Our next events

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To recognize the signs of our times and to confront global challenges

Did you know that Lucerne is a city with a tradition of peace?

This fact, often overlooked, was raised to the banner of LIPS (Lucerne Initiative for Peace and Security), a society founded on 17th October 2003.

In the year 1902, Lucerne celebrated an important event: the inauguration of the very first Museum of Peace in the world. At the beginning of the twentieth century, this museum released an important echo since it was considered to be the first attempt to promote education for peace through public musicological methods. As a result there grew up 70 Peace Museums throughout the world as well as University and other Institutes for peace research (e.g. in this country: the Swiss Peace Foundation known as swisspeace).

The worldwide reputation of the "International Museum for War and Peace", founded by the Polish industrialist and peace activist Jan Bloch, resulted in the choice of Lucerne as the venue for the 14th International Peace Congress in 1905.

LIPS cultivates the visionary heritage of Jan Bloch, who was a candidate for the first Nobel Peace Prize

Jan Bloch (1836-1902) was an industrial pioneer and financial expert with feet firmly planted on the ground. With his knowledge of the development and expanding network of economics and the explosion of technological progress together with its application in military fields, he realised that future wars would bring only more cataclysmic suffering for humanity and disastrous consequences for the nations of the world.

In September 2005, by means of an exceptional event, LIPS wishes to make Lucerne known to the entire world as a Swiss city of peace of the twenty-first century, and by so doing to celebrate the centenary of the International Peace Congress held here in 1905.

Centenary of the World Peace Congress in Lucerne

The event is to take the form of an international platform for dialogue and discussion. The participants will be able to gain understanding of people of different cultures through controversy in dialogue and discussion. The planned public round-table discussions are to bring more experience and practical knowledge to light. Our understanding of basic democracy for coexistence in a pluralistic society is to be furthered, in the same way as interaction and dependence between inland and foreign relationships. In addition, questions of security in ever-changing state systems and international alliances are to be better and more transparently solved in the light of newly acquired information.

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In view of constant global challenges LIPS is determined to foster comprehensive Peace and Security and to vow their long-term promotion. The point of departure is to be the city of Lucerne in whose centre not only Jan Bloch's War and Peace Museum originally lies but also the Friedenstrasse and the Hotel de la Paix. This is to be achieved by means of dialogue between economics, politics and civilian society.

To reach a goal through network

To translate its goals into action, LIPS organises events (congresses, workshops, informative meetings, lectures) together with other organisations at home and abroad, and communicates its concerns, issues and the results of its work through public statements. LIPS is politically and religiously neutral. LIPS seeks contact with all parties, religions and cultures.

Our general and fundamental goals

LIPS sees itself as a work and communication platform to discuss, extract and develop enduring principles to answer the challenges of peace and security politics. On the basis of a broad understanding of security and peace policies, which embrace social, political, legal, cultural, religious, economic, military, scientific and technological aspects, LIPS lays especial emphasis on cooperation with representatives of political, economic and civic bodies of the most diverse cultural sectors.