



Annual report 2016

1. Committee

Members and volunteers

During the past year there has been no change in the committee. The current members are Muriel Beck Kadima (chair), Ursula Singenberger (treasurer), Patricia Kadima (actuary).

The activities of the association were carried out thanks to the support of volunteers. Christine Zimmermann took charge of the secretarial work, Théophile Nouatin set up the website and takes care of the technical support, while Friederike Horzel is dedicated to the treatment of the site. Janick Grübler works as an auditor. Susi Cano, Marianne Saa, Gaëlle Kadima, Silvia Grübler, Monika Germann, Ursula Retz, Jasmin Zimmermann and Manfred Höller have provided punctual support.

Meetings

Apart from contacts by e-mail, four committee meetings were held (January 9th, June 4th, August 7th, November 5th).

The committee has, among other things, dealt with the following topics:

- Membership recruitment
- Advertising material and business cards
- Benefit and collection events
- Research of volunteers
- Fundraising
- Website
- Logo
- Program and requests for project funds of the Eco-village
- Vision of the Eco-village
- Support for the accounting of the Eco-village

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2. Fundraising

Benefit Concerts

During the year, two concerts were held: On March 20th, the Gad'ase group played in the "military canteen" (Restaurant Militärkantine) in St. Gallen. The canteen has provided the facilities free of charge.

The small company "Emma und Söhne" sponsored the advertising material.

On August 26th the duo Toccabile played at the church of St-Paul in Biel, which was made available free of charge. The event was supported by the "Arbeitskreis für Zeitfragen" of the Reformed Church of Biel (material and publicity).

Stands on markets and fundraising events

The association participated in two markets: September 17th at the "Portissimo" in Port and on October 15th at the flea market on the Esplanade in Biel.

On August 28th, the Eco-village project director, Michael Mubaya, gave a speech on permaculture at an information event organized by the company "Emma und Söhne". The collection was allocated to the village.

During the year, four fundraising events took place at the autonomous youth Centre ("la Coupole / Chessu" in Biel (April 28th, May 26th, September 23rd and November 24th).

Requests for support

During the year we received generous donations from Chramschof (Zollikerberg), ZEN Peacemakers and private donors.

3. Project support by the association

During the year, six projects of the Mubaya Eco-village were supported financially. Four of

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these are completed (food processing workshop, drip irrigation, security fence and bore hole). Two could be started with (barbed wire fencing, digging of the fish pond) and will be completed in 2017. The planned dam restoration and the reforestation will be treated as a priority in 2017. A nursery has already been set up in 2016. The dam restoration requires permission from the regional authorities that have already been contacted, but want to do a study first.

Muriel Beck Kadima, President

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