



# CERN Welcome Club Newsletter (formerly CERN WoMen Club)

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## Coming up soon...

### JANUARY 14th

#### Coffee Morning

Traditional Bulgarian  
Culture and Dance

### FEBRUARY 5th

#### Seminar

Gravitational Waves

### APRIL 7th

#### Coffee Morning

Polish Culture

### MAY 12th

#### Annual General

Meeting and  
End of year drink

### FEBRUARY 4th

#### Coffee Morning

Presentation of  
Charity  
« SOS eau Giteranyi »

### MARCH 10th

#### Spring Jumble Sale

In favour of charity  
« SOS eau Giteranyi »

### JUNE 9th

#### Annual Club lunch

**Deadline for submission  
of articles for the  
June - September 2020  
Newsletter :  
April 24th, 2020**

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# A Word from the President

Dear friends !

Every year, in November, our Club organizes a Christmas market in the CERN main restaurant... As you know very well, the amount collected is put by the Club at the disposal of (one of) the various charitable associations that are proposed to us and that we believe to be worthwhile.



Clara RAIMONDO

This year we have chosen two: Challandes Animal Park, and L'Autre Regard, which trains dogs in the skills needed by people with handicaps.

During the last two Coffee Mornings, representatives (both human and canine) of these two associations came to explain their goals and activities. I am sure that most of the people who helped us to organize and carry out this Christmas market did so because they were very touched by the presentation that was made to us, and that is what motivated them.

This year we have even added something new, a "Doodle," to make the planning and organization of the Christmas market easier and faster.

We hope that our small contribution can help to achieve the objectives that are important to all the people who work in these associations.

So, in conclusion, we have been reminded twice this year how much our animal friends, especially dogs, are of great help to human beings !

Ciao a tutti,

Clara Raimondo

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## **Activities program for 2019-2020**

**For more info and timetables visit the webpage:**

**<https://club-welcome.web.cern.ch/content/activities-classes>**

**Courses start in September, January and April.**

Please contact the course leader to inquire about joining mid-term

All classes are held in the Club Rooms of Building 504 (Restaurant No. 2)

### **Course fees for 2019-2020**

**1 hour : CHF 8.--**

**1 1/2 to 2 hours : CHF 10.--**

**over 2 hours : CHF 12.--**

Courses are organised by quarter/semester, depending on the group leader.

The participants must pay at the start of each period for all the classes of that period. If they are not present for a course, they may not request reimbursement.

**We are pleased to announce a new course !**

**Lucia Torre will introduce you to Shiatsu  
from January 22, 2020**

More information will be provided soon on the website

# Coming up soon ...

## Traditional Bulgarian Culture and Dance



Room / salle E - 005 1st floor / 1er étage

# COFFEE MORNING

9:30 - 11:30

## JANUARY 14TH - 14 JANVIER

Would you like to combine exercise and the discovery of another culture with magnificent music?

Come and learn Bulgarian folk dance, a dance known all over the world for its variety of steps to even and uneven musical rhythms. A traditional dance oriented towards group dancing that plays with space management, to form circles, rounds, chains...

Our qualified teacher, with more than 20 years of experience, Stanislava Sredkov, looks forward to welcoming you to introduce you to a colourful, friendly, folk and traditional sports dance!



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# Coming up soon ...

## Seminar on Gravitational Waves

**MARIA KIENZLE**

Wednesday, February 5th, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm, room 504-E-005

« A new window : gravitational waves »

A participation of **5 CHF** will contribute to our Christmas sale Charity

In order to increase the income of our Christmas charity why not use seminars to improve our knowledge? And, since we are at CERN, why not ask ourselves how the Universe was created ?



In October we explored our solar system, following the journeys of space probes and remembering the Apollo 1969 mission.

We also looked at planets outside our solar system and at the possibility of life outside the Earth.

This presentation was really timely, since the 2019 Nobel prize went to the two scientists of Geneva University who discovered the first exoplanet.

The series will continue in 2020 to also help the beneficiary association of the Spring Jumble Sale



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## Coming up soon ...

### Polish Culture

#### Coffee Morning on Tuesday, April 7th

More information will be provided soon on the website

Reminder : Coffee Mornings are held in the  
Club rooms Building 504 (Rest. 2) 1st floor  
From 9:30 to 11:30 am



**Tuesday, May 12th, 2020  
at 9:30am**



Our Annual General Meeting will be held  
in Building 504, Coffee Morning room.

**The Annual General Meeting is an important event.  
We encourage every member to attend.**

If you would like to present your candidature for any position in the  
Committee for next year, please contact our President

**Clara RAIMONDO**  
**clara\_silla@yahoo.it**  
or any Committee member.

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# Coming up soon ...



## **SPRING JUMBLE SALE**



**Tuesday, March 10th, 2020  
from 9:30 am to 2 pm  
Building 504**

To benefit the charity

**“SOS eau Giteranyi ”**

A Spring Jumble Sale will take place in Building 504,  
Ground floor (entrance to Restaurant No. 2)  
and on the 1st floor in the Club Rooms.

We are looking for donations of quality items in good condition :

**Books in any language**

**Bric-à-brac**

**Toys & games**

**Linen**

**Jewellery**

**Artwork**

**Unwanted Christmas gifts**

Items can be brought to the coffee morning in February 4th or donated on the day of the sale. We would also appreciate any baked goods to sell at the coffee stand.

We are looking for volunteers to help organize and run the sale.

**For more details, or if you would like a donation collected, call :**

**[cwc.socials.and.events@gmail.com](mailto:cwc.socials.and.events@gmail.com)**

**We count on your support,  
both in contributions and on the day.**

**MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE !**

# Charity “SOS eau Giteranyi”

Beneficiary of the Spring Jumble Sale (March 10th, 2020)



## EAU GITERANYI

In Burundi, health problems caused by water shortages are widespread and severe - 4% of children under the age of 5 die from diarrhoeal diseases.

These diseases are related to both the insufficient quantity of drinking water and its poor quality. Epidemics of cholera and dysentery that lead to severe dehydration in patients and several cases of death are often reported.

Giteranyi, a village of 3000 inhabitants in northern Burundi, lies on a plateau at 1600 m that lacks infrastructure for water supply. The project, initiated in Geneva in 2015 by Mrs. Xavière Sinahra, involves drilling and installing a mechanical pump to supply the village with drinking water. This project is being developed at EPFL and will be led on site by Dr. Bakundaktze, Professor of Hydrological Sciences at the University of Bujumbura.





## It happened during the 4th quarter 2019

### Presentation of the two beneficiary associations of the Christmas Sale

*L'Autre Regard*

<https://www.lautre-regard.ch/>

The association L'Autre Regard was presented to us at the Coffee Morning on November 5th, 2019.



Here are some pictures of this meeting, very much appreciated by the participants.



Recognized “as being in the public interest”, this association aims to train guide or assistance dogs who will help people suffering from a sensory or physical/motor handicap.





## It happened during the 4th quarter 2019

### Presentation of the two beneficiary associations of the Christmas Sale

*Parc Challandes*

<https://www.parc-challandes.ch/>

The Parc Challandes association was presented to us at the Coffee Morning on October 8th, 2019.



Parc Challandes association is home to animals that have been abandoned, lost, or hurt and are often too young to go back into the wild



The Park is a non-profit organization officially recognized by the *Conseil d'Etat de Genève*, whose membership numbers around 3000. It's the outcome of a project initiated by Pierre Challandes in 1973. The Park is financed entirely through membership fees and donations.



# It happened during the 4th quarter 2019



## CHRISTMAS SALE

November 28th, 2019



**The associations L'autre Regard and Parc Challandes**  
**will each receive ~2000 CHF**

We thank all those who have worked for this good cause  
and we'll meet you at our Spring Jumble Sale on March 10th

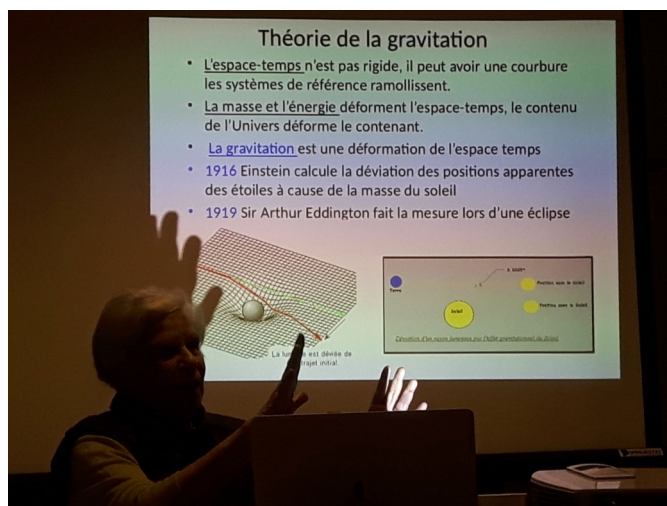




# It happened during the 4th quarter 2019

## Maria Kienzle Seminars « Exploring the Universe »

Maria Kienzle began a series of seminars on the structure of the Universe in October 2019

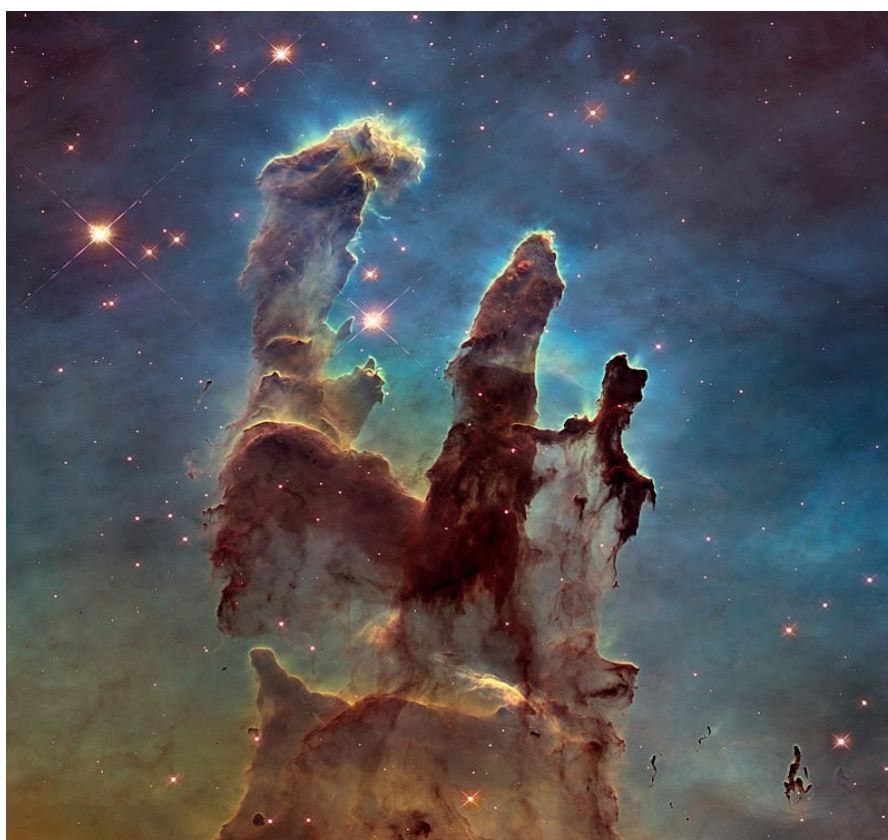


10/16/2019 The solar system and planets exploration

10/30 /2019 Extra solar planets, life in the Universe?

11/13/2019 The stars' evolution and the black holes

12/11/2019 History of the Universe: from the Big Bang to today



# **We need you**

Throughout the year our **COFFEE MORNINGS** are a great success and will provide an opportunity for our members to share a pleasant moment over a coffee and some delicious cakes.

In this friendly atmosphere this is also the time when the Club welcomes newcomers and registers new members, and introduces them to the various activities available in the Club. In order to make this newcomers' welcome more effective and as friendly as possible, it is necessary to have enough team members present at each coffee morning.

Therefore, if you would like to become part of this important function of our Club, don't hesitate:

**... Join the « Newcomers » team!**

For more details please contact our president :

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## **THE CHRISTMAS SALE and** **SPRING JUMBLE SALE**

Are two important events that allow our Club to lend financial support to a charitable organisation.

To supply our stands, we are looking for creative people to help make small decorative objects for the Christmas tree, a festive holiday table, or an Easter tree. Don't hesitate, contact :

**cwc.socials.and.events@gmail.com**

# **Newsletter coordinator**

The Club is looking for a second coordinator to be in charge of our newsletter.

The newsletter is published in French and English 3 times a year.

**Please, contact our president.**

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