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For Immediate Press Release

The Swiss Society Prize

The Swiss Society of New York is very proud to introduce the annual **Swiss Society Prize** in 2008.

Each year the Prize goes to an individual in the professional field of study of the Guest of Honor or the theme of the Swiss Ball. The purpose of the grant program is to foster the professional development of Swiss expatriates or persons with proven Swiss roots of exceptional talent and quality in their field. The program offers financial support towards continuing education or special projects that will further the professional development of such established or emerging professionals.

Since we have just initiated the Swiss Society Prize, we will have two awards in the first calendar sequence. The application cycle coincides with the Swiss Ball at the beginning of the year.

Prize 1

We are proud to say that the initial award of 2008 will be granted in the amount of \$10,000. Our admiration of the Guest of Honor of the Swiss Ball 2008 Henry Haller, Chef to five Presidents of the United States, will be expressed through the prize to an individual expanding their career in the culinary arts.

Prize 2

At the Swiss Ball 2009 we will tribute Dieter Meier as Guest of Honor. Accomplished in many fields, he is best known as a founding member of the famed electronic music group Yello. The second Prize will be awarded in his honor. These applicants must in the field of modern classical composing.

Details: The [Prize guidelines](#) and [Prize Application](#) are found in the related tabs of the Swiss Society of New York website:

http://swissocietyny.com/swiss_society_prize.html.

Applicants are requested to submit applications as instructed and have additional supporting documentation available to the Grant Committee.

Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2009, 4 PM.

Announcement: four to six weeks after the deadline.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

The Swiss Society of New York, Inc.