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## Notes from the Board

We all know that we live in a world that is changing constantly. Some things are changing so fast, that we struggle to get in step with it. And some things change rather slow, so that we need to stop for a while and look back to realize the differences to our lives today. Just think back to the days when you travelled in Up with People and how much everything has changed since then...



I just finished reading Yuval Noah Harari's book "A Brief History of Mankind / Eine kurze Geschichte der Menschheit". It helped me in some way to understand, where the world stands today and how many changes humanity went through in the past 10'000 years.

Speaking about changes: UWP started in 2020 with the new CEO Vernon Grigg III and changes in their organization. And then faced with Covid-19 a very difficult situation, that endangers the whole operation of the company.

And at last: This will be the last notes from the board from my side. After 12 years serving on the board of UWPSAA, I decided to step back on the next GA this fall. The last 6 years as president of the association have been a very rewarding time. I was fortunated to work with great people on the board for a very openminded association. We had challenges, but we also have many successful stories to look back on to. I will still be around and support UWP and the UWPSAA when needed.

Thank you for being part of the UWPSAA!

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# Up with People

## Swiss students - not on the road anymore: Cast A2020 and the shutdown

You are used to read here about the stories of the happy members of the current Cast being on the road and having the time of their lives. But like everything, also Cast A 2020 couldn't proceed as planned. We asked Jamie Nimitz (B19, A20; Zurich) and Aline (A20, Liechtenstein) how they are doing and how we Alumni can support them in this challenging situation.

### *How did you experience the "shutdown"?*

Jamie: The Sunday after we were on the Strip, we heard in the news that the whole Strip will be closed from next Tuesday. There were several cases of coronavirus in various hotels. From that moment on I was not so sure if my flight would still go home. I wanted to call my parents and tell them the news, but unfortunately I couldn't because of the time change. So I had to wait until the next morning and then I got the message from my mother that my flight home was cancelled and she had to book a new one. All the time I had a bad feeling in my stomach that this flight would be cancelled again. Fortunately it was not and I could fly home.

Aline: The shutdown was a really hard time for me in the beginning. I'm a big family person and when I came home I wasn't able to see my family and friends. After two weeks of being quarantined I was already really bored and I started to look for a job. I was lucky enough that I got my old job that I quit to join UWP. After that the shutdown was easier for me because I had a distraction and got a little bit of normality back.

### *How did you spend the last days before heading home?*

Jamie: We spent the last few days in Las Vegas. My host family was a friend who traveled with me last semester. We also got a visit from a good friend of mine from Ohio, who also traveled with us last semester. He stayed with us in the same host family from Thursday to Sunday. On Friday we were told that we had to go home. We then thought that we must not let our heads hang down, but we must enjoy the time we have together to the fullest. So we did and on Saturday we started with the last few days of our tour. We went with the whole cast to the strip in Las Vegas and had a lot of fun together. In the evening of Saturday the whole cast was invited for a barbecue. The next day we visited the Red Rock Canyon and went to the Strip again with my host

# 5<sup>th</sup> Swiss Alumni Meeting (SAM) 2020

including the 31<sup>st</sup> UWPSAA General Assembly

**November 6 – 8, 2020**

This year we planned to go to Bülach to see the Up With People show and have some interaction with the cast. But as we have learned now, Cast B 2020 is cancelled. It is still an option to have our SAM 2021 in Bülach if the cast is back on the road and Bülach is still a destination.

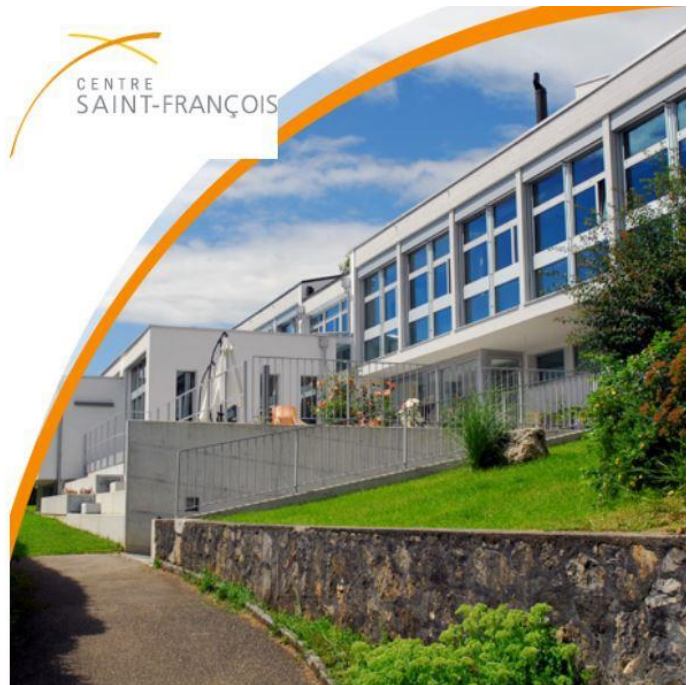
Therefore, we have decided to move this year's SAM to the French part of Switzerland at the **Centre Saint-François in Delémont (JU)**.

If we still have meeting restrictions in Switzerland, we might shorten the SAM to a one-day General Assembly.

Details and  
registration  
follows in July on  
[www.uwpsaa.org](http://www.uwpsaa.org)

See you at the  
Swiss Alumni  
Meeting!

PS: TOP are very  
much welcome!





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### **Events in Switzerland**

November 6 – 8, 2020      Swiss Alumni Meeting SAM  
Delémont

January 23 – 24, 2021      Snowweekend  
Aletscharena VS

*For further information about the events, please see  
[www.uwpsaa.ch/agenda](http://www.uwpsaa.ch/agenda)*

### **International events**

October 2 - 4, 2020      Jahrestreffen Alumnivereinigung UWP  
Deutschland in Leutesdorf am Rhein

May 14 - 16, 2021      European Alumni Meeting EAM  
Liège, Belgium

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