

# **Program Zurich 2012**

## Thursday, May 17

14:00 - 15:00 Registration at the Central Plaza Hotel

#### 15:00 - 16.30 National Museum of Switzerland

Just across the river from the Central Plaza hotel there is a picturesque neo-gothic building that houses the Swiss National Museum. Learn about the history of this peculiar country at the heart of Europe, its strange tribes from fierce Celts to fearful bankers, and its exportoriented economy from mercenaries to watches. A modern display highlights the best of Switzerland. And yes, there is a small Matterhorn in there.

16:30 – 17:30 Registration at the Central Plaza Hotel

#### 17:30 -Welcome drinks and dinner on the Uetliberg

We take the train to the top of the Uetliberg and look down onto Zurich, 500 meters below our feet - a treat in almost any weather. After drinks at the edge of the cliff, we will enjoy an informal dinner and take a late train back.

## Friday, May 18

08:45 - 09:45 Registration at the Central Plaza Hotel

### 09:30 - 12:00 City Tour

We will explore the old city center in guided groups with a coffee break at one of the many coffee houses. (There is another City Tour on Sunday morning for those who cannot join on Thursday or go to FIFA).

alternatively:

### 09:45 - 11.30 Visit of FIFA Headquarters

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association FIFA not only organizes spectacular world cups, it also boasts a spectacular HQ at the outskirts of Zurich, close to the modern Zurich Zoo.

### 12.30 – 14:00 Lunch at the Restaurant Grünes Glas (Untere Zäune 15)

14.00 – 14.30 Registration at the Central Plaza Hotel

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#### 15.00 – 21.00 Cruise on the Lake of Zurich (with Dinner)

A cruise boat will take us to the scenic City of Rapperswil at the other end of the lake of Zurich and back.

### 21:00 – Zurich by night

(Venue depending upon the weather and your whims)

## Saturday, May 19

**Morning at free disposal** (shopping, sightseeing; museums; Zurich Zoo)

(09.30 – 11.30 Meeting of officers and governors at Hotel Central Plaza)

11:00 – 11:30 Registration at the Central Plaza Hotel

11:45 – 13:00 Buffet lunch at Crazy Cow (Hotel Leoneck)

### 13:30 - 17:00 **Business Meeting**

We will hold the conference at the Homburger offices in the Prime Tower close to the Hardbrücke train station.

(for details see separate program)

#### 19:00 – 02:00 Cocktail and Dinner Dance at Zunfthaus zur Meisen

We will be honored to welcome **Luc Frieden**, LL.M. '88 and Minister of Finance, Luxemburg, as our Dinner Speaker on the fate of the Euro, presumably one of the most pressing topics for all of us.

DJ Bitli will cater to the musical tastes of all age groups.

## Sunday, May 20

### 10:00 - 12:00 City tour

alternatively:

### Bührle Museum of Art (www.buehrle.ch)

The art collection of Emil Georg Bührle (1890-1956), a Zurich industrialist, is among the most important 20th-century private collections of European art. French Impressionism and Post-Impressionism constitute the core of the collection. The museum is held by a foundation and generally not open to the public. We will have a private visit (subject to sufficient registrations).

### 12:00 – 14:00 Farewell Brunch at the Restaurant Zürichberg



## Program of the Business Meeting, Saturday May 19, 2012

### **Academic Session (open to all participants)**

- 13:30 Welcome address by **Dean Wolfgang Wohlers**, Law Faculty of the University of Zurich
- 13:45-14:45 HLS Presentation: Prof. John Palfrey and Dr. Urs Gasser on new developments at HLS and on the Berkman Center for Internet & Society
  - John Palfrey is Henry N. Ess III Professor If Law; Vice Dean, Library and Information Resources; Faculty Co-Director, Berkman Center for Internet & Society
  - Urs Gasser, LL.M. '03, Executive Director, Berkman Center for Internet & Society

#### 14.45 Coffee break

### 15:00-16:30 Panel on EU and its relationship with small countries

- António Leitão Amaro, LL.M. '08, member of Portuquese Parliament
- Prof. Dr. Anne Peters, LL.M. '95, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Basle; currently President of the European Society of International Law
- Jean Russotto, LL.M. '65, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Brussels; advising Switzerland on EU matters
- **Heleri Tammiste**, LL.M. '09 (Estonia), Senior Associate at the business law firm LAWIN
- Prof. Dr. iur. Dr. rer.publ. h.c. Daniel Thürer, LL.M. (Cantab.), em. Professor of Public International, European, Swiss and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Zurich, currently president of the German Society of International Law; expert of the Swiss Federal Government on Swiss-EU relationship; formerly visiting scholar and visiting professor at HLS
- Young Swiss alumni: Philipp Fischer LL.M. '09, Associate with Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva; Alexander Nikitine LL.M. '04, Associate with Homburger, Zurich

## 16.30 Coffee break

#### General Assembly (for alumni/ae)

16:45-17:30 General Assembly