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YPAC

Youth Parliament
of the
Alpine
Convention

Flying Facts

Dear Reader...

Dear reader!

Today it is kind of a D-day for everyone. Resolutions were done yesterday, and today they are going to be tested. Did you make a good one? Do all delegates agree with it? Actually it's too late now, because all of them were printed and given to other the committee delegates, so you can just hope that they won't make a speech against it.

Thursday is probably the most tiring day of all, we are having two General Assemblies and a party in the afternoon. There will be a lot of work for everyone, but the award is really nice – party.

We wish you all a very productive and nice day!

The PRESSTEAM

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Transfer & Committee Meetings

Preparing for the Final Showdown

Today, it all comes to an end. The resolutions will finally be presented at the General Assembly and the Delegates will be able to vote. All the work and the heart the participants put into their discussions and resolutions will be showed today.

First, another Transfer Meeting took place. The different delegations discussed about the resolutions and what details were still unclear, what needed to be changed and on what details they needed to focus. In addition, the speeches of the delegates were due and amendments for resolutions were created. During the transfer meeting, the delegates compared their ideas and asked each other for clarifications about the resolutions. The most difficult thing was to understand every single point of view, also because there were some tricky passages in the texts. Most of the members were a little bit nervous and a lot of questions came up. It was great to see them so excited and agitated in order to defend their hard work. You could also see the pride on their faces due to the tough effort of the previous days.

They couldn't wait to participate to the General Assembly and they were so excited about the idea of sharing their results and opinions in front of all the delegates.

In general, the preparation for the general assembly was very intensive and mindful:

How are you going to manage the General Assembly?

-Quentin : " We need to take care about everything we say and be careful about every single detail."

-Margot : " As I don't really know how it's going to be I am not sure about how I'm going to face this situation."

-Mathieu : " We are going to prepare the questions we could be asked during the General Assembly."

-Elodie : " We exchange information and talk about what can be realistic projects."

After the transfer meeting, the last committee meeting took place: The committees spent the last moment together clarifying every detail of the resolution and making it better. They all seemed to be ready and there are no doubts that due to their energy the Assembly will be highly interesting and not boring at all.



General Assembly

It all comes to an end...

General Assembly



- "Thank you miss speaker!" (slovenia to presidency)
- "I would like to apologize for my mistake madame president!" (slovenia to presidency)
- "If you change the timetable you won't change anything about the environment!" (liechtenstein to com 2)
- "We are just looking at the optimistic point of view!" (com2 to italy)
- "This speech will be in favour of the resolution!"

(sloveniacom4 to com2)

- "We're going to vote against or for the amendment... said the presid. [...] sorry but what's the actual amendment, please?!"

- "was I reconized?" (slovenia)

- "I know it is going to far, but where do you get the electricity from? Nuclear plants?(CH to com3)

The General Assembly took place in Herisau. Each Committee presented their resolutions in front of the other participants.

Speeches were held in order to convince the other delegates, to vote for the resolutions and to suggest amendments.

Shortly after lunch we resumed interviewing the delegates. So we asked, amongst others, the French delegation some questions. They had the feeling that it was very realistic, nice and a good experience for everyone.

Afterwards asking the German, they told us that they were content with the results of the first assembly and thought that there was a good exchange of opinions. They hoped that the second assembly will be as realistic and successful as the first one.

In the opinion of some Swiss delegates the general assembly was quite interesting and good questions were asked but it still was not a heated debate. They expected and hoped that the following discussions would be a little bit more vivid.

So in the end to sum it up every delegate was nervous before presenting their suggestions but they did not need to be because they did a really good job. All the resolutions passed except for the second resolution of Committee 3. Congratulations!

Fun Facts

HOROSCOPE

Delegates:

Love: If you are still single: keep your eyes open, your time will come.

Health: Eat enough fruits- an apple a day, keeps the doctor away!

Career: Do not do your own thing- your chef won't appreciate it.

Committee Presidents & Presidents:

Love: Little problems with your friends and partner will calm down during the afternoon.

Health: If a little cold advertises itself, look after your energy.

Career: Try to turn down your expectation!

Press Group:

Love: Today new opportunities will come up!

Health: Today, you bound of energy.

Career: Even if it is getting busy, you stay relaxed

Staff:

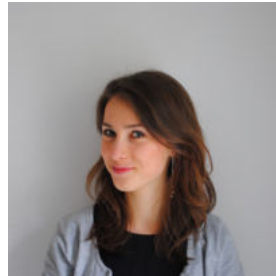
Love: The feelings you hope for, will not be replied.

Health: Drink enough water.

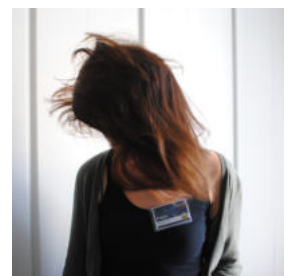
Career: Exhaust your reserves.

Match the head!

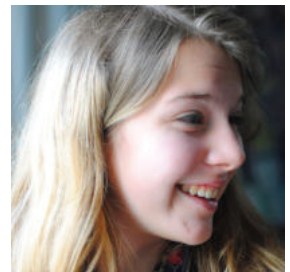
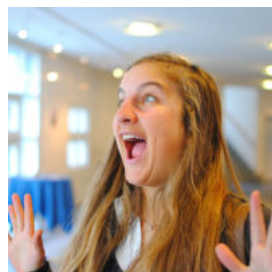
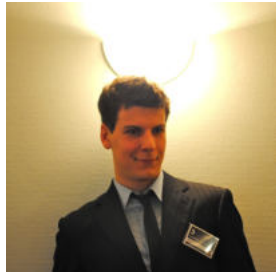
Who hides behind the tree?



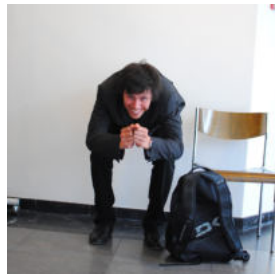
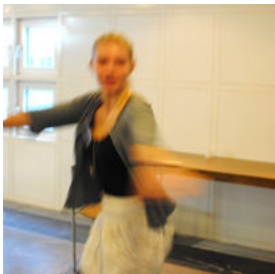
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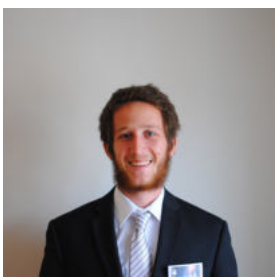
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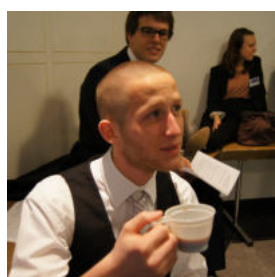
What's your favorite sport?



How YPAC can change you:



before ...



... and after

Youth in Action

Michelle Glauser

Michelle Glauser actually is a primary teacher, but at the moment she is also 20% employed at the "schweizer Koordinationsstelle Jugend in Aktion". With 15'000 Swiss franks (more then 10'000 euros) they are our biggest sponsors, and we are very grateful for that!

But now, what is the "schweizer Koordinationsstelle Jugend in Aktion (youth in action)"? Since Switzerland is NOT YET in the European union, we need bilateral contracts for everything for example in order to collaborate with the organization Youth in action . Therefore this organization was

founded. It was coordinating the actions of Youth in action in Switzerland until the end of 2010, now it has been replaced by a new part of the "Nationalagentur CH-Stiftung". But they are pretty much doing the same.

But now seriously, what do they do? Youth in action is sponsoring and supporting organizations and events which are supposed to promote solidarity and cultural exchange between European countries, therefore our YPAC has been sponsored by them.

More information you can find on: <http://www.ch-go.ch/>

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Sudoku

Who we are

Staff


We had a fun interview with the staff members who are by the way really kind.

There are eight staff members and all of them are hard workers.

Do you think the staff is important? Well, they are really usefull and like Tino and Christian, two staff members told us : " Because of us you can plan our future without being hungry!" They also set and clean the tables, use

really sophisticated technology to clean our dirty plates! Their favorite job is to bring us drinks especially the new swiss coke! But for them the YPAC is fun!! What do you think about YPAC ? You can come up, state your opinion and have your own statement in the famous YPAC news paper "flying facts"! They finally said : " We have a great time being staff members, and **we are really happy!!!**"



Thu Mar 31	Fri Apr 01	Sat Apr 02
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Weather

Presented: Switzerland



Everyone of us was really looking forward to this week. A week full of political discussions, a lot of work, but also great fun and simply a good time. That everything works that perfectly is also due to the host families who - in our case - were nearly the first ones we met when they picked us up at the

Host Families

train station on Monday evening.

For us, it was a very heartily welcome, the only thing we still have problems with is the language. Although they try to speak in high german when talking to us, it is hard to understand it in any way because there's always this little accent.

So the first evening, we arranged to laugh when their face impression was funny and to commentate with an „oh“ or „what a pity!“ when they seemed to look cheerless. Now finally we managed to communicate in a way so that everybody understands what is ment- or sometimes even not.

But in any case it is a very lovely stay for us and we want to thank all of our host families for their efforts making our trip as pleasantly as possible.

Our Endless Way To Herisau

Our host family lives in "Wolfhalden" in a typical Appenzeller farmhouse, which means that the ceilings aren't higher than 1.80 meters and the whole house is out of wood.

Four cats, two horses and one dog also live in this contorted, rosy painted "midget-house". If we want to catch our first bus, we have to leave the house at 6.45 am and walk, accompanied by the screams of the waking cock and the great view at the misty Lake

Constance, along a muddy road. If we can catch this bus, it takes us about 20 minutes to come to Heiden, where we have to change the normal bus into a yellow double decker to go to St. Gallen. Meanwhile the sun was risen and we were able to see the fresh, green meadows, which look a little bit like huge golf links, ranging over the characteristical swiss hills.

After another 35 minutes we reach the village of St. Gallen. There we had to

change the mean of transport again, but because of the bad connection we had to wait and because of the cold we bought a well tasting but outpriced coffee at "Starbucks".

After an endless felt abidance at the railway station, we took the train to Herisau. When we arrived, it was about 8.15 am and we had to hurry up to

catch the next bus to come to the casino, otherwise we would have to walk through the whole village, which would take us about 20 minutes. And in the end, after our burdensome and complicated journey, which took us as long as we would drive through the whole country of "Liechtenstein", we arrived at the Casino in Herisau.

Public transportation: Prices

In Switzerland, the tickets for transportation, like bus, train, etc. are very expensive. The way from Schönegrund to Herisau (about 15 km.) for example costs 6,80 Fr. by bus, or the way from Genf to St. Gallen (about 4 hours) costs 200 Fr. by train in the 2nd class. In other countries (Austria for example) the tickets costs 1,20 € (1.5 Fr) in the whole city or the way from Innsbruck to Vienna (about 5 hours) by train costs 90 € (110 Fr.). But there are a view special offers in Switzerland:

- You can buy a "Halbtax-ticket" once a year that means: You can buy all tickets for the half price. This ticket costs 165 Fr.
- There is also a "GA" ticket: With this ticket you can drive with every Public transportation in whole Switzerland for free. This ticket is a bit expensive but if you use the Public transportation it would be ok.
- This ticket is called "Gleis 7" with this ticket you can take all the trains between 19.00 o'clock and the early morning for free. This ticket costs 99Fr.



Swiss people and their peculiarities

Now we are have been in Switzerland for more than three days and we all recognised that the Swiss people have their own traditions and qualities which characterizes their special way of life.

- It is forbidden to slam the car door.
- It is illegal to press the flush after 10 o'clock p.m. if you life in an apartment house.
- At religious holidays like Christmas or Easter, dance is prohibited
- The most harvested apple is the golden delicious.
- The editors of the "Neue Züricher Tageszeitung" are reading about 5 meters an hour.
- If you live in Switzerland you have to have a place in a bunker where you have a spot to hide in case of bombing

Basic Information

- Main place of the canton St. Gallen
- Height: 675 above sea level
- Expanse: 39,41 km²
- Population: 72 642
- named after the monk St. Gallus, who is believed to have found the city
- In order to be prepared for becoming an industrial metropolis, the oversized **Railway station** was build in 1913, when St.Gallen was economically very well-posed. Unfortunately, this evolution has been discomfitted by the economic crisis of 1929. In medieval times the **textile industry** arose and still special high-quality fabrics for fashion designers are produced in St.Gallen.
- Designed by multimedia artist Pipilotti Rist, the **City Lounge** is a very particular place in the city: the whole square is covered with a "red carpet", even a Porsche sports car. There are also beautiful lamps affixed, which change the colors of their light. Just like the City Lounge, the **Market Place** in the city center is also a meeting point, no matter if it's night or day.
- The **Oceanic**, a business house, was the first one with the exemplary characteristics of Jugendstil, also known as Art Nouveau. Another Jugendstil-building is the **business house "Waage"**.
- When the population of St.Gallen increased heavily in the end of the 19th century, the only way to prevent water shortage was to build a canal in order to transport water from the Lake of Constance to the city. To celebrate this achievement, cantonal council member Hans Broder donated the so-called **Broder-Fountain**. Another monument is the **Vadian Statue**, which shows 16th century's town mayor Joachim von Watt (nickname: Vadian). In 1983, the UNESCO declared **the historical abbey district with the cathedral and the monastery buildings** world heritage. Since the city converted to protestantism in 1527, the abbot has been sent to exile. When he returned 5 years later, an arbitration tribunal decided to build a **Separating Wall** in order to restrict tensions.

Austria

Yesterday an accident happened nearby Innsbruck: A nearly new helic crashed at 10 o'clock in the morning in the deep mountain lake. Four

policemen were in the helicopter. Two died and two are still missing. Experts mentioned that the chance of survival is very low.

France

Paris introduces car-sharing system

After offering the citizens of Paris the opportunity to lend bicycles from one of the 1500 stations in 2007, the city wants to start a new project, which will be launched in October. The people will then be able to borrow one of the 3000 cars belonging to the project. With an annual subscription it will only cost 12 € per month. In course of constructing the developers used the situation in Ulm, Germany as an example. Experts calculated, that one shared car could replace 15 private ones, but there's one thing left the critics fault – the electric cars will primarily be driven by electricity

generated by nuclear power.

Sarkozy meets China's first chief of state and plans to travel to Japan

Being on a journey to China, Sarkozy was criticized by the state's first chief Hu Jintao for the military intervention in Libya . How history would have shown, Jintao deems the input of violence as no answer for problems. The occasion for Sarkozy's journey to China is a G20-meeting for debating the world's financial system. Afterwards he plans to travel to Japan, since he wants to be the first chief of state visiting Japan after the Fukushima accident.

Slovenia

During the routine medical exam on the Slovenia president Danilo Turk a cancerous tissue which was in the early phase on his prostate was discovered. After a medical consultation they recommended him a

surgery which took place today in Innsbruck, Austria. The medical procedure was done by a robot, directly controlled by a team of experienced surgeons. We wish him luck on recovering.

Cipra+Ypac=?

A question troubled my mind last night and so I went to see some delegates and some press members to know if later; when they have done their studie, they would like to join the CIPRA because they need some "young blood" and since people from that YPAC are already involved in this fight: "save our mountains!" This time I asked one of the three editors in chief, Julian and he told me this :
-"It is possible that I will be working for CIPRA one day, but maybe the CIPR should explain in a better way what

they are and what they do, I just know there are sponsoring us! But yes, it is very possible!"

We made a survey on this in the press team, just to know if they would like to help the CIPRA or even work for this organisation!

Sixteen press members are convinced "Yes we would work for such an organisation!", two are not and six press members did not have any answer.



OBITUARY

In January 2011 former YPAC participant Raphael Köbach from Sonthofen, Germany died in a train accident at the age of only 20 years. Considering his contribution to the YPAC project, we want to pay our last respect to him and keep his positive personality in mind.

Interview

Interview with Mrs. Rauchegger & Mrs. Senhofer



How did you get the idea of the YPAC?

Mrs. Senhofer: "I had to organize a parliament in Tyrol. This was the first step. I got in touch with a youth parliament organization and I thought it would be a great idea to create such a "game" with these topics of the alpine. I asked my colleague Mrs. Rauchegger if she is interested in doing this with me because one person is not enough for such big project. Mrs. Rauchegger loved this idea and together we got in contact with the Alpine Convention. The general secretary of this organization is situated in Innsbruck so we asked them if they are interested in corporation with our school (Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck). They liked our idea a lot and that is how we started to work together. YPAC was born."

Did the YPAC turn out as you planned it? Have your expectations been fulfilled?

Mrs. Rauchegger: "I think it is better than we thought it would be because now we have colleagues who are extremely interested and who are willing to work hard. We have a traditional group who works very well together and every year we get new partners."

How do you see the YPAC 2011 in Switzerland and what are differences between YPAC this year and the last few years?

Mrs. Rauchegger: "In my opinion, it has always been special at the different places. I especially like that there are so many great discussions this year. In the years before there were a few main and very powerful persons, while the others were very shy and quiet."

Meeting the host brothers...

Hans Christian Hassellmann and Yannick Vogt

Where do your hosts come from?

H. Italy, from Bassano del Grappa and the other one from Meran
Y. Liechtenstein

How did they behave in your opinion?

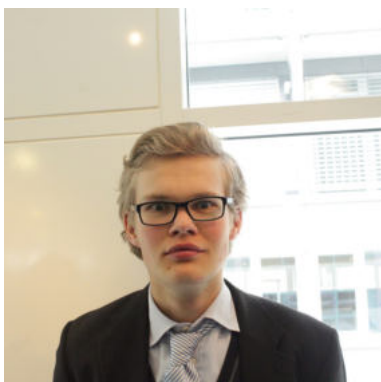
H. Very well, they are open minded, interesting and funny :)
Y. Very good, I can speak a lot with him and he's funny

Did you find anything strange in their habits?

H. Yes, of course! But that's what I like, for example I find their swearing so hilarious!
Y. No, Liechtenstein is very close to here so his habits are more or less the same.

Are you going to keep in contact with him?

H. I'll try to, maybe I'll go to South Tyrol or we may meet again for the next YPAC.
Y. Hope so, but I can't be sure that he really wants to ^^



Conclusion

This is the first time I have joined the "YPAC-family" and in my opinion it is a great project. I think nearly everything was very well organised and well presented.

I had an other image of YPAC – but this week was better than I had ever imagined.

It was such a fascinating and wonderful experience for me and I think for all the other ones too. To see a 'real' parliament and discussions about these topics is something that really impressed me.

The majority of the people in our age are not that interested in politics but we are here involved in this processes and it is way more interesting than I have imagined. The young people are really committed and the atmosphere was always pleasant and productive.

The YPAC is a good possibility to meet people from other countries and use English. In the press group there is this pressure to write texts quickly, so that we get an impression on what journalism is like.

It is very impressive how the resolutions turned out compared to the very beginning of this week on Tuesday. The delegates first met with an expert who gave inputs to every committee and their topics.

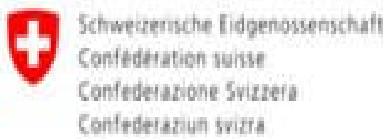
The discussions and resolutions developed itself during the meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Transfer Meetings contributed new ideas and tasks for the committees.

Finally, all the resolutions were presented at the General Assembly after a short Transfer and Committee Meeting and the delegates voted.

So a very successful and exciting week is coming to an end and we are all very glad to get to participate at this YPAC in Switzerland and to meet new people and exchange opinions and experiences.

We are looking forward to next year!





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