

Meeting of the Staff Association with the Press, 7 April

As we announced in the recent FLASH which gave the results of the Referendum, the Staff Association organised a meeting with the Press, Wednesday 7 April at 11 a.m. in the small room at the end of Restaurant n° 1.

Journalists from the following accepted the invitation: l'Agence Télégraphique Suisse (ATS), le Dauphiné Libéré, le Graviton, le Matin, le Nouveau Quotidien, la Radio Suisse Romande, la Suisse, la Tribune de Genève, TV8 Mont-Blanc, as well as the attaché of the CERN Press Service.

The Suisse Romande television had to cancel at the last minute; other journalists telephoned (le Courrier, le Journal de Genève, Radio-Lac).

The Staff Association was represented by the President, its two Vice-Presidents and a member of the Executive Committee. Everyone was seated around a table decorated with the flags of the seventeen Member States of CERN, to emphasise the international character of our Organization.

In the first part, the President of the Association, after welcoming and thanking those present for having accepted the invitation, gave a briefing consisting of:

- a short general reminder of the

aims, structure, resources, installations, and programmes of the Organization;

- the worries of the CERN staff for the future of basic research in Europe in general, and for CERN and for its staff in particular;
- the strategy proposed to the staff in the March issue of the PROTON, its aims, its means, the demands for a dialogue between social partners to seek to maintain social peace at CERN, the strengthening of ways of exerting political influence, in particular by links with professional and unionised organisations of European international civil servants, and with the mass media (hence this interview);
- the results of the referendum, the massive support shown by the staff for the strategy of the Association, the additional responsibilities for the Association as a result, and its accrued strength towards the CERN Council and the Director General.

This briefing was followed by numerous questions from the journalists, of which a good number could have been addressed to the

Management as they considered the implications of, and clarified the different points raised. They covered for example:

- the reasons for the recent budget cuts and those announced for the future,
- their effect on the programmes of CERN,
- the suppressions of posts, methods and their consequences,
- the reasons advanced by Spain for not paying its contribution,
- the recourse to privatisation of services,
- the relations between staff members and the users of CERN carrying out the research,
- the appeals lodged with the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization,
- the recourse to the right to strike, etc.

In summary, a serious meeting but very friendly, about which you may have read reports in the newspapers, heard extracts on the radio or seen moments of on the television.

During this meeting, it transpired that the last press conference went back to 1981, and we promised that in the future they would be held a little more frequently! □

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du
JARDIN D'ENFANTS**

du 25 avril au 2 mai 1993

Bâtiment Principal

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- 4 classes le matin: 2 et demi à 6 ans (8h.30 - 12h.30)
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Garderie:

- 2 à 6 ans mardi, vendredi (13h.30 - 17h.30)

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- VENDREDI 30 AVRIL 1993
de 8h.00 à 10h.30 et de 13h.30 à 15h.00

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25 April to 2 May 1993

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- 1 afternoon class: 2 and half to 6 years (13.30 - 17.30)

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- THURSDAY 29 APRIL 1993
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- FRIDAY 30 APRIL 1993
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