



**New Helvetic Society
July 2018**

This year is bringing several changes to the New Helvetic Society, which, we are certain, will be supported by all of you.

Sadly, after many years of dedication to the Society and the Swiss community, Daniel and Esther-Lou Pedroletti have decided to enjoy a well-deserved retirement from the committee.

We would like to thank them both for their dedication and support. Although both are retiring from the committee, they are still very enthusiastic about the Society and its activities. We are certain that both will attend future NSH events. For once, it will be nice to see Esther-Lou out of the kitchen even though this means that we will no longer be able to enjoy her delicious canapés!

We are equally sorry to see Marc Peter leaving the committee but, thankfully, he will continue to support the Society by allowing us to use the website he patiently built for us as well as providing his knowledgeable advice on technical and digital matters.

At the AGM, which took place on the 24th April, four committee members stood for (re)election. We are extremely excited to welcome Jonas, but we are equally conscious of the fact that four is not a sufficient number to run an effective Society. We therefore strongly encourage members to contact us if they are interested in becoming committee members.

Several topics were discussed at the AGM and with a committee “under construction”, membership numbers and events attendance reducing, we need to consider several changes.

This year the committee has decided to hold fewer NSH events as we will be looking at building more efficiencies across the Swiss Clubs and Swiss Community in London. Brexit remains an important topic for the Swiss in the UK and we will endeavour to organise another event later in the year.

The committee will also prioritise its efforts in the recruitment of new members and, as anticipated above, committee members.

Furthermore, based on feed-back received and to ensure a more affordable membership, we have proposed to reduce the membership fee by 50%.

The membership fees as per 2018 will be as follows:

Membership type	Price
Single	£20
Joint	£30
Senior Single	£15
Senior Joint	£22.50
Students (under 26)	£15
Young (under 18)	Free
Honorary members	Free

We hope these changes are welcomed by all of you and we hope that you continue to support in 2018.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members, particularly those who have continued to support us by paying the membership fee.

This year we hope, not only to maintain, but to increase the numbers of members paying on time. We are committed to be proactive in dealing with administrative matters and ensuring that membership fees are dealt with effectively.

Should you be interested in joining the New Helvetic Society you can find the application form in the Membership section of the website; If you'd like to receive emails about our events, send us an email at: info@newhelveticociety.org.uk

Faithfully,

Your New Helvetic Society Committee



From left to right:

Loredana Guetg-Wyatt

Loredana was born and educated in the Italian part of Switzerland. After graduating from SUPSI in 1998, she joined an international risk consulting firm. Loredana moved to the UK in 2004 where she was a founding member of the UK branch Protiviti. At Protiviti Loredana was the UK solution lead for the internal audit and financial assurance team specialising in consulting to multinational companies. After spending ten years with Protiviti, Loredana has now founded her own

company and works as a freelancer specialising in supporting global companies and charities complying with local and international legislations.

Camilla Ghislanzoni

Camilla was born in Geneva from a family originally from Basel. After spending her youth in the paternal town of Venice, she graduated in Business from the University of Friburg and joined Canon, the global leader in Imaging and Printing technology, where she spent ten years holding several sales management roles across Italy, the Netherlands and more recently the United Kingdom, where she's lived since 2009.

Christina Brandao

Christina is multi lingual and highly educated professional with extensive knowledge, experience and background in the field of international and diplomatic affairs, strategic trade development and business, and global management. She is enthusiastic, proactive, communicative and outgoing individual who is attentive to details, extremely committed in achieves outstanding results and takes pleasure by embracing new challenges. In addition of being fascinated about Switzerland and its affairs, Christina is also passionate for winter and water sports, cooking, acting, reading and travelling.

Marine Paclet

Marine was born and educated in Lausanne. She holds a Bachelor in International Relations from the University of Geneva and a Master in Public Policy from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. During her studies, Marine specialized in international affairs, security policy and public management. After working as liaison officer for the Federal Department of Defence in Bern, Marine moved to London in 2017 to pursue her career in policy and public affairs. She is also actively involved in various associations. Marine speaks French, English, German and Spanish and her hobbies include traveling, reading, skiing and hiking.

Jonas Schembri

Jonas was born in Switzerland and educated in Malta. Having served in the Maltese police force for 5 years as a Crime Scene investigator, he has a keen eye for detail and approaches challenges head on. Currently Jonas is Director of ODINN consultancy LTD in London. He is a kind, energetic and enthusiastic individual who is always ready to help others at the best of his ability.