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Association Joseph Bovet

Fribourgeois du dehors

Fondée en 1957

To our Friends of the Canton of Fribourg living abroad

The «Association Joseph Bovet» was founded in the priest's souvenir room at the Musée Gruérien in Bulle on 22nd September 1957. The founders were 13 Fribourg societies. Today, the Association numbers 37 societies spread throughout the whole of Switzerland. It has about 6000 members, as well as a Society of Fribourg Friends Abroad whose aim is to unite all Fribourg men and women resident outside Switzerland.

As individual member of this society, you will receive information concerning the organization. On your holidays or occasional stay in Switzerland you can get in touch with your President. He will be pleased to receive and to get to know you. An initial article which appeared in 1977, resulted in 33 applications for membership from all parts of the world. We hope that this appeal, too, will bring in many enquiries regarding contact with our Association.

On 14th September 1978, a new postage stamp of 20 cts was issued by the PTT. On that occasion, we published an envelope with a block of four or of two stamps, cancelled on the day of issue.

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On Sunday, 7th October 1979, we celebrated in simple yet dignified manner the 100th birthday of Abbé Bovet, the Fribourg troubadour and model of our «Association Joseph Bovet».

A Mass in conjunction with the Parish of Vaulruz united us in the courtyard of the Castle. At the end of the service, we fixed a commemorative plaque on the base of the Bovet-Grivet fountain. Father Sallin, priest of Vaulruz, consecrated it.

After a communal meal and the song «Le vieux Chalet», the beautiful day drew to a close, and every participant took away with him an unforgettable memory.

Should you be in Switzerland on one of the following dates, we'd like to invite you to join us and to pass a few pleasant hours with your Fribourg friends from abroad.

The Association has fixed the following dates:

Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th August:
Day of the Fribourgeois from inside Switzerland and abroad at «Grün 80», Swiss exhibition on horticulture and landscaping, covering 46 ha.



Abbé Joseph Bovet 1879-1951

In 1981, we shall celebrate the 500th anniversary of Fribourg's entry into the Confederation.

Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st June will be the official days of the Fribourgeois from other parts of Switzerland and abroad. We trust there will be considerable participation by our compatriots from outside Switzerland; amongst the visitors will be a delegation of Fribourgeois descendants from Nova Friburgo, Brazil.

Please help to increase the membership of Fribourg citizens from abroad of the «Association Joseph Bovet». Apply to your President, and we shall welcome you with open arms.

Yours truly
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