

ELEC Switzerland in 2015 : transition into La Suisse en Europe

The Swiss Section of ELEC participated with Jean Zwahlen and Thomas Cottier at the Paris Meeting in June 5/6, 2015 and essentially prepared the transition of ELEC Switzerland to the association *La Suisse en Europe*, founded in 2014.

The board and members present at the last meeting of ELEC Switzerland on June 19, 2015 adopted the resolution of ELEC Switzerland, under the condition that ASE would be willing and allowed by ELEC to assume its succession. The succession was approved by the Board of ASE on December 3, 2015 and the ELEC Central Council at the annual meeting in December 4, 2015. The 30 members of ELEC Switzerland were invited to join ASE and to continue their support for European integration. The balance of SF 773.50 was transferred to ASE.

I should like to thank Rachel Liechti-McKee sincerely for her long-standing work as the secretary of ELEC Suisse, and to the members who actively participated in the work of the association. A long history of ELEC Suisse comes to an end. The number of 30 members no longer allowed to fully pay the financial contributions to ELEC and to maintain a reasonable programme.

ASE will be in a position to actively participate in the work of ELEC and to secure continuity and enhanced activities in Switzerland in what is a difficult period in Swiss EU relations to due to adoption of constitutional provisions calling for quantitative restrictions to free movement of persons, contrary to the Swiss-EU Agreement on Free Movement of Persons. Thomas Cottier, parting chair of ELEC Suisse and vice president of ASE will liaise with ELEC. The annual report 2014/2015 of ASE informs readers on a number of activities of the new association dedicated to improve knowledge of, and relations with, the European Union in Switzerland.

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