow, IMCZ President

PRESIDENTIAL DISPATCH

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meantime some 25 members regularly gather on any given Thursday - over 10% of the Club membership. In the six weeks since the AGM, over 60 members have attended at least once, nearly 30% of the Club. Our largest Stammtisch drew 29 IMCZ members.

The Stammtisch has gained as a forum and opportunity for social and business networking, especially for new members in Zug. This year we are introducing an event called the "New Members Reception". Twice a year we will hold an extended Stammtisch event especially to meet and greet new members from the previous six months. All members are welcome and food and drink is provided by the Club. If there were ever a Stammtisch you shouldn't miss, it's the **New Members Reception (NMR)**. The first NMR is being held on **Thursday, April 17th** in the Walchwileraal in the Parkhotel. Put it on your calendar now. Now.

IMCZ Bowling For the second straight month, the IMCZ has organized a 10-pin bowling event at the Cherry Bowl in Baar. February saw 12 bowlers and in March we filled five lanes with 20 bowlers. Arrive at 19:00, play begins at 19:30. For just SFr. 20.- you enjoy two hours of bowling (including shoe and ball rental) and a great evening. We welcome IMCZ members, prospective members as well as members and prospective members of the Zug International Women's Club. Special thanks go to **Steven Butterworth** as stalwart organizer. We roll on the third Monday of every month.

IMCZ New Members Reception, Spring 2008

The IMCZ's ranks have grown by more than 65 members during the last year. The Board extends a hearty welcome to the Club and invites you to attend a reception for new members:

IMCZ New Members Reception, Spring 2008

Thursday, 17 April, 18:00 - 21:00

Parkhotel Zug

All IMCZ members - new and veteran - are welcome. Longstanding members are encouraged to meet the Club's new arrivals, while recent entrants are invited to meet the people who have made the IMCZ what it is today. Reception attendees who are not yet members will have the option of paying an entrance fee or joining the Club outright on the spot.

Networking opportunities will abound, drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of the Club. Reduced-rate parking has even been negotiated with the Parkhotel. Your distinguished attendance will be gratefully appreciated.

See the Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

BEFORE THE BIG-BANG SIMULATIONS BEGIN

**CERN 2008 Open Day: Sunday, 6 April 2008
from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.**

The world's largest particle accelerator lies 100 meters below ground. The IMCZ invites you to take the plunge and have a look.

In 2008, CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, will commission its Large Hadron Collider. The LHC is the world's most powerful particle accelerator, measuring 27 kilometres in circumference, and is expected to bring advances in our knowledge of matter and the Universe. The LHC will accelerate sub-atomic particles and collide them at the centre of four large detectors, ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and LHCb. The LHC is an exceptional scientific tool employing state-of-the-art technology to further fundamental science. It comprises over 1800 superconducting magnet assemblies and is maintained at a temperature of -271.3°C, just 1.9 degrees above absolute zero. The four experiments that will study the particle collisions are technological triumphs in themselves, the largest of them as tall as a five-story building.



On Sunday 6 April 2008 CERN throws open the doors to the LHC. A range of exciting activities will be organized around the ring, both on the surface and underground. A diverse program includes visits to the laboratories on the surface and down to the tunnels and experiment caverns, as well as fun activities and workshops for young and old, demonstrations of superconductivity, lectures by Nobel Prize-winners and lots of other surprises at the sites in Meyrin (Switzerland), Prévessin (France) and at all the access points around the ring!

We hope that you can make it for this once-in-a-lifetime event! Members wishing to join the group going to CERN should contact David LeBow at President@IMCZ.com as soon as possible. We will be traveling by train and meeting at the Zug train station for a 06:58 departure to Geneva. Please purchase a "Tageskarte" (SBB day-pass) as we will be traveling by Tram/Bus in Geneva as well.



ZIWC EVENT

Spring Book Sale & Apero

The Zug International Women's Club is holding its **Spring Book Sale & Apero at the Pfarrei Cham on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 from 18:00 to 21:30**. The event will kick off this year with an appearance by Special Guest author Barry Schieber and his Bernese therapy dog, Moritz! You don't want to miss this! Both are members of the Delta Society's Pet Partners Program, which trains owners and animals for volunteer work in hospitals and medical centers.

Barry & Moritz have generously agreed to donate a portion of the sales of their new books to the ZIWC Library Fund Raising Project.

The following books are available for individual or combination purchase.

A Gift to Share - story about generosity & how Moritz became a therapy dog.

An Open Heart - story about kindness & how it really can change the world!

A Peaceful Mind (also available in German) - story about patience & travels in CH.

Nose to Nose - a memoir of healing, how Moritz has touched many hearts as a therapy dog.

If you purchase 1 book for 28 CHF, then 1 CHF will be donated, 3 books for 81 CHF and 3 CHF will be donated. And if you buy 4 books for 103 CHF, then 5 CHF will be donated.

Everyone is welcome - ZIWC and IMCZ members, spouses, partners and children, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Stop by at any time during the evening to browse, chat, **buy (used) books** (!) and have a drink. Proceeds from the sale will finance the purchase of new English books for the Zug Public Library. It is largely due to this activity that the Cantonal Library proudly possesses such a substantial collection of books in English.

This year the Spring Book Sale will have a special Children's Section thanks to an increase in children's book donations. Donations of good quality books and DVDs for re-sale are still being accepted. IMCZ members who would like to donate books can drop them off during office hours at APEX Computer Technologies, Poststrasse 30 in Zug. IMCZ member David Harris has donated hundreds of books to this sale over the years.

Also, strong-backed volunteers to help transport the books and set up the sale are needed and thankfully welcomed; contact President@IMCZ.com for further information. There is, however, a new storage room with an elevator, so boxes need not be dragged up and down dangerous stairs. Members are thus encouraged to promote the reading of English language books by donating unused volumes, attending the sale to find just those for which you might be looking and thereby bolstering the English book collection at the Cantonal Public Library.

IMCZ Golfers' Network

Contributed by IMCZ Board Member John Stuart

For those who have recently moved to Zug and wondered how and where you can get a game of golf, read on....

To play at any club in Switzerland, a golfer needs an official handicap from a recognised golf club. It doesn't matter in which country the golf club is, as long as it is recognised by that country's PGA it will suffice.

The cheapest golf in the Zug area (and, strangely enough, the one with some of the best facilities) is Holzhäusern, situated between Cham and Rotkreuz. The club belongs to Migros who also own supermarkets, petrol stations and fitness clubs.

There is a 6-hole course (CHF 22.-/28.- a round), a 9-hole course (CHF 33.-/48.-) and an 18-hole course (CHF 70.-/90.-) all at the same location. The 2 prices reflect the Mon-Fri rate and the week-end rate.

Other courses in the area include Küssnacht (a bit hilly), Sempach (has superb views of the alps), Oberkirch (another Migros club) and Schönenberg (very nice course).

The prices for the private clubs (i.e. non-Migros) range from CHF 100.- to CHF 150.- per round. For more information, google any of the above clubs and you'll easily find their web sites.

Swiss Ski Areas REVIEW

by IMCZ Membership Coordinator Joseph J. Dow

Last month I cut loose with my review of the Engelberg-Titlis area, and I actually heard that some people didn't agree wholeheartedly with all my remarks. I can hardly imagine why not. We can have a Stammtisch discussion point for point on the criteria listed below. Let this be a nudge and challenge to any grumbler to put your comments in print. Remember, I'm a lawyer.

This month we're off to Flumserberg, located in Canton St. Gallen, easily reachable from Zug by rail.



Flumserberg

- Eastern Switzerland directly above the Walensee, approximately 1.5 hours from Zug (Zug - Zurich - Unterterzen). The train stops, you cross the road and you are on the aerial gondola, which takes you up to the village of Tannenboden and a large car park.
- **Village:** Not much there, except some hotels and restaurants. This seems to be more of a commuter resort than a destination resort.
- **Scenery:** Very pretty. The towering rock formations above the Walensee are particularly striking from below in the glow of the morning sun. (see photo, although it is not the morning shot) Take your pictures before you get on the lift or you'll miss it. You have some views of the lake from the trails above, too.
- **Runs:** A moderately-sized area with mostly easy cruisers. The slopes seem to get a lot of sunny exposure. There is a nice little "snowbowl" of an area up to Prodokamm from Prodokalp to the skier's extreme right, ... well, be careful not to go too far to the right or you end up on a cross-country trail that will take you about 20 minutes to get to the lift, although the scenery is pretty. The black (schwer) runs at Leist to the skier's extreme left are challenging but the snow cover is not as good, even when they seemed to have plenty of snow elsewhere. There are some good cruisers down the middle of the resort from the top at Maschgenkamm.
- **Lift System:** Decent lifts and the layout make it easy to navigate through the entire area. You can see it all in one day.
- **Food:** In the cafeteria style restaurant at the top of Maschgenkamm, the food was good and there is a nice sun terrace.
- **Conclusion:** A pleasant area, which is incredibly convenient to Zurich.

IN GENERAL:

- Look into deals at the SBB with their Snow 'N' Rail packages, especially if you have a Halb-Tax Card or GA rail pass. For Swiss residents, including foreigners having legal residence, REGA.CH membership is a fantastic deal which provides rescue services (CHF 30.- per person until May 2009) that cover you all around the world.

Look out next month for the next and probably last review of the season: Champéry in Les Portes du Soleil on the French border.



News from the Lanes... the IMCZ Bowling Crunch

Of the 17th March evening at the **Cherry Bowl in Sihlbrugg** Steven Butterworth can hardly withhold crooning, "It was indeed a great group of people, 10 from each of the clubs who came out for the second event. The highest scorer from the men was David LeBow (with a three-game total of 416), and the ladies' leader was Janis Meier (375), who had serious competition from Geri Servi at 358."

The group of twenty occupied five lanes, and a glance over the score cards evokes the sound of rocketing pins. Ten of the twenty participants bowled better than 300 for a 3-game total, and five bowled better than 350! Four of ten ladies racked up totals of greater than 300, and 6 were better than 250, keeping the men every bit on their toes.

The IMCZ's regular bowling event for Club members takes place on the **3rd Monday of every month: next is April 21**. Steven Butterworth has negotiated a splendid 25% discount with the Cherry Bowl (just off the end of the freeway in Sihlbrugg).

The crush of strikes and thrill of spares **begins at 19:30**, and the event is open to registered and prospective IMCZ and ZIWC members. Early arrival to assure good shoes, a good ball and some liquid calisthenics is encouraged. **Reservations are required**, since the Cherry Bowl must be notified of how many bowlers to expect. Please contact **Steven Butterworth by the preceding Friday** via e-mail or phone, butterworthsp@gmail.com or **041/790 4172**. If you register to bowl and can't attend, you must let him know by the preceding Friday. The **IMCZ No-Show policy** applies. The cost for an evening is CHF 20.00 for two hours of bowling and shoe rental - a bargain indeed - and concludes at 21:30.

IMCZ NEWS *Wants Your Input*

The IMCZ Board has set itself goals for 2008 of getting members more involved in planning and execution of Club events, improving Club marketing and becoming better known in the local community, and achieving increased member contributions to the IMCZ News.

Are you planning or organizing an event which you would like to have publicized to the rest of the Club membership? Do you have a topic or interest about which you would like to write for the IMCZ News on a regular basis? Would you like to sell or exchange something (golf clubs, a boat, an apartment or house)? Submissions made to Newsletter Editor Andrew DeBoo by the end of a calendar month will be greatly appreciated and considered for publication in the following month's IMCZ News. This would be a commendable way to share your interest or become better known within the Club.

The appearance of the IMCZ News has changed, supported by the professional expertise of graphic designer and photographer Ron Sumners. Ron originates from Toronto, Canada, where he built up and ran a graphic design and photography business for over twenty years before meeting his Swiss wife-to-be while vacationing in Australia. Member submissions of photos, particularly from Club events, will gladly be accepted and considered for publication (sumners@databaar.ch), and Ron can be thanked personally on a regular basis at the Stammtisch with a toast of his good work.

Nutrition More Seriously: Coffee or tea? Best to ask your genes.

*Contributed by IMCZ member Remo P. Jutzeler van Wijlen,
Head R&D Sponser Sports Food Ing. Appl Food Sciences, MAS Nutrition & Health ETHZ*

You've heard the advice or have given it to others: don't drink too much coffee, it's not healthy! Evidence notwithstanding is rather controversial regarding increased risk of coronary heart disease (CHD) due to caffeine intake. It is generally accepted that coffee is supposed to elevate blood pressure, an acknowledged risk factor of CHD.

Hypertension (high blood pressure) appears to demonstrate a dose-dependent, U-shaped association with caffeine. It has been found that low-level coffee consumers (1-3 cups/day) have a higher risk of hypertension than have abstainers - or heavy (but only female!) consumers (more than 6 cups/day). Perhaps there is some genetic adaptation to highly caffeinated coffee shop visits of our better halves? Furthermore, metabolic clearance of caffeine is far lower in children (>80%) and smokers (>30 to 50%) than in non-smoking adults, but interestingly enough it is doubled in women taking oral contraceptives. (What about the clearance of the contraceptive, you may ask? I frankly do not know, and that is maybe a topic for another column.). Nonetheless by the way, during the last trimester of pregnancy caffeine half-life is greatly enhanced (up to 15 h), so pregnant women really should avoid caffeine! This advice may not be so helpful in the *IMCZ News*, but I count on you telling your partner.

Anyway, the new field of nutrigenomics has come up with surprising new facts regarding caffeine which confuse the issue and make it further difficult to decide if coffee is unhealthy, inert or even health-promoting for some individuals. Genomics allows identification of so-called "fast" and "slow caffeine metabolizers" depending on one's genetic profile.

For a fast metabolizer, the consumption of 1-3 cups of coffee per day correlates with a 3-fold decrease in incidence of myocardial infarction (MI). Opposite this stand the fortunes of slow metabolizers, for whom consumption of more than 4 cups of coffee a day would indicate a 4-fold higher risk of MI. Importantly, it seems that these effects only apply on people under 50 years of age. No effect, neither positive nor negative, was found in older people! (So is this why middle-aged people always seem so stressed

and older ones so relaxed?)

So far, so good. But how do I know if I am a fast or a slow coffee metabolizer? Well, there are already several companies offering their services to enlighten us.



One can order a gene sample collection kit online, follow the instructions and send it back to find out if coffee can be indulged and enjoyed with no sorrows in the future - or whether this pleasure must be taken grimly without any jollity, since it is doubtful we can forego this chemical lift entirely!

In summary, young (<50 y), rapid caffeine-metabolizing people benefit from moderate coffee consumption compared to those who drink no coffee at all. (So if you've already got a moderate red wine-drinking habit, you might consider coffee as well if you've not yet started.) A negative impact of coffee on heart health seems only to be present in slow metabolizers. And seemingly, heavy consumption of coffee is - at least in women - healthier than moderate coffee drinking. It's all or nothing! (Isn't that too true?)

As an interesting side note for the passionate tea drinker: tea contains high levels of theophylline, which is 3-5 times more potent than caffeine in its mode of action on blood pressure. Just to leave you distinct tea drinkers feeling as unsafe as we coffee lovers... (And you thought this column was meant to put your mind at rest about unseemly, unhealthy dietary habits?)

The Reading Circle Meets The Reluctant Fundamentalist

The March meeting of the Reading Circle for English Language Literature run by *IMCZ News* Editor Andrew DeBoo convened to debate Mohsin Hamid's novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, shortlisted for the 2007 Man Booker Prize.

The fundamentalists introduced most commonly via the news media and television since the eruptive Iranian revolution in 1979 and with redoubled emphasis following September 2001 have been vigorously religious with a strong will to political power.

They have been everything but reluctant, so Hamid's title turns uncomfortably in the mind. What kind of fundamentalist can this indeed be?

At a marketplace café restaurant in the old section of Lahore, Pakistan, we-the reader-are accosted by a native gentlemen who speaks perfect English and seems to recognize our own American awkwardness in this place, bright and dusty in the afternoon sun. He presses us to join him for tea and he sets his story spinning.

Meet Changez, a Pakistani crackshot who rocketed into the Manhattan headquarters of valuation consultancy Underwood Samson from an Ivy League base as a twenty-two-year-old. Introduced to Erica, a bright and gorgeous New York socialite, during a Grecian vacation of Princeton graduates, everything looked to see his star continue rising.

His firm pronounces upon the value of companies as objects for sale. Changez and his colleagues enter a business operation, scrutinize its fundamentals, and decide how much the entity is worth, including the value of its workforce. A job well done is an accurate figure, regardless what happens with the 'asset' and people afterwards. Everything by the book, and no regrets in the margin.

Changez excels and draws the praise of his boss Jim, a veteran who nonetheless seems to have retained his humanity. Jim recognizes not only the youngster's talent but also his inner discomfort, something he formerly had to admit in himself. Notably, Jim lives alone in a large flat and adorns the walls with male nudes.

The New York socialite is friendly, but Changez cannot get any closer. Erica is still in love with her deceased boyfriend Chris. Her tentative attraction to Changez and his eagerness do not coalesce in full-blown love; she remains preoccupied with a lover she cannot yield to memory, to Changez's dismay and wounded pride.

The narrator's monologue carries on, and we, the American visitor, well-dressed and bearing the stature of a soldier, with a nervous quickness in our glance, continue listening as our host orders the evening meal from the café's burly waiter.

While on an assignment in Manila, the September 11th attacks occur. Upon

returning to New York, Changez is struck by the dour state in which the city and country persist to remain.

Erica, for all her former liveliness, becomes reclusive, and he struggles even in trying to extend friendship to her. He senses suspicion due to his appearance and complexion, particularly in a company where he is assigned to conduct a valuation that may mean its closure. His differences to Americans, where he once felt so comfortable in New York, seem to emerge more strongly. He has difficulty 'focussing on fundamentals' as his superiors at work keep urging him to do.

The American national self-absorption and growing aggression disturb increasingly, the more so for Changez considering how India at the time is threatening his native Pakistan while the Americans prepare their war on terrorism.

In his monologue Changez never speaks of basic religious beliefs, but at most of political imbalances perpetrated and maintained by the United States. He remarks repeatedly the growing nervousness of his guest (us, the American, an agent perhaps?) as the evening draws nigh and the waiter lurks about in the restaurant since other guests have gradually left.

Changez's own sense of unease and discontent worsened in the American environment, and finally he could no longer adhere to the amoral creed of fundamental asset valuation which saw no consequence in its activity, leaving any overriding influence in the hands of the almighty client. Changez aborts a mission and returns to his New York base. Not long thereafter returns to Pakistan.

His family accepts his having left his occupation. Erica had literally disappeared. Jim had fired him, but not cast him utterly onto the street; he offered still a listening ear should Changez avail it. Back in Pakistan he had begun lecturing, and the border tension with India and his contact with students stirred his political sentiments, bringing even more withering criticisms of American foreign policy and practice.

Our narrator departs the restaurant with this last guest to see him (us?) to his hotel, noting several times how agitated the guest is (we are?) but offering reassurances. Just before the hotel the restaurant waiter appears from the shadows, the guest draws a shiny object from an inner pocket... (a slim case for business cards?).

Hamid spins the yarn finely, drawing the reader along, yet never letting the narrator disappear and the reader settle into complete comfort. Tension is held throughout: the constant suggestion of the storyteller of what should be imagined, and in noting the guest listener's unease insinuating that perhaps the narrator-Changez, the Pakistani with the French chameleon name-is not entirely to be trusted.

From his beginning as a crowned boy Changez ascends meteorically to where the atmosphere is heady, discards a system of valuation that seems entirely void of anything permanent or intrinsic. Out of all the intellectual power and modelling of which Underwood Samson is capable, nothing but numbers, dollars and cents that are so much sand, can be generated. He prefers the down-to-earth contact with students, even and perhaps particularly ones who do not have it so easy.

Our fundamentalist has turned on himself and slipped his skin to recognize someone with whom he is more comfortable, even if he must dispatch the urge to repeatedly glance over his shoulder.

The Reading Circle's next text is Nobel Prize winner Doris Lessing's *The Fifth Child*, something of a modern horror story of a couple who plan and strive to raise a large family, contrary to advice and criticism of relatives and friends, and the suffering they endure when their fifth child, Ben, grows to be a child of great appetite utterly insensitive to the needs and emotions of his siblings and others around him. The next meeting falls on 17 April at 19:30 in the Dachraum of the Stadt- und Kantonsbibliothek Zug. For further information please contact Andrew DeBoo.



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ON A CULTURAL NOTE

Britain is Repossessing the U.S.A., suggested by Bas Veenendaal

A Message from John Cleese (one of Monty Python's finest actors)

To the citizens of the United States of America:

In light of your failure to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately.

■ Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except Kansas, which she does not fancy). ■ Your new prime minister, Gordon Brown, will appoint a governor for America without the need for further elections. ■ Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. ■ A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed. ■ To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect: You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary.

1. Then look up aluminium, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.
2. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix -ize will be replaced by the suffix -ise.
3. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication.

There is no such thing as US English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell- checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of -ize. You will relearn your original national anthem, God Save The Queen.

4. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.
5. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not adult enough to be independent.
6. Guns should only be handled by adults. If you're not adult enough to sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not grown up enough to handle a gun.
7. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. A permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.
8. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and this is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean.
9. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrification will help you understand the British sense of humour.
10. The Former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline)-roughly \$6/US gallon. Get used to it.
11. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

*God save the Queen. Only He can.
John Cleese*

ZWIC INVITATION: **TGIF** THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY!

(The gentlemen applaud uproariously from the audience, gallery and rafters.)

**After a long week, let's all get together to have some fun!
All ZIWC and IMCZ Members are welcome!**

(They are standing now, stomping their feet; they can hardly contain themselves.)

We have specially reserved a nice cozy corner at the Schiff Bar Zug.

Stop in! Enjoy a cocktail with friends while swaying to the beat!

(This is just too tantalizing to pass up.)

Perfect way to kick-off the weekend ahead!

(Beers are hoisted. A cheer goes up. The lights dim. The night is young.)

Date: April 25, 2008,
last Friday of the month
Time: 19:00 to 21:00
Place: Schiff Bar
Graben 2
6300 Zug
(Located along the Lake)
RSVP: Gerie Servi at
hospitality@ziwc.ch by April 23
if you would like to stop by.

Directions:
Walking distance from
Zug Bahnhof; accessible with
Bus 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13

(You can lead a man to water...)

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If you don't have an e-mail address but would like to get one, contact President David LeBow at 041/727-1986. The computer geek in him cannot resist, and you'll soon be up and running.



IMCZ GOLF Saturday Morning Round

A few members have mentioned that it would be nice for the IMCZ golf enthusiasts to get together for a relaxing round of golf at the week-end.

To this end we are asking if anyone would be interested in playing on Saturday mornings, starting at around 9:00 or 9:30 for 9 holes of golf at Ennetsee GC (Migros).

At that time of the morning it usually takes only 2 hours to complete the round so we'll have enough time for a quiet celebration afterwards before taking on the rest of the week-end.

Anyone who is interested should contact John Stuart by mail or telephone giving your name, PLZ (post code) and handicap.

Mail: john.stuart@homatec.com Tel: 079 215 6871 or Tel: 041 724 3075
Mail: board@IMCZ.com

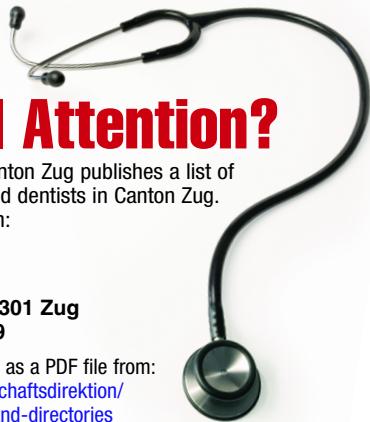
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**Department of Economic Affairs
Economic Promotion
Aabachstrasse 5, P.O. Box, CH-6301 Zug
T: 041 728 5504 • F: 041 728 5509**

The information can also be downloaded as a PDF file from:
<http://www.zug.ch/behoerden/volkswirtschaftsdirektion/economic-promotion/economy-23/lists-and-directories>

The IMCZ also has claimed a number of brochures that it can distribute to its members, so you could pick one up at the next Stammtisch.



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IMCZ Whisky Tasting at London Store

CONTRIBUTED BY IMCZ BOARD MEMBER JOHN STUART



Give your Saturday evening a perfect start, or give the whisky lover in you an entire evening out!

Eric Braun, IMCZ Member and whisky connoisseur, not pictured above, who also operates the whisky ships that run seasonally on the Lake of Zurich, has offered our members a unique chance to sample the beguiling delights of Scottish whisky.

The Whisky Tasting will include a selection of rare as well as well-known whiskies offered at cost price to IMCZ members, resulting in a very Scottish price of roughly CHF 1.- per taste. Eric can provide expert commentary on whiskies that can be more superbly enjoyed in accompaniment to chocolate, a fine cigar etc.

Food will also be included to help you extend the evening's enjoyment. All in all costs are not expected to run beyond CHF 20.- per person unless your thirst is unquenchable.

Where: The London Store, Baarerstrasse 36, CH-6300 Zug / Switzerland, Tel. +41 (0) 41 727 70 90 / Fax. +41 (0) 41 727 70 97; very reachable by public transportation.

When: Saturday, 26 April 2008, beginning 17:00

The tasting will continue until your pallet has been satisfied. There will be a limit to the number of participants so please sign up without delay to ensure your place. For more information call or mail John Stuart, 041 724 3075, board@IMCZ.com.
Sign-up deadline is Saturday, April 19th.

By the way, here is my table for tasting whiskies:

Rating	Meaning
0-3	Is it a whisky?
4-7	Would be okay to mix with coke.
8-10	A correct whisky.
11-14	Good and enjoyable whisky
15-17	A very good and recommended dram.
18-20	A beautiful dram to test absolutely.

Farewell ... adieu

The IMCZ wishes well to:

Pekka Syyrakki, who returned to Finland.
Pieter Tenbosch, who returned to the Netherlands.
Peter Hobbins • Cliff Shrum
Franz Suter • Dirk Stigter

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