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1. Youth – A Key Pillar in the new AeCS Strategy

The new strategy of the AeCS (Aeroclub of Switzerland), having been in force since January 01, 2006, defines 5 key pillars to focus on over the following few years. The foundation of one such pillar is the organization and goals with respect to young people and future pilots. As a result of this initiative, the AeCS has invested into some innovative youth programmes and strives to continue developing such programs.

2. The 5 National Youth Programmes

The following 5 youth programmes have been defined and successfully implemented throughout the different regions of Switzerland:

- YES – Young Eagles of Switzerland
- A day visit on an airfield
- National Art Contest
- SPHAIR: A course every pilot has to pass in order to become a Swiss Air-force pilot
- JULA: The national youth camp

Further, a national youth day has been organized; see point 5 below.



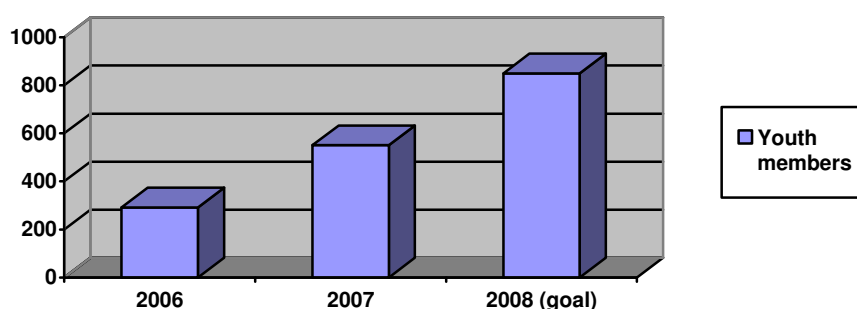
(A day visit on an airfield, 2007)

3. Establishing the Youth Programmes in all Regions

In order to establish and maintain these programmes throughout Switzerland, a slide show presentation has been created and shown at many different occasions such as at schools, meetings and club assemblies. The slideshow is available on CD and has been sent to the presidents of all regions and sections to present at every opportunity.

4. Youth Membership

In 2006 the AeCS created a new type of membership ("Youth member") in order to enable young people (14-18 years old) to join the AeCS. Such a membership, which includes a subscription to the AeroRevue, the most popular Swiss aviation magazine, is free of charge and granted upon attending one of the 5 mentioned youth programmes. In 2007 the AeCS had about 600 youth members and aims to have over 850 in 2008. The following figure shows the corresponding evolution of youth memberships.



5. 1st National Aviation Youth Day in Lucerne

64 young people participated in the 1st National Youth Day, hold in Lucerne in June 2007. This event enabled the kids to benefit from many presentations and exhibitions related to aviation and space education. Due to the great success of this national youth day in 2007, it has been decided to arrange such an event again in 2008, and hopefully also in the subsequent years.

6. National Art Contest



For the national art contest 2008 we received 452 paintings. This is slightly more than last year. The award ceremony 2007 took place in Olten, during an airshow celebrating the 75

year anniversary of the gliding club Olten. All winners went for a flight on a Swiss Airforce Pilatus Porter PC-6 and received different prizes such as model airplanes, stunt kites etc.



(Winners of the national art contest together with a Swiss Airforce pilot, 2007)

7. National Youth Camp in S-Chanf/St.Moritz

The well-known yearly national youth camp in S-Chanf/St. Moritz took place in July 2007. 180 kids participated and the camp was deemed a great success. Further information of this event can be found at www.aeroclub.ch/jula.



(Participants of national youth camp, 2007)

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