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HOW TO JOIN A SWISS SOCIETY

The Editor is occasionally asked by newcomers to the Swiss Community in Great Britain why the "Swiss Observer" does not carry a list of all the Swiss Societies and their activities. Seeing that there are two score and more, it is not possible to include such a list in the limited space available. Anybody interested should apply to the Editor who will be happy to give the necessary information.

IFCATI IN SWITZERLAND

The International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries (IFCATI), the leading trade association of the world's industries using cotton and chemical fibres, recently moved its headquarters from Manchester to Zurich. This international organization, whose national member associations represent twenty countries and more than two-thirds of the productive capacity of the whole world, was founded in 1904 for the purpose of promoting international co-operation within the textile industries. This year's general assembly of IFCATI will be held in Zurich from 5th to 10th October, at the invitation of the Swiss Spinners', Doublers' and Weavers' Association. More than 200 delegates from all parts of the world are expected to attend; the main items on the agenda of the meeting will be studies of the structural evolution and the productive capacities of the world's textile industries.

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SWISS-AMERICAN CO-OPERATION

A big Swiss-American scientific research laboratory has just been inaugurated at Schwerzenbach on the outskirts of Zurich. INRESCOR or the International Research Corporation as it is called, was founded jointly by the Heberlein Holding Co. Ltd., at Wattwil (Switzerland), and Cluett, Peabody & Co. Inc., New York (U.S.A.), which specializes in scientific research for industrial purposes on polymers in the field of textile fibres, synthetic resins, lacquers, etc., and in the field of radiation chemistry. The new laboratories, which are equipped with all the very latest plant, have a staff of approximately forty — a quarter of whom have doctor's degrees in chemistry — headed by a famous scientist who is the author of over thirty-five publications on polymers and more particularly cellulose. The advantage of INRESCOR is that it has not been set up exclusively for the purpose of research on behalf of the two firms that created it, but makes its services available to all firms who might be interested, on a contractual basis, guaranteeing absolute discretion. At the present day, when scientific research has become a vital necessity for most industries but when the question of costs and shortage of personnel raises acute problems, the new institute is well designed to render invaluable service to all concerns with problems to solve in the field of polymers, textile impregnation, synthetic textiles, plastics and radiation chemistry.

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