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## Malcolm Bulpitt

In April the Rhätische Bahn (RhB) hosted a Media Conference in the Board Room of their magnificent HQ building in the middle of Chur. Thanks to the excellent relationship that the SRS has built-up with this organisation we received an invitation for the Society to be represented at the event. As I was on holiday in Switzerland at the time, and Chur was within striking distance of where I was staying, I chose to attend together with our Swiss News Editor Bryan Stone. We were the only media people representing a non-Swiss organisation in a room that was filled with journalists, TV crews and reporters from radio stations. The meeting was held for the Directors to give their Annual Report and we have included some interesting items from it in Swiss News on page 30. At the end of the proceedings one of the radio reporters chose to interview me to understand something about the SRS, and the reasons why non-Swiss were interested in the RhB. So some of the good people of the Graubünden now know more about our Society. It is not just the RhB that we have developed good relations with. Over the years a number of our members have forged professional and personal links with many Swiss organisations, always at their own expense and in their own time, and a number of their friends and contacts now provide input to this magazine. It is these firm foundations in Switzerland that are one of the strengths of your society.

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