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5^e Réunion mondiale des Anciens 17-20 juin 2004, Genève/Vaud



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4th Alumni World Reunion 1999.

5th Alumni World Reunion - 17-20 June 2004, Geneva/Vaud

Four years already since the last World Reunion, which brought together over 600 alumni worldwide to live a memorable experience back in Switzerland, and here we are again in the throes of organizing the next World Reunion for the summer of 2004.

From the messages we have been receiving from alumni across the globe, enthusiasm is rising and there will be even more participants this time around – so spread the word to all your friends and don't miss the biggest and best reunion yet!

Enjoy the company of old classmates, teachers and meet other alumni; walk down memory lane on your old school campus; rediscover all your favourite haunts in Geneva and Vaud; indulge in wonderful meals and music and participate in exciting activities. The organizing committee is putting the final touches to the programme and is looking forward to welcoming you all in June 2004 at what we are sure will be an exceptional gathering.

So whatever your plans may be for the summer of 2004, make sure you include a stopover in Geneva from 17-20 June to celebrate the 5th Alumni World Reunion and

the 80th Anniversary of your school. ◆

Quatre ans déjà depuis la dernière réunion mondiale qui a rassemblé plus de 600 anciens du monde entier et leur a permis de vivre une expérience inoubliable en Suisse. Puis nous voilà de retour dans les affres de l'organisation de la prochaine réunion mondiale qui aura lieu en été 2004.

A en juger des messages qui nous sont parvenus des anciens de toutes parts, l'enthousiasme grandit de jour en jour et, selon toute vraisemblance, il y aura cette fois encore plus de participants: alors répandez la nouvelle à tous vos amis et ne manquez pas la plus grande et la meilleure des réunions mondiales célébrées jusqu'ici!

Amusez-vous en compagnie de vos anciens camarades de classe, vos professeurs et rencontrez d'autres anciens; longez les chemins de souvenirs sur le terrain de votre vieux campus; redécouvrez tous vos repaires préférés à Genève et dans le canton de Vaud; livrez-vous aux plaisirs merveilleux de la table et de la musique et participez à des activités captivantes!

Le Comité d'organisation est en train de mettre la dernière touche au programme et se réjouit de pouvoir souhaiter la bienvenue

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à vous tous au mois de juin 2004, lors d'une réunion mondiale qui, nous en sommes certains, constituera un événement exceptionnel.

Par conséquent, quels que soient vos plans pour l'été 2004, assurez-vous de pouvoir être à Genève du 17 au 20 juin afin de pouvoir célébrer la 5^e Réunion mondiale des Anciens et le 80^e Anniversaire de votre Ecole! ◆

Vivian Hakkak, Jill Wolf, Dean Soldatos, Sam Jarrell et Sue Anthony
Comité d'organisation

Entretien avec le Président



Photo: Suzi Jarrell

Ecolint Alumni News: Sam, tu es le nouveau président de l'Association des Anciens de l'École internationale de Genève. Qui es-tu, d'où viens-tu et où vas-tu?

Sam Jarrell: Pour commencer, je dois dire que j'ai fait toutes mes études à Ecolint, depuis l'école enfantine jusqu'au baccalauréat international (BI), soit depuis 1960 jusqu'à 1972, de même que mon frère Andy et ma sœur Jean. Je suis donc un produit 100% Ecolint! Je suis fier de dire que j'ai figuré dans la deuxième volée d'élèves candidats au BI que j'ai passé,

à l'époque, en classe 12. J'ai effectué un petit retour à la Grande-Boissière après mes études universitaires en Grande-Bretagne, puisque j'y ai travaillé comme laborantin pendant une année sous les ordres de M. Eric Anthony (que je salue au passage!). Mon lien avec l'école ne s'est jamais rompu, puisque j'ai depuis toujours suivi les

activités de l'Association, dont je suis maintenant le Président et ma fille, qui fréquente la Grande-Boissière depuis quelque temps déjà, se charge de me tenir au courant de tout ce qui se passe à l'école aujourd'hui.

E. A. N.: Quels sont tes objectifs pour l'Association?

S. J.: Il s'agit tout d'abord de calmer les esprits. Comme tout le monde le sait, l'école a traversé une véritable tempête qui l'a remuée jusque dans ses fondations. Notre association n'a pas été épargnée et a subi quelques

turbulences qui l'ont conduite à changer de direction. Mon souhait le plus cher c'est d'aller de l'avant en travaillant étroitement avec le nouveau Directeur général, Monsieur Nicholas Tate, le Conseil de Fondation présidé par Mme Hélène Durant-Ballivet et le nouveau Comité central des Anciens. Nos premiers contacts avec Nicholas Tate sont très encourageants et je suis persuadé que la collaboration entre la Fondation et l'association des Anciens prendra de plus en plus d'importance dans les années à venir.

E. A. N.: Deux défis importants attendent l'association dans les mois à venir...

S. J.: En effet, il y a d'abord le lancement de notre nouveau site internet appelé à devenir le relais officiel de l'école avec ses anciens. Ces derniers y trouveront toutes les nouvelles fraîches sur les événements que

nous organisons, comme par exemple la Réunion mondiale (et ça c'est notre prochain défi) qui aura lieu du 17 au 20 juin 2004 à Genève/Vaud. Puis il y a les activités annexes, telles que la publication de cette Newsletter et la préparation de la Fête de l'Escalade pour les Alumni de Genève.

E. A. N.: Que représente l'Association des Anciens pour toi?
S. J.: Pour moi, s'investir dans cette association c'est la possibilité de rendre à l'école ce qu'elle vous a donné. Et c'est ce que je compte faire. Mais pour commencer, je voudrais ici exprimer un souhait: celui de voir de nombreux anciens s'inscrire sur notre site et utiliser activement les différents services qui leur sont proposés. Alors, à bon entendeur! ◆

Entrevue réalisée le 8 septembre 2003 par Kaarina Lorenzini (-Rodríguez Campoamor)/(90.

Fiche signalétique

Nom: Jarrell

Prénom: Sam

Date de naissance: 18.05.1955

Origine: suisse (père américain / mère sud-africaine).

Etat-civil: marié, trois enfants.

Domicile: Vézenaz/GE.

Etudes: cursus 100% Ecolint; licence en physique à Heriot-Watt (Ecosse); formation de réalisateur dans une école de cinéma en Angleterre.

Profession: réalisateur à la Télévision suisse romande (TSR).

Particularités: inscrit dans le Tableau d'Honneur d'Ecolint (Honour Roll); Président de l'Association des Anciens d'Ecolint.

An Interview with the President

Ecolint Alumni News: Sam, you are the new president of the Alumni Association of The International School of Geneva. Who are you? Where do you come from and where are you going?

Sam Jarrell: For a start I did all my schooling at the International School, from kindergarten to graduation, from 1960 to 1972, as did my brother Andy and my sister Jean before me, so I am 100% an Ecolint product. I was one of the second class of students to take the International Baccalaureate, which at that time we did in class 12. After completing my degree in Scotland, I returned briefly to La Grande Boissière, working for a year as a laboratory assistant under the guid-

ance of Mr. Eric Anthony (Hi Eric!).

I have always remained in touch with the school, and have followed the activities of the Alumni Association of which I am now president, and of course my daughter, who has for some time now been a student at La Grande Boissière, makes sure that I know all about the school today.

E.A.N.: What are your goals for the Alumni Association?

S.J.: My first job has been to let things calm down and re-establish a good working atmosphere. As we all know, the School has gone through a time of unprecedented turmoil, which shook it to its very foundations. These events spilled over to the Association, and caused considerable upheaval.

My hope now is that we can move on. The Central Committee's initial contacts with the new Director General, Dr. Nicholas Tate, and the chairman of the Foundation Board Madame Hélène Ballivet-Durand have been very encouraging, and I am convinced that the relationship between the Alumni Association and the Foundation will become increasingly important.

E.A.N.: In the coming months the Association faces two important challenges

S.J.: Our first challenge is the launching of the new website, which is to become the official link of the School with its alumni. The latest news on the events organised by the Association will be announced on the website, such as the forthcoming World Reunion – and that is

our next challenge – which will be held from the 17th to the 20th of June 2004 in Geneva and Vaud. There are also regular activities, such as the publication of the next Newsletter and the preparation of this year's Escalade event for the Geneva-based alumni.

E.A.N.: What does the Alumni Association represent for you?
S.J.: To me working with the Alumni is an opportunity to give something back to the school which gave me so much in my youth. I sincerely hope that I can. Right now though I would like to encourage as many alumni as possible to sign up on our website so that we can provide the best possible service to you in the future. ◆

Interview by Kaarina Lorenzini on 8 September, 2003. Translated by Lois Meyhoffer.

Dr. Nicholas Tate Director-General's message



Photo: Véronique Dupraz

I was delighted to be asked by your Editor to write an article for this Newsletter. The large and growing number of alumni, scattered as you are through all parts of the world, are a crucial part of the Ecolint community. I greatly look forward to working with you, and on your behalf, in my new role as Director-General.

Already, in my short time here, I have been struck by the affection in which so many of you hold your old school. Your memories and the nature of your attachment obviously vary, depending on how long you were here, when you were here, and which part of the school you were in, but I am clear that for many of you the years you spent here were formative ones in ways more profound than is often the case in other schools. This is a unique school: because it is part of a unique, Genevan, community; because it is the oldest international school; and because of an *esprit* which has somehow managed to get passed on from one generation of students to another.

I envy you. I went to five different schools, for relatively short periods. My last school has changed so much it is unrecognisable. The school I then taught at closed down; the two teacher training colleges I subsequently moved to merged with other institutions; and three of the bodies I worked for as an educational administrator no longer exist. I have even started to wonder if there is a causal connection! The

one place that has not disappeared is my old Oxford college, founded in the thirteenth century and, like Ecolint, set to continue, we hope, for ever. Well-established institutions like these are threads of continuity in a world of flux. The political philosopher Edmund Burke called them 'the little platoons' that help to hold society together. The memories that many of you have of your time at the school are likely to be

above all of people and places. What strikes me talking to some of you is how important also are those principles to which Ecolint has been so publicly and consistently committed since its foundation: international understanding; multicultural tolerance; a commitment to peace; support for humanitarian projects; and the sense of being part of a global society, but of being world citizens who have not turned their backs on the traditions and customs of particular places and cultures.

These principles remain and I have been greatly impressed in recent weeks to see the extent to which the school is actively promoting them, both inside and outside the formal curriculum. Already in my short time here I have had discussions about the Students' League of Nations, a human rights day, an international students' magazine, participation in humanitarian projects in India and Tanzania, and a forthcoming international drama weekend, and this I am sure is only the tip of the iceberg. One of our new teachers also reminded me how much of what is distinctive about an Ecolint education is provided by the students themselves when he told me that of the ten students in his teacher group every single one has a different nationality. 'This is the really important part of your education here' was his message to them when they first met at the beginning of term. I have also been impressed by the quality

and intellectual and cultural interests of many of the staff. One has just published a fascinating book on *la frontière genevoise*; another has an exhibition of his works at a local art gallery; and a third is about to become responsible for cultural activities at the Ville de Genève. We are not short of role models within the community of what it is to be an educated adult for whom learning is a lifelong affair.

There is a spirit of optimism in the school at present. We have emerged from one of the structural crises that seem to affect the school from time to time – crises that have little effect on what happens in the classroom – and are making realistic but ambitious plans to ensure that the quality of the education we provide across our various campuses goes from strength to strength. A key part of this will be a new five-year plan. This will involve targets for improvement in all areas of our provision, including the intangible ones. At the heart of the plan will be a commitment to have the maximum beneficial impact on what really matters in a school: the quality of the countless daily interactions that take place between teachers and pupils and among the pupils themselves. Much of this will depend on trying to make even better use of our existing human resources and on finding more

time for reflection about what we are trying to do. Inevitably, however, there will be areas where substantial additional expenditure will be needed. Some of this the Foundation will be able to provide. Some of it, however, and this includes some of our more ambitious plans, such as for an Arts Centre at La Grande Boissière and for major building projects at La Châtaigneraie, will require outside help from those who believe that the long-term development of this unique institution is a cause worthy of their financial support.

In her speech to Foundation staff at the beginning of term, La Présidente du Conseil de Fondation, Hélène Durand-Ballivet, the former Chair of your Association, reminded us that we would be celebrating the school's eightieth anniversary at the end of this school year. We should think of this, she said, as an opportunity to 're-found' the school, reaffirming our loyalty to the principles on which Ecolint has always been based and articulating a clear vision of how we were going to carry these forward into the future. It is a great privilege to have been given such a project as my central task. I very much look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the coming years and in particular to seeing you at the eightieth anniversary celebrations in June 2004. ♦

Nicholas Tate

Escalade 2003 – celebrations around the world!!!

Toronto:

Escalade dinner will be held on Friday, 28 November. For more details, please contact Jock Galloway/56 at galloway@geog.utoronto.ca or phone (416) 767.92.97. ♦

Denver:

Escalade dinner, Saturday, 6 December at 7.00 p.m. at the Kent Village Clubhouse, 3500 S. Race and E. Hampton. Contact Pennie Aldrich/65 at plaldrich@comcast.net or phone (303) 986.4325. ♦

Geneva:

Escalade dinner, Wednesday, 10 December at 7.30 p.m. in the La Grande Boissière cafeteria. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ecolint.ch or phone 079.449.50.43. ♦

Sydney:

Escalade this year will just consist of informal drinks at the University and Schools Club, 60 Phillip St., from 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 12 December. Please contact Alex Buzo/62. ♦

New York:

Next Escalade dinner will be held on Saturday, 13 December at 8.00 p.m. at Tout Va Bien restaurant, 311 West 51st Street, New York, NY. RSVP to Karl Cerni/82 at kecerni@juno.com. ♦

Washington DC:

Escalade dinner at The Melting Pot, 1220 19th Street NW, Washington DC 20036. Please contact Alexander Smouha at asmouha@attglobal.net. ♦

La Châtaigneraie Campus



Photo: Sabah Al-Basri Saliman

La Châtaigneraie multi-media centre.

L'année scolaire 2003/04 est normalement sur les rails. Après la semaine verte, l'école secondaire a repris son rythme. Les examens de maturité suisse à Lausanne et Neuchâtel sont terminés et nous souhaitons la bienvenue à la classe 13^e maturité qui vient de faire sa rentrée. Les écoles primaires ont déjà réalisé leurs premières soirées d'information.

Situation des effectifs scolaires:

1432 élèves (250 à Mies, 343 à l'école primaire et 840 dans le secondaire). (Extrait du Bulletin d'octobre 2003.) ◆

Michel Chinal,
 Directeur du Campus



Photo: Sabah Al-Basri Saliman

La Châtaigneraie en été 2003.

La Grande Boissière Campus

The school year is now well on its way and I take this opportunity to express my strong wish that we all have a positive and successful year. This school year will bring many challenges as well as many interesting events and this is an

indication that we are creative and dynamic in our aim to create a better school environment for the students.

We are now addressing the outcome of the ECIS accreditation process. Within each of the Units and at Campus level, we are actively working on plans of action in consideration of the recommendations that were made in the Visiting Team Report. It is important to mention that these action plans are also developed in relation to our students' needs in terms



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Student Day Fair LGB – October 2003.

of academic programmes, structures, organization and services. In reference to these needs, this year we will complete our 'Plan de Développement du Site' and present it to the local authorities for consideration. This plan will serve as a reference to develop the necessary facilities and services to support the evolution of our educational programmes. This process will bring along the extremely difficult task of having a Campus approach in establishing the priorities in terms of renovation or construction, while trying to consider each of the Units' urgent needs.

The Campus Development Group elections are in progress. The number of parents who volunteered to invest their time and energy, in this very important consultative group, is impressive. We look forward to the outcome and

to welcoming new parent CDG members from the different language programmes of each Unit. Following the input of the CDG, we are developing procedures for the small fundraising activities (bake sales, donut sales, etc.) in order to better coordinate these activities. In the process, we hope to limit the direct solicitation of our students while minimizing the disruption of the daily routine of any particular Unit. Posting guidelines will also be published soon. This will affect all Units and should have a positive impact on the 'tidiness' of the whole campus. After many difficulties, delays and improvements, the construction of the climbing wall will start during the half-term break. I wish everyone an enjoyable and fruitful first term. ◆

Jean-Guy Carpentier,
 Campus Principal

Brunch and more...



Photo: Peggy Troupin

Ecolint alumni and staff gathered together for a Spring 2003 brunch in New York.

Front row, l. to r.: Judy Thomas, Riva Freifeld, David Rimer (Legacy Campaign). Middle: Weynabeba Abate, Ellen Schwartz, Jane Sharp, Madeleine Howenstine. Back: Scott Lane (Director of Development), Peggy Troupin, Jim Sibal.

Alumni – help our present students choose their future careers!

Career Day – LGB 29 January, 2004

Are you a scientist, an artist, a politician, a doctor, a linguist, a professor, an architect, a city planner, a banker, a businessman....? Help our kids understand the professional world and achieve their goals!

The LGB Guidance Department is looking for professionals in the Geneva area who would be willing to come for a few hours to talk to our senior students about their jobs, their career path, their rewards, disappointments and any other issue related to their profession.

You could come to the school and discuss with the students, or you could receive a group of supervised students at your workplace to give them a rundown on how things operate.

If you are interested, please contact Beth Ballin/73 in the Guidance Department. E-mail: elizabeth.ballin@ecolint.ch or tel: 022 787 25 43. ◆



1. New alumni website

www.ecolint-alumni.ch

Yes - our brand new alumni website is up and running!
News - events - and most important of all an online database.
So PLEASE visit the website and sign up now!

New alumni website

If you had asked me six months ago what I would be doing now the last thing I would have said was sitting down to write a message for the Alumni Newsletter.

When I went to the general assembly at the Kermesse this year I really didn't think I'd be co-opted to the committee, let alone be elected president. Much to my surprise, I was and I am determined to do the best job I

can. Inevitably I have spent a lot of time picking up, and sorting out projects which had been started by others and this allows me to thank Matt Cooper, David Rimer and Jeremy Lack for their excellent efforts on behalf of the Association during their period of office. Most important among these is our new website www.ecolint-alumni.ch. I would urge all of you who are online to sign up and enter your

details in the directory. We can only keep in touch with if we have updated information. Also try and visit regularly as we will be doing our best to provide up to date news on the school and the upcoming reunion. Also if any of you organise local events please feel free to send us the details, before and after and we will post these as well. We look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

I realise that some of you may be confused about the necessity for a second Alumni site when

Richard McMullen had already started one. The problem is that for the last two years or so no one has been able to convince Richard to talk to us about ways in we can use the database to communicate with our members. This is obviously not an ideal situation and with the reunion coming up next year we simply couldn't wait any longer. Now it is up and running we will at last have an effective way of making sure everyone's records are kept up to date. ◆

Sam Jarrell

2. World Reunion website

This website is now dedicated exclusively to the 5th Alumni World Reunion.

Please register online at: www.ecolintalumnierevents.com
as from mid December, 2003.

Merci de vous inscrire via internet sur:
www.ecolintalumnierevents.com
à partir de mi-décembre 2003.

3. Listserve

We have now established the new OFFICIAL listserv which is supported and recognised by your Ecolint Alumni Association.

We would now like to invite all alumni to subscribe to this listserv. We have organized this around 3 separate lists, so that those of you who only want school/alumni news and discussions as well as those of you who want to debate other topics will both have a choice of list(s) to subscribe to. They are, as follows:

The ECOLINT list will serve as the channel for the Central Committee of the AA and the School to communicate impor-

tant information about the AA and the School. Messages will be infrequent - about 1 per month on average.

Since this list is for announcements only, only the AA will be able to post to this list. We recommend that EVERYBODY subscribe to this list.

The ALUMNI list is for alumni discussions with other alumni about alumni and school related matters only, such as personal and reunion announcements, reminiscences, asking about long-lost classmates, collecting names for reunions, etc. This list will be moderated, and will be limited to 2 posts per person per day, so that the volume of email

will be relatively low.

The FREESPEECH list allows you to communicate with other alumni on all other matters, political and otherwise, which have no immediate and direct bearing on either the AA or the School. Traffic on this list will be heavy at times, but you can get around that by selecting either the DIGEST option (one email a day containing all the individual emails of that day) or ARCHIVE option (no email, read from the web site only, useful for when you're away on vacation).

Here is how to begin. To subscribe: For each list, send an email to: listserv@ecolint-alumni.com

For the ECOLINT list simply type in the body of the message: subscribe ecolint your name.

For example: subscribe ecolint sue anthony

For the ALUMNI list type: subscribe alumni your name
For the FREESPEECH list type: subscribe freespeech your name

You will then receive E mail(s) instructing you how to confirm the subscription.

We hope that you will all subscribe yourselves as soon as possible, so that we can have a first class method of communication between alumni, the AA and the School.

WHY WAIT - JOIN NOW - AND YOUR ALUMNI FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Our thanks to Riva Freifeld, Stan Smith and John Gayer for getting this off the ground. ◆

Alumni Office

E-mail: alumni@ecolint.ch

5th Alumni World Reunion 17-20 June 2004 Class contacts

Photo: S. Al-Basri/Salman



Dear Alumni,
Previous World Reunions in Geneva and Vaud have been very successful. It is our hope that the June 2004 Reunion will be bigger and better than ever! To this end, we really need alumni who will serve as contact persons to encourage people to attend and also coordinate and communicate with interested alumni. We urgently need volunteers to assist in this role. We do, of course, already have alumni who are kindly performing this function and they are listed below:

Chers Anciens,
Les précédentes réunions mondiales à Genève et dans le canton de Vaud ont eu beaucoup de succès. Nous espérons que la réunion mondiale de juin 2004 sera plus grande que jamais et encore meilleure!

Dans ce but, nous avons vraiment besoin d'anciens pouvant servir de personnes de contact en vue d'encourager la participation à cette réunion mondiale et aussi pour coordonner et communiquer avec les anciens intéressés. Nous lançons donc un appel urgent à toutes celles et à tous ceux qui voudront bien se porter volontaires pour accomplir de telles tâches. Nous avons bien entendu déjà des anciens qui ont commencé à remplir ces fonctions. Vous en trouverez la liste ci-dessous:



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Photo: D. Casagrande

La Châtaigneraie:

1974	Mark Barmes/74	mark.barmes@bluewin.ch
1977-80	will be covered by: Femi Adeniji/80 Gilbert Moeckel/80	fadenini@juno.com gilbert.moeckel@Vanderbilt.Edu

La Grande Boissière:

1933-39	Lois Meyhoffer/33	lois.meyhoffer@bluewin.ch and alumni@ecolint.ch
1950-57	will be covered by: Jock Galloway/55 Margaret Morris-Spector/54 Christine Kjellberg/56	galloway@geog.utoronto.ca margaretmorris39@onetel.net.uk ckjkjellberg@yahoo.de geachard@iprolink.ch dobbernack@bluewin.ch
1958-64	Georgia Achard/60	ecolint70@hotmail.com
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1970	FLP Karin Raton-Fayolle/70	ecolint_reunion@hotmail.com
1971-74	Linda Perry/70	archapman@bluewin.ch
1976	Andrew Chapman/76	csynalovski@fowler-white.com
1978	Carol Miller Synalovski	wimkool@yahoo.com
1982-83	Wim Kool/83	david.judge@computer.org
1984	David Judge/84	abarghout@hotmail.com
1985	Alma Barghout/85 and Sven Dietrich/85	spock@blacksun.adelphi.edu
1989	Mughees Husain/89	mughees_husain@yahoo.com
1990	FLP Kaarina Lorenzini-Rodriguez/90	kastelor@iprolink.ch
1993-94	Wilfred de Guzman/93	deguzman@cs.stanford.edu
1995	Tulika Tripathi/95	tulikat@hotmail.com

As you can see, there are gaps which we need to fill and we appeal for your assistance. The work will be essentially by internet and you will receive full support from the Alumni Office.

Please note that the Reunion is for all alumni and it is essential that we make contact with alumni from La Châtaigneraie, Mies, Pregny-Rigot and La Grande Boissière. We therefore need contact persons representing all units of the Foundation.

We look forward to hearing from you,
With best wishes. ◆

The Reunion Organising Committee

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Comme vous avez pu le constater, il y a des lacunes qu'il nous faut remplir et nous faisons donc appel à votre aide. Le travail s'effectuera essentiellement par internet et vous recevrez le soutien total du Bureau des Anciens.

Nous vous rappelons que cette réunion mondiale s'adresse à tous les anciens et il est de ce fait essentiel de prendre contact avec les anciens de La Châtaigneraie, de Mies, de Pregny-Rigot et de La Grande Boissière. Nous avons donc besoin de personnes de contact représentant tous les campus et toutes les unités de la Fondation.

Nous espérons que vous serez nombreux à répondre favorablement à notre demande et nous vous en remercions d'avance.
Avec nos meilleures salutations. ◆

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Provisional programme La Grande Boissière/ La Châtaigneraie: Programme provisoire

Thursday, 17 June / Jeudi 17 juin

- 14h00 - 18h00 Meet on campus for registration (LGB/La Chât.)
Rendez-vous sur les campus de LGB et La Chât. pour l'enregistrement
- 18h00 - 19h00 'Vin d'honneur'
- 19h00 - 19h30 Opening ceremony
Cérémonie d'ouverture
- 19h30 Buffet dinner (LGB/La Chât.)
Buffet

Friday, 18 June / Vendredi 18 juin

- 16h00 - 18h00 Registration
Enregistrement
- 20h00 Class dinners in local restaurants
Souper de classe dans des restaurants locaux

Saturday, 19 June / Samedi 19 juin

- 11h00 Annual General Assembly of the Alumni Association
Assemblée générale annuelle des Anciens
- 19h30 Apéritif followed by Dinner Dance
Apéritif suivi d'un dîner dansant

Sunday, 20 June / Dimanche 20 juin

- 11h00 Brunch – Barbecue on campus
Brunch – Barbecue sur le campus

Detailed information on additional daytime activities (Friday and Saturday) such as campus info/tours, a discussion panel, participation in classes, a wine tasting trip to a local winery and a boat trip will be available shortly.

Des informations détaillées sur les activités prévues le vendredi et le samedi, tels que tours des Campus, groupes de discussions, participations aux cours ou visites des classes, dégustation de vins locaux et croisière sur le lac, seront disponibles prochainement.

The final programme will be put on the world reunion website as soon as possible and will be published in the Spring edition of 'Newsletter'.

Le programme final sera publié sur le site web de la réunion mondiale dès que possible. Il sera également publié dans la 'Newsletter' du printemps prochain.



Photo: D. Casagrande

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4^e Réunion mondiale: Apéritif et repas dansant à l'Hôtel Noga Hilton

Eric Margolis reflects on past Reunions



'Will you be attending the June 2004 Ecolint reunion in Geneva?' Sue and Eric Anthony asked me in a recent email.

Once a bad student, always a bad student. At the Ecolint and university I always sat in the back of the class – when I showed up, that is – either talking or doodling warplanes and tanks. As usual, I hadn't done my homework and didn't know another gala Geneva reunion is coming next summer. I consulted my appointment book for the appropriate dates. 'Let's see... June 20-24... I called Mrs Jones, my efficient chief of staff. 'Cancel lunch with Colin Powell on the 20th and dinner that night with Umma Thurman.' The 21st, let's see... ah, advise the Pentagon my briefing on Iraq is off... tell them to call Henry Kissinger. Put off Brittany Spears. Clear all my meetings

until the 26th.'

Just kidding. I had no plans for next June. I'm class of 1961: at my age, making plans more than a week in advance is downright reckless, tempting fate. But even if I had, I would have cancelled them once I got the email from Sue and Eric.

It's odd. I have no emotional links at all with university or graduate school. I read their alumni material and toss it out without a second thought. I hardly ever see any names I knew. But Ecolint is different. Quite unique, in fact.

On a recent trip to Switzerland – mainly devoted to exploring Switzerland's greatest mystery, its hundreds of top secret WWII forts – I decided to motor down to Geneva and show the Ecolint to my rather youthful companion. Once I managed to get into the now semi-concealed main gate, and avoid looking at the ghastly Costa Del Sol pink apartment building that has defaced the school's old entry, to my deep satisfaction and relief, dear old Ecolint appeared much the same as it did four decades ago.

We strolled about the main courtyard, my mind lost in sunny memories. I showed my companion the tree under which I met my best friend of 44-years, Wally Niendorff, on the first day of school.

The dining room in which we staged the glorious Ecolint coup d'etat, overthrowing an unpopular student government in best Third World fashion. And the sports field, to which I never, ever went except to smoke forbidden cigarettes in the bushes with my cronies.

The old main buildings were exactly the same as in 1959. As we walked about the deserted hallways – it was August – I felt a deep sense of peace and tranquility. I was bathed in the emotional embrace of Ecolint, and all its friendly ghosts and joyful memories. I realized later that having lost both my parents, and our family homes, that Ecolint has become for me the one fixed point in the universe, my safest and surest mooring in the stormy seas of life, what the French call my 'point d'appui.'

Three decades ago, my feelings would have been called 'good karma.' In East Africa, 'good mogambo,' and to the Arabs, 'good baraka.' Ecolint: a node of positive power and an unchanging refuge in a fearsomely changing world, a little Shangri-la just off the Route de Chêne.

Geneva has many of the same qualities. One still recognizes the largely unchanged city after 40 years. The Movenpick, our unofficial headquarters, looks pretty much the same; the Veille Ville retains its miniature charm; the city, unlike so many others, is still sized for humans.

The shabby little stores over in

Paquis, behind the opulent hotels along the Quai Wilson, seem to have the same merchandise in their windows that they did 40 years ago. Each block that I walk in Geneva recalls gentle or boisterous memories, first, incandescent loves, and rowdy adventures with 'the boys.' The local long-suffering Swiss still glare at me, intuitively sensing I am a troublemaker, or, as one outraged burgher called me, way back in 1959, 'petit espece de rock et roll!'

I'm glad I didn't go to Le Rosey, where I was also accepted, but chose the Ecolint. Rosey had Arab princes with oil wells, but we had girls and a real city, and real people from everywhere instead of a pampered few. Though I must admit to having been on a wonderful Rosey anciens trip, on which I proudly wore my Ecolint tee-shirt in the face of jeers and rude comments. We could learn from Rosey anciens in creating inventive adventure reunions on land and at sea that keep the old school bonds tight and forge new ones.

I wouldn't miss an Ecolint Geneva reunion for anything. In fact, I'll keep coming as long as my high-mileage body permits, and keep looking at my Ecolint yearbook, and smiling at adventures that are now so very distant, yet so immediate and close to my heart. Maybe they'll even get rid of that horrible pink building... ◆

Eric Margolis/61

Swiss National Day in Sydney 1 August 2003

Sydney Alumni held its annual reunion at the Eiger restaurant on August 1, Swiss national day. 22 alumni, spouses, guests and parents turned up for a very cheery evening of fondue and yearbooks - although thankfully not the '62 one.

Australian Ecolintians are a diverse lot, but no one who showed up is in academia or the diplomatic service. There were 4 public servants (as civil servants are called in Oz), 3 "corporate high flyers", a doctor, a graphic designer, and a playwright who is collecting no royalties from the current run of a play of his in Mumbai (not by choice). The others are too versatile and mysterious to be categorised.

This was the roll-call:

Rob Busby (director, University and Schools Club) and Suzie,

Alex Buzo/62, Janet Dawson/74 and Alan, Ross Dawson/80, Maryann Gauci Heitmeier/78, Robert Horninge/74, Harriet Wilson Hromas/61 and Alex,

Fiona Manning/83, Rebecca Gauci Murray/76, Susan Norbom (La Chât)/80, Hilary Ray (UNIS), Marcus Sherwood/79 and Barbara, John and Regina Tar (parents), Ann Tothill/79 and Philip Wheeler/64

Alex Buzo ◆



Sydney alumni

1. Alex Buzo/62, Fiona Manning/83, Janet Dawson/74 and her friend Alan
2. Robert Horninge/74, Fiona, Rebecca Gauci Murray/76
3. Rebecca, John Tar, Regina Tar, Ilona's friend Paul, Philip Wheeler/64, Ann Tothill/79
4. Paul with Ilona Tar/90.

London Reunion - May 2003

The evening of Saturday 17 May, 2003, saw an unusual gathering at No. 12 Carlton House Terrace in The Mall in London (just up the road from Buckingham Palace): a house which doubtless had seen many distinguished gatherings before (Prime Minister Gladstone once lived next door on one side, and Earl Grey on the other). Today it is the Institute of Contemporary Arts; and upstairs, away from the contemporary art in the ICA's not-at-all contemporary grand rooms, there gathered some 90 or so Ecolint alumni, staff, and their partners, for drinks and canapés. It was supposed to last from 6.30 till 9.30, but rumour has it that things were still going on much later than that. People had come from all over the United Kingdom and indeed from all over Europe: George Walker was there (a distinguished former Ecolint Director-General, now Director-General of the International Baccalaureate Organisation), and gave the keynote speech; Scott Lane was there, as Director of Development of Ecolint; Sue Anthony was of course there, ubiquitously efficient and charming; the Chair of the Alumni Association, Matt Cooper, and the Chair of the Ecolint Legacy Campaign, David Rimer, were both there, and also gave speeches; and even those who were merely attending had come from all

over the place (as far away as Rome, for example, and some even from what is known in London as "south of the river").

But what mostly happened is that everybody enjoyed themselves: the conversation hummed, nothing was compulsory, there were alumni from every generation; people met people they knew and people they had never met before; even people who live in London met each other. There was an auction of photographs to raise funds for the Ecolint Legacy Campaign, and I myself found that the skills of the professional auctioneer (Adrian Biddell of Sotheby's), whose time was generously free to us, were more than I could resist, and I am now the proud possessor of a François Martin (many will remember his black-and-white photos of La Grande Boissière from the 1960s from their reproductions in Ecolint). There was Swiss wine on sale (I found I had also come away with about half a case of Chasselas) and all sorts of Alumni goodies.

We had a good time. Ecolint was, no doubt, a shared experience; but we were a group of like-minded people of every generation, and we talked and laughed and agreed and disagreed and agreed to differ about all sorts of things and, no doubt, also shared the occasional nostalgic moment: and those who are suspicious

of things called "reunions" found they had nothing to fear. It was a triumph: and every form of thanks is due to Debbie Cooper Poston and her team – she, and they under her direction, did behind-the-scenes work for many months before, and also worked tirelessly on the day itself; and, of course, also to Sue and Eric Anthony and the Alumni

Office for all their visible and (especially) invisible support. We don't do these things very often; but it's worth it when we do. Now we all look forward to the World Reunion in Geneva in June 2004. ◆

Robin Dormer/69

Congratulations to Debbie and her team for organizing such a successful evening. *The Editor*



Photo: Richard Poston

Invited speaker: George Walker OBE



Photo: Richard Poston

Enjoying drinks and canapés in the Ecolint Way!



Photo: Richard Poston

Debbie Cooper Poston, President of the Organising Committee, with guests Helen and Joe McMeechan.



Photo: Richard Poston

George Walker, Matt Cooper and David Rimer before the auction.

Retirements / Retraites

We wish long and happy retirements to the members of staff listed below who retired at the end of August, 2003, after many years of service to the School. We regret that, due to lack of space, we are unable to include tributes to these members of staff in this issue, but we shall include them in the Spring 2004 Newsletter. ◆

Nous souhaitons une longue et heureuse retraite aux membres du personnel mentionnés ci-dessous, qui ont pris leur retraite à la fin du mois d'août 2003, après avoir été au service de l'Ecole pendant de nombreuses années. En raison du manque de place, nous ne sommes malheureusement pas en mesure d'inclure dans ce numéro les hommages qui leurs ont été rendus, mais ce sera chose faite dans le numéro de printemps 2004 de la "Newsletter". ◆

Pregny-Rigot:

Carol PLUNTKE

La Châtaigneraie:

Jean BLACKBOURN

Elena BLASCO

William JOHNSTON

Dorothy STEVENSON

Erika THIESSEN

Anthony WELLING

La Grande Boissière:

Anne-Thérèse COUROUCE

Claudine DESCHENAUX

David ROWE

Maureen SMITH

Stuart WHITEHURST

Administration:

Jenny BUFFLE

Career Night La Chât - 2 March 2004

brings together representatives of many of the professions our students are interested in for a "fair" like the College Fair. Students can circulate from "booth" to "booth" and talk (French and English) in small groups or individually with our volunteer doctors, lawyers, bankers, mechanics, nurses, graphic designers, and many more.

We invite our Ecolint alumni to volunteer for Career Night/Soiree des Professions, 2 March, 2004, 7 – 9 p.m., in the Salle Polyvalente at La Châtaigneraie. This is a quick and rewarding opportunity to inform and interest young people by talking about career paths, the pleasures and pains of careers, and how to prepare for fruitful work in the future. We ask our volunteers to provide a brief biography ahead of time so that we can create a directory for the fair, and we ask for a CV and/or a description of your career path – university preparation, first job, and later directions. Some also like to provide a list of pluses and minuses for their own careers. We do not plan any formal presentations but leave lots of flexibility for the way you think your work is best presented. ◆

Contact: Anne Spencer, La Chataignerie Guidance on 022.960.9118 and anne.spencer@ecolint.ch.

Journée d'orientation professionnelle LGB - 29 janvier 2004

Vous êtes scientifique, artiste, politicien, médecin, linguiste, professeur, architecte, urbaniste, banquier, dans les affaires...? Aidez nos enfants à comprendre le monde du travail et à atteindre leurs objectifs!

Le service de «guidance» de la Grande Boissière est à la recherche de professionnels qui seraient prêts à consacrer quelques heures aux élèves des degrés secondaires et à parler de leur carrière, leur cheminement, leurs récompenses / déceptions ou toutes autres informations liées à leur métier.

Vous pourriez soit les rencontrer à l'école et discuter avec eux, soit les recevoir sur votre lieu de travail en groupe et ainsi leur expliquer comment se déroule l'une de vos journées. ◆

Si vous êtes intéressé, n'hésitez pas à contacter: Beth Ballin/73 au service de «guidance». E-mail: elizabeth.ballin@ecolint.ch ou tel: 022 787 2543.

Membres d'honneur 2003

Cette traditionnelle remise des diplômes de la Fondation aux personnes ayant plus de 20 ans de service se déroulera lors du dîner de l'Escalade, le 10 décembre prochain. ◆

For the latest Governing Board news please visit the school website: www.ecolint.ch ◆

Progress in Foundation-wide Global Awareness

With the aim of achieving greater involvement of the international community, the Global Awareness facilitator has organised a series of curriculum enhancements and activities for different subject areas and parts of the Foundation, with the support of directors of all campus areas.

For the Secondary School, the Global Awareness programme has been extended to year nine students. A School-wide Human Rights Day was organised on December 10, 2002. Participants from organisations as varied as

Amnesty International, the International Peace Bureau, Organisation Mondiale contre la Torture, Terre des Hommes, International Labour Organisation and the Department Federal des Affaires Etrangères, and numerous other speakers, were involved. Testimonies of torture were shared and proved therapeutic, given the sympathy of the students; who were commended on their efforts. In line with Global Awareness concerns, participants from very diverse backgrounds were included. We are

grateful to everyone for their commitment to human rights progress in all these areas.

Middle School students & teachers have been able to benefit from the Global Awareness liaison with the resources of the international community. Child Rights Day was well received, Refugee Day including a simulation allowed students to experience first-hand some of the problems associated with being refugees. We would like to commend them on their natural acting talent! (children giving birth, carrying the wounded and giving medical and emotional care). We thank the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Implementation of innovative activities including 700 partici-

pant Human Rights Day, invited 30 organisations, and involved all staff members 'the best tutor day we have ever had' (Head of Guidance). Management of multiple, simultaneous projects: Refugee Rights Simulation activities (400 students, UNHCR and OSAR), Child Rights Day for whole Middle School (UNICEF and 5 NGOs), Career Day, Pro/DESKTOP External liaison with international organisations and Curriculum Coordinators, Heads of Department and staff.

We welcome input from any alumni interested in renewing contact with their school. ◆

K. Kerswell 078 714 53 68 or kkerswell@freesurf.ch

In Memoriam

Thomas Michael Quin/77

Michael Quin passed away peacefully in Geneva on 5th April of this year.

He was one of the 'giants' of Ecolint and held in the highest esteem and affection by numerous students and colleagues. It is therefore appropriate that they should speak of Michael. Of necessity we present an abridged version of all the messages that we have received. However the complete collection can be seen in the alumni section of the School website. (www.ecolint.ch).

We extend our deepest sympathies to Nita and Irene.

Robin Dormer: Mr Quin was held in such affection and such respect by so many generations of Ecolint students and that he bequeathed something of himself to each one of us.

Jacqueline Richardson: Mr Quin is a part of my life that is now gone. I will never forget the twinkle in his eye and his humour in face of us "clods".

Stephen Tobias: I am glad that I was able to tell him (Reunion 1999) that he was likely the best teacher I'd had in my life. Exceptionally erudite and distinguished, he injected much of himself into his teaching...

Marita Wildman Boe: To this day I am grateful for the rigour, thought process, logic and appreciation of the classics.

Michael Tabona: In his quiet and gentle way, and with humour he was such an inspiration for me and so many Ecolint pupils. We were truly privileged to learn from him. He had a great gift of being able to effortlessly step out of the narrow subject and leave you with "pearls of wisdom" to keep and treasure for the rest of one's life. The world is a poorer place without him. He was liked by everyone.

Karen Williamson: He was always so courteous and kind to us, we couldn't possibly be rude or unkind to him!

Mike and Jean Anstis: We were indeed very privileged to share so many profound conversations with him, always marvelling at the modernity and optimism which he expressed, and inspired by his humour which underlay his whole attitude to life. We never failed to come away refreshed and re-motivated from an afternoon or evening with the Quins. In his honour, we shall let our memories of Michael work his magic time and again: he will not be forgotten.

Peter Billington: Michael was someone for whom I had immense admiration and respect, not only for the very sound advice he gave me as a new teacher concerning the continuation of pension contributions in England but also because he seemed to me to be the epitome of the kindly English gentleman which in my better moments I tried to emulate - not with the same degree of success. ◆



Nicholas Jaros/71

Nicholas (Nick) Jaros/71, who left Ecolint from Class 10 in 1969, passed away on 16 April, 2003, in Northern California. Nick was unfortunate to have been on the same road as a drunk driver while on his way to work. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Mickie and step-son. ◆



Deborah Hembrow/80

We were so very sorry to hear of the death of Debbie from cancer on 21 June, 2003. We remember her with great affection as the beautiful, intelligent Ecolint girl who treated everyone equally.

Sadly, she leaves two teenage daughters and a five year old son. We extend our greatest sympathy to her family and friends.

"Farewell Debbie, our memories of you will echo in eternity". Debbie's brother, Nick Hembrow/81 can be contacted at: hembrow@dircon.co.uk. ◆

Royston Brunst/67

Royston Brunst of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, passed away on 17 September, 2003, surrounded by family, at the age of 71. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 47 years, sons Mark, Vyvyan, and Julian.

Royston was born in Worcester, England. On his 11th birthday he entered Christ's Hospital. As an army officer cadet in the 1950s he received his diploma in Russian at Cambridge University and later his M.A. degree in English Language and Literature at Oxford. In 1956 he began teaching at Newquay Grammar School.

Mary, Royston, and their three sons traveled widely between 1961 and 1975, as Royston took a series of English teaching positions at schools in Geneva, Switzerland; Claremont, California; Brussels, Belgium; Monterey, California, and Vancouver, B.C. While at the International School of Geneva (1961-1967), Royston was Head of Russian and Drama, teacher of G.C.E. and College Board English and Russian, and leader of five school tours to Moscow, Budapest, and Warsaw. He was also involved in the creation of the Language/ Literature component of the International Baccalaureate during that time. In 1987 he began a successful private ESL (English as a Second Language) tutorial service in Vancouver. He and Mary retired to Kelowna in 1998..

Royston was above all a humanist in the finest sense of the word, delighting in literature, art, and music because they celebrated the human experience, and he was unstinting in sharing his passion for learning. ◆



Annesley Glass/68

We were extremely sad to hear of the death of Annesley Glass, on 29 September, 2003. Annesley suffered from Parkinson's disease and fought this illness for several years. He arrived at the School in 1962 and will be remembered as an excellent Head of the Junior Primary school. Annesley and his family left Geneva to move on to Japan. We send our sincere condolences to his wife, Dorothy, and their two daughters. ◆



Othman Fayache/95

We are extremely sad to inform you that Othman Fayache, class of 1995 LGB, passed away on 21 October, 2003, in New York following a long struggle with cancer. Othman was born in 1977 and attended the school from 1993-95. Our heartfelt condolences to his parents and family. ◆



Frank Dorsay

We regret to inform you of the death of Frank Dorsay, who died in Geneva on the 28 October, 2003, at the age of 79 years. A tribute will be given to Frank in the Spring edition of the 'Newsletter'. We send our sincere condolences to his daughters Karen and Noële. ◆



Jean Belin/40

Tana et Eve Belin-Sommer, ont le regret d'annoncer aux anciens de l'Ecole Internationale le décès de leur époux et père Jean Belin, ancien élève de l'Ecole, le 9 novembre 2003. tana@tanassommer.com - jeanhbelin@hotmail.com ◆

La Châtaigneraie

Huma Mahmood/78

<humameh@sympatico.ca>
'Since leaving La Chât., I went back to Pakistan and completed high school in a convent boarding school. Graduated from university in 1982 with 1st BA (Psychology and French) and received 2nd BA in 1987 from Iowa State University (Psychology). I then moved to Baltimore, and completed my MA in Counselling Psychology while working as graduate assistant in the graduate department. When not working as Career Counsellor, which I enjoy, I do landscape and still life paintings in acrylics and oils, write poetry and short stories yet to be published.'

Femi Adeniji/80 – Herndon, NV, USA

<fadeniji@juno.com>
'I attended La Chât. from 1977-80 leaving after my 10th grade year. Hopefully there are some of you out there that were in my classes or know how to get in touch with some of those who were. I've been able to track down William Schofield, who is living "downundah". I know Fahima Abdalla (she was a grade behind me) is living in the Washington, DC area (or at

least was) and I also ran into Jonathan Jenny at random at La Guardia airport about 10 years ago! Currently I am living in Northern Virginia and work for Resources Connection (formerly the consulting arm of Deloitte and Touche) in their Accounting/Finance section. Yes, yes, I'm an accountant!

If there are any alumni in the area, please feel free to get in touch with me as well. I can be reached on my cell phone number which is 202-352-1222 as well as my e-mail address.

William English/89 – Norwich, UK

<Wre21@cam.ac.uk>
'I first went to Pregny Rigot, then to the UK, returning to La Châtaigneraie in 1980 and leaving when I was 13 in 1984. I certainly look back on my time at La Chât. with great fondness and should the opportunity arise, would return to Geneva without hesitation. I chose Science over Art for further education and studied at Kingston University for a degree in cell and molecular biology. I then went on to a PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Kent at Canterbury. After my PhD I

worked at the EMBL in Heidelberg, followed by Cambridge University and the University of East Anglia. I now work within the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research and have just been awarded a research fellowship by the British Heart Foundation. Learning French at La Chât. has helped me to establish collaborations in France and Belgium. I have even presented my research at the College de France in French. Unfortunately I don't get the chance to ski as often as I would like as Norwich is a bit far from the Alps, but still manage to paint in my spare time and tinker with my 1970 Karmann built VW beetle cabriolet. I also did Tae Kwon Do for several years and competed for my university. However, long working hours put paid to that several years ago. Most importantly my bachelor beer drinking days are over - I am engaged to Emma Ruston and we hope to marry in 2005.'

Robert Wiles/94 – Ottawa, Canada

<robert.wiles@psc-cfp.gc.ca>
'Hello - hope to hear from anyone that graduated from Chât in 1994. I'm working in the Canadian government. I'm an HR Consultant working on modernizing our hiring practices and imple-

menting a new e-based recruitment system. If anyone from Chât 94 comes to Ottawa you're more than welcome to crash at my place for a while (don't recommend coming during the winter season though). Cheers.'

Michael Knehs/94 – Denver, CO, USA

<mikeknehs@yahoo.com>
I was wondering if there are any plans for a ten year reunion? Also, does the Association have any information about any of my fellow IB graduates from that year (e.g. e-mail addresses)? Hope that things are well in Founex.

Maya H. Nisancioglu/97 – Canada

<mayahn_2000@yahoo.com>
'I now live in Canada and have been searching for e-mail addresses for my former classmates : Matthew Armstrong, Nina Sevilla and François Preece. Can anyone help?'

Luis Carlos Reyes/03

<lreyes1@babson.edu et luis_carlos_r@hotmail.com>
'Je suis un ancien élève de La Châtaigneraie et je suis gradué de la volée 2003. Je suis à présent aux Etats-Unis (Babson College) en train d'étudier le 'business'. J'espère rester en contact avec mon ancien établissement. Salutations.'

La Grande Boissière

Susan Sweetser-Clifford/39 – Chevy Chase, MD, USA

<Suscli@msn.com>
Susan has written a book entitled "ONE SHINING HOUR" which tells the story of the founding of the League of Nations, the UN and the International School. The story is based on the personal papers left by her father. It is also a memoir. If any alumni are interested in the book, Susan can be reached by e-mail Suscli@msn.com or Susan Sweetser/Clifford, 4108 Rosemary St., Chevy Chase, Md. 20815.

Elisabeth Lowbeer (Eliska Chanlett)/40 – Chapel Hill, NC, USA

<echanlett@hotmail.com>
'Cher alums - je suis une très ancienne des années 38-40 who wants to check in before my name appears in the obit column ! My name was Elisabeth Lowbeer which morphed into Eliska Chanlett. Life has been good to me, much of it due to my years at Ecolint. I was among those who fled to Hendaye avec Mme. Maurette. In due course I became a demographer in the international field, raised a family and became politically active in the Kennedy years. I now lead an active life in a retirement community in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.'

Mardi Chandler/52 – Oxford, UK

<mardi@pocketmail.com>
'My experience at Ecolint was invaluable. One of my teachers, Mme Briquet, I remember still as being inspirational. I went on to the university of Dublin and graduate school in the U.S. (Loyola Chicago) and subsequently worked as a Medical Social Worker in Oxford hospitals. My sister, Connie Chandler-Ward, and my brother Christopher also attended Ecolint!'

Christopher Arndt/60 – Perth, Australia

<jarndt@inet.net.au>
'Home is in Perth, Western Australia, but currently living in Karachi, Pakistan, but will be back in Perth from the middle of December. I have worked in Asia for the last 15 years, working mainly as a consultant for the resource industry - minerals

and oil and gas exploration and development. My wife Janet is with me in Karachi and we have three daughters, one living in Perth and two in Melbourne, and two granddaughters.'

Rock Brynner/63 – New York, NY, USA

Peggy Troupin sent in information on Rock's travels - for a detailed account of Rock's trip, please see www.rock-brynner.com

John Crutchfield/65 – Richmond, VA, USA

We were very interested to read about John's art work ranging from neatly crafted earrings to space age sculpture cuffs that have been exhibited in a wide range of shows from art and craft exhibitions to prestigious galleries. John has recently constructed Artemis



Gallery – this unique gallery showcases a variety of fine crafts including works by Metallic Art Graphics. For more information, please visit the following website : www.metallic-art-graphics.com

David Chandler/65 (left school in 1960) – Ashfield, MA, USA

<david@chandlermail.net>
'My family left Geneva in 1960, and this is the first time I've been back. It's wonderful to see the school again, but things look so much smaller. I enjoyed seeing around the main buildings, Greek theatre and playing fields. I will certainly be back again soon.'

Allen Hiron/70 - Marietta, GA, USA.

<ahiron@bellsouth.net>
'I was in the class of 1970 - left Ecolint after 5 years in 1969 and finished at the American School of London in 1970. I am married to Karen and we have three sons, 19, 15, 12. The eldest is at the University of Georgia. I have been a lawyer since 1976 and currently I am considering a change in career to teaching. If I do that, I will probably teach history - my inspiration would be Mr. Knight. I would be interested in hearing about the 2004 reunion.'

Jim Handy 63-64 - Class of 1970 – Los Gatos, CA, USA

JHandy@semico.com
'After twenty five years I was delighted to be able to take a tour of the campus guided by Susan Anthony. Ecolint was my school for only 5th and 6th grades, but it made a lasting impression on my life, so I wanted to share the place of my memories with my kids, who are in 6th and 7th grades. Our first stop was at the old primary school building, which must have served as a house at some time or another. In my youth I recall the great distance that separated us from Le Grand Bâtiment, where the secondary kids studied, and was shocked to find that the buildings are in fact quite close to each other. The gulf that separated us must have related more to the difference in maturity between

the primary and secondary school kids. We visited my old 5th grade classroom, which is now a good-sized office, but for a classroom it is the smallest that I have seen in my adult life! In this room I recall being taught valuable lessons by Miss Rushton, among them some English writing skills that I remember to this day. After a tour round the back we took a photo of my family on the steps of the old Chateau (where the group photos were always taken for the primary classes) then ventured into the secondary school, the Greek Theatre, and some of the other buildings. So many memories came back! I couldn't share all of them with my kids, since I refuse to give them examples of my youth to use as examples for misbehaviour.

On to Mrs. Anthony's office, where she connected me with Miss Rushton, who sounds as vibrant as she was when she taught me 40 years ago. I contributed a book (a computer book so technical that it would surprise me if anybody connected with Ecolint will ever read it) and signed it for the bookshelf of alumni authors. With that, my visit was done. It is wonderful to see the school carrying on so well despite all the years, and I only wish that I had come during a time when it was in session so I could witness the wonderful education that I received as a child being recreated in today's young and active minds.'

Douglas Avrith/71 – Quebec, Canada

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We were very pleased to see Douglas and his lovely wife, Pilar, during a September visit to the alumni office. They were on their way from the Côte d'Azur to pick up their son who is now a boarder at Aiglon College. Douglas and Pilar have 5 children + 2 grandchildren.

Raghida Khouri/71 – Bisbee, AZ, USA

Congratulations - congratulations – 'I finally did it! At 50 years of age I'm a registered nurse.' Raghida received recognition of her achievements from the Cochise College, Douglas, AZ, on 15 May 2003.

Bob Ackerman/72 – Dallas,

TX, USA

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Visited the alumni office in July with his family – his message : 'See you all at the Reunion in 2004'.

Bill Gochenour/72 – Chico, CA, USA

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Bill would like to hear from his classmates.

Gary Chinman/73 – Boston, Massachusetts

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'I'm married with 3 children and live near Boston, where I work as a psychiatrist. I spend my free time enjoying tennis, woodworking and hanging out with my family. I'd love to hear from other alums.'

Gabriela Canziani/75 – Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

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'After a 2-3 years' break in our communications I would like to touch base again. My family and I are now living in Salt Lake City. I moved to one of the most relevant research labs in "biomolecular" interaction analysis in the world. At the same time we are enjoying the life in the west, the peace of nature, the great outdoors, and those magnificent mountains I missed so much in the East Coast.'

Lisa Greschler Burger /79 (left in '75) – Fairfield, CT, USA.

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'Ecolint was an important part of my life for 8 years. Visiting the School last September brought back so many wonderful memories of friends and teachers. I feel fortunate that I had the opportunity to attend school with students from all over the world. My sons do not have that diversity, at their suburban school. I am hoping that through my job, working with au-pairs, they will have the continued opportunity to meet people from other countries.'

Matt Cox/81

<mattcox63@attworld.com>, **Filippo Torrigiani/81** <florencevents@aol.com> and **David Greschler/81** <dgreschler@softricity.com> visited the school – David

wrote 'Wonderful to see all the British Ecolinters – my wife, Paula, and I are visiting from Boston, MA, USA.'

Michelle Gillan-Asp/81

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Michelle will be visiting the School on 10 December : 'I am going to be in Zurich on business early in December, and have planned a side trip to Geneva. One of my planned stops is of course Ecolint!' She will be here with Melissa Costa-Delaney/81.

Lorna Turnbull/81 – Winnipeg, Canada

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Lorna visited the alumni office in June and wrote 'It's wonderful to come back and be reminded again of the power of bringing together people from everywhere ... true internationalism. How exciting to meet some graduating students and to see former teachers while being shown around the campus'.

Geraint Richards/82 – Cardiff, U.K.

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'After university in Cardiff, I worked for 10 years as a consultant to the European Commission on Street Children Issues in S.E. Asia. Since 1998 a total change of career has seen me become a tennis coach and I am now running the Welsh National Tennis Centre in Cardiff. I am doing a lot of work with wheelchair tennis players which brought me to Geneva this summer. I got married in 1991 to Lily-Anne and we are blessed with a part-time angel named Teresa who was born in 1993. It was good to see the old school again and let the memories come flooding back – a must for all of you who haven't been back since graduation. Hopefully I'll meet lots of you next year at the June 2004 Reunion.'

Erica Anderson Nissen – primary school 83-84

Erica graduated from the International School in Paris and Macalester College in the U.S. - studying Environmental Science in Tanzania during her undergraduate years. She then taught for one year in a local school in Botswana before beginning her PhD at

U. of Washington, Seattle, where she is enrolled in a research program of study in Immunology.

Jennifer Eblen Manning /84 – Oak Park, IL, USA

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 ‘Since 5/01, I am married to the most amazing man EVER, and we are now expecting our first child. I certainly thought I would have had a child by now (I’ll be 37 when the little one arrives), but life takes us places we never thought we would go. Currently living in Oak Park, Illinois - a fabulous town with a great community. Who knows where I’ll be next, but I’m sure it will be exactly where I need to be. Still in the field of child welfare. Other interests are: family, friends, recovery, my dog, going for long walks, the ocean, travelling, reading, blah blah blah. Hope to hear from some old friends I’ve lost touch with over the years.

Yesim Atayolu/86 – Istanbul, Turkey

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 ‘Hi, this is Yesim Atayolu from the class of 1986. Almost 20 years have passed - I just want to say that I miss old friends and the good times.’

Camille Germanos/88

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 ‘Hi, I am an alum who attended La Grande Boissière until 1988 when I graduated with the IB. From the years around 1985, I had a good friend in my class on the French side - Vanessa Lenzlinger/88. Her family used to live in the south of France (St. Tropez). We unfortunately lost touch but I would like to reestablish contact with her. Could you please help me in my search?’

Tamara Muñoz/89 - Chile

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 Greetings from Chile. ‘I studied at LGB from 1985-89, when I graduated from the I.B. programme. I’d like to enlist in the alumni association and be able to get in touch with other schoolmates.’

Biddy Bassam-Vogel/89 – Norfolk, UK

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‘Lots has happened since I last recounted my adventures in Africa. In May 2002, I married Tim Vogel who I had met at university, and several friends from Ecolint were there - Marianne Hill-Osborne (La Chât, 1989), Vera Linn (LGB 1989), Lisa and Elizabeth Buckingham. The following month, we moved to a 200-year old house in a lovely village in rural Norfolk. The imminent arrival of a baby was a wonderful incentive to get things sorted as quickly as possible. Beth (properly Elizabeth Ruth) was born in early August and I was planning my nervous breakdown in September, but never got around to it! I now work part-time (very) at the hospital in King’s Lynn as a doctor in a diabetes and endocrinology clinic, and spend the rest of my time trying to keep a very mobile and adventurous toddler out of mischief. I am very involved in the village history group (obviously in the genes!) and also play in a local clarinet group.’

Nandkishore Jatav/90 - New Delhi, India

‘I studied in Geneva from 1984-87 in classes 8, 9 and 10. I somehow managed to log on to Ecolint and I am very happy, but am still searching for my classmates and I hope to find them soon.’

Diana Yuan Yue/90 – Beijing, China

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 ‘I graduated in 1990 from Class 12. I had an unforgettable time in Ecolint and I am very proud to have studied there for 18 months. I went to university in Beijing and majored in international trade, I then joined a weekend graduate class and majored in information management. At present, I am working for an international business company in Beijing. I hope that I can join in the alumni reunion.’

Adolfo Moreno/90 – Netherlands

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 ‘I left Ecolint during the 9th grade and remember the two and a half years I spent in the school very fondly. When I left, my family and I went back to Mexico City, where I

graduated from the American School Foundation. I went on to study Business Administration at the best school available in Mexico and began my own business at the same time. When hard times hit the Mexican economy in 1994, I sold my business and went to work for American Express. Three years later I changed jobs to AIG (American International Group), as an insurance underwriter. In 1999 I was transferred with AIG from Mexico City to Paris, where I stayed until 2001. I started working for Akzo Nobel in the Netherlands in 2001 as a Risk Management Consultant. I am married to a Dutch lady, which explains why I am working in the Netherlands. I bought a house in 2001, in a little village of 4000 people, which is quite a change from Mexico city and Paris, but I love it. It is nice, quiet and relaxed. Since August 1st, I am the proud father of Josefine Simone - she’s just the most wonderful little thing in the world. Very few words can describe this feeling... In any case, I would love to get in touch with those people who remember me.

Vanessa Camilleri/91 – Washington DC, USA

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 ‘I recently logged on to the Ecolint website and enjoyed reading about some of my classmates in the Newsletter. I have been living in the United States since leaving Ecolint about 12 years ago. The big news is that I just got married to my college sweetheart Steve Miller. We got married in upstate New York and two alumnae attended: Shona Crabtree/91 - LGB and her husband Alex, and Nathalie Albrow/91 - La Chât. and her husband Jonathon. It was a fabulous weekend despite the fact that the power went out on the entire East Coast 2 days before the wedding! Stressful, to say the least!

After leaving Geneva, I spent 4 wonderful years at Vassar College in New York State where I studied psychology and education. I then moved to New York City where I got

my Masters in Music Therapy. I worked for four years in inner city New York with at-risk youth in a school setting. Steve and I just moved to Washington DC a year ago where Steve is getting his Masters and I am working as a music therapist in a school. A big hello to my fellow Ecolint classmates.’

Sinead Coffey/95 – Ireland

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 ‘Having graduated from Ecolint in 1995, I have since completed a BA degree in Sociology & Geography and a MA in Sociology at the National University of Ireland, Co. Kildare. I have worked for the semi-governmental Investment and Development Agency of Ireland for the past three years. I am looking to get back in touch with others from my graduating class.’

Ruchika Ketaki Singh/05 – Delhi, India

‘I left School when I was 11 years old. When I came back after six and a half years, I saw that the School had changed. Sue Anthony was very helpful in giving me the names of my old teachers and the Alumni newspaper which will help me to trace my friends. I am 17 years old, in class 11 and hoping to become a doctor. This is my first trip to Geneva for 6 years and I am from the 1996-97 batch!’

KHARIKHOLA
 Octobre 2003.

A tous les membres donateurs, anciens élèves de l'Ecole Internationale de Genève et spécialement à ceux de New-York:
 Je repars au Népal dans 2 semaines... et me rendrai à l'Ecole de Kharikhola... pour leur apporter le chèque que vous m'avez confié. Je souhaiterais améliorer les conditions des enfants habitant trop loin dans la montagne et obligés de dormir à l'école. Je vous tiendrai au courant de la réalisation de ces projets!
 Les enfants de KHARIKHOLA vous disent merci pour votre participation.
 Bien à vous. ◆
Nicole Thouroude

Mini October Reunion in Geneva

The visit to Ecolint and the opportunity to meet all of you was a wonderful experience for me. It was like a pilgrimage going back to visit this very special place filled with memories of my life. I did not realize how my time at Ecolint had influenced me throughout my life. It was Mr Anthony who taught me how to be thankful and appreciative; Mrs. Anthony taught me how to care for others, Mr and Mrs Garstang taught me how to respect others and what

it means to be fair. Some of you, my contemporaries, have become doctors or are serving the public in one way or another. I think Ecolint inspired us to become who we are today and to make a little difference in this world.

Ecolint is a place that embraces differences and commonalities; I remember Jewish and Muslim students sharing a table, sharing a meal without pork and sharing many terrific experiences like camping and skiing together.

We treated each other with respect, seeing one another as students, as equals and as friends. It was only after we departed Ecolint, and Geneva that we discovered and continue to confront the sadness of discrimination based on ignorance and prejudice. Nelson Mandela, one of the greatest champions of humanity in human history once said, "Man's goodness is like a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished." I continue to be guided by the spirit of Ecolint,

it is both my compass and my flame. The only regret I have during this visit was that the evening passed by too quickly, just like the four years I spent at Ecolint, and the thirty one years after that. However, I remain hopeful that we will have another reunion soon, perhaps next June. In the meantime, please stay in touch. For any reason if you pass by Hong Kong, contact me at max-ma@mabelle.com

Max Ma/72



Photos: Max Ma

Dinner in celebration of Max Ma's visit to Geneva

l. to r. back two rows: Eric Anthony, Thérèse Laverrière, Bernard Reith, Jack Garstang, Sam Jarrell, Max Ma, Ambi Sundaram, Mrs. Ambi Sundaram, John McArdle, Priscilla Lacour-Krumenacher. l. to r. front row: Jasna Ilic and Jean Garstang.

Central Committee



Photo: Sam Jarrell

Your Central Committee at the end of our October meeting

l. to r. Jacklyn Woolman-Stebler, Vivian Hakkak, Sue Anthony, Sam Jarrell, Kaarina Lorenzini-Rodríguez, Daniela Konikoff, Lois Meyhoffer, Karin Raton-Fayolle, Michel Pelletier, Eric Anthony. Absent: Dean Soldatos.

Inscription à la Réunion

(uniquement pour les personnes qui ne peuvent s'inscrire en ligne)

Je suis intéressé/e à participer à la 5^{ème} Réunion mondiale qui se tiendra à Genève du 17 au 20 juin 2004.

Je ne peux pas m'inscrire par internet sur le site web

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B.E.E.R. Year 2003

The School Centre for Cultural Affairs remains, despite the many changes, based in SA 106 and is more than pleased to announce that once again the world famous

Biggest Ever Ecolint Reunion

will take place in the calm, relaxing environment of the **Pickwick Pub**

The date has been chosen to clash with as many sporting fixtures as possible:

**Monday, 22 December, 2003
all evening from approx. 9.00 p.m.**

Just in case you have never attended one of these evenings at the pub, it is a relaxing evening for young La Chât. and LGB alumni returning to Geneva from university to meet up with each other and also touch base with other older and perhaps wiser alumni and teachers. In short – just an enjoyable evening over a pint.



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Naissances

Toutes nos félicitations à:

- Lisa Vecchi-Cooper/87 and Matt Cooper/81, a baby sister for Flaminia and Giovanna, Gaia Scarlett, born in Geneva on 24 June 2003.
- Hilde Nilsen-Rist/74 and Mr. Michael Rist, a son, Kaeton Thomas, born in Little Rock, Arizona, USA, on 8 July, 2003.
- Bénédicte Monnet-Symcox/90 and Nicolas Symcox, a son, Thomas, born on 5 August, 2003, in Oyonnax, France.
- Jasmine Hamayed/93. and Dan Smith/91, a daughter, Mia, born on 2 October, 2003, in Brighton, U.K.
- Mark Barmes/74 and Gillian, a baby brother for Ashling, Mark Cahal, born on 24 October, 2003, in Nyon, Switzerland.

Mariages

Félicitations à:

- Louise Upsdell/81 who married David Parker in Boxley, U.K. on 30 August, 2003.
- Said Zomorrodian/85 to Katy on 11 October 2002 in Geneva.
- David Unitt/86 to Daniela Duperré on 14 June 2003 in Cologne, Geneva.

Les Prix des Anciens 2003

Ces prix ont été attribués en fin d'année scolaire par Daniela Konikoff durant les cérémonies de promotion 2003

à **Kabeza Kalumiya** à La Châtaigneraie
et
à **Nadège Lydie Onana** à La Grande Boissière.

Reunion Registration

- only for those alumni who cannot register online -

I am interested in attending the 5th Worldwide Reunion in Geneva – 17-20 June 2004.

I cannot register by means of the internet on the website.

PLEASE send me a form so that I can complete my registration:

Family Name: First Name:

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