

AAFI AFICS *Newsletter*

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Dear friends,

Autumn is already here and we are still in this half-world full of limitations due to this cursed COVID-19 (I know the academy would like a feminine but why always put negative things in feminine!)

At least, some windows open for those who want to join the family in the United States for example.

If you can't connect to the site by clicking in the text, think of copying the address in your browser.

We invite you to visit our website https://afics.unog.ch/AAFI-AFICS_News_F.htm regularly.

Keep well.

For AAFI-AFICS, Odette Foudral

Some news from the Pension Fund :

1. **The report of the Joint Committee is available at this address**

https://www.unjspf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/A_76_297-E.pdf

This will allow insomniacs to revel in all kinds of figures. The report is currently being reviewed by the ACABQ before being presented to the UN General Assembly which will accept or reject some of the Joint Committee's conclusions.

In summary, the Fund is doing well and has assets of \$88.4 billion, although this figure reflects the oddity that the stock market is at its highest while most countries have accumulated a huge debt during the pandemic.

2. **The Fund's offices in Geneva have been moved to Building H of the Palais des Nations.** The main telephone and fax numbers will remain unchanged, 41 (0) (22) 928 88 00 .

However, it is not possible to go there for the time being and Customer Services will be located on the ground floor of this building.

As you know, it is not possible to come by car but a box has been provided to deposit your Ce (certificate of entitlement) if you have not already done so. It is located at the identification centre at the Pregny gate. Please remember that this certificate allows the continuity of your monthly pension payments.

3. We encourage you to create your space with the Pension Fund to have quicker access to your quarterly certificate or your annual certificate. Log in and let us guide you.

<https://www.unjspf.org/member-self-service/>

4. Some of you have received the annual letter in English. You will find the French version here. You can change your choice in the MMS and receive the letter in French.

<https://www.unjspf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Annual-Letter-2021-French-Web.pdf>

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Building H :

The esplanade is now complete. Many services have been transferred, including the UNSMIS health insurance.

UNSMIS:

The website has been updated and the Health Insurance Fund is working on the French version.

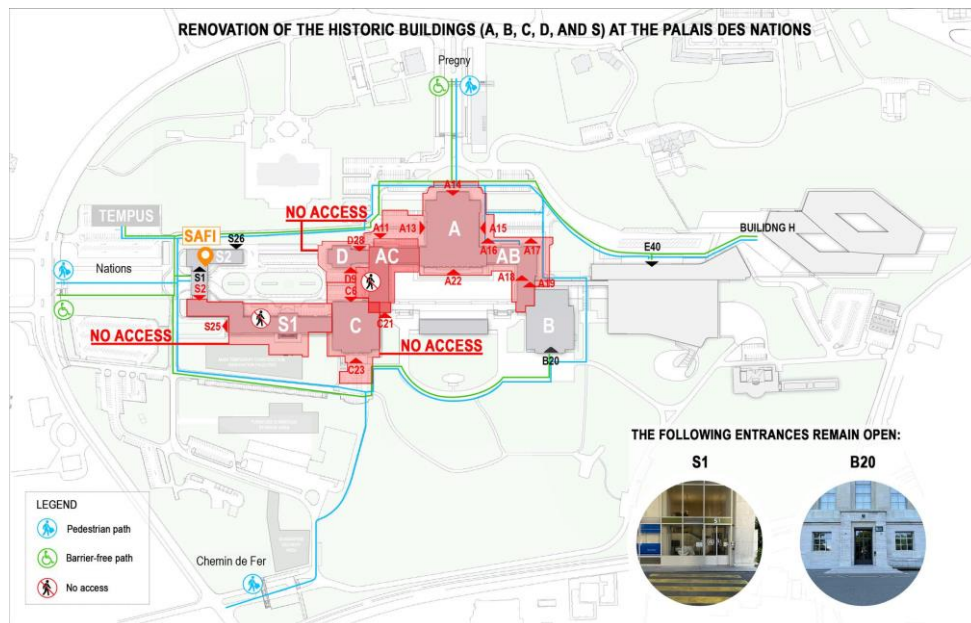
We regret that once again the seasonal flu vaccination session had to be cancelled. However, we can only recommend that you get vaccinated.

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Communication from the Administration regarding the renovation works:

Closure of Building C from Tuesday 5 October

As part of the ongoing Strategic Heritage Plan (SHP) renovation of the historic Palais des Nations, Building C will be closed from Tuesday, 5 October 2021. Renovation of the sections between Buildings A and C and A and B, and the renovation of Buildings A, S and D is continuing at the same time and these remain closed. The closure of Building C now means the majority of the Palais is closed for renovation with the exception of Building B, Building E and Section S2.



Changes to circulation

See the map for changes to the circulation due to the closure of Building C and the ongoing works in the Palais. **Access through the closed sections of the Palais is no longer possible.**

Moves of Building C Services

CAGI's Cultural Kiosk at Door 6 has now closed. It will move to Building E (first floor, in front of Conference Room XVIII), where it will reopen on Thursday, 14 October. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be reached at 022 917 11 11 or info@kiosqueonu.ch. During the temporary closure, the Kiosk can be reached by e-mail, however remote ticket sales will not be possible.

The **SAFI** will continue to remain in operation in S2.

The **UBS bank and photo machine** have already moved to doors 41 and 40 (respectively), second floor, E building.

We must add the closure of the Pasta Corner.

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Regarding AAFI-AFICS, we are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10AM to 12. You can reach us at 022 917 33 30 or by e-mail aafi-afics@un.org

Please note that the new issue of the Bulletin will be sent soon.

We also recommend a visit to Divonne-les-Bains for the exhibition whose flyer is attached.

Tributes :

We have lost two people who have worked tirelessly to help pensioners:



Roger Fontana had brought AAFI closer to the Associations of Geneva. We loved his good humour, his open-mindedness and his optimism. We will miss him very much.

Cosette Marrache was part of the Secretariat for many years with her friend Elisabeth Belchamber. She had to give up because of her mobility difficulties.

All these deaths show how much we need to find new volunteers to continue the mission of AAFI-AFICS.

100+1 ANS DE VIE INTERNATIONALE

www.divonnelesbains.fr

Une région transformée

Exposition

Maison du quartier de la gare
Divonne-les-Bains

29 sept.
au 24 oct.

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1920 :

- Divonne-les-Bains est une petite station thermale et rurale.
- Le Pays de Gex est un territoire agricole.
- Genève s'apprête à accueillir la Société des Nations.

2021 :

- Divonne-les-Bains rayonne.
- Le Pays de Gex est de plus en plus lié à la Suisse voisine.
- Genève est devenue le premier centre de coopération internationale.

L'exposition présente cette transformation à partir de documents, cartes, photos, vidéos et interviews :

- L'histoire des relations transfrontalières.
- L'impact sur la vie des Gessiens.
- Informations à propos du CERN, d'Albert Cohen et du Moulin David.
- Des cartes sur les organisations internationales et les randonnées transfrontalières.

Cette exposition, conçue par la ville de Divonne-les-Bains, a été possible grâce au soutien de la Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, du département de l'Ain, l'ONU Genève, CERN, OMC et des associations ARPADI, Divonne Hier et Demain et Divonnelectro.

1920 :

- Divonne-les-Bains was a small rural and spa town.
- The Pays de Gex was an agricultural area.
- Geneva was getting ready to welcome the League of Nations.

2021 :

- Divonne-les-Bains is thriving.
- The Pays de Gex is closer to neighbouring Switzerland.
- Geneva is now the major centre for international cooperation.

The exhibition will tell the story of this transformation through documents, maps, photos, videos and interviews :

- The history of cross-border relations.
- The changing life of the Gessiens.
- Stands on CERN, Albert Cohen and the Moulin David.
- Maps on cross-border walks and on international organisations.

The exhibition planned by Divonne-les-Bains has been made possible thanks to the support from the Region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Department of l'Ain, UN Geneva, CERN, WTO and the local associations ARPADI, Divonne Hier et Demain et Divonnelectro.

Promenade commentée « Genève internationale : 100 ans d'architecture ».

Dimanche 17 octobre à 14h. Inscription obligatoire : arpadi.divonne@gmail.com

Quiz pour les enfants à partir de 11 ans, lots à gagner.

Horaires d'ouverture

Lundi et mardi : fermé

Du mercredi au samedi : 14h – 18h

Dimanche : 10h – 17h

Opening hours

Monday, Tuesday: closed

Wednesday to Saturday: 14h -18h

Sunday: 10h – 17h