

Wikimedia CH

Multicultural chapter



The current board

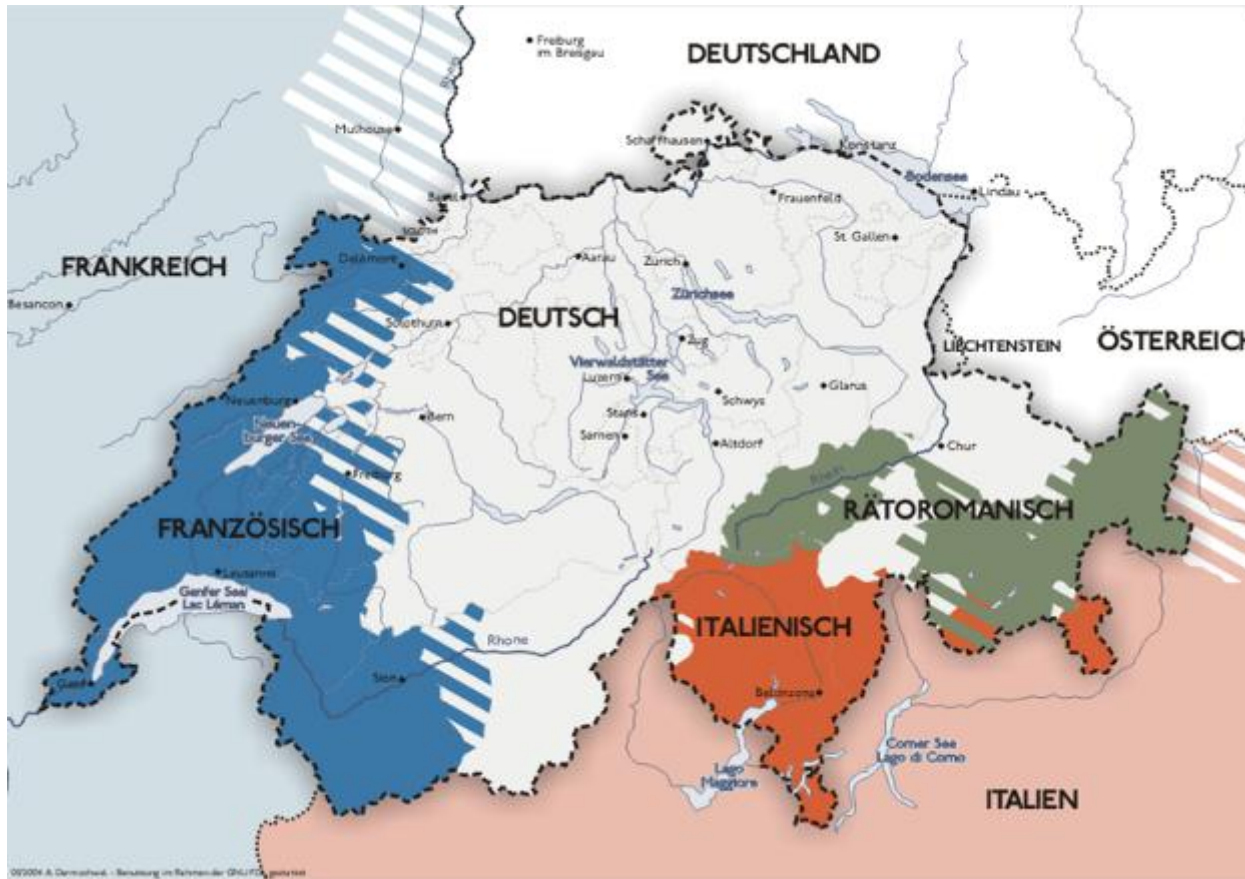


- Mourad Ben Abdallah (president)
- Frédéric Schütz
- Bagawathram Maheswaran (treasurer)
- Charles Andrès
- Patrick Kenel
- Ilario Valdelli

In addition:

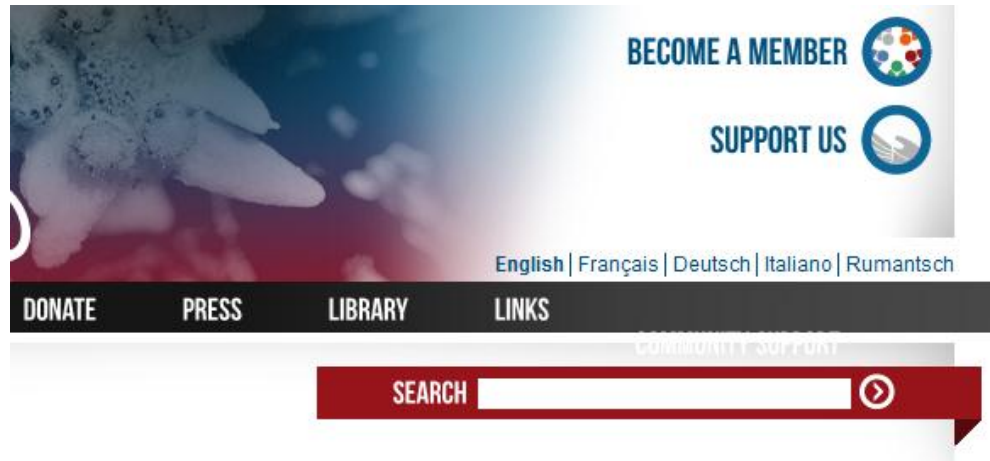
- Chantal Ebongué (Chief Administrative Officer)
- Manuel Schneider (Chief Information Officer)

The main challenge



- 4 national languages (German, French, Italian and Romansh)
- Different regional version of languages (i.e. Alemannic)
- 22% of population are citizenship of other countries
- Wikimedia CH's members are heterogeneous and they are editors in different linguistic communities (Wikipedia, Commons, etc.)

The languages of Wikimedia CH



- Official language of Wikimedia CH is English language
- In addition to the four national languages (French, German, Italian and Rumantsch)
- In the General Assembly any national language and the official languages are accepted

Last year



- Valdensia project in collaboration with the Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire de Lausanne
- Involvement of elderly people (TAO project)
- Support for Kiwix – Offline Wikipedia
- GLAM cooperation
- Wiki Loves Monuments
- Microgrants mainly to support Commons enrichment (3.000 uploaded photos in Commons)

Projects for 2012



- Collaboration with Universities (Wiki Loves Universities, LabisAlp, etc.)
- Involvement of elderly people (TAO project)
- Share your Knowledge
- Support for Kiwix – Offline Wikipedia
- GLAM cooperation
- People raising to support minor languages (Swiss Italian, Rumantsch, Alemannisch)
- Microgrants mainly to support Commons enrichment (i.e. press accreditation)

Challenges for 2012



- Contacts with like-minded organizations (OpenStreetMap and local associations, etc.)
- New website and new system of communication
- People raising
- Local outreach (universities, associations and cultural institutions)

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