



SASEG 87th CONVENTION 2021

Frutigen, Switzerland, Tropenhaus Frutigen, September 11, 2021

PROGRAMME

Saturday, September 11:

Morning: Individual travel to Tropenhaus in Frutigen

11:00 Guided tour Tropenhaus Frutigen

12:30 Optional Lunch

14:30 General Assembly

16:00 End of convention

The detailed agenda of the general assembly is shown at the end of this document.

Frutigen and its Tropenhaus

The village of Frutigen is situated at the intersection of the Kandertal and the Engstligerental in the Bernese Oberland.

It is also the home of the northern portal of the Lötschberg base railway tunnel. From here the trains travel through the 34.6 kilometre long tunnel to the Valais on the southern side of the Lötschberg.

The Tropenhaus (tropical house) Frutigen is unique in the Swiss Alps in that its geothermal energy generates a sustainable heat source for the production of tropical fruits, and an ecosystem for the sturgeon.

The idea for the Tropenhaus greenhouse was born in 2002 when it became apparent that water flowing out of the nearby tunnel could not be diverted into the local river as its temperature of around 20 °C would disrupt the region's natural biological rhythm. Enterprising engineers therefore initiated a project to use the heat for a greenhouse, i. e. the Tropenhaus.

The Tropenhaus' warm environment allows the fruits to ripen according to their natural timing despite being located in the Alps; this aspect contributes to the full flavour. Luckily, the Tropenhaus can profit from the experience of a similar house in Wolhusen, which has been in operation since 1999.

A 2002 feasibility study laid the foundation for the 2003 start-up company Tropenhaus Frutigen AG which then opened the gates on the 21st November 2009.

The Tropenhaus is responsible for the annual production of around 2 tons of bananas /mini bananas, papaya, carambola, acerola cherries, guavas, mangosteen, pineapple, coffee, cocoa, kumquat and many more tropical species. Moreover, the here grown sturgeon and caviar is on the menu of the Tropenhaus and is highly recommended for tasting (see lunch menu on page 3).

SASEG's 87th Convention 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to cause us all a lot of uncertainty, discomfort and worries.

Indeed, this uncertainty and the inability to plan ahead with any degree of confidence has led the managing committee to abandon the usual 3-day Convention in favour of a 1-day event in September (2021).

The intention of the 1-day event is to hold the general assembly (dealing with the business years 2019 and 2020), a guided tour of the Tropenhaus, and to offer an optional lunch for those who would like to engage socially.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. How to reach Frutigen

By public transport: There are trains every hour from Bern non-stop to Frutigen

From eastern Switzerland: via Zurich – Bern – Spiez – Frutigen

From northern Switzerland: via Basel – Bern – Spiez – Frutigen

From western Switzerland: via Geneva – Lausanne/Neuenburg – Bern – Spiez – Frutigen

From southern Switzerland: via Brig through the Lötschberg mountain in the direction of Spiez – Bern to Frutigen or via Lucerne – Bern – Spiez – Frutigen

Approximate 7 minute walk from the station, using the exit for the industrial zone and following the railway line and the river towards Spiez.

By private car:

From eastern Switzerland: From A1 motorway Zurich – Bern, A6 motorway Bern – Interlaken, main arterial road in the direction of Kandersteg, Frutigen exit

From northern Switzerland: Take A2 motorway Zurich – Bern, A6 motorway Bern – Interlaken, main arterial road towards Kandersteg, Frutigen exit

From western Switzerland: From A1 motorway Geneva – Lausanne, A12 Lausanne – Bern, A6 motorway Bern – Spiez, main arterial road in the direction Kandersteg Frutigen exit

From southern Switzerland: Brig – Goppenstein, Lötschberg tunnel (Goppenstein – Kandersteg), main arterial road towards Spiez, Frutigen exit.

There are many parking lots outside of the Tropenhaus.

2. Invitation for Student Members (SASEG members)

The managing committee has decided that in 2021 SASEG students' members can participate free of charge at the general assembly, the guided tour, join the lunch and to waive the convention fee. Only the journey to and from Frutigen is for their own account.

3. Attracting students at Swiss Universities who are not yet SASEG members

The programme to attract students through support mechanisms, started in 2007, is a success story. Hence, the managing committee wishes to continue with this programme in 2021 and, as for existing SASEG student members, it covers all costs other than the journey to and from Frutigen; this for a maximum of 12 new student members. The only condition is that they register, before the convention, as (student) members of SASEG at «<https://www.saseg.ch/cms/index.php/de/mitgliedschaft>» and pay the 2021 annual membership fee of CHF 40 for students. Registration for the convention is also required, using the special form designed for the supported students.

4. Financial support for students.

Financial support of the student programme by members is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at any time by payment into IBAN account CH80 0070 0110 0066 7151 0 of the Zürcher Kantonalbank mentioning the word «student support». Closer to the date of the Convention, the treasurer will issue a blank deposit slip to each members; this will offer a structured opportunity to support our student members on a voluntary basis.

The managing committee thanks all members for their generous support. Your help ensures the future of the SASEG.

5. Lunch

For the main course you will have the choice for meat or fish (sturgeon) or vegetarian. Please tick the appropriate in the registration form.

First course and desert are the same for everybody

First course: Saisonaler Blattsalat | Mango-Passionsfrucht-Dressing | Bananenchips

Main course:

Meat: Schweinsnierstück (Pork) mit Togarashigewürz | Pak Choi | Süsskartoffelpüree

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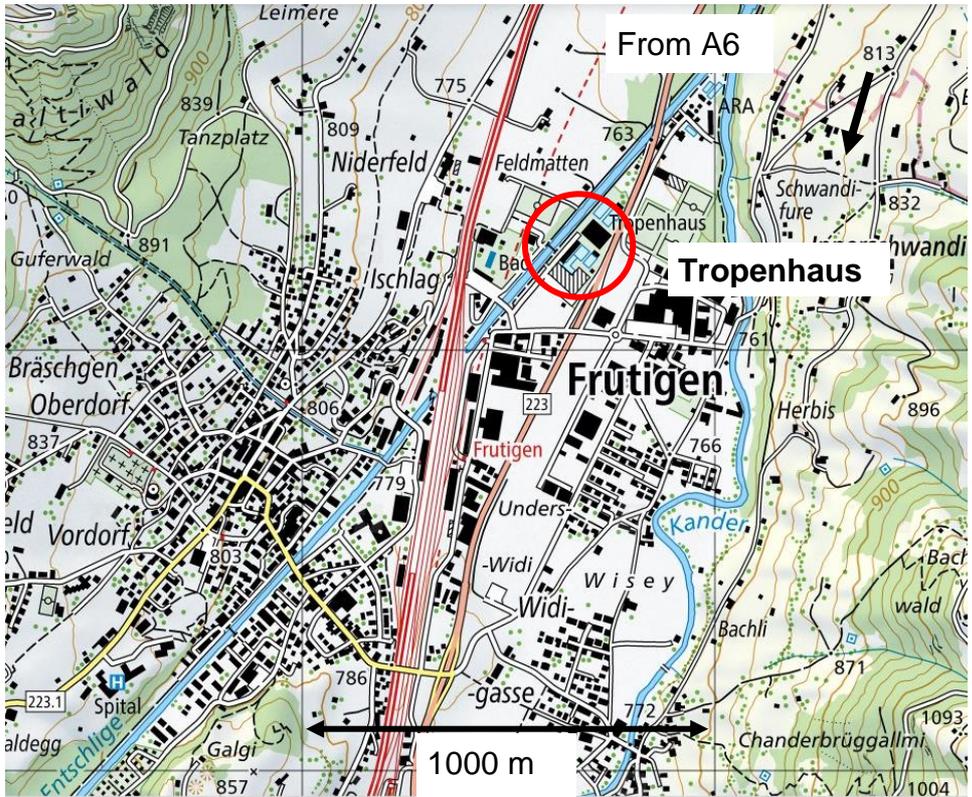
Fish: Störfilet (filet of sturgeon) mit indischem Tandoori – Gewürz | Papaya | Kokosmilchschaum

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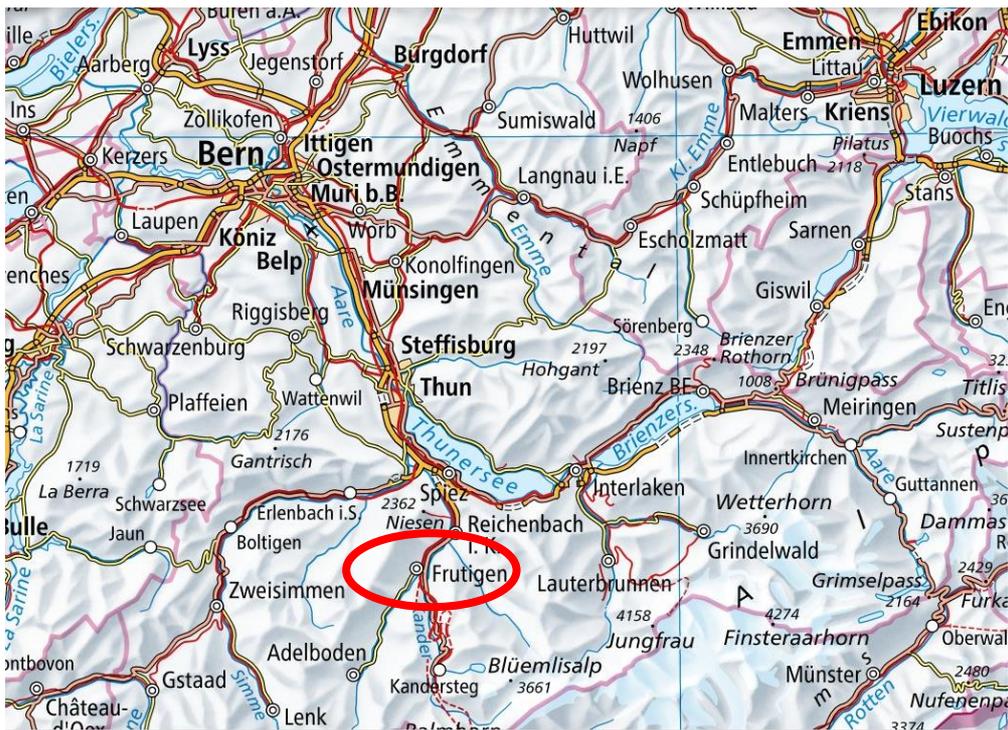
Vegetarian: TROPENHAUS Curry Risotto | Pak Choi | Papaya-Chutney

Dessert: Guaven - Crème brûlée

Frutigen city map:



Overview map:



**SASEG GENERALVERSAMMLUNG (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)
für die Jahre 2019 und 2020 / for the years 2019 and 2020**

11. September 2021

Tropenhaus, Frutigen, 14:30 Uhr

Traktanden / Agenda

1. Begrüssung und Eröffnung / Welcome and Opening
2. Genehmigung des Protokolls der GV vom 22. Juni 2019 in Genf / Adoption of the minutes of the general assembly held on 22nd June 2019 in Geneva
3. Bericht des Präsidenten, Juni 2019 – September 2021 / President's report June 2019 – September 2021
Ehrungen / Distinctions
Todesfälle / Deaths
Neue Mitglieder / New members
Highlights 2020/21 (e.g. Neue Webseite / new website, questionnaire, etc.)
4. Bericht des Kassiers: Jahresrechnung und Bilanz 2019 und 2020/ Treasurer's report: Financial statements 2019 and 2020
5. Berichte der Revisoren / Auditors' reports
6. Décharge des Vorstandes / Discharge of the members of the managing committee
7. Bericht des Redaktors / Editor's report
8. Wahlen / Elections
 - 8.1 Vorstand / Management Committee (vorgeschlagen/proposed zur Wahl/elect: Martin Stäubli; Wiederwahl/re-elect: bisheriger Vorstand/standing committee)
 - 8.2 Präsident / President: Bernhard Gunzenhauser
 - 8.3 Revisoren / Auditors
9. Festlegung Mitgliederbeitrag / Decision on Membership Fee (Vorschlag: unverändert / proposal: unchanged)
10. Tagung 2022 / Annual Convention 2022
11. Varia / A.O.B.

Bernhard Gunzenhauser, Präsident
Binningen, 17. June 2021