

FAI - Aviation and Space Education Report 2011

Switzerland

1. Young people and the upcoming generation

The Swiss Aero Club has for years invested considerable amounts of money as well as time and personnel resources in the advancement of young people and the next generation of young talent. We always have around 1200 youth members who have participated in an AeCS youth programme and can enjoy the benefit of free membership up to age 18. The AeCS has lowered the age for youth membership of the AeCS. Young people can now enjoy the benefits of our offer from the age of 12. Strong growth has been seen in the active juniors area which has almost doubled in recent years. Active juniors are young people between 12 and 18 years of age who are active in an aviation area, predominantly aeromodelling.

2. National Art Contest

The number of entrants in the drawing competition was higher than it had been for many years. We received a total of some 860 drawings, a considerable increase over the preceding year (530). As before, we continue to advertise only with flyers at Swiss schools; the actual forms have to be downloaded from the Internet. The other important thing from our perspective is to maintain contact with the teachers. In the coming years we will be striving for a total of 1000 drawings. 7 winners were present at the award ceremony which was held during the Airshow in Dittingen. In addition to a diploma, the winners received gift vouchers, various give-aways and a trip with a Pilatus-Porter. www.aeroclub.ch/zw



3. JULA: The national youth camp

During the reporting year, the Swiss Aero Club, under the patronage of the ProAero foundation, again conducted a highly successful and incident-free ProAero aviation youth camp at the tried and tested location in S-chanf (Engadine).

It was the 29th ProAero youth camp with 180 highly motivated participants. To date, more than 4,000 young people have been able to take part since the first holding of our aviation youth camp in 1983. www.aeroclub.ch/jula



4. 5th National Aviation Youth Day in Lucerne

For what is already the 5th time, we held the National Youth Aviation day and were pleased to notch up yet another record attendance. We received around 180 registrations and the room in the Swiss Museum of Transport was filled to the very last place. It featured presentations by young people on a preliminary aviation course for young people (SPHAIR), presentations on the youth programmes, film screenings and a competition. The beaming smiles on the faces of the winners can be seen in the picture below.



5. YES – Young Eagles of Switzerland

Every year, several hundred young people between the age of 12 to 18 take a YES flight, which is organised by regional Aero-Clubs. Youngsters between the age of 14 to 18 are registered as youth members after having taken their YES flight and thereafter, through their membership, continuously confronted with aviation topics.
www.aeroclub.ch/yes

6. IACE

In 2011 we again exchanged cadets with Belgium, Germany, France and the Netherlands, whilst also keeping a watchful eye for potential new partner countries. Feedback received from the participants was consistently positive. One undoubted highlight is the Super-Puma flight from Frankfurt to Switzerland. In addition, we have revamped the website and given it a more youthful look which we hope will engender greater interest on the part of the candidates.

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