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# IMCZNEWS





### **APRIL 2013**



# EDITORIAL Use it or lose it

Actually it is you, the IMCZ members who can make or break your Club. We on the board can only try to help, but the rest is up to you. Take one quick look at the Future Events column to see how much treasure and blood have gone into preparing such a long agenda of interesting and exciting events. Low participation is a chronic illness. Participation that gets very low or approaches zero is a bad sign which warns of a pathological case in which organisers get discouraged and lose interest and a downward spiral begins. Let us look forward therefore to good participation and attendance at the future events and functions.

One more request, many members are surprised that I remember the first names of just about every active member who has shown up at a Stammtisch or another function. Many ask me how I manage to remember so many names. My answer is always the same: I associate a name to every face. This is why we wish that every member have a photo on our website, so that there is a face associated with every name. Almost 70% of the members have put in their photos. I appeal to the rest, once more, that they upload their photos themselves, or send one to the webmaster or to me to insert on their pages. This would help everyone to get to know each other much faster.

### Muthana Kubba,

Newsletter Editor, newsletter@imcz.com

### FUTURE EVENTS

- THURSDAY APRIL 04, Danilo Bertocchi, leading a discussion on: "Climate Change"
- WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- THURSDAY MAY 02, New Members Reception with food & drinks;
  Sky Lounge, Up Town Tower 18:30-19:30

  THESDAY MAY 07, 05 or Pictal Charling Classic Classic Control of the Charling Classic Class
- TUESDAY MAY 07, 25m Pistol Shooting, Shooting Stand Choller 17:30-19:30 Max Leyherr
- SATURDAY MAY 11, Visit to Cham Water Treatment Plant 10:00 am at the plant Joop Hubbeling
- TUESDAY MAY 14, 25m Pistol Shooting, Shooting Stand Choller 17:30-19:30 Max Leyherr
- WEDNESDAY MAY 15, Joint Golfing Tournament with ZIWC Starting at 9 am Golf Club Holzhäusern, contact Anne Caroline Skretteberg
- WEDNESDAY MAY 15, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- SATURDAY MAY 18-25 Visit Amhuinnsuidhe Castle in the Isle of Harris, Scotland, see the midnight sun, surrounded by eagles, whales, otters and deer. Enjoy fascinating salmon fishing. IMCZ members receive 50% discount www.amhuinnsuidhe.com
- TUESDAY MAY 21, 25m Pistol Shooting, Shooting Stand Choller 17:30-19:30 Max Leyherr
- TUESDAY MAY 28, 25m Pistol Shooting, Shooting Stand Choller 17:30-19:30 Max Leyherr
- THURSDAY JUNE 6, Marius Zimmerman, "A better Way to start your own Business".
- WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- THURSDAY JUNE 20, Joint Stammtisch with the ZIWC, Park Hotel Lobby 18:00 to 20:30
- WEDNESDAY JULY 17, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, **Bowling**, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- SUNDAY AUGUST 25, **IMCZ Summer Barb-B-Que**, Siehbacksaal in Zug, same place by the lake as last year.
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, Joint Stammtisch with the ZIWC, Park Hotel Lobby 18:00 to 20:30
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- THURSDAY NOVEMBER 07, New Members Reception with food & drinks; Place to be advised.
- WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre
- WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28, Joint Stammtisch with the ZIWC, Park Hotel Lobby 18:00 to 20:30
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, Bowling, at the White Line Bowling Centre

# Introducing...new members

THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

#### Rob van de Pol

Rob was born and raised in the Netherlands. He lived near Amsterdam and studied Clinical Chemistry and Hematology. After graduation he worked at the



Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam, specialising in blood-coagulation tests. Later he worked for several other companies (Ortho Clinical Diagnostics and Instrumentation Laboratory) in marketing of Clinical Laboratory Analyzers in the Benelux countries. He has been working for Roche Diagnostics since September 2011. He lives in Hagendorn together with his wife and son. His hobbies include sailing, (motor) cycling, photography and Belgian beers.

#### **Yves Jonckheere**

Yves is Belgian and has been living in Switzerland since 2011. Currently he lives in Walchwil with his wife. His three kids stayed in Belgium to pursue their studies.

Yves is a pharmacist and works with Bausch+Lomb, a pharmaceutical company specialised in eye care. He is Director of Regulatory Affairs for Europe, Africa, Russia and the Middle East. He loves the mountains,



and enjoys outdoor activities all year round. He finds central Switzerland to be the most fabulous place on earth. He is a 10 km and half marathon runner, but after experiencing some knee injuries, started running "barefoot" and discovered, in the process, new sensations. He is a beer fan and loves discovering traditional beers made in micro breweries. Since there are quite a few such breweries here in Switzerland, he shall be pleased to organise beer-tasting outings.

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### EVENT NEWS IMCZNEV

Introducing...new members

THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

#### **Rick Humphreys**

Rick moved here from Florida, United States in October 2012 and currently lives in Luzern with his wife Nadia and three year old daughter Ella. Rick's background is in technology sales and development and



worked with Symantec Software for eight plus years prior to moving here. He is on the hunt for job opportunities and holds a B.S. in Organizational Leadership. Rick is a struggling musician, as are most, who plays the guitar, sings and enjoys playing live music at local watering holes and jamming with good friends. He is an avid sportsman that enjoys the outdoors and a good bit of the time you'll find him wandering paths less travelled (usually because he's lost) in search of places that have great Buffalo chicken wings and free ketchup.

### **Mark Dercksen**

Mark hails from Holland: he left Amsterdam and moved together with his wife Marriane and two kids Gaia 8 and Yannick 4 to Switzerland in February 2012. His wife had a carrier opportunity here, but the move inspired him

also to seek an even better solution to the double carrier switch for a couple. Mark invested in the dual career platform together with a partner in Holland. In addition to this initiative, he is developing a Sandler Sales Training Practice. Sandler is a global market leading company in sales and leadership training. Indeed Sales and Business development seem to be in fashion these days. Sandler had started a centre in Lausanne three years ago and Mark is developing a similar one in the German speaking part of Switzerland. Mark enjoys skiing, hiking and cooking. He misses the canals in Amsterdam, but really loves the nature in Switzerland and admires how well the whole country is organised.

### MUSIC EVENTS

### **Blues and Rock at Mr. Pickwick Pub**



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### **Prosperity Award 2012**

The winner of the Prosperity Award for 2012 was the talented designer Kwint Radius. It was awarded to him by IMCZ member Ermano Bassi on March 13 in Zug. The Prosperity Award prize is awarded to leading personalities for their contribution to the prosperity and well being of society. Ermano's own company Embassi AG, has donated the funds for this prize.

Mr. Radius has contributed considerably to the design of Swiss F-Light the muscle powered flight. He is also involved with the Solar Impulse project of Bertram Piccard.



REMEMBER The Stammtisch every Thursday evening 18:00–20:30

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# Fish oil is a crucial biological resource which, along with green tea and red wine, offers benefits to Alzheimer's victims.

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

After my previous month's column about the possibly rather protective than harmful effects of cholesterol on Alzheimer's Disease (AD), I happened to read two related articles about the effects of vitamin D, omega-3 fatty acids, green tea and red wine extracts on AD.

AD is characterised by a distinct formation of amyloid protein in the brain, which clumps together into "balls". These amyloid balls adhere to the surface of nerve cells in the brain, or more precisely to other proteins called prions (a term you probably have heard of in the past). This pathway could be interrupted using substances extracted from green tea (EGCG: epigallocatechin gallate) and red wine (trans-resveratrol), both of which are known for strong anti-oxidant activity. The purported mechanism is described as a re-shaping of the amyloid balls by EGCG and resveratrol, which inhibit the balls from binding to the prion receptors on the cell surfaces. The amyloid-prion interaction is the ultimate cause of neuron death.

In in vitro test researchers demonstrated that vitamin D and one of the omega-3 fatty acids (DHA) improved the activity of human macrophages (immune cells), which are responsible for disposing of those pathologic amyloid proteins and other waste products. Each nutrient utilizes different receptors and pathways to do this. Of course, these results are derived from in vitro tests and designed to give insight into the mechanism of AD, in hopes of finding effective treatments in the future. It cannot be taken as proof of curing effect; neither by swallowing fish oil capsules, nor by drinking green tea and/or red wine in abundance! In clinical trials on people with very mild AD it was also found that omega-3 fatty acid supplementation might slow down mental decline. But the underlying mechanisms of positive effects under

pathologic conditions are still far from being elucidated. It should be noted that most research studies on AD and omega-3 fatty acids with favourable outcomes have involved fish oil or fish consumption, hence both EPA and DHA.

It has long been postulated that both of the Omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA are required to influence cognitive performance. Omega-3 designates a family of essential fatty acids, which

includes EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid), DHA (docosahexaenoic acid), and ALA (alpha-linolenic acid). Oily fish (such as sardines, anchovies, mackerel, and salmon) are the major known natural sources of Omega-3 EPA and DHA. ALA is found in plants, such as flax and chia. It is important to note that EPA and DHA are the primary contributors of the many health benefits associated with Omega-3. Furthermore, the human body is not able to produce sufficient quantities on its own, so regular consumption of these essential nutrients is required and can be achieved either by eating oily fish or by taking fish oil supplements. While the body can convert ALA into EPA and DHA, it does so very inefficiently (typically less than one



western diet. So much so that the EU Health Authorities recently established a Dietary Reference Value of 250 mg per day of EPA and DHA. They have also recently issued positive assessments on several health claims for EPA and DHA. This said, let me add the side note that supplying the population on a global perspective with enough omega-3 fatty acids according to this recommendation will certainly exceed our planet's natural fish resources rather soon! Those interested to learn about EPA and DHA content of various fish species refer to the following weblink: http://www.health.gov/DietaryGuidelines/ daa2005/report/HTML/table\_g2\_adda2.htm. To achieve the recommended omega-3 contents you will need to eat 3-4 portions of



percent), making it difficult to derive Omega-3-related health benefits from plant sourced ALA.

Unfortunately there is no cure for Alzheimer's. There is, however, a large body of research investigating fatty fish consumption and fish oil supplementation, which offers possible benefits of EPA and DHA in maintaining a healthy cognitive state. We also know that lack of the Omega-3 acids EPA and DHA is perhaps the biggest dietary deficiency in the

fish a week. First question: who can ever achieve this? Second (ethical) question: would it be desireable that most of us eat that much fish, or should we prefer to save the ecosystem? As in other fields a compromise has to be found. In this case the sustainable harvesting of krill rich in EPA and DHA and the industrial production of DHA producing algae with the help of bioengineering may offer a future solution.



# SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

### **Grand Challenges**

Contributed by IMCZ honorary member Muthana Kubba

Five years ago, the American National Academy of Engineers identified 14 grand challenges to the Engineering world. It is highly instructive to take a look at some of those challenges five years after they have been identified, and explore how much closer are we to resolving them.

### I. Fusion

The grandest challenge by far is how to provide controllable energy from fusion. In other words how can we simulate the sun on Earth? As opposed to nuclear fission (splitting of atoms) used in nuclear reactors for generating electricity or powering nuclear submarines and of course for atomic bombs, fusion (binding atoms together) does not generate nuclear waste to the same extent. It is the same mechanism by which our sun generates its energy, namely binding the hydrogen atoms at great pressure and temperature to make them take an addition proton in their nuclei, thus change them into Helium. Are we getting something for nothing? No, we are changing matter into energy according to Einstein's famous equation E=mc2. The weight of the Helium generated is less than the Hydrogen which went into making it, the difference times the square of the speed of light is the energy generated.

Fusion, if successful would solve all man's energy needs once and for all, which is why billions and billions of Dollars are spent annually to try and achieve it. The joke about CERN in Geneva which used to circulate was that whenever their funding dries out, they produce new plans for a bigger and more powerful particle accelerator, promising to achieve controllable fusion in ten more years. Finally they ran out of arguments for more funding, so they changed their goal. It is no longer fusion, but finding an illusive theoretical particle, the Higg's boson. They managed to get the funds and built the LHC the Large Hadron Collider. In other words they gave up and said good bye to fusion in Geneva.

The truth of the matter is that we are still a very long way away from the final breakthrough. Researchers are working intensively in several countries on the problem, and not only using accelerators, but also intensive laser beams, but so far no good news has come out. The core problem is the very high temperatures and pressures required which no known material can withstand, forcing the researchers to contain the fusion material in a very strong magnetic field and then raising the temperature and pressure till fusion takes place. The next project is the ITER, International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, a truly huge 'tokomak' as a combined research project between the USA, the European Union, Japan, Russia, China, South Korea and India. It is expected to be ready by 2020.

However, even if fusion did take place on a small sample, and more heat is produced than put into it, the road to a practical application for generating energy or electricity is very long and far away. Conclusion: no viable progress has been made so far.

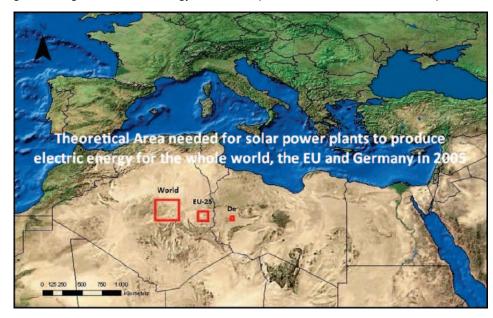
### **II. Making solar** energy economical

Solar power is expensive; making it cheaper so that it competes with fossil fuel would be a great step forward towards replacing hydrocarbon based fossil fuels with renewable

All renewable energy fans know that the Sun is the source of virtually all the available energy on Earth. The energy in all forms of fossil fuels: oil, gas or coal is directly or indirectly due to the Sun. Plants and early forms of animal life stored Sun energy over millennia of years. Wind and tide energy is also due to the Sun, whereas the tides are to a much smaller extend due to the moon. The only forms of energy which are not directly attributable to the Sun are geothermal and the atomic energies. In fact it is easy to calculate the surface area required to generate a given amount of energy.

the major problem was and shall always remain how to store the generated power. The sun shines only during daylight but the power is needed mostly at night, or on cloudy days when not enough sunshine coming through.

PV panels were produced on a huge industrial scale. In fact the installed capacity worldwide is estimated to be around 65 GW (Giga Watt, 1 GW= 1000 million Watts), a respectable amount by any standard (Compare the total installed capacity in Switzerland is 19 GW). However, a wave of isolvency had befallen virtually all solar panel manufacturers. It started with the Chinese flooding the market with dumping prices and ended with the Chinese company itself, Suntech Power Holding Co, going bankrupt as well. The core of the problem is and shall remain how to generate electricity from solar energy economically in the long term. When calculating the total cost of solar power the cost should include manufacturing, installation and above all storage and transmission costs. Energy storage on a large scale remains one of the more daunting issues. Incidentally there is an organisation dedicated to generating solar power from the Sahara for Europe, called



A quick look at the above image would convince the most adamant diehards that the abundance of solar energy is more than enough to meet man's needs for the present and the future. However, this is only theoretically true. There are immense practical problems to overcome yet.

There are basically two different methods available to capture the Sun's energy: Photovoltaic panels (PV) which convert sunlight directly into electric current and mirrors focusing sunlight onto a boiler to raise steam and generate power. In both methods

Desertec. It has, however, lost a lot of its appeal and credibility lately. Conclusion: Progress has been made, but more needs to be done

As mentioned at the beginning 14 such challenges have been identified, I hope to cover most of them in future articles. Next article shall be on 'Reverse Engineering the human brain' and 'Sequestrating carbon dioxide on a large scale.'

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### **Government bonds:** Contributed by IMCZ member Georg Rossi From risk-free interest-bearing assets to interest-free risk-bearing assets

When Harry M. Markowitz developed modern portfolio theory back in the 1950s and William F. Sharp became famed as one of the developers of the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) based on this theory in the 1960s, both economists made the assumption of a risk-free rate of interest. In practice, government bond rates were generally used as the benchmark. In those days, the reality was that government bonds were absolutely safe and risk-free, and at the same time guaranteed investors an interesting rate of return.

These days, the reality is that both factors must be analyzed more closely.

### Risk-free assets reputation still sound?

Since Greece's de facto bankruptcy and debt haircut, government bonds have definitely lost some of their past appeal in the industrialized countries. It is also debatable as to whether Greece is just the tip of the iceberg. The debt situation, relative to GDP, in some other euro countries is equally alarming. But it is not just the Euro countries whose debt situation is precarious: the United States is sitting on a mountain of debt, which at over USD 16 trillion is already equivalent to 100% of GDP. As a reminder: the Euro convergence criteria stipulated a maximum debt to GDP ratio of 60%. In short, it can now be said that government bonds issued by industrialized countries have definitely lost their status as risk-free assets.

### **Interest-bearing assets**

The second dimension is the yield on government bonds. 10-year US government bonds, for example, are seen as the benchmark for bond markets worldwide. In nominal terms, these yields are now at a decade's low.

The picture is even more dramatic in real terms as certain government bonds are now producing negative real yields (i.e. the nominal rate of interest minus the rate of inflation is negative). An investor buying such a bond would experience a fall in the real value of money.

government bonds can be expected. In our opinion, prudent selection is key as a lower credit rating means greater risks.

### **Emerging market bonds:**

With emerging market bonds (EMMA), investors earn a rate of return commensurate

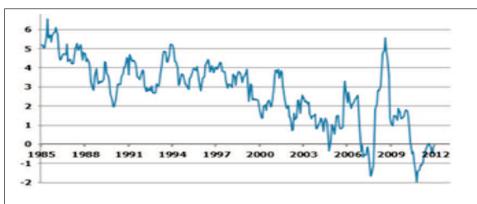


Fig. 7: Real rate of interest (nominal rate of interest minus rate of inflation); (source: Bloomberg, Dec. 2012)

Thus it can be said that today's investors with government bonds (issued by industrialized countries) are holding risky assets with a negative real rate of return.

### **Conclusion: Investment alternatives**

Despite the difficult situation as regards the market for government bonds, there are still some interesting and worthwhile investment alternatives:

### **Corporate and convertible** warrant bonds:

This investment category is also no longer as attractive on the price front as it once was. However, assuming there is no sharp hike in interest rates, a yield over and above that on with the level of risk assumed. However, the currency component must also be taken into account. The currency exposure must be considered in the context of the portfolio as a whole, but generally it can provide good diversification to the main currencies, i.e. the Swiss franc, the euro and the US dollar.

### **Equities with high** dividend vields:

The equities asset class is definitely associated with higher risks. Nevertheless, we consider equities with high dividend yields an adequate substitute for government bonds or interest-free risk-bearing assets. Equity selection should be focused primarily on companies that have demonstrated stable business development over the course of some years and practice a clear, understandable and stable dividend policy.

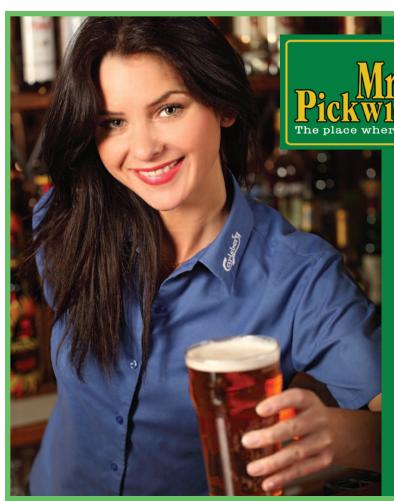
### **Private market debt:**

Private market debt can also be used to complement a portfolio. We believe that is it worthwhile investing in this special asset category because the expected yields are commensurate with the risks.

Georg Rossi is with Asset Management Partners AG, Baar



Fig. 6: Yield on 10-year US government bonds (source: Bloomberg, Dec. 2012)



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I know last month I promised you a review of the 4 Vallées area around Verbier, but I stopped at a special treat along the way: Belalp-Blatten is a gorgeous ski area up from the city of Brig. It has some very unique runs including one long, sweeping route behind the main area. It is accessible via a ski tunnel through the Hohstock mountain and boasts stunning views of the Matterhorn in the distance.

Location: Minutes from Brig, the area lies above the village of Blatten, approximately 3 1/2 hours via SBB from Zug (Zug - Zurich - Bern - Brig, bus to Blatten).

Scenery: Fantastic, especially from the special run reached by ski tunnel at the top. In addition to the views of the Matterhorn from that back run, the other side of the area looks upon the Bettmerhorn, which I climbed a few years back, towering over the Aletsch glacier.

Runs: One interesting observation: I've noticed a lot of reviews of some of the lesser-known ski areas declare them to be "areas suitable for intermediates with not much for the expert skier." I really don't understand that attitude. For an accomplished skier, must every run be the Streif or the Mur Suisse? Before you say (assume German accent), "Well Joe, you must not be a very skilled skier, if you enjoy this kind of area...," let me assure you I can get down most anything as members who've skied with me can attest. However, sometimes I just like to zip down a red trail at high speed and enjoy carving some long, smooth, perfect arcs. To dismiss an area like Belalp, as not being enjoyable for an expert skier, would be foolish and you'd miss a magical experience (the locals are obsessed with Hexen, so it makes sense!) In Belalp, there are 3 main sectors to the ski area: the triangle area bordered by Kühmatte, Schönbiel above and Bruchegg; the T-bar area below and between the Hohstock (access to the back run is here at the top) and the Sparrhorngrat; and the area below the Sparrhorn chair with its long cruisers down to Bruchegg. I really enjoyed the unique black run #1, called Tunnel Westseite, accessed through the Hohstock. Be sure to go there before it gets too late in the day, as this run has a sunny exposure, and they close it early at certain times of year, depending on the Lawine conditions. Belalp has a big vertical drop of approximately 1'790m from the top of Hohstock at 3'112m to the bottom at Blatten, although about 800m is taken up on the meandering run back to Blatten. The area prepares 60 km of groomed pistes.

Lift System: Modern with some T-bar surface lifts. There are 9 lifts in all, including a tram, 3 chairlifts (including the Sparrhorn chair, which I remember reading is the longest chairlift in Switzerland,) and 5 surface lifts.

Food: On the mountain, there is a nice selection of restaurants, and I ate at the Restaurant Kristall Belalp at Bruchegg, which is self-service with decent food. The room is surprisingly cozy and nicer than the usual self-service mountain restaurants. The most interesting-looking restaurant is at Aletschbord with its scenic viewing point for the Aletsch glacier, but it is a bit out of the way and requires a significant traverse to get to the Färrichlift T-bar and back to Bruchegg.





Conclusion: A lesser-known area with fantastic cruising using a fast, long chairlift, a unique special run, and very pretty scenery. Next month: Veysonnaz-Printse in the 4 Vallées near Verbier.

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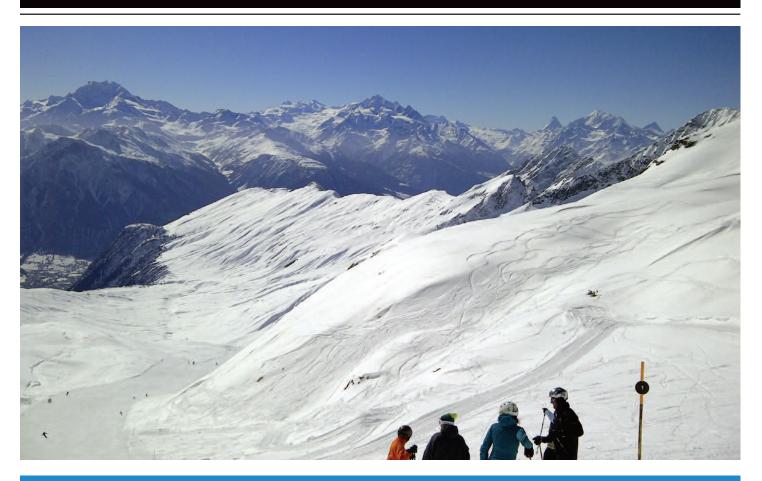
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We had 6 players, 4 regulars and 2 who we recognised after a few seconds and blinks and winks! It was a really fun evening and I must say after not even reaching 100 in the first game, I thought why am I here ... however, after that I did not care and thought I shall try and spin like Otto. Later on the game improved a lot! So a spinner I must become!

Otto only let up a little in the second game dropping to a score of 151 ...

Well done Sergiy. He took wine bottle number 2 and whose scores

were very consistent, Otto had bottle number 1 and really did well.

3rd was Jean-Pierre proving that his first time-out bottle was well deserved.

Now the question is how to boost the numbers again so we are regularly more than 10.

First Name

Jean-Pierre

Stephen

First Name

Jean-Pierre

Adrian

Phil

Otto

Sergiy

Stephen

Adrian

Phil

Otto

Sergiy

Any one with ideas how to do that? Should a change of day be necessary, away from Wednesdays?

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### **Parking Tickets**

The other day my wife and I went into town and visited a couple of nice shops we like. When we came out, wow, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?"

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him an "asshole." He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires.

So Mary piped in and called him a "shithead". He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first, then started writing another.

This went on for about 20 minutes -- the more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

### **Food Shortage**

A worldwide survey was conducted by the United Nations. The only question asked was: 'Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?'

The survey was a huge failure:

- In Africa they didn't know what 'food' meant,
- In India they didn't know what 'honest' meant,
- In Europe they didn't know what 'shortage' meant,
- In China they didn't know what 'opinion' meant,
- In the Middle East they didn't know what 'solution' meant,
- In South America they didn't know what 'please' meant,
- And in the USA they didn't know what 'the rest of the world' meant!!!

### Tipping in a Restaurant

A client goes to a restaurant and orders a meal. He gets excellent service from a nice waitress and at the end of the meal he pays and leaves a 3 penny tip. The waitress picks up the 3 pennies and goes after the guy before he can leave the restaurant.

Waitress: "Sir, your tip teaches me a lot about your character"

Client: "Oh yeah ....... like what?"

Waitress: "Well, the first penny tells me that you are very frugal!"

... Client: "You are right; what else?"
Waitress: "The second one tells me that you are not married"

Client: "Amazing ......!"

Waitress: "And the third one tells me that neither were your parents!"

### Children's Logic

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

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JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: HIJKLMNO.

TEACHER: What are you talking about? DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we

didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty? GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'

MILLIE: I is..

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating? SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's ... Did you copy his? CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

by IMCZ member David Harris

All web sites included in this series are offered in an unbiased way and do not always reflect my personal views; the reasons for bringing them to your attention are that I found them interesting, perhaps offering another point of view and definitely worthy of note.

### **LIT MOTORS**

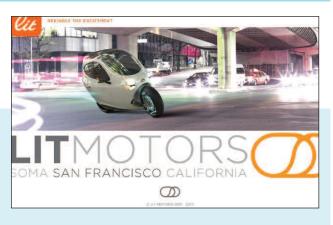
www.litmotors.com

Sadly this machine is currently only a concept but it has enormous potential. A fully enclosed electric powered motorcycle with car type steering and the distinct advantage of powerful gyroscopes to keep the machine upright.

### **DISCOVERING FOSSILS**

www.discoveringfossils.co.uk

Welcome to Discovering Fossils - a collection of online resources and guided fossil hunts that introduce the palaeontology of Great Britain. Written and designed by lifelong fossil enthusiast Roy Shepherd, the website documents the country's most productive fossil hunting locations and explains the techniques for effective, responsible collecting and conservation.



### **INSECTS & BUGS**

www.insects.org

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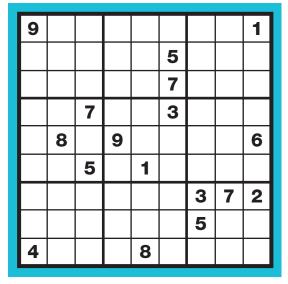




### udoku

Last month's puzzle was both easy and very difficult. A few tried the difficult variety and solved it, others had a go at the easy version and solved it as well. Congratulations to all those who solved it correctly. However there is only one winner and this month it is Roger Brooks. Congratulations Roger you are the lucky winner. Your drinks during the next Stammtisch you attend are on the house.

This month's puzzle is moderate and I invite all those who could find time for a bit of mental acrobatics to have a go. The excitement they would get when it unfolds is worth the effort, besides mental work keeps the grey cells in form, and there is a good chance of winning.



#### Solution March 2013 Puzzle

| 3 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
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| 5 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 2 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 1 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 1 |
| 9 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

The winner shall be drawn from the pool of correct solutions received. His drinks during the next Stammtisch he attends shall be on the house. Please simply tell the waiter or waitress that your drink is on the house, he or she shall find their way to the Paymaster, that is yours truly or Max.

The easiest form, in which the solution is sent, is nine rows of nine numbers in a Word document, Excel or email. In every Sudoku, every digit between 1 and 9 occurs exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 square. Please send your answers to muthana@trasco.ch, on or before the last day of the current month.



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