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new relationship, but cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing the Society's gratitude and thanks to our previous printers Systems Print and their predecessors Premier Print.

Swiss Express has been produced for some years on the Editor's own computer using his own programmes, and generally this has worked well. Technology however has moved on with the printing trade adopting the Macintosh computer as its industry standard. The Committee has discussed the question of software to be used, and has agreed to purchase a publisher programme which is of industry standard and compatible with the Editor's own Macintosh computer. The use of it will ensure that the inevitable cost increases in the production of Swiss Express will be kept to a minimum. This programme has now been purchased and registered in the Society's name.

Considerable re-organisation has taken place within the Library, and further to the report by Giles Della Gana at the AGM, the boxes to be distributed to the larger branches have now either been delivered or are awaiting delivery or collection. This scheme is designed to make selected books in the Society Library more readily available to the membership. If any member requires the loan of a particular book from the Library and it is not available through the local branch then initial contact should be made through Giles Della Gana.

Plans for the 2000 Annual General Meeting are beginning to take shape and will be reported in more detail in the next issue of Swiss Express. In the meantime the date is confirmed as Saturday 18th March 2000, and the meeting together with the associated exhibition and dinner will be at the Midland Hotel, Derby. Any offers of layouts or stalls for the Exhibition should be made to either Dave Howsam or Andy Nelson as soon as possible.

## EXHIBITIONS REPORT

The summer is nearly over and I hope you have had the chance to visit Switzerland in the summer. I hope to go in the autumn.

If you need me to bring any particular item to an exhibition where the Society stand is present, then let me know, on 01753 534313, or if you cannot wait, then contact our Sales Officer Steve Horobin, who will be happy to help.

I again make the usual plea for details if you have a layout on view at any exhibition in the future so that it can be advised in Swiss Express. It should, however, be borne in mind that the copy date of Swiss Express is some 3 months ahead of publication date

### **SRS stand attendance**

11 Sept Oxford (GRS exhibition). My HOm diorama, "The wrong kind of snow" featured in Continental Modeller (Dec 98) will be on display on the stand

### **Swiss Layouts on View**

"Maloja"	25 Sept	Whitewebbs Museum, Enfield
"Preda"	9-10 Oct	Warley Show, NEC Birmingham
"Via Mala"	16-17 Oct	Connaught Leisure Centre, Aldershot
	30 Oct	Bristol Brunel Exhibition, St. Michaels Primary School, Stoke Gifford (near Bristol Parkway station) Note new venue
	19-21 Nov	Bremen, Germany (near Hauptbahnhof)

Andy Nelson