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Dear Swisspuja Members and Friends,

'Greetings' on behalf of the Swisspuja Patrika Team. We hope that you are enjoying the refreshing experience of waking up to Spring as much as we are!

Right now, Autumn, 'the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness' seems to be a long way away, does it not? After all, we have Summer and barbecues by the lake to attend to first! But, the Pujas will be upon us sooner than we might imagine. Let's see - just a 188 odd days to go, on last count!

Therefore, behind the scenes, the wheels are already in motion. Along with the warmth, hospitality and unfailing adherence to tradition - we will have our signature cultural programmes as well. There will be the added attractions of the sit-and-draw competition and the fancy-dress fashion-show. And during the course of the event, we will all be brought together, time and again, by the dhunuchi, the dhak, the dhol and the splendid let-your-hair-down dancing!

But alongside all of this, one of the hallmarks of Swisspuja has been its Patrika, which acts as a proud 'mirror' to our multi-talented community. After last year's resounding success (measured by the steady stream of positive comments that have come our way), the Patrika hopes to be 'back with a bang' in 2016.

And this is where YOU come into the fold!

Folks - it is time! Pick up your pens, your paint, that camera (yes, that one, in the corner over there), scribble your ideas behind a napkin at your favourite café, finally pen down that recipe which is always such a hit with your guests, grab that laptop which lives on the shelf and tap-tap-tap away at your smartphones because...

...because this is not a drill! This may well be the 1st of April, but we kid you not! Wherever you are, whoever you are - if you are reading this - your takeaway should be: the Swisspuja Patrika needs you at your creative best!

We are inviting all sorts of contributions: memoirs and travelogues, paintings and

line drawings, photographs and sketches, short stories and feature articles...

To submit your entries, please send us your work, along with your details, to both of the following email addresses:

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Moreover, if you have any constructive feedback or a brand new idea that you just can't wait to share with us - feel free to drop us a note.

Furthermore - and on an important note - we are cooking up a selection of themes for this year's Patrika, and will be communicating these to all of you over the next few weeks. Therefore - keep watching this space for more info and deadlines!

The gates have been unlocked. We now eagerly await your contributions!

Let the magic begin!

With regards and good wishes,

Swisspuja Patrika Team – 2016



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