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Dear Members and Friends:

It is amazing how fast eight months can pass by. It is already time for me to say: Farewell! But before I say goodbye, I would like to say: Thank you! Thank you all for a fantastic time in Santa Rosa, California. I enjoyed every second of it very much. I met with many nice people, conducted lots of interesting projects and I always enjoyed the beauty of the San Francisco Bay Area.

What we have done recently...

The last two months were a mixture between preparing my departure and preparing the arrival of my successor.

First things first: The new database software for the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce is only one step from being activated. I am sure within the next weeks the program will be up and running on the website of the Chamber. Member administration and event management will then be optimized and the quality of service the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce provides will even improve.

In the final week of my fellowship, the Consul General of Switzerland invited the "HSG Alumni Club of Northern California" to a cocktail reception at his residence. I would like to thank Mr. Lichtenstern for his support of the Alumni Club and for hosting a great event. I am glad and it was a big pleasure for me to welcome almost 75% of our current Alumni club members to this event.

If you found this newsletter on our website (www.swisscalifornia.com) you have already discovered the new design of our web appearance. For all those of you, who received this newsletter by email, check out the new website. I hope you like it. I have also started a process to improve our design in other areas, for example our brochure. I am

sure you will soon have the chance to take a look at it as well.

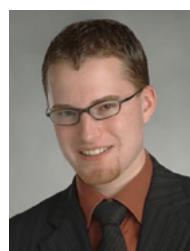
We were also able to acquire interesting new sponsors. The Brandon College in San Francisco, for example, will offer future fellows a complimentary refresh course in English including accommodations in San Francisco.

What we plan to do in the near future...

After our summer break, a new Fellow will start her work for the Swiss-California Foundation. We would like to congratulate Patrizia Buser, who has been chosen as the 2006-2007 Fellow. Her internship will start on November 1, 2006.

One last time, I would like to thank you for your support to me and to the Swiss-California Foundation. Thanks to your continuous support this great program is possible.

Should you ever find yourself in Switzerland thinking of me, please feel free to contact me at raphael.zeller@alumni.unisg.ch. I would enjoy seeing you again. Soon, you will also find me on our website at www.swisscalifornia.com/alumnis.htm.



Best regards,

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