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GENEVACCORD ADR is evolving!



Fanny Chappuis has come to strengthen the GENEVACCORD ADR team. As our executive assistant and spokesperson, she is taking over the daily operation and international development of GENEVACCORD ADR. Fanny Chappuis holds a Masters 2 in Development and International Project Management. She has previously worked as International Programme Assistant for two NGOs in Geneva, the first engaged in the defence of children's rights and the development of community projects, the second in peace education.

We also welcome **Carlos-Felipe Correa Gonzalez**. He graduated in International Relations from the University of Geneva. He is now training with us in international commercial conflict mediation and peace-keeping.



We give warm thanks to **Chloé Wagner**, a valued member of the GENEVACCORD ADR team for 7 months, who has been called to join a humanitarian mission to the Philippines, working on an education project for children from the slums. She provided valuable support and a vital contribution to our work, particularly in developing our training courses and events to promote mediation.

We commend her on her personal qualities and technical skills and give her our best wishes for success in her future career!

In addition, **Marie-Anne Dauvillier** has been appointed to an international organization fighting violence against women, particularly in the Middle East. She brought all her expertise to support the cause of mediation. We thank her sincerely for her time with GENEVACCORD ADR and send her our best wishes for her next project!

Save the date! Evening performances, 22 to 25 October 2014
A charm offensive to promote mediation, for the benefit of all mediators in the Swiss nation

GENEVACCORD ADR is organizing a bold venture in Geneva to benefit all those who support conflict mediation in Switzerland!

We are producing an educational stage play portraying a real mediation case: an ambiguous human triangle, full of twists and misunderstandings, with the characters acted by Stéphanie Leclef, Alain Carré and Aïssa Derrouaz. The mediator and lawyers will be professionals from the Republic and Canton of Geneva. The play will be interrupted by short educational sessions, led by Maître Virginie Martins de Nobrega, a lawyer and mediator from Paris, and Maître Patrick-Etienne Dimier, a lawyer and mediator from Geneva, both members of GENEVACCORD ADR.



In the final part, after the intermission, a prosecutor and a defense lawyer will debate conflict mediation. At the gala evening on Wednesday 22 October, 2014, Maître Marc Bonnant will give a speech commensurate with his reputation as a defense lawyer.

Taking place at the Les Salons theater (*photo*), the event will serve to lift the veil on mediation, demystifying the process, showing how it works and throwing light on the features of this innovative method which are ill understood, while maintaining strict confidentiality about current mediation cases. This original project will be a unique opportunity to get right to the heart of this method for empowering people to resolve conflicts.

GENEVACCORD ADR is looking forward to sharing this experience with policy makers, the judiciary, judges and lawyers, notaries, business leaders, journalists, mediators, members of the various Swiss mediation organizations, and the general public.

Maître Jacques Bonfils and GENEVACCORD ADR working together to develop international commercial conflict mediation in French-speaking Switzerland

Maître Jacques Bonfils (*photo*), in his role as a Swiss Bar Association and Swiss Chamber of Commercial Mediation lawyer and mediator, and Mr Guy A. Bottequin have held discussions with a view to establishing an axis of conflict mediation in the cantons of French-speaking Switzerland, in particular in Fribourg.

They plan to use their shared interest in international relations, as well as their respective links with the realms of nobility and aristocracy, as pathways into developing this axis.



L'Extension publishes "La voie de la médiation", an article on GENEVACCORD ADR

Edition No. 47 of L'Extension, published in May 2014, devoted an article to the activities of GENEVACCORD ADR.

It highlighted the various possible applications of mediation as an alternative to the Tribunal, but overall as a holistic process for conflict resolution.

The article also mentioned the lunch debate organized by GENEVACCORD ADR on 30 January, 2014, to raise awareness of mediation among business leaders.

We would like to thank Mrs Enza Testa Haegi, President of the Cercle des Dirigeants d'Entreprises de Genève, Publisher and Editor in Chief of the magazine L'Extension.



See the full article:
<http://bit.ly/1ubKOvW>

Guy A. Bottequin elected vice president of Groupement Pro Médiation and a member of the steering committee of the Swiss national umbrella organization for mediation SDM-FSM!

The General Assembly of the Groupement Pro Médiation (GPM www.mediations.ch), at which the Steering Committee was elected, was held on 19 May, 2014.

Already a member of the GPM's Steering Committee, Guy A. Bottequin was then elected vice president. The committee is again chaired by the Honorary Professor and counsel lawyer, Christian-Nils Robert.

Guy A. Bottequin has also been elected a member of the Steering Committee of the Swiss Federation of Mediation Organizations (SDM-FSM www.infomédiation.ch/cms) on 23 May, 2014, at the Assembly of Delegates. The SDM-FSM is the Swiss umbrella organization for mediation, whose aim is to promote mediation throughout Switzerland.

These two appointments demonstrate once more the involvement and commitment of GENEVACCORD ADR, and its president Guy A. Bottequin, to the development of mediation in French-speaking Switzerland and the nation as a whole.



SDM-FSM
Schweizerischer Dachverband Mediation
Fédération Suisse des Associations de Médiation
Federazione Svizzera delle Associazioni di Mediazione

Did you know that more than 60% of global negotiations are held in Geneva?



UNESCO is considering creating a center for conflict resolution through mediation. Due to its tradition, neutrality and discretion, Geneva is a natural choice for the world center for mediation over the cultural heritage of humanity.

Differences over cultural heritage could be resolved by the peace tool that is the conflict mediation process.

Emeritus Professor Christian-Nils Robert and Guy A. Bottequin (*photos*) attended the public lecture given by Professor Marc-André Renold, holder of the UNESCO Chair in International Law for the Protection of Cultural Heritage at UNIGE on Tuesday 27 May, 2014. Mr Metin Arditi (of Fondation Arditi), a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, introduced the speaker with sensitivity and humour.



Left:
Christian-Nils Robert

Right:
Guy A. Bottequin



Poetic reflection of the month suggested by our correspondent Mrs Raymonde Richter, lawyer and mediator.

A message of serenity dedicated to Luc Bottequin:

Death is nothing at all

*Love never dies.
Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I and you are you:
Whatever we were to each other,
That we are still.
Give me the name you've always given me.
Speak to me in the easy way you always used.
Put no difference into your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
That it always was,
Let it be spoken without effort,
Without the ghost of a shadow in it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
Because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you for an interval, somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well.*

Henry Scott Holland

**A thank you from
Mr Guy A. Bottequin**

The loss of a loved one is always a difficult ordeal; even more so when it is that of your child.

It is with great pain and enormous sorrow that Mr Guy A. Bottequin announced on Saturday 10 May, 2014, the death of his son Luc, a computer engineer, born on 7 April 1964 in Ghent.

Mr Guy A. Bottequin and his family extend their warm thanks to all those who have shown them support and sent their condolences. They have been deeply touched by these demonstrations of affection and sympathy.