

Dear Friends,

We hope you are enjoying the summer with some well-deserved holidays.

Thank You for making the Swisspuja Picnic on 20th June the fun and happening event that it was! It was only your enthusiastic participation that made the event a roaring success. Tanmoy Pal clicked some wonderful pictures during the day. You can view them here (<https://flic.kr/s/aHskqwxn3K>) and view & download them here (<http://img.gg/AONvDzL>). We do hope you will enjoy browsing through them and downloading the ones you like.

Friends, our Durga Puja is just three months away now, and as you might imagine preparations for it are on in full swing. One of the defining characteristics of Swisspuja is the cultural programme put up by local talents every evening during the Puja. This year also will be no exception and we do plan to bring to you tasteful and well-rehearsed performances showcasing both our culture and heritage as well as the talent latent in our community. Anindya Mukherjee will be coordinating the cultural programmes during this Puja. If you want to step out as a performer on the Puja stage then please get in touch with Anindya (Anindya.Mukherjee@cardcenter.ch, 079 744 40 83) by 21st August.

On a regretful note, friends, we have recently lost two prominent and active members of our community.

On 29th June, Mr. Nanda Dulal Nandi who was ailing with a malignant tumor in his colon passed away at the Hirlanden Clinic, Aarau. Mr. Nandi in his post retirement years was an avid Indologist and a student of Sanskrit, and was an enthusiastic participant at the Durga Puja. And then, on 12th July, Mr. Sankar Chattopadhyay passed away at the Aargauer Kantonsspital, Aarau where he had been admitted after a sudden heart attack. We express our deep and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and pray that they have the strength and courage to bear the irreparable loss.

With best wishes and regards,
SWISSPUJA 2015 Executive Committee