Sadly, once again a big loss has hit SSB, the Society Switzerland Bhutan, and Druk Yul, the land of the peaceful thunder dragon:

**The sudden death of Annemarie Huber – Hotz came as a terrible shock for all of us.**

It was after the joyous celebration of the Swiss National Day on August 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2019, in Thimphu / Bhutan when we – the participating delegation of the SSB, including Marianne Frei, Claudio Zingg, Urs Dürsteler, Mario Fehr, Markus Wild and Werner Külling – received the shocking information that Dr. h.c. Annemarie Huber – Hotz unexpectedly passed away due to a heart attack she suffered while hiking with her family in the Swiss mountains. Her funeral took place on Friday, August 16\textsuperscript{th}, in her home town Baar near Zug on her 71\textsuperscript{st} birthday, in the presence of hundreds of her relatives, close friends, Ministers of the Swiss Federal Government, members of Parliament and colleagues from the International Red Cross movement.

Annemarie was a very prominent member of the SSB, had close contacts to Bhutan and loved the Kingdom and its population, ever since her husband, Charles Erik Huber, a great photographer, worked for an extended period in Thimphu, and while there founded and subsequently managed a training institute for photography and media. Annemarie Huber – Hotz herself very successfully, and as the first woman, held the top position of Federal Chancellor in the Government of Switzerland in Berne over many years. After her resignation from this important function she was entrusted with the Presidency of the giant Swiss Red Cross Society, while remaining active in many other social and humanitarian institutions and foundations. She initiated and tirelessly worked to establish – inspite of numerous initial difficulties – the Bhutanese Red Cross Society, constituted as a voluntary organization with a humanitarian mission, which is now managed by Dragyel T. Dorjee as its Secretary General, following his studies in Switzerland which he was able to pursue thanks to Annemarie.

Annemarie Huber – Hotz was, beyond all her manifold political, social and humanitarian achievements, an outstanding, modest and selfless person. She inspired many of us and deserves our immense respect, admiration and gratitude. She will live on in our memories.

E. Werner Külling