



Amis du Bhoutan



To the Chairpersons & Presidents
Bhutan Friendship Associations in Europe
and Honorary Consuls of Bhutan in Europe

Paris and Zurich, September 30, 2017

Invitation

Meeting of the European Bhutan Friendship Associations June 21 – 24, 2018 in Geneva and Chamonix

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends of Bhutan,
Dear Honorary Consuls,

On behalf of the Society Switzerland Bhutan and Les Amis du Bhoutan, France, we would like to officially invite you to the next meeting of the European Bhutan Friendship Associations from June 21 – 24, 2018 in Geneva (Switzerland) and Chamonix (France). Our joint approach will give us the chance to link with our meeting both the Royal Bhutan Embassy at the EU in Brussels as well as the Royal Bhutan Embassy at the UN in Geneva.

We are sending this invitation to the 17 associations in Europe which are known to us and to the four Honorary Consuls. May we ask you as the chairperson / president to inform your boards and members? Would it be possible for you to **let us know by December 15th about how many participants from your association are planning to attend the meeting?** We would have to limit the number of participants to **maximum 5 participants per association**. It is necessary to send us their names and contact details.

Dear Honorary Consuls, could you please let us know if you plan to attend by December 15?

Tentative Program (3 nights in Chamonix)

Thursday June 21, 2018

11.30 Register and meet for lunch at the Red Cross Museum in Geneva.

Visit to the International Federation of Red Cross /Red Crescent Societies, Geneva

Dr. Annemarie Huber-Hotz, President Swiss Red Cross, will inform us about the Bhutan Red Cross Society as well.

16.30 Departure for Chamonix together by bus (or individual by private car)

19.30 Documentary about the history of Chamonix as a mountain tourist resort

20.15 Dinner on your own at leisure

Friday June 22, 2018

09.30: Official meeting at Majestic Conference Centre, presentations by the associations
12.45: Lunch Reception by the Mairie of Chamonix
14.30: Exchange and questions with the Ambassadors from Brussels and Geneva
15.15: Topic: "Tourism in Mountainous Areas" with speakers from Bhutan, France and Switzerland
17.15: Lecture "Withdrawal of the Glaciers"
20:00 Dinner in town

Saturday June 23, 2018

10:00 – 16:00 Excursion Panoramique "Mer de Glace Montenvers"
17:30 - 19:00 Final Buffet

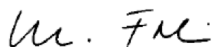
Sunday June 24, 2018

Departure at leisure from Chamonix (by shuttle bus, train or individual by private car)

Next steps:

- December 15, 2017:
Chairpersons send names and contact details of maximum 5 participants to marianne.frei@bhutan-switzerland.org and fpommaret@gmail.com
- End of January 31, 2018:
Final Programme and registration format will be sent to the participants mentioned by the chairpersons. Suggestions of hotels in Geneva and in Chamonix will be forwarded as well as all the logistical details.
- February 28, 2018:
Individual registration by participants

For the organizing committee* with very best regards,



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