Resignations: Marianne Frei (President), Rosmarie Frey (Treasurer), Hanspeter Bürgi (Board Member), Christoph Ditzler (Auditor)

Nominations: New Board Members and new Auditor

New Board Member

Kinga Dorji
4058 Basel
Certificate in Buddhist Philosophy, Lekshey Jungney Shedra, Punakha (Bhutan) and Bachelor in Linguistics / Sanskrit, University Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyaapeetha, Tirupati (India)
Working as Barista & father and house man (shared family duties)
Motivation: “As a Bhutanese Citizen living in Switzerland it’s a great opportunity for me to help continue the relationship between the country I live in and the country I originate from.
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Kathrin Frey
8606 Greifensee
Doctor phil. (PhD) in Political Science and lic. phil. in Political Science, Business and Economics, International Law, University of Zurich.
Partner and senior consultant of KEK-CDC, lecturer Master of Advanced Studies in Evaluation, University of Bern.
Work experiences as team leader of evaluations, impact assessments and applied research projects in the field of public health, education, multilevel governance and evidence-based policy making.
Link to Bhutan: Close family ties to Bhutan, several travels to Bhutan to visit friends, visits of Bhutanese friends in Switzerland.
Motivation: Maintain close relations to Bhutan, being involved in mutual exchange and contribute to strengthen the civil society in Bhutan.

New Board Member and President

Claudio Zingg
8032 Zürich
Lic. Phil. Educational Science, Social Psychology, Political Science, University of Zurich.
Retired Professor and Dean of the Thurgau and Zurich Universities of Teacher Education. Working as coach and organizational developer.
Link to Bhutan: For 25 years involved in different projects, e.g. teacher training, school development, hotel management, tour guiding.
Motivation: During the last years I could support SSB and my wife Marianne Frei in her role as president.
I will focus on holding the quality of the work of the Society as well as preparing SSB together with a new generation of members for a fruitful collaboration with a fast-changing Bhutan.

New Auditor

Brigitte Truog
8105 Regensdorf
“I work in the administration of the Cantonal Vocational Training Office in Zurich. It gives me great pleasure to support young people on their way into professional life”.
Link to Bhutan: Autumn 2016 Participation in a 12-day group hiking trip to Bhutan. The people and the country fascinated and impressed me very much. Their genuine attachment to tradition and Buddhism touched me deeply.
Motivation: Through my membership in the Society Switzerland – Bhutan and the participation in their events and occasions, I can continue to be close to Bhutan despite the geographical distance.

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