

AAFI AFICS Newsletter

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Remark on the new NEWSLETTER

We got many acknowledgments of our first newsletter, most of them giving positive reaction. Thank you for your appreciation of the work done. Today we have received news about the COE. Please find below the expected details.

UPDATE – UNJSPF CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT (COE)

On 26 February, after several weeks of continuous contacts with the Pension Fund, we decided to write to the CEO of the Pension Fund expressing the deep concern of the beneficiaries in Switzerland about the non receipt of the Certificate of Entitlement (CE). Mr. Cochemé replied immediately. On 27 February, the Fund Secretariat has dispatched a letter to all those who did not receive the mailing. This letter explains the unusual non delivery of previous mailings and encloses a new certificate for completion. It also announces a postponement in the deadline for receipt of the completed certificate to 31 May 2009. The Chief of Operations writes in the letter "... the Fund would like to reassure you that it is fully aware of the situation and that it has consequently extended the deadline for receipt of your signed CE".

The immediate problem seems therefore to have been solved. AAFI-AFICS has offered to review with the Fund Secretariat a longer term solution to the effective distribution of the certificate and the overall verification process.

RECRUITMENT DRIVE

In January, the Committee, through the good offices of the Pension Fund secretariat, issued a circular to all Pension Fund beneficiaries living in Switzerland inviting those who were not already members to join AAFI-AFICS. The response has been tremendous – well over 80 applications so far – we are currently working through these requests and hope to have all the new members "on line" as soon as possible.

FOUNDATION SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO

The Sergio Vieira de Mello Foundation and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (HEID) will hold their annual lecture in memory of Sergio Vieira de Mello on

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 7:00 PM, UNI MAIL room MR 380, Bld Pont d'Arve, GENEVA

This year the lecture will be given by Dr Sadako Ogata, former UN High Commissioner for Refugees and President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on the theme :

"PROTECTING THE PEOPLE : FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF SERGIO DE MELLO"

FREE ENTRANCE