

# Presenting the jew



Ambassador of Slovakia Victor Bauer, Ambassador of Romania Constantin Grigorie, Ambassador of Algeria Smail Allaoua, guest of honor Francis Clivaz and Ambassador of Lebanon George Siam.

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Established to introduce the Swiss education system and schools in Switzerland abroad, Swiss Learning met with the media on Wednesday at a reception hosted by Swiss Ambassador Walter Gyger at the Sheraton Hotel in Ankara.

Swiss Learning was established in 2005 with the participation of numerous international boarding schools, high schools, state universities and private hotel management schools in Switzerland to introduce the traditional Swiss education system and schools to other countries and to stress the importance of a

comprehensive education in today's globalized world.

Francis Clivaz, the founder of both the College du Lemman in Versoix, Geneva and the Roches Hotel Management School, was the guest of honor at the reception.

Shortly before 1960, Swiss authorities in Geneva requested that Francis Clivaz create an international school on the right bank of Lake Lemman. The reason for this institution was to accommodate the growing number of students coming from international backgrounds seeking an education in the region. Clivaz was fortunate enough to acquire the

former Institut Monnier. At that time, there was only one building on campus and apart from a soccer field and tennis courts, it was surrounded by grass fields and fruit trees. Now it is a large campus.

In its first year, the newly established College du Lemman had only 80 students and 10 faculty members. In 1963, enrollment reached 273. In 1970, as the school marked its 10th anniversary, the school seemed to stabilize with about 750 students. In 1978, College du Lemman was formally accredited by the European Council of International Schools and the Middle States Association of Col-

# Dinner hosted in honor

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Businessman Osman Mayatepek hosted a dinner at his home in honor of College du Lemman founder Francis Clivaz on Wednesday night.

The dinner was yet another event bringing together alumni from the College du Lemman. Graduates had the opportunity once more to recall beautiful memories from their school days with their "Swiss father Clivaz," and had a delicious dinner in a cozy atmosphere.



Swiss Ambassador Walter Gyger, the host Osman Mayatepek, guest of honor Francis Clivaz and Cristophe Clivaz.  
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# Levels of Swiss education

leges and Schools (formerly NEASC). The school underwent many changes in the 1990s; teaching and learning methods as well as information technology all progressed. At the turn of the millennium, in June 2000, College du Lemman celebrated its 40th anniversary with three days of festivities which brought together alumni, teachers and present-day students. A statue was placed at the entrance of the campus to commemorate this event.

After building a new school complex, the College du Lemman is undoubtedly poised to continue gradually improving the services it offers to students while maintaining the fundamental values which have helped so many in the past. Today, College du

Lemman's students come from 126 different countries, 60 percent of whom are studying in the English section and 40 percent in the French section.

Many of College du Lemman's alumni had the opportunity to get together and share memories with their "Swiss father Clivaz." Among them were the associate director of investment bank, UBS AG as well as TNA Social News Editor Öznur Çevik. Other guests at the event included Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic

Corps and Ambassador of Lebanon George Siam and the ambassadors of Yemen, Russia, Tunisia, Algeria, Iraq, Romania and Slovakia.

In an effort to assemble its graduates in Turkey, Swiss Learning is also organizing a cocktail party today which will be hosted by the Swiss consul general at Istanbul's Çırağan Palace Kempinski Hotel.

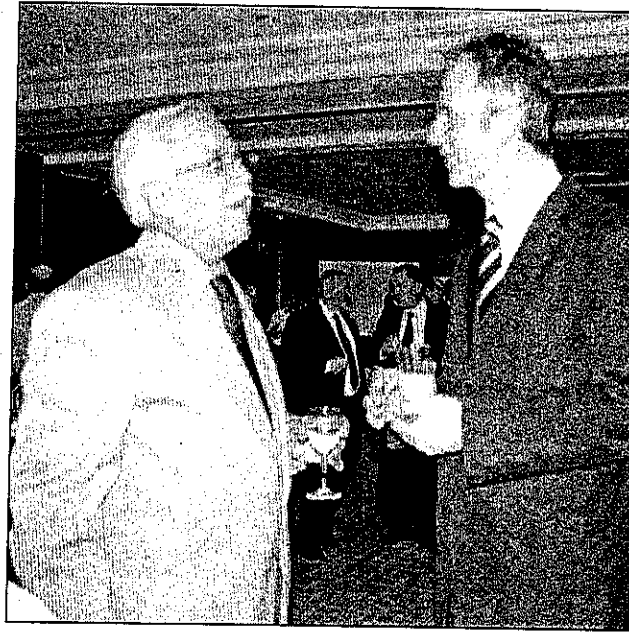
A workshop will also take place tomorrow in Istanbul's Çırağan Palace Kempinski Hotel at 10:00 a.m., in which new students and



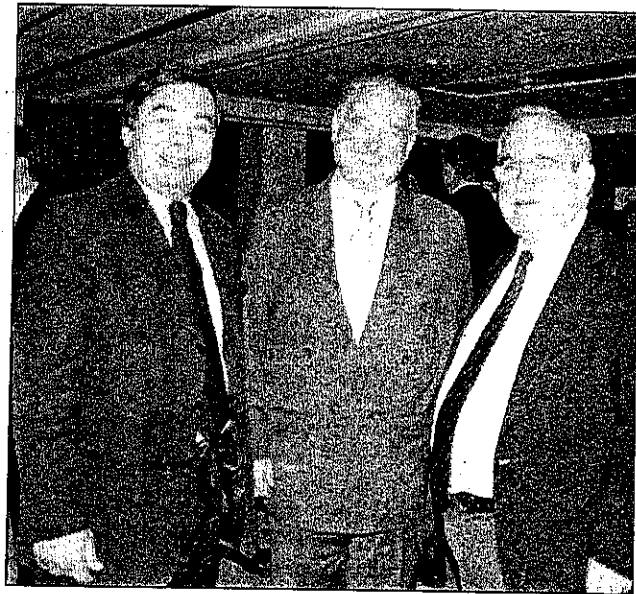
TNA Social News Editor Öznur Çevik and Francis Clivaz, founder of College du Lemman, meet again after 25 years. Photos: TNA - Ceren Bayar

their families will meet with school officials and be introduced to the school in full detail. Staff representing the College du Lemman, Le Rosey, Brillantmont, Leysin American School, College Beau Soleil, Les Roches Hotel School and the Clion Hotel School will attend the meeting.

Contributors to Swiss Learning organizations in Turkey include UBS, Audemars Piguet, Swiss International Airlines, Biltur, the Swiss Embassy and the Swiss Consulate in Istanbul.



Iraqi Ambassador Sabah Omran and Olivier Brack, regional admission director of laureate.



Ambassador of Tunisia Mohammed Lessir, the host Swiss Ambassador Wal Gyger and Ambassador of the Russian Federation Petr Stegnyy.

## of College du Lemman' founder



(L-R) Onur Gökçe, guest of honor Francis Clivaz, host Osman Mayatepek, Christophe Clivaz and General Volkan

