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New swissinfo services

As the brand-new homepage shows, www.swissinfo.org is continually being developed. The news and multimedia platform of Swiss Radio International (SRI) provides access to the most important Swiss and international news, round the clock and around the world. Information can be called up in eight languages in text, image and audio format. Among the latest innovations is a multifunctional e-mail service, an Arabic-language service, and a tourism section.

A visit to the tourism section at the English-language site of www.swissinfo.org is well worth while. Multimedia reports throw light on interesting attractions around Switzerland. You will also find lots of ideas for excursions at the swissinfo photo gallery and via the audiovisual guide to Switzerland's main cities (Zurich, Geneva, Basle, Berne, Lucerne). Another useful function: If you want to know how to get to a certain place, the site offers the best route from A to B. Plus: a system of elec-

tronic maps allows you to locate any address in Switzerland. A hotel guide, a set of virtual postcards and tourist links complete the information package.

"Swiss view" on the Arabic world

Another new service on Radio Swiss International's home page is the swissinfo site in Arabic. The aim is to provide visitors to the page with a chance to catch up on

the latest news on the Swiss political, economic and cultural scene. The site also provides Arab-speaking Internet surfers with first-hand information on dossiers being debated at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva. And that's not all: the Arabic editorial team of www.swissinfo.org also presents a "Swiss view" on the Arab world and in particular on the Middle East problem. And needless to say,

audio contributions also play a key role. The Arabic site of swissinfo provides access to a wide range of recorded items, including a daily 30-minute news broadcast.

Multifunctional e-mail service

Besides its editorial offerings, the SRI multimedia platform provides a raft of services – for example an archive system, a link database with more than 6000 addresses of other Swiss Internet sites, a Swiss events calendar, weather forecasts, stock prices and currency

Screenshot of Arabic site front page: Recently www.swissinfo.org launched a new Arabic-language service.



Screenshot GIS:
The electronic maps on www.swissinfo.org make localising a Swiss address child's play.

rates, and an e-mail account which allows users to access their e-mails free of charge from anywhere in the world. The brand-new, user-friendly swissinfo e-mail service now offers the option of configuring a personal address file and searching through messages. The service is available in six languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese) at <http://freemail.swissinfo.org> or via the swissinfo home page.

Further information is available from:

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