



Autumn/Automne 2005

Ecolint Alumni - 2nd North American Reunion July 27th – July 31st / Colorado Rockies



Photo : Tony Fernández

Dear Ecolint Community,

Preparations are underway for the Ecolint Alumni 2nd North American Reunion. It will be held July 27th – July 31st in the Colorado Rockies at Copper Mountain Resort. Ecolint alumni, faculty, and families are invited to attend – please sign up using the registration form.

Copper is a small mountain resort 90 minutes west of Denver off I-70. Through local Ecolint contacts, we were able to get excellent room/condo rates which will be available from July 24 to August 6 for those interested in pairing the reunion with a family vacation.

We encourage Ecolinters around the world to mark their calendars and make plans for a memorable reunion with old friends in the Colorado Rockies. For those interested in a virtual tour of Copper please go to: www.coppercolorado.com. If you know of Eco-

linters who do not receive information from the Alumni Association please share this message with them.

As part of the reunion, we would like to honor Ecolint's visual artists. During the reunion, there will be a power point presentation of works of accomplished Ecolint artists. Visual artists wishing to participate may send a CD of their work, including CD label and number of images to:

Patricia Hillis
23 Kindsbury Pl.
St. Louis, MO 63112
pmah@aol.com

Please send your CD by May 15th, 2006. For further information please email me or Patricia Hillis. Warmest regards to you all,

Pennie Aldrich
Rocky Mountain Ecolint Chapter
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● Why such a brief word...

This Alumni newsletter has been whittled down to its current size to allow the staff in the Alumni & Development Office to focus efforts on redeveloping the alumni website. The new alumni website will be up and running from the 30th November. You will be directed from www.ecolint-alumni.ch. There will be some disruption to the Alumni Directory from early November as we move your contact details across to the new site so do bear with us!

If you haven't already registered do come and register on the new site.

Michaelene Stack, Director of Development

DATES DES KERMESSES

La Grande Boissière : 20 mai 2006

La Châtaigneraie : 10 juin 2006

Campus des Nations : 17 juin 2006

B.E.E.R. 2005 / 20 December 2005 BEST EVER ECOLINT REUNION

The Organizing Committee is pleased to announce that the Annual Meeting of the world famous B.E.E.R. Society will take place at the usual venue of the

PICKWICK PUB (80, r. de Lausanne/Geneva)
on Tuesday, December 20th
from approx. 9:00 p.m.

Starting from when you arrive and ending when the last one leaves. All items on the agenda must be passed by the following morning..... Membership not required.

Date has been especially chosen for Alumni returning to Geneva from university and those based in Geneva – come along and have an enjoyable evening reminiscing over a pint.

GOVERNING BOARD

For the latest Governing Board news please visit the school web site : www.ecolint.ch

CONSEIL DE FONDATION

Pour les dernières nouvelles du Conseil de Fondation, veuillez consulter le site web de l'école : www.ecolint.ch

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Escalade December 2005 around the World

Denver : Rocky Mountain Ecolint Alumni Association Escalade dinner to be held on Saturday, December 10 at the Kent Village Clubhouse. Please RSVP to Kathy Barta at: kathyb@webaccess.net or to Judy Ackerman at: judyackerman@yahoo.com

Geneva : The Escalade dinner will be held on Thursday, December 1st, in the La Grande Boissière cafeteria for all Alumni, present and former Staff. For more information, please contact the alumni office at alumni@ecolint.ch or phone +41.79.449.50.43.

London : Agnes de Guzman-Borges/90 will be organizing the Escalade dinner in London in December. For more information, please contact her at: agnes.borges@gmail.com

Midwest U.S.A. : Sergio Mazza/76 has started a new group of Ecolint Midwest Alumni and they are celebrating by holding an Escalade dinner on Saturday, December 10 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht club at 7:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m. at Sergio's house. All Alumni wishing to attend should contact him at: sergio@sensound.com

New York : The annual Escalade dinner is organized for Saturday, 10 December, at 8.00 p.m. at the good ol' 'Tout Va Bien'. For more details, please contact Charlie Potter at: cameleopard@earthlink.net

Toronto : The Escalade dinner will be held on either Friday, November 25 or Friday, December 2nd. Please send your date preference to Laura Jarvis at laura.jarvis@mgs.gov.on.ca. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner. Jock Galloway, galloway@geog.utoronto.ca

Washington DC : Exceptionally this year, Alexander Smouha is unable to organize the Escalade dinner. Any Alumni wishing to help organize this event should contact the Alumni Office at alumni@ecolint.ch.

NAISSANCES

Toutes nos félicitations à :

Steven Zimmer/72 and his wife, Ruth, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin, born on 17 June 2005 in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London.

Iain Williamson/80 and his wife, Agi, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Aila, born in Bahrain on 15 July 2005.

Can you write for the ISG Website? A new Alumni website is under construction !

We plan to go-live on the 30th November. We are looking for contributors to post stories, generate news and **make this an Alumni edited website**. The system chosen will allow us to offer many things we have wanted for a long time.

- Class and Chapter pages
- On-line payments
- Chat and discussion fora
- A more intuitive searchable directory of alumni, with more complete alumni profiles
- Event pages including on-line booking
- Possibility of sending e-bulletins on fast moving news or events

If you would be interested in writing for the website, or indeed can think of someone who would, please let us know.

You can participate in the site's development, editing or discussions from anywhere in the world. The system is easy to use and, of course the Alumni office will be happy to help to get people started using the editing tools and posting texts and photos. We are looking for support for:

- Regular updates
- Create a network for gathering news
- Provide us & post texts and pictures for Regional or Year groups
- Post local events

Please let us know if you'd like to have more details or are ready to join the team.

Should you have any questions, please contact by email: christine.deloriot@ecolint.ch or phone: +41 22 787 2652 (direct dial)

La version française de cet article se trouve sur le site web des Anciens: www.ecolint-alumni.ch

La Châtaigneraie Reunions

A very successful Alumni reunion was held at the La Châtaigneraie campus during the weekend of the Kermesse 10, 11 June 2005. The La Chât Alumni will be organizing another such reunion during the weekend of the Kermesse – 10 June 2006. Check the La Chât website www.la-chat.ch or contact Ian Cogswell-Prince at: ian@inextenso.com

l. to r. : Yvonne Cauderay, Erika Thiessen, Henrik Rabaeus, Michel Cauderay - all La Chât Alumni, except for former teacher, Erika.



Photo : Béatrice Hoesli

Swiss National Day 2005 – Sydney Australia



Photo : Matt Balogh

l. to r. : Ariella Ryner, Matt Balogh (facing away) Rebecca Murray, Ross Dawson, Harriet Hromas and Philip Wheeler.

The Sydney chapter of the Ecolint Alumni held their traditional as-close-to-Swiss-national-day-as-possible dinner at CJs French Restaurant (ooops) on the 3rd August. In attendance were Ariella Ryner, Harriet Hromas and partner Alex, Janet Dawson, Janine de La Begassière and partner Ed van Riet, Marcus and Barbara Sherwood, Matt & Carmel Balogh, Philip Wheeler, Rebecca Murray, Ross Dawson and his new wife, Victoria.

Alex Buzo, the beating heart of the Sydney Alumni was unable to attend and was sorely missed.

Matt Balogh ('79 almost)

Ventura Mini Reunion

Last summer, a group of us got together in Ventura, California for dinner and an evening of improvisational theater. Tom Mueller owns the theater called 'The Livery'. The photo shows from left to right: Arthur Harris, Roxanna Loneragan Johnson, Diane Cherniss, Sally Mueller, Roger Cherniss, and Tom Mueller. We had a great time!

Roger Cherniss/61



Photo : Roger Cherniss

Class of 72/73 Southampton Reunion



Photo : Sam Jarrell

A day after the London bombings, July 8-10 was perhaps not the most auspicious weekend for a reunion. Nevertheless determined not to let these events get the better of them the Class of 72/73 met up for a reunion in Southampton. The idea was first muted a year ago at the World Reunion in Geneva - thanks to Ratko Djukanovic, who took the bull by the horns, it actually happened. Friday afternoon we started appearing at Chilworth Manor - some of us hadn't seen each

other in 34 years. That evening we gathered at the Clump Inn - by then there were 18 of us - 14 alumni and 3 spouses and Eric Anthony who managed to join us for the evening.

On Saturday we set out to visit Winchester and its historic cathedral and in the evening we all met for dinner. By then there were 30 of us (31 - sorry Benjamin!) 26 alumni, 4 spouses and one two-week-old baby. It's safe to say that the 'Hotel du Vin' had never seen anything quite like

this bunch of fifty year olds acting like teenagers again. Our impromptu sing-along and a re-enactment of what must be the most original way of revising for a Maths IB exam - even prompted the Restaurant to ask us to keep the noise down. Sunday and people were already starting to depart with promises not to leave it so long next time. *(Complete text on alumni web site)*

Sam Jarrell, *President Alumni Association*

News from Hawaii

Aloha,

On schedule, Pierre Tresfort/67 came to Hawaii in October with his wife Anne to celebrate their *unpfteenth* wedding anniversary. Of course the highlight of their trip was to drop by Honolulu between Islands to catch up with some old friends. Here is proof that, even after 38 years, nothing changes and we all had a wonderful time together, a lot of laughs and some great food at Michel's near Waikiki. - **Manzo Nitta/67**

I. to r.: Manzo and Kyoko Nitta, Theresa and Greg Grajew, Anne and Pierre Tresfort



Photo : Manzo Nitta

Life outside Ecolint

The International School of Geneva has always promoted multi-cultural related events, ideas and mind sets, so moving to a much less internationally orientated place was I thought going to be a shock. I couldn't be more wrong! Having moved to Scotland, recently described by the UN as the most violent developed nation, I find myself enjoying every minute of it.

The University experience has been far more motivating and in a way more interesting than education at the school level. However, I find myself using skills and "tricks" I've learnt at Ecolint over and over again, be it academic or simply life-style related. The diversity of students is far less than within Ecolint but the few truly international students seem to be instantaneously on the same wavelength.

The Scottish youth are far from the conservative nature I was told they may be, as they seem to be fascinated by the fact that Geneva is by a lake as well as 30 min away from mountains (all this whilst being a renowned international city!). Needless to say, Edinburgh is an amazing place and the preparation I have had at the International School is second to none.

I still remember the days where the CDG or other groups were discussing education beyond the specific classes and I couldn't exactly pin point what they were referring to but now, (better late than never) I can see what they mean! I hope that everyone is having as great a time as me!

Alexander Qaqaya/05 - La Chât

ALUMNI NEWS

Juliette Judovich Adler/57, peintre, a présenté ses oeuvres du 4 au 29 oct. 2005 à la Galerie Lee, 9 rue Visconti, à Paris; son exposition a eu beaucoup de succès.

Phyllis Del Rosario Zaballero/58

phylzab@pacific.net.ph / 'This is my latest exhibit here in Manila'. Phyllis' exhibition of her recent paintings entitled 'The World at my Feet' is being held at the Ayala Museum, Makati City, Manila, from 29 September until 13 October, 2005.

Rock Brynner/63 - Pawling, NY, USA

RBrynner@aol.com / Rock has been working on his book about his father's family entitled 'Empire and Odyssey: The Brynners in Far East Russia and Beyond' which will be published on April 4, 2006. Do check out his website www.rockbrynner.com where he has a selection of new photos from his Russian trips.

Lucia Graves/60 - London, UK

luciagraves@aol.com / The latest addition to the extensive repertoire of novels and books translated by Lucia Graves is 'The Shadow of the Wind' by Spanish writer Ruiz Zafon. A well respected established author in her own right, Lucia Graves has published two original works: her autobiography 'A Woman Unknown' and her first novel, 'The Memory House'.

Alvaro de Soto/60 : Alvaro has left his current posting in Western Sahara to become the UN Secretary-General's envoy for the Middle East peace process. Congratulations, Alvaro.

Jane Cummings/60 - Salem, Oregon, USA

janecummins@earthlink.net / 'I moved to Oregon 40 years ago. I have two grown children and for years I have been involved with local government in Oregon. I am now retired and love travel. I'd really like to know who else is around.'

Ronnie McCulloch/60 - Abu Dhabi

jpr.mcculloch@gmail.com : Ronnie has now left London after spending 18 months there and is back working in his clinic in Abu Dhabi.

Walter Lammi/62 - Cairo, Egypt

I am still in Cairo with my wife, Mulki, and our son Adam. I teach philosophy and Mulki is a researcher in anthropology at AUC's social research center.

Nicola Croome Manby/76 - London, UK

njmanby@btconnect.com / I have a daughter at Oxford, a son on gap year in Ecuador and a son at boarding school. I am doing some teaching and planning to sail across the Atlantic next year. **Meera Pathmarajah/76** came up with the idea of organizing a 30-year reunion for our year. Any alumni who left in 1976 and who are interested in attending, please contact us.

Allison Anderson-Baca/76

McLean, VA, USA - allison.baca@verizon.net
Allison visited LGB over the summer with Fiona Morrison/77. 'So many new buildings and so wonderful to share Ecolint with my three children!'

Sonja Leszinski Burnand/85

San Diego, CA, USA - sonjales@adelphie.net
'I have been living in San Diego with my husband and 2 girls for over 7 years now. I am practicing and teaching at a local college in the field of natural medicine, and am always happy to hear from Ecolinters!'

IN MEMORIAM

• Myriam Fischer/93

C'est avec une profonde tristesse que nous avons appris le décès de Myriam Fischer, survenu le 28 juin 2005 à l'âge de 31 ans. Elle était la fille de Joseph Fischer, ancien doyen, et de Marie Victoria, ancien professeur à La Grande Boissière. Elle-même y a effectué toute sa scolarité de 1979 à 1993. Après des études en psychologie et en sciences de l'éducation, elle a travaillé comme assistante sociale, d'abord au Service du Tuteur Général puis chez Caritas.

Anciens élèves, professeurs, amis et collègues de travail, ils étaient très nombreux à la cérémonie qui a eu lieu le 1er juillet au Centre funéraire de St. Georges, témoignant combien elle était aimée et appréciée de tous. A sa famille et tous ces proches nous adressons nos sincères condoléances.

Comité des Anciens

• Daniel Pfister/51

Un coeur bon et généreux a cessé de battre le 18 février 2005. Après une existence bien remplie et active, il s'en est allé après une courte et cruelle maladie supportée avec courage. Il était la figure emblématique de notre famille et nous évoquons sa mémoire avec beaucoup de reconnaissance et d'amour.

Ursula Pfister-Tisi

• Linda Woolman Perry Kustin/62

It is with great sorrow that I inform you of the death of my sister, Linda, aged 60, in Palo Alto, CA, on July 22, 2005. Linda was born in Lima, Peru, in 1944 and in 1949 our family returned to Manhattan Beach, CA. In 1956 we moved to Paris, then to the U.K. and on to Geneva where Linda and I attended and graduated from the International School of Geneva.

In 1969, Linda began working at Stanford University and received her BA from that institution with a distinction in communication (Journalism) in 1975. That year she joined Stanford's Food Research Institute as an assistant editor. Linda was also involved with the Jane Austen Society and she assumed the duties of program administrator at the Human Biology Program for her final 3 years at Stanford University.

Linda is survived by her husband, Richard, her daughter, Tristan – actress and inventor – and her son, Ben – student at Sophia university of Tokyo and musician. My family and I miss her dreadfully and we wish to thank her Ecolint friends for the support given over the years, especially Liz Brumage Hensley, Sue Ward Schofield, Ronnie Zaidman and Georgia Ehrgott Achard.

*Jackie Woolman Stebler/60
Central Committee member*

• Théodore de Félice

Un humaniste nous a quitté.

Théodore de Félice, président de l'Association de l'Ecole Internationale de Genève de 1942 à 1949, est décédé au Chambon-sur-Lignon le 29 avril 2005 à l'âge de 101 ans.

C'est pendant sa présidence, alors que l'Ecole était confrontée à de graves difficultés financières - la guerre ayant contraint de nombreux parents d'élèves à quitter Genève - que des décisions capitales pour l'avenir de L'Ecole furent prises telles: la décision de vendre La Grande Boissière à l'Etat de Genève qui, en échange la louerait à l'Ecole pour une somme modique et se chargerait de l'entretien de la propriété; des statuts furent mis en place stipulant que des représentants des différentes nationalités présentes à l'Ecole devraient siéger au Conseil de l'Ecole selon un quota prévu; les Anciens pourraient devenir membres à part entière de l'Association. Animé toute sa vie d'une forte conviction humaniste, Théodore de Félice représentait à Genève la Fédération Abolitionniste Internationale qu'il a dirigée de 1939 à 1969. Il siégea aussi au Grand Conseil du canton de Genève pendant plus de 20 ans où il mit ses talents de juriste au service de la République. A sa famille, à Pierre, Micheline et Monique anciens élèves de l'Ecole, nous exprimons notre très amicale sympathie.

Pour le Comité des Anciens - Loïs Meyhoffer.

Staff retirements

• Jacques Mandallaz (1983-2005)

Ma première rencontre avec Jacques est toujours dans ma mémoire. A l'époque, je travaillais au service technique en tant que jardinier et je coupais l'herbe aux abords de l'administration centrale, l'actuel Manoir. Tout à coup, en tondant près d'un soupirail, je vois un bonhomme qui, tel un Jack-in-the-box, bondit pour fermer sa fenêtre. C'est ainsi que m'apparut Jacques Mandallaz, l'imprimeur de l'école.

Si certains ignoraient l'existence d'une imprimerie au sein de la Fondation, peu ne connaissaient pas le maître des sous-sols de l'administration d'où s'échappaient de mystérieux bruits mécaniques et des odeurs d'encre fraîche. Car, paradoxalement, Jacques ne se contentait pas d'imprimer; c'était aussi un homme de parole. Il avait l'aisance de la conversation et les compliments fleurissaient dans sa bouche.

Jacques a également occupé le poste de surveillant à la cafétéria et bon nombre d'anciens de LGB doivent se souvenir de ce drôle de type qui essayait de refréner l'indescriptible cahot de midi. Quête quasi-impossible; autant contenir un troupeau de bisons fous dans la Grande Prairie.

Ainsi, fatigué de tant d'imprimés et de tant de paroles, a-t-il décidé de prendre sa pré-retraite pour se consacrer à ses petits-enfants et à ses voyages dans le sud de la France. Et que les personnes qui regrettent le temps où Jacques arpenterait les chemins de l'école se rassurent. Il revient de temps en temps revoir ses anciens collègues. Il suffit d'être attentif car Jacques est toujours, selon son habitude, très discret. Seul son rire s'entend à des kilomètres à la ronde.

Olivier Schweri - Imprimerie

• Arlette D'Amico (1975-2004)

Quand on pense à Arlette, la première chose qui vient à l'esprit, c'est son enthousiasme débordant et contagieux pour à peu près tout, mais plus particulièrement ce qui touche à la littérature et à la culture. Et cet enthousiasme, elle a bien su le faire passer auprès de ses élèves, car en interrogrant quelques anciens, c'est également la première réflexion qui leur est venue à l'esprit : 'Madame D'Amico, elle est toujours enthousiaste'.

Au cours de ses 29 années passées à l'école Arlette a, par exemple, organisé un des premiers voyages à Paris, de nombreuses sorties au théâtre à Genève ou encore fait écrire par ses élèves des pièces de théâtre qui ont ensuite été jouées par ceux de la classe 6 de Monique Florimont. Les idées, les projets originaux, les réalisations ont toujours fusé avec Arlette !

Qui dit enthousiasme dit énergie, et quand Arlette entre dans le bureau, c'est un peu comme une tornade et soudain, tout s'anime. Oui, Arlette tu nous manques quand, par exemple, tu réussissais à entraîner l'un ou l'une d'entre nous pour faire 'un petit tour du lac' à Divonne pour nous aérer tout en mangeant un sandwich avant une double période avec les 12èmes ou les 8èmes.

Arlette possède également un grand talent de conteuse et cela ses élèves en ont bénéficié bien sûr mais, nous aussi, ses collègues.

Disponible pour ses élèves, Arlette l'a été aussi avec ses collègues. Sa sensibilité, sa générosité et son sens de l'humour et de la répartie nous charmaient sans cesse. Avec son amour de la langue et des mots qu'elle a su communiquer à ses élèves, rien d'étonnant qu'elle se soit mise à l'écriture elle-même, et donc nous n'avons pas été surpris d'apprendre qu'une de ses nouvelles avait été récompensée par un prix littéraire. La retraite lui donnera certainement l'occasion de poursuivre cette carrière d'écrivain et nous nous réjouissons de lire la prochaine nouvelle !

Alors Arlette, cette retraite, je sais qu'elle est déjà bien remplie. Accorde-toi quelques pauses quand même et viens nous voir de temps en temps.

Brigitte Welton - pour le département de français de La Châtaigneraie

PRIX DES ANCIENS – Juin 2005

Le Comité central a décerné le 'Prix des Anciens' aux élèves suivants :

- La Châtaigneraie : **Hana TANIMURA**
- La Grande Boissière : **Christelle SIOHAN** et **Lyne CALDER**