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In this second edition we wanted to talk about our shared winter pleasure, roasted chestnuts. Their perfume fills our nostrils from streets away and they warm our hands on the cold days. We are all children again when we savour the taste. In Istanbul, they are often sold near the entrance of the “Vapur” and give us the courage to sit outside as we rediscover that misty beauty of the city from Karaköy to Kadıköy. In Geneva, they add to the charm of a promenade in the Vieille Ville.

Enjoy this year’s “course de l’Escalade” on the 5th and “Cortège Historique” on the 13th of December with your own bag of chestnuts!

We also wish you a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!!

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DECEMBER EVENTS

Association’s Escalade Apéro December 3, from 6:30pm

At Brasserie Matteo

For more Association events : <http://www.chtr.ch/fr/prochaines-activit%C3%A9s.html>

Escalade Celebrations on the weekends of December 5 and 12

Escalade is the biggest historical event celebrated in Geneva every year in memory of the city’s defence against the big Savoyard army on December 1602. Old Town Geneva will be hosting most of the celebrations. For more details: <http://www.geneva.info/events/escalade/>

On the weekend of December 5, there will be races for all age groups. For more details :

<http://live.escalade.ch/en>

On the weekend of December 12 there will be many activities and the famous Historical Procession. For details : <http://www.compagniede1602.ch/>

XI. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum, December 9

Swissotel The Bosphorus, Istanbul

This year's topic "Invest in Switzerland: Become a Global Player" will touch on investment opportunities in Switzerland and will give an overview of the Tax and Banking systems in Switzerland and Turkey.

<http://www.tr-ch.org/xi-swiss-turkish-economic-forum/>

Roman Graf lectures, December 9 and 10

Istanbul and Izmir

The winner of 2009 Mara Cassens Prize and 2010 Bremen Literature Prize, the Swiss author Roman Graf will be giving five lectures.

http://www.goethe.de/ins/tr/de/ist/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=20623218

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our member André Borschberg to present at the COP21 Paris Sustainable Innovation Forum Swiss solution on clean technology, 7-8 December, Paris

In the context of United Nations Conference on Climate Change which will take place from November 30 to December 11 in Le Bourget, France, there will also be a forum on Sustainable Innovation. Our member André Borschberg with his colleague Bertrand Piccard, will present Solar Impulse and the importance of saving energy.

You can also vote for their solution through the following link <http://www.futureisclean.org/solutions>

More details on Solar Impulse:

<http://www.solarimpulse.com/#around-the-world>

<http://www.solarimpulse.com/#about-us>

Call for Applications for Spotlight on Turkey 2016

TCF is pleased to announce its tenth year of collaboration with The World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) in its Spotlight on Turkey program. *Spotlight on Turkey* runs a full calendar year and provides American educators and the general public an overview of the history of Anatolia and Turkey with a special emphasis on Turkish culture. With a spring Teachers Workshop, a summer Teacher Study Tour and public cultural programs in the fall, the program emphasizes classroom learning and public education about Turkey.

All WACA Councils may apply for the program. Individuals and organizations who wish to bring the program to their community may contact their local WACA council and encourage them to apply for the 2016 program. **Applications are due Friday, December 18, 2015.**

André Kaplun's new book Le Colosse de Rhodes, un géant imaginaire ? has been published

Our member André Kaplun's new book investigates one of the marvels of the ancient world: the Colossus of Rhodes. Did it ever really exist? If so, how was it built, and how did it disappear? Which sources can we trust? These are just some of the questions that are asked herein, with a view to getting as close to the truth as possible.

<http://www.honorechampion.com/fr/diffusions/10264-book-08102751-9782051027519.html>

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Aziz Sancar, Turkish American chemist, has been awarded the Nobel Prize

Dr Sancar was co-awarded the prize with Thomas Lindahl and Paul Modrich on their research on “mechanistic studies of DNA repair”. The study maps how cells repair damaged DNA and safeguard the genetic information. It is considered that this work provides fundamental knowledge on the functioning of cells and can be used for the development of new treatments of cancer.

http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/chemistry/laureates/2015/sancar-facts.html

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aziz_Sancar

<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/nobel-kimya-odulunu-turk-asilli-aziz-sancar-kazandi-aziz-sancar-kimdir-30255503>

First Chess Museum opened in Ankara by Guinness Record holder Akın Gökyay

Akın Gökyay, one of the owners of Nurus Furniture firm, has entered the Guinness Record book in 2012 with his 412 Chess sets collected from 103 countries. The sets reflect the cultural attributes of each country. On October 12 the Chess Museum hosting this vast collection has been opened.

<http://www.gokyaysatrancvakfi.org.tr/>

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/businessman-holds-record-with-chess-set-collection.aspx?pageID=238&nID=16184&NewsCatID=341>

<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/guinness-giren-satranc-koleksiyonu-ankarada-30255633>

Deniz Gamze Ergüven’s Mustang won the European Parliament’s annual film prize

“Mustang”, a French-Turkish-German co-produced coming of age tale directed by female French/Turkish film maker Deniz Gamze Ergüven, won the European Parliament's annual film prize LUX on Tuesday November 24. The film is also France’s official submission to 2016 Academy Awards.

Chalet Restaurant at Swissotel the Bosphorus opened on November 26

Set in an authentic 100 year old Chalet, the restaurant will be serving “Fondue” in traditional style all winter. For more details: <http://www.swissotel.com/hotels/istanbul/dining/chalet/>

Two jeunes Genevois of Turkish origin win 1st place at the 3rd Mathematical Olympiad organized by Geneva University

In the competition organized by the Math Club of Geneva University, Ekin Arikök in Senior Category and Tan Hong in Junior Category won the first prize. We congratulate them!

Geneva University’s Math Club is open to all children from year 7 of Primaire to the 1st year of Collège. For more information : https://www.unige.ch/math/files/5414/4308/3042/Flyer_3e_Olympiades.pdf

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ISTANBUL

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Dec. 4–6,

Closet Circuit gallery, Çukurcuma

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/holiday-craft-bazaar/>

<http://www.cornucopia.net/blog/holiday-markets-abound/>

Research Centre for Anatolian Civilisations:
John Garstang's Footsteps Across Anatolia
Now extended until Dec. 20

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/john-garstangs-footsteps-across-anatolia/>

Spolia Reincarnated
10th International RCAC Annual Symposium,
Dec. 5–6

RCAC Istiklal Caddesi

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/spolia-reincarnated/>

Pera Museum:

Until Feb. 7

Bare, Naked, Nude: A Story of Modernisation in Turkish Painting

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/bare-naked-nude/>

This is Not a Love Song: Video Art and Pop Music Crossovers

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/this-not-a-love-song/>

Sketchbooks of Constantinople and Hagia Sophia: Cem Oykut

Until Dec. 26

Galata Greek Primary School

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/sketchbooks-of-constantinople-and-hagia-sophia/>

International Istanbul Silent Cinema Days 2015

Dec. 4–5

Various locations

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/international-istanbul-silent-cinema-days-2015/>

Istanbul Recitals: Martin Stadtfeld (piano)

Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8pm

The Seed (Sakıp Sabancı Museum)

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/istanbul-recitals-martin-stadtfeld/>

Camerata Salzburg and Charlie Siem (violin)

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 8.30pm

İş Sanat Culture Center

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/camerata-salzburg-and-charlie-siem/>

Blues Session Istanbul: with Jimmy Burns, Katherine Davis, Sax Gordon,

Elif Çağlar and the Dave Herrero Trio

Saturday, Dec. 12 at 6pm

Volkswagen Arena, Maslak

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/blues-sessions-istanbul/>

Les 7 Doigts de la Main present Cuisine and Confessions

Dance theatre and acrobatics

Dec. 23–27,

Zorlu Centre, Levent

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/cuisine-and-confessions/>

ANTALYA

International Antalya Film Festival

Until Dec. 6,

Various locations

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/international-antalya-film-festival/>

WORLDWIDE

Imitation and Innovation in 18th-Century Istanbul, The Serpent Fountain of Sa'dabad

A lecture by Dr Ünver Rüstem,

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS, London

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/imitation-and-innovation-in-18th-century-istanbul/>

Reimaging The Illusion: Parastou Forouhar

Dec. 10–Feb. 6

Pi Artworks London

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/reimaging-the-illusion/>

Tango Line Ensemble

Turkish tango music from the 1920s and 30s

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Sands Films, Rotherhithe, London

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/tango-line/>

Democratic luxury: Hüseyin Bahri Alptekin,

Until Jan. 31

M HKA (Museum of Modern Art, Antwerp), Antwerp

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/democratic-luxury-antwerp/>

The Eye of the Shah: Qajar Court Photography and the Persian Past

Until Jan. 17,

Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/the-eye-of-the-shah-qajar-court-photography-and-the-persian-past/>

Archaeological Research at Aphrodisias 2015

Lecture and reception

Thursday Dec. 10 at 6pm

The Institute of Fine Arts, New York

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/archaeological-research-at-aphrodisias-2015/>

The complete Istanbul Unwrapped quartet is now available as a gift pack for the festive season.

<http://www.cornucopia.net/store/offer/collectors-pack>

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