Wikimedia CH

Multicultural chapter

Facts and figures

- founded 2006 as 7th chapter
- 93 members (2010) with an increase of 16%
- thereof 6 legal entities
- current annual income ~90.000 CHF (~62.000 EUR / ~84.000 USD)
- Fundraising 2008: best country for donations *pro capita*

The current board

- Mourad Ben Abdallah (president)
- Frédéric Schütz (press speaker for French lang.)
- Bagawathram Maheswaran (treasurer)
- Charles Andrès
- Patrick Kenel (secretary)
- Ilario Valdelli (press speaker for Italian lang.)

And the management:
- Nando Stöcklin (press speaker for German lang.)
- Gion Hosang (press speaker for Romansh lang.)
- Manuel Schneider (Chief Information Officer)

Languages

- 4 national languages (German, French, Italian and Romansh)
- Different regional version of languages (i.e. Alemannic)
- 22% of population are citizenship of other countries
- Wikimedia CH's members are heterogeneous and they are editors in different linguistic communities (Wikipedia, Commons, etc.)

The languages of Wikimedia CH

- Official language of Wikimedia CH is English language
- Plus the four national languages
- In the General Assembly any national language and the official language are accepted
- But we are looking for a new tool…

Babelfish

« The Babel Fish is small, yellow, leech-like, and is a universal translator which simultaneously translates from one spoken language to another. It takes the brainwaves of the other body and what they are thinking then transmits the thoughts to the speech centers of the hosts brain, the speech heard by the ear decodes the brainwave matrix. When inserted into the ear, its nutrition processes convert sound waves into brain waves, neatly crossing the language divide between any species you should happen to meet whilst traveling in space. **»** (*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy in* http://en.wikipedia.org)
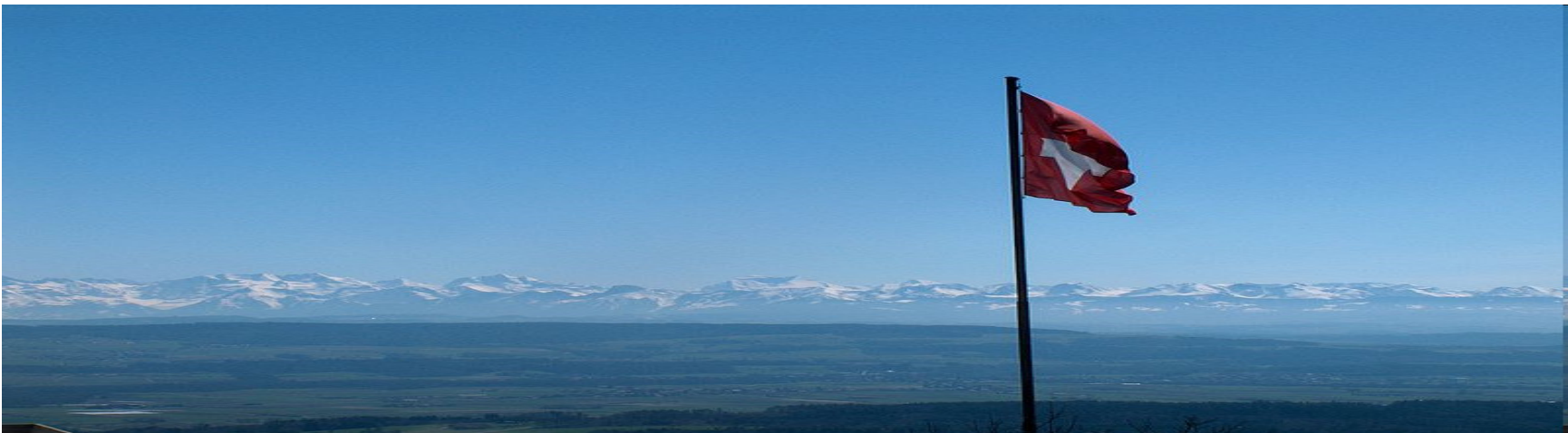
Projects for 2010

- TAO (Third Age Online) Project
- Scanning project (*Encyclopédie du monde actuel* and *Pictet Foundation*) in collaboration with Digitale Allmend
- Recording of music pieces executed by professional symphony orchestra to be delivered under free license
- professionalization along with TAO, first employee as project manager TAO
- more openZIM (standardization of offline Wikipedia content) (http://www.openzim.org)

Challenges for 2010

- Contacts with like-minded organisations (OpenStreetMap, Historical Dictionary of Switzerland, Foundation of Archives of Architects of Ticino, etc.)
- challenge: get donations portal with more information and credit card payment gateway, handle donation receipts automatically - number of donations increased to more than 1000
- other challenge: more community involvement and improvement of internal communication

Thank you

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