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Dear Alumni

Not long and the lights will be lit on the Christmas trees, families get together to enjoy some festive days and everybody gets to open their presents. Well, what you receive here is an early Christmas present from Passugg. You're about to read the first SSTH Alumni Newsletter. In this bulletin you will read the news from our CEO, you will learn about international chapters of the SSTH Alumni Association but you will also see what is new at the SSTH. And in case you're wondering who I am, go ahead and read the Newsletter to the end I hope you will enjoy this newsletter and if you have any suggestions please contact us on alumni@ssth.ch.

Merry Christmas and a successful 2007

Karoline Hunziker
 President - Swiss School Alumni

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New courses offered at SSTH

In August 2006 the **Language and Hospitality Preparation Course** was launched at SSTH. In the 8/17 weeks course English language studies, German Elementary and an insight into Swiss Tourism is offered with the goal of completing an IELTS 5.5 at the end of the course and to directly enter the SSTH hospitality programs.
[More information](#)

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News from the CEO

Just a few weeks or even a few years have gone by since you have left SSTH with the well reputed Swiss School Diploma in your pocket. I am sure that you have had a good time since then and have made your way in the business world of hospitality. Herewith you are receiving your first Alumni Newsletter which we will be issuing regularly from now.

In our process of re-activating the Swiss School Alumni Association we are keen to keep in contact with you. Share your success with us! Send us a short statement of what you are doing now. The more graduates we can present in interesting and responsible positions in the hospitality industry, the more valuable the Swiss School Diploma will become.



We also gladly publish any job offers you have to share with former or younger SSTH colleagues.

We hope to keep in contact with you as long as ever possible.

Kind regards yours

Beat Wicki
 Chief Executive Officer SSTH

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Across the globe

The Swiss School Alumni Association has been extremely active with organizing numerous International Get-togethers all over the world. From the Far-East to the Middle-East from North America to South America, we have created a platform for former students to meet, to catch up with old friends and take advantage of the network of successful graduates to perhaps consider the next career move.

Some of the venues of recent meetings include: China in the cities of Beijing and Hong Kong, Seoul in South Korea, Taipei in Taiwan, Oslo in Norway, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi in India, Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, Amman Jordan, Bangkok Thailand, Toronto Canada, Copenhagen Denmark and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

In our international travels we have also created a number of new contacts with leading hotels so if you are searching for a new challenge or planning your next

career move feel free to come to one of our next events in your area to get the latest news on our connections. You can always find out where we are by visiting the news section of [ssth.ch](http://www.ssth.ch)

the University of
Delaware

Information to follow
soon on our website.

We are happy to report that we have now formed some new International Chapters, this time in Norway, with the support of Mr. Runar Hilland who runs two hotels in the Bergen area. The second in India, with Mr. Santhosh Kamalakannan, who runs the Career Development Centre in South India and in UAE, Mr. Joynal Abedin and Mr. Ashok Singh and last but certainly not least Mr. Khem Raj Lakai, Director of Business Development at IST International School of Tourism & Hotel Management who now heads the Nepal Chapter.

Job offers

SSTH often receives interesting job offers from different companies and hotels in Switzerland but also from all over the world.

[Job offers German](#)
[Job offers English](#)

SSTH seeks a **Sales Manager** for the international department SSH. [See job offer](#)

The whole SSTH crew wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Questions, inputs or
good ideas :-)

Your contact =>
alumni@ssth.ch

Did you know, that ...?

Some pictures, which have arrived at SSTH in the past.



Runar, Santhosh and Khemraj are also official SSTH representatives, recruiting students for the school. Thank you gentlemen for your support to the school and for the Swiss School Alumni Association!

Over the next few months into 2007 we will continue to be active with Get-togethers and forming additional international chapters in countries where students are both willing and able to support the association. If you feel you would like to get more involved, feel free to contact us to have a chat about how you can help and what you get for it.

Wishing you continuing success!

M. Jeffrey, December 2006

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Happenings at SSTH

> Annual General Meeting and Alumni Ball

On the 11.11.2006 the annual meeting of Swiss School Alumni was held in the school hotel in Passugg. A new president of the board was elected.

In the evening 66 Members enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the ballroom of the School Hotel and celebrated in the stübli until early morning.



For pictures please check [here](#)

> Graduation 2006

In May 2006 the Swiss School Alumni Association was able to welcome another 100 new members.

46 Students from 7 nationalities received the Diploma Hotelière-Restauratrice / Restauratrice HF. Stefanie Würsig wrote the best Diploma Paper and Marc Lechmann received the best grade point average (5.69).

54 Students from 16 nations received the Swiss Higher Diploma, Hotel Operations Diploma or a PGD Diploma. Here the best Diploma Paper was written by Ka Eul Hong and Haldis Bjerva Sagvolden finished as the best student with a grade point average of 5.91!



On the 28 June it was time for 78 graduates of the GFG and the H+T Department of SSTH in Chur to celebrate their graduation. The best graduate of the GFG was Ms Nadine Hännli (5.4 GPA) the best graduate of the H+T was Ms Sindy Lutz (5.4 GPA).

We congratulate all the graduates, wish them all the best for their future career and of course bid you all a warm welcome to the Swiss School Alumni Association.

The Swiss School Alumni Association now has 4072 members!!

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Seen in Passugg

We are still here! Whenever one of you slides in through the Passugg door to take a history trip (often with wife or husband, and even with a younger and newer version of yourself- like a few weeks ago, when into my office walked Anneli Cleblad, who joined the school in January 1996, and visited with her family) the hit comes: You're still here! And that's usually followed by 'Is Mr/Mrs X still here as well'.



OK ladies and gentlemen, just as you are where you are, I am where I am, and that's still HERE. In my case now I have beaten the 16 year point at the school. Whatever I did to, or with you, I am still inflicting some of the same, or similar, on the latest additions to the Passugg family. It can't be exactly the same of course.... That would be boring. I have to think of other things. Those of you who left before 2000 will remember me as Resident Manager. Variable memories I think. But I hope you remember some funny moments as well. I certainly do.... memories about a lot of you. Wait for the book!



And who else is still here from your time? Well it depends when you started and left.

Probably all of you out there have been taught by Olgi Zanin. For those of you graduating before about 1992 she was, in your time, Olgi Kroner, and Olgi has been with the school now for 30 years.

CV Wijeratne has been here for a long time as well, - since 1991, although he had a break in the middle to go to Egypt for a while. Lots of you have benefited from his tender loving care. And how many of you actually know his first name?

For those of you from the German language side of our school, Maryse Casanova, doing her best to get the French language into some of you, has been with us for absolutely ages. 20 years in fact.

Manfred Wagner and David Puser are still here after 13 years, with Martin Jeffrey at 11 years and Andrew Oliver at 9 years.



Carlo Willi still teaches (15 years), although mostly in Chur these days.

Antonio from Portugal, on the housekeeping staff, has also passed 15 years, and

Manuel has managed a couple more than that.

One you won't see again now if you call in here is Adelaid Friedli-Stein. Adie has taken honourable retirement, and this past summer moved to California. She has already got herself a part time job teaching English!

Come and visit. It really is nice to see you.

John Carr
Head of SSH

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Alumni Personalities

Since the 11.11.2006 we have a new president of the board:
Karoline Hunziker.

Karoline graduated in 2003 in the HF division and has since then held jobs in the Compass Group Switzerland and the Restaurant Villagio in the Technopark Zürich.

Karoline lives in Opfikon, not far from Zürich and is today the operational manager of the Restaurant "die Giesserei", Zürich/Oerlikon



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Congratulation

> Marc-Etienne Gartmann (Schulleiter Höhere Fachschule) is the new President of the ASEH. At the general meeting of the board of the ASEH (Swiss Hotel Schools Association) on the 10 March 2006 Mr. Marc-Etienne Gartmann was elected as their president for the next 2 years. Congratulations Marc!

> Mrs Olgi Zanin has been with us for 30 years!
Her biography would surely be a bestseller and all her stories of the past could probably fill more than just 1 book.
She is teaching in all Departments of the SSTH, is the class teacher of 50 young GFG students in Chur and is the person responsible for the ordering of all the wonderful school books that you loved reading so much. Olgi, you are our favourite!



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See you at ...

- > **Recruitment Forum** / 15th March 2007
- > **Food Festival with alumni lounge** / 5th May 2007
- > **Annual General Meeting** / 27th October 2007

Get-togethers - more information to follow soon on the website, section alumni

- > **IGEHO 2007, Basel**
- > **Expo Vina 2007, Zürich**

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