

AAFI AFICS *Newsletter*

ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS FONCTIONNAIRES INTERNATIONAUX - Genève
ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS - Geneva

31 December 2022

Dear friends,

I did not want to let the year end without giving you some information.

Of course, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy new year in 2023.

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We invite you to visit our [https://afics.unog.ch/AAFI-AFICS News E.htm](https://afics.unog.ch/AAFI-AFICS_News_E.htm) regularly.

Keep yourself well.

For AAFI-AFICS, Odette Foudral

“We will open the book.
Its pages are blank. We
are going to put words
on them ourselves. The
book is called
Opportunity and its first
chapter is New Year's
Day.”

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

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On 21 December 2022, the Fund wrote:

Retirees and Beneficiaries: please use newly barcoded UNJSPF forms

The Fund has just updated all its forms to include a barcode. The new forms are available on our website <https://www.unjspf.org/resources/forms/> and inside your Member Self-Service account (those also come pre-completed with your name, UID, retirement and pension number as the case may be). Please **use the new barcoded forms** to speed up the processing of your requests.

These newly barcoded forms are compliant with the new scanning and automated signature verification system of the Fund, which will increase productivity and efficiency of the form processing.

Additionally, to expand the set of proof signature reference documents, two additional signature forms have been created:

- S1 – Participant Signature Specimen Form
- S2 – Guardian Signature Specimen Form

You can use these forms to register your signature with the Fund. Participants should use Form S1 prior to completing their payment instructions form. and Guardians should use Form S2 once appointed. Having a signature on file with the Fund may reduce the time necessary to process benefit payments.

On 16 December, the Fund informed us of the opening hours of its Customer Service Department in Building H of the Palais des Nations, i.e. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Opening of our offices:

We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm at Office E-2078 of the Palais des Nations.

It is better, if possible, to make an appointment to avoid any inconvenience either by email at aafi-afics@un.org or by phone at 0041 22 917 33 30.

Message to our annual members

Don't forget to pay your dues of CHF 40, if possible by bank transfer as the post office now only uses forms with Qr-codes.

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Banque - Bank : UBS SA Genève – Case postale 2600 – CH 1211 Genève 2

Compte - Account n° 240 128594.LUT – AFICS Palais des Nations

International : IBAN : CH66 0024 0240 1285 94LUT

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Elections to the Committee:

I would like to come back to the press release that was sent to you in December to put forward candidates for the Committee.

As you may know, the Committee is composed of 18 members elected by half every two years. Only 4 members had applied during the pandemic and are therefore elected until 2025: Ravindra Chopra, Anatoli Kondrachov (who was co-opted in 2019), Monika Spyczak-von-Brzezinska and Pierre Vangeleyn.

We therefore need 14 more members for this year 1/. The members of the Bureau, well aware of the possible difficulties of sponsoring a candidate during the holiday season, have decided to postpone the deadline for sending in candidates until 15 January.

We hope to find new "volunteers" to carry out our tasks and serve your interests.

1/ The election process will start after validation of the candidacies if we are lucky enough to have more than 14 candidates.

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