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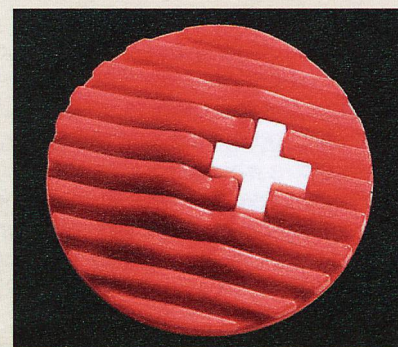
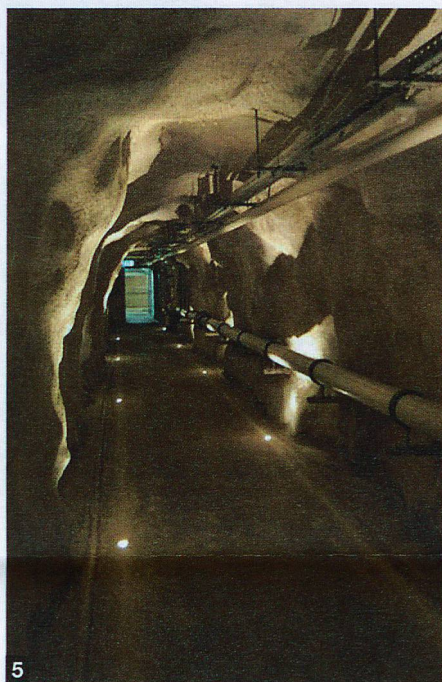
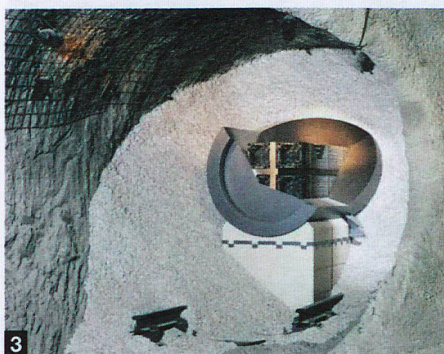
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Pro Patria



Pro Patria - a charitable work of the Swiss population

The Pro Patria Foundation was founded in 1909 by the Swiss Federal Parliament. The collection results in around CHF 3 million a year from the proceeds of the tradition-rich 1st August badge and from the sale of the coveted Pro Patria stamps. Thousands of volunteer employees are engaged in the collections in all parts of the country. The collection revenue is mainly used for the promotion of cultural and social projects. Pro Patria is not subsidized by the public authorities, but is a charitable work of the Swiss population.

Project promotion - quality and solidarity

Pro Patria supports projects in the area of cultural, historical, landscape and monument preservation. It also has a fund for targeted social assistance. Pro Patria Foundation grants contributions according to precisely defined criteria. Every application is checked for its quality. If necessary, clarifications are made with the relevant specialist departments of the cantons or the Confederation. The selection of subsidized projects will ensure that they are of general interest and are intended for broad population groups. Contributions which exclusively serve the interests of individuals are not granted.

Special offer - Switzerland pure

Whether it is a museum, a cultural centre, a castle or a shop - all the places where people meet for a variety of activities can be used as sales points for 1st August badges as well as stamps. With everyone's help in the sale of products, a sign for the preservation of Swiss cultural goods and the promotion of charitable works is set.

This year's 1st August badge symbolises the Cultural Alpine Landscape. The 2017 national celebration badge was designed and manufactured by Unisto AG in Thurgau, Horn. The assembly was carried out by handicapped workshops in Eastern Switzerland.

Badges are available from your local Swiss Club in New Zealand. These are offered to clubs each year via the Embassy in Wellington. Source: propatria.ch