

MILESTONES FOR THE SWISS CONFEDERATION AND THE SWISS RED CROSS

This year the Swiss Red Cross is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On this occasion, the Review is happy to include the following two articles: one deals with the historical development of the National Society and the other with the challenges it faces on the threshold of a new millennium.

This anniversary was marked by several official events in Lucerne on 1 and 2 June 1991, at which the ICRC was represented by Mr. Cornelio Sommaruga, President, and by Mr. Claudio Caratsch, Vice-President. In addition, the Swiss Red Cross has inaugurated a travelling exhibition entitled "Meet the Swiss Red Cross" which will visit all parts of the country throughout the year.

As the President of the Swiss Red Cross, Dr. Karl Kennel, said, this exhibition is intended to familiarize the Swiss people with their National Society and increase their confidence in what it does; the Society will continue to be guided by the principles of humanity and solidarity.

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Geneva has also been the scene of numerous humanitarian events in connection with the Confederation's 700th anniversary (see p. 385).

Lastly, the humanitarian activities of the Confederation and its institutions, particularly the ICRC, are illustrated by an exhibition of photographs on display at the ICRC headquarters from 1 June to 31 October 1991.