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Full steam ahead to Kriens 1986.

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Bernhard Studer.

EDITORIAL

Malcolm Bulpitt

So much interesting material to get into this magazine that this editorial is as brief as I can make it. To get as much information to you as possible we have had to drop the type size in some areas but our proposed move to A4 next year should mean this is not permanent. We need more space and this should be the most economic way of achieving this. Many thanks to all of you who are sending in items for publication, they may not get published straight away but please keep them coming.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Ian Athey

Following the last AGM the Editorial Team has been busy investigating changing *Swiss Express* to a larger format. I can now tell you that this is probably the last magazine in an A5 format that we will produce as, with effect from the March 2011 edition, our journal will be A4 size. This will enable the Society to provide more coverage than can be included in the smaller magazine at little, if any, extra cost. Obviously the Committee hope that you will enjoy the new style magazine just as much and possibly more! Whilst on the subject of *Swiss Express*, it would be very remiss of me not to mention that for some considerable time Alan and Nan Mackie have been responsible for putting the magazines in envelopes, and then despatching them to you. They now feel it is time to call it a day and have a rest from this time consuming exercise, which was not without its moments! On your behalf therefore, I would like to thank Alan and Nan most sincerely for their efforts on our behalf and wish them good health, good fortune and happiness for the future.

One subject which exercises the minds of your Management Committee every autumn is the matter of subscriptions for the coming year and this year was no exception. Although the Society currently has healthy bank balances, the fact remains that costs generally are increasing and that we do need to retain a certain level of core funding. Therefore it was agreed that for 2011 there should be a slight increase in subscriptions. However, these will not be enough to cover the loss the Society made in 2009, and is envisaged for 2010, so we will again be using some of our surplus funds. I must mention that the increase in the rate of subscription for those USA members paying by US\$ cheque/check is higher due to increasing costs in negotiating these but to counteract this we have put alternative ways to pay in place.

At the last AGM it was agreed that from 2011