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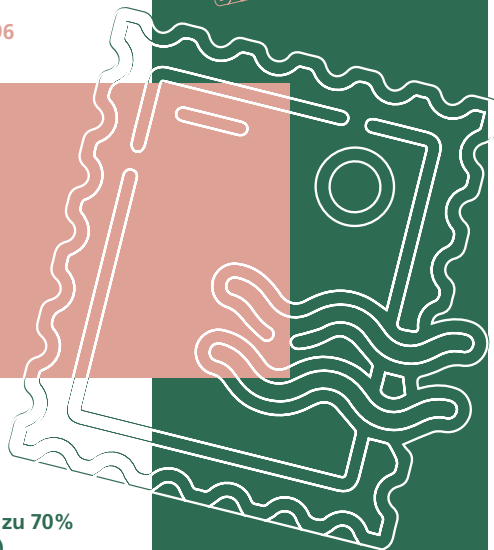
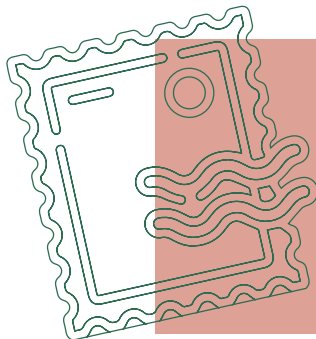
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## I CAMPAGNOLI

Corsican polyphonies

### FAREWELL TOUR

**Saturday 17.5.25 8pm**  
JU Les Genevez (Church)

**Sunday 18.5.25 5pm**  
VS Savièse (church)

**Tuesday 20.5.25 8pm**  
VD Echallens (church)

**Wednesday 21.5.25 8pm**  
NE La Chaux-de-Fonds

**Thursday 22.5.25 3pm**  
FR Fribourg (Capucins)

**Friday 23.5.25 8pm**  
VS Riddes (church)

**Saturday 24.5.25 8pm**  
VS Monthey (church)

**Sunday 25.5.25 5pm**  
VS Trient (Abbey)

# Humble servants

**Luke 17, 5-10:  
'The apostles  
said to the Lord:  
Increase  
our faith.**

.....

**And so it is with you;  
when you have  
done everything  
prescribed for you,  
say: 'We are  
useless servants;  
we have done what  
we had to do.**

We could call this passage of the Gospel: the ***Gospel of the Apostles novitiate!*** Christ gives them a famous lesson in humility! Wasn't it necessary to transform fragile presumptuous people, dreamers of first places, into humble bearers of the **Good News**? His teaching can be summed up in two complementary propositions:

- You, my good apostles, need God.
- But God wants to need you!

And it is these apostles, these 'lucky ones' of faith, who say to him, with a feeling of infinite poverty: Increase our faith! These are comforting words for us, who so often complain about our lack of faith and our doubts. We, who have ten times as many reasons to cry out to the Lord: Increase our faith. Yes, we need God. **Faith is a GIFT from God.** We shouldn't forget that. It is a gift.



Of course, **there is a part of faith that comes from men and women**: we need to cultivate a deep desire to seek the truth, and great loyalty to recognise it through the signs and winks of God. But there is also, and above all, **God's part**: Firstly, in the sense that he places on our path the traces and signs of his presence.

But above all through his grace of illumination, which enables men and women of good faith to recognise and decode these signs.

Can we imagine Mother Teresa saying to Jesus: *You see, what I've done for you, give me a sweet death and a good place up there?* Isn't being a servant to the point of total selflessness exactly what Jesus himself was on earth?

The other words of the Gospel: *'You are useless servants'* must have been difficult for the apostles to digest. Here's what's clear: when you've worked hard for the kingdom.

When you've sacrificed cosy evenings with family or friends to go and host meetings. When you've given your time and money to the cause. When you've spent a lifetime devoting yourself to the Church: you're useless servants! is not necessarily what you'd like to hear! Fortunately, the Gospel also speaks of those faithful and efficient servants to whom the Master will give joy. But these are precisely the servants who have understood that their action is only useful and effective if it is made fruitful by God's action. *Without me you can do nothing*; Christ tells us. But He could have added: *With me, you can work miracles*.

You are useless servants; but if you allow yourselves to be loved by God, *I will no longer call you servants but my friends*.

So, useless servants that we are, let us become humble servants, because we are animated, illuminated and transfigured by the Spirit of Jesus.

**Marco Cattaneo, Director**

# Goodbye Bernhard

***Mr Bernhard Gauch (I'll call him Bernhard the following text) who celebrated his 80 birthday in January 2025, will leave our Œuvre on 3 March 2025 after 50 years faithful and loyal service.***

## **BERNHARD GAUCH: HALF A CENTURY IN THE SERVICE OF OUR WORK**

Since he took up his post on 1 March 1975, Bernhard has never ceased to devote himself to the various departments, including secretariat, reception, accounts, personnel management, translator, donor relations, and so on. I'm always impressed when he tells me, in all simplicity, that he's known four directors, Father Bernardin Wild, Father Bruno Fürer, Nicolas Scherer and myself, and at the same time he confides in me that knowing a 5<sup>th</sup> director would be too much for him (laughs)!

And I tell him: "Yes, it would be a lot, because then you'd realise how old you are (laughs)! Bernhard is truly a humble servant; he has never refused a task and has carried it out with the seriousness, joy and good humour that characterise him. He was a very humble and humane person who had the gift of welcoming all those who, at one time or another, needed an answer to a question, an opinion, some advice, or a sympathetic ear to listen to the suffering of the residents of the Fribourg home (380 people at the start of his involvement).

What a joy it is today to see this young man of 80, who comes mainly with passion, put himself at the service of the various donors to thank them for their gestures of solidarity.



Over the years, Bernhard has forged many friendships with all of you, and I realise this especially when I visit donors, who ask me if Bernhard is still working and in good health. I find that very touching.



For me, Bernhard, you've always been there, with a cheerful 'hello' and little anecdotes from your memories of our work. If I could describe you - and here I'm taking the liberty of using the 'you' so that I can be closer to you - I'd say that you were a discreet, loyal, honest, hard-working, supportive, respectful, kind, non-angry, interested and passionate man, and all this filled with great humility.

I'm sad to see you go, because with you, Bernhard, we're leaving behind a part of the memory of everyday life in the Fribourg home. But I'm sure of one thing: our paths will cross again, and we'll be able to share the memories of all those years of service.

Dear Bernhard, enjoy a well-deserved rest, to you, our friend who will always remain engraved in our hearts.

**Your friend Marco (your last manager)**  
and I would like to join all those who have worked  
with you over the past half-century.



# 110 scholarship holders in 2024

***In 2024, the Fondation Œuvre Saint-Justin has decided to maintain a large number of scholarships in Switzerland and abroad, so that the mission of the Œuvre Saint-Justin continues to represent a path of hope for all those men and women who dare to knock on our door in order to be able to follow the path of education in the service of a better world.***

On the following pages of our Bulletin you will find detailed information on where our students come from, the courses they take and where they study, both in Switzerland and abroad. There is a continuing trend to support these young people in their home countries, mainly for cost reasons.

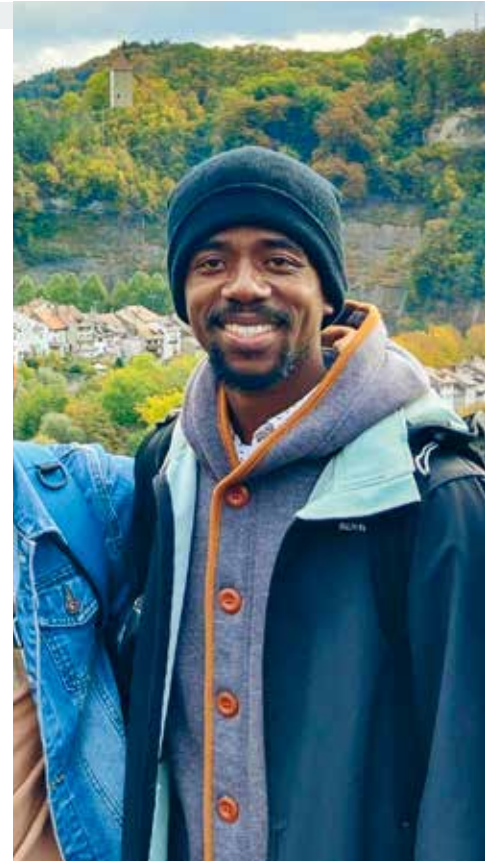
## **19 NEW GRADUATES**

### **Great joy and hope for our world.**

During 2024, we were delighted by the successes of 11 young men and 8 young women, 6 in Switzerland and 13 abroad. You will find full details of these new graduates in the pages dedicated to them.

Their smiles are full of joy and, above all, give them great hope that they will be able to enter the world of work through appropriate training that will enable them to contribute all their knowledge and know-how to their country.

The mission of the Œuvre Saint-Justin is like a drop of water in the ocean. This may seem insignificant, but all those who put themselves at the service of the mission are certain that despite this notion of smallness, it is



**Robel Alemayehu, Ethiopian**



necessary and vital for many of the world's young men and women if they are to believe in a better future. It is a work that God has hoped for and supported since its creation. He alone knows what these young men and women need to live and be worthy of our humanity. It's a beautiful mission, and one that is so important for our world today. It represents peace and joy on earth.

We're repeating ourselves, but we insist: *it's a great satisfaction, a great joy and even a source of pride to have contributed to the success of these young professionals, whose countries need them so badly.*

Through your generous gestures of solidarity, you are also playing your part in these successes, and that's why we'd like to thank you, dear loyal donors and readers. Nothing would be possible without you, and we very much hope to be able to count on you in the future too. You are a source of joy and peace for this world in the making.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue and that the joy of our mission touches your heart.

Dec 33, 2024

Dear Members of the Justinus Foundation

I hope you are all doing well. I'm writing to say a big thank you for everyone at the Justinus Foundation and to share how your help has changed my life and studies. The scholarship you gave me for my Master's in Sustainable Water Resources was a huge help. It not only made my studies more affordable but also opened the door for me to go further. Now, I'm working on a PhD in Vadose Zone Hydrology, where I hope to help solve water problems around the world. I wouldn't be here without kindness. Your support for students like me gives us hope and chances we might not have had otherwise. As I move forward in my career, I plan to help the foundation in any way I can. This might be through donations, speaking up for the foundation, or working together on projects. The Justinus Foundation has been so important in my life, and I feel very lucky to have received your help. I will always think of the foundation and its members with great respect and thankfulness.

With sincere thanks,

  
Robert Fikadu Diemayehu

# Scholarships in Switzerland in 2024

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS24

Women	5
Men	19

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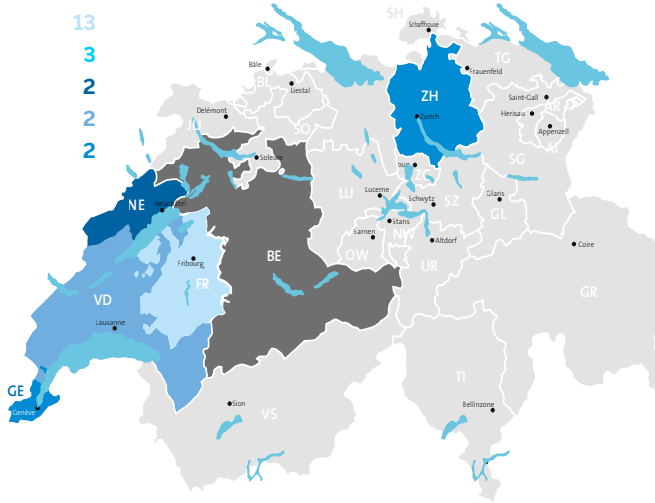
Benin	1	Madagascar	2
Bolivia	1	Morocco	1
Burkina Faso	1	Nepal	1
Burundi	1	Rwanda	3
Cameroon	3	Senegal	1
Ethiopia	1	Togo	2
Gambia	1	Switzerland	1
India	2	Brazil	1
Liberia	1		

STUDIES

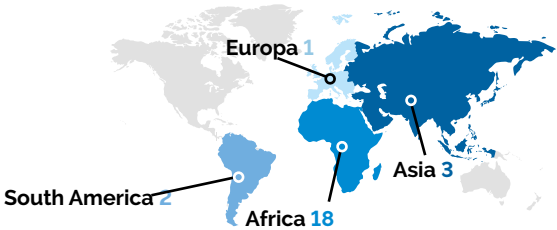
Theology, ethics	9
Humanities, sociology, education	4
Economics	2
Engineering, sustainable development, environment	6
Life sciences	1
Communication, IT	1
Law	1

STUDY LOCATIONS

Bern	2
Fribourg	13
Geneva	3
Neuchâtel	2
Vaud	2
Zurich	2



ORIGIN



Italy	1
France	2
Austria	1
Belgium	1

Theology, psychology, philosophy	6
Education sciences, social work	21
Economics, management, human resources	10
Communication, IT	3
Technical studies, engineering	2
Medicine, health	13
Life sciences	1
Sustainable and local development environment	27
Legal studies	1
Administration	1
Journalism	1



# Mother Teresa



# GOD LOVES HE WHO GIVES WITH JOY

*The best way to show our gratitude to God and to people is  
to accept everything with joy.  
Never let sorrow drown you to the point of forgetting the joy  
of the Risen Christ.*

*We all aspire to Heaven where God is, but we have  
the power to find ourselves in Heaven even now:  
We only need to be happy with Him in the present moment.*

*But being happy with Him now means:*

*Loving as He loves  
Helping as He helps  
Giving as He gives  
Serving as He serves  
Saving as He saves*

*Being with Him twenty-four hours a day  
Touching Him disguised in misery  
In the poor and in those who suffer.*

*A joyful heart is the natural result of a heart burning  
with love.  
It is the gift of the Spirit, a sharing in the joy of Jesus living  
within the soul.*

*Let us keep in our hearts the joy of God's love and share  
this joy by loving one another,  
As He loves each of us.  
May God bless us. Amen.*

**Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997)**

***The optional memory  
of Mother Teresa of  
Calcutta  
(1910-1997), beatified  
by John Paul II in 2003  
and canonised by Francis  
in 2016, is now  
included in the general  
Roman calendar.  
The feast of Mother Teresa  
on 5 September will  
therefore be celebrated  
all over the world.***



# 19 scholarship holders graduated in 2024

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le 03/09/24  
Antsirake

Cher Patron,

Je vous écris pour vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude pour l'octroi d'une bourse d'études complète pour les trois années de ma licence, incluant l'hébergement et des accessoires utiles tels qu'un vélo, imperméable, flash...

Grâce à votre générosité et à votre soutien, j'ai pu poursuivre mes études dans les meilleures conditions possibles et me consacrer pleinement sur mon apprentissage. Je suis particulièrement reconnaissant pour l'aide apportée pour mon logement et mon déplacement.

Je vous remercie encore une fois de votre générosité et de votre confiance en moi. Je suis honorée d'avoir été choisie comme bénéficiaire de cette bourse. Je vous souhaite une longue vie et que Dieu vous Bénisse!

Ata

RATOLOJANAHARY Rivo Hararyto

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1. Ayedje Maxim, Togo

2. Rivo Arinjato Ratolojanahary, Madagascar

## 6 IN SWITZERLAND AND 13 ABROAD

COUNTRY	NAME	UNIVERSITY	DEGREE
Ethiopia	ALEMAYEHU Robel Fikadu	ETH Zurich	MAS in Sustainable Water Resources
Liberia	SANNOR Laryee Alieu	ETH Zurich	MAS in Sustainable Water Resources
Bolivia	ESPEJO GUTIERREZ Gabriela Grisel	Universität Bern	MSc in Climate Sciences
Togo	HELLE Kodjovi	University of Fribourg	Master of Theology
Gambia	KOLLEY Yusupha	International Institute in Geneva	BSc in Computer Science
Burkina Faso	KIMA Roland Windébé	University of Geneva	Master of Science in Education
Togo	<b>1</b> AYEDJE Maxim	Ecole IMT Mines Alès - France	MS in Mining Exploitation and Environment
Rwanda	NDINDABAHIZI Alexis	Université Catholique de Louvain - Belgium	Doctorate in Theology
Congo	<b>9</b> TEGEMEYA NTAMUSHOBORA Déborah	University of Goma	Doctorate in Medicine
Rwanda	<b>10</b> MUGENI Alice	Institut Catholique de Kabgayi	Bachelor in Rural and Urban Development
Rwanda	<b>8</b> BERWA ISHIMWE Emelyne	Institut Catholique de Kabgayi	Bachelor of Education
Congo	<b>7</b> LIBAKU MUHINDO Martin	University of Goma	Doctorate in Medicine
Madagascar	<b>2</b> RATOLOJANAHARY Rivo Arinjato	ESSVA, Antsirabe	Bachelor of Science and Techniques in Education
Madagascar	<b>4</b> VOLASOA Lucienne Arlette	ESSVA, Antsirabe	Bachelor's degree in science and education techniques
Madagascar	<b>3</b> RAVALOSOA Jean Elysé	ESSVA, Antsirabe	Bachelor's degree in science and education techniques
Madagascar	<b>5</b> BAKOLINIRINA Rosa	ESSVA, Antsirabe	Bachelor's degree in science and education techniques
Togo	AYEDJE Eyras Blandine	HEST - Togo	Bachelor in Legal Sciences
Kenya	ONGANGA MASEA Benjamin	Kisii University - Kenya	Bachelor of Human Resource Management
Congo	<b>6</b> NAMWANA BATSIBUHE Edith	Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs	Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Education

### 3. Jean-Elysé Ravalosoa, Madagascar

#### 4. Lucienne Arlette Valaso, Madagascar

## 5. Rosa Bakolinirina, Madagascar

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### Légende

RESULTAT DE SOUTIENANCES DES BOURSIERS CH MARSA 2021 SCIENCES ET TECHNIQUES DE L'EDUCATION SEME ANNEE				
N°	NOM ET PRENOM	THEME	Note attribuée	Mention
1	RATOLOJAHARY Rivo Harinanto	LE THEATRE : SOURCE DE MOTIVATION LORS DE L' ENSEIGNEMENT APPRENTISSAGE DU FRANCAIS	15/20	BIEN
2	VOLASCA Lilianne Jolito	ENSEIGNEMENT APPRENTISSAGE DE LA LINGUISTIQUE N° UN SEGMENT ET SES APPLICATIONS DANS LA VIE COURANTE	14,5/20	BIEN
3	BAROLINSIRIANA Reta	CONTRIBUTION A LA MAITRISE DES AUXILIAIRES ETRE ET AVOIR AU TRAVAIL CONFESSE DANS LE CADRE DE L'EVALUATION TRANSACTIONNELLE	16/20	TRES BIEN
4	DAVALISOA Jean ely	ENSEIGNEMENT APPRENTISSAGE DES ANGLES	15,5/20	ASSEZ BIEN

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*Si Mboliana*

La Coordinatrice des boursiers

Mrs. Marisa Gabry

Le Recteur de l'ESSVA.

*[Signature]*  
 Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology



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6. Edith Namwana Batsibuhe, Congo DRC
7. Martin Libaku Muhindo, Congo DRC
8. Emelyne Berwa Ishimwe, Rwanda
9. Déborah Tegemeya Ntamushobora, Congo DRC
10. Alice Mugeni, Rwanda

# To our loyal donors

***'Thank you  
for paying  
attention  
to this  
message,  
it concerns  
you in  
particular!'***

By the time this newsletter reaches your hands, the new Director will have been elected and appointed by the CEUVRE SAINT-JUSTIN Foundation Board.

At the initiative of Anne-Elisabeth, who is in charge of housekeeping, a time of prayer open to all the staff at the Fribourg site has been set up every Wednesday before noon, so that the people responsible for finding and electing the Director can be assisted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For my part, I'm going to start tidying up my office (with a few tears) so that it (the office) can welcome this new person and so that he or she can, without waiting too long, get to grips with his or her new role...

I'm going to accompany her for a while to hand over the files awaiting decision, the projects in progress and mainly to answer her questions so that she receives the score for managing the people who work in this institution.







I leave this post with great joy for all that has been achieved during these 19 years in the service of peace in the world and witness to God's love, through these paths offered to the young women and men of these emerging countries so that they in turn become witnesses to a world at peace filled with God's love.

But it's not without sadness that I say goodbye or farewell to all of you who have enabled me to experience this journey of solidarity.

I give thanks to God for the people who have trusted me and given me the strength to accomplish this mission. I'm thinking especially of the late Mgr Bernard Genoud, but above all of my wife, my children and those close to me who have often encouraged and supported

me during difficult times. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this incredible Saint Justin mission.

**Marco Cattaneo, Director**





Wonderful  
encounters





# COMMENT NOUS AIDER À ACCOMPLIR NOTRE MISSION WIE SIE UNS BEIM ERFÜLLEN UNSERER MISSION HELFEN KÖNNEN HOW TO HELP US FULFIL OUR MISSION

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Mit einer Geste der Solidarität und Freude wie :  
Through a gesture of solidarity and joy, such as:

- un don / eine Spende / a donation
- un legs / einem Legat / a bequest
- un parrainage / einer Patenschaft / a sponsorship
- un versement au fonds Ste Rita en faveur des personnes en détresse  
einer Einzahlung an den Fonds der Heilige Rita,  
zu Gunsten von Menschen in Not  
a payment to the St Rita fund for people in distress
- un versement au fonds d'entraide Ste Monique pour la formation de prêtres, religieux et religieuses

einer Einzahlung an den Fonds des Monika Dienstes,  
für die Ausbildung von Priestern, Ordensmännern  
und Ordensfrauen

a payment to the St Monique mutual aid fund for the  
training of priests and religious

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## STE RITA'S CELEBRATION

FRIBOURG **22.5.25 10 AM AND 6.30 PM**  
(10am mass is bilingual)  
+ Surprise concert **3 PM**  
LUCERNE **24.5.25 11 AM**



Ste Rita's Celebration



## I CAMPAGNOLI

Corsican polyphonies

**THURSDAY 22.5.2025 3 PM**  
Fribourg (Capucins)  
Ste Rita's Celebration



I Campagnoli's concert



## ST-JUSTIN'S CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY 1.6.25**

**MASS AT 10.30 AM** in the chapel of St Justin



St-Justin's Celebration



25<sup>th</sup>



## AUCTION SALE OF STAMPS

**FRIDAY 7.10.25**  
VISUAL INSPECTION OF LOTS  
**SATURDAY 18.10.25**  
AUCTION SALE

The catalogue will be sent at the  
beginning of October 2025, so please  
save these dates in your diary.



Auction sale of stamps

## LIGHT OF PEACE

**SUNDAY 14.12.2024 5.00 PM**  
FRIBOURG, LOCATION AS YET  
UNKNOWN



Light of peace



## ST-NICOLAS PARTY

**FRIDAY 5.12.2025**  
**MASS IN THE CHAPEL 6.15 PM**  
**PARTY WITH ST NICHOLAS 7.00 PM**



St-Nicholas



# Scholarship



My name is Boris Lambrev. I applied for a scholarship in August 2015. I had already been living in the St-Justin hostel in Fribourg for three years while studying at the University of Fribourg. But the master's degree I wanted could only be done in Geneva. So I needed accommodation and help. The CŒuvre St-Justin agreed to give me a room in the Geneva hostel, as well as a full scholarship, which I applied for a little later.

I was very excited about my move to Geneva because one chapter of my student life had been completed and a new one was about to begin. I wanted to do this second master's in neuroscience because I'm very interested in how the brain works. The psychology I had studied didn't give me a satisfactory explanation. After three years in Geneva, I successfully defended my neuroscience work on the effect of sleep deprivation on attention and attention-related brain waves on 28 January 2019.

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During those three years, I was a full scholarship holder. In return, I helped to keep the hostel running smoothly. The tasks were fairly easy and didn't interfere with my studies. I manned the reception desk once or twice a week. I looked after the telephone so that residents could call in an emergency. I took out the rubbish bins on Sundays. I helped with the recycling and I closed the terrace in the evenings. I also helped out at various events at the home.

I was very happy with my stay, because I was living in a very beautiful city, in a pleasant location, which enabled me to study at a university known the world over. I was also happy to take part in the life of the host family. I made some very good friendships with young people from all over the world, which I hope to keep for life. CŒuvre St-Justin also funded my stay in Amsterdam where I went to a conference on sleep. An incredible opportunity, given that the conference focused on the subject of my work with some very renowned professionals in the field of neuroscience. To thank the CŒuvre I organised a presentation on sleep at the home.

I am extremely grateful to CŒuvre St-Justin. I hope to keep the links I have established in Switzerland with the people in charge and the people at the Charity.

**Boris Lambrev**