



Na Bolom.ch
Aims for an Active 2022

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To all of you readers of Na Bolom.ch Newsletter we salute you and express our gratitude for accompanying us through yet, another peculiar year since 2021 was a sort of a continuation to the 2020 Covid-19 one.

We are grateful to come to an end of 2021 with few but quite interesting activities which took place mainly by digital platform; so far, the prospect for 2022 is something quite alike but we are resilient, like our Mother Earth, and hope for the best to come to all members and their families, and friends.

Our thoughts go, no doubt, to the spirit of Gertrude -Trudi- Blom, our inspiration. For Trudi, Christmas time was a season of joy and tenderness and gifts and, yes, donations to the House of the Jaguar. She used to make memorable feasts to friends from all over the world including, of course, the Lacandons from Naha. Festive meals she will prepare with Beti -doña Beatriz Mijangos Zenteno-, gifts she will have found here and there and wrapped them in colorful papers to be given to children and adults, *piñatas* all over places in the patios and gardens of Na Bolom... Trudi cherished the spirit of peace and tenderness that comes with Christmas' time in México.

It was the time as well to render news to friends and donors about the House of the Jaguar success and productivity during the year. That's why she started her famous Newsletter of the Year, firstly in English then bilingual to Spanish.

We, at Na Bolom.ch have taken years such trail and so, here you will know, in case you missed some of our endeavors, what we did in 2021.

Happy to hear your comments in return.

And yes, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ACTIVITIES IN 2021

26 January: *World Environmental Education Day*. Ms Cristina Ibarra Reynoso, a Human Rights official, presented us a conference on such topic, with the historic point of view on

how Mexico was a pioneer in environmental education and as creator of nature parks. It was published on our social media -web page and FaceBook.

21 April: Curtesy visit by the Na Bolom.ch President and Treasurer to Mexican Ambassador Cecilia Jaber, at the Mexican Embassy in Bern, to explore avenues for possible cooperation around future events.

22 April: *50th anniversary of the International Mother Earth Day*. In a very special event that revolved around author Zahi Haddad's book "126 heart beats for international Geneva" we were proud to count among us Haddad from Switzerland, James Nikitine of Manaia Productions and Marine Conservation from New Zealand, and Alfredo Cuarón, Environmental Services, Biological Conservation and Education (SACBE) from Mexico, in a panel presentation of their particular and sensitive work, moderated by journalist Kyra Núñez. The event gathered together several members of the association from around the world. It was relayed by digital platform but due to technical problems it wasn't registered and so, we use the opportunity to express once again our regrets to the panelists.

On such international anniversary as well, Nuria Font de Berlioz, Na Bolom.ch's president took part in a round table discussion organized by Radio Cité, in Geneva, Switzerland.

June: Members were informed that, as a consequence of COVID-19, the yearly meeting of the organization's assembly had to be postponed to 2022.

7 July: *118^o anniversary of the birth of Trudi and the 8th anniversary of Na bolom.ch*. both wonderful occasions were celebrated with a very special participation, that of María Georgina Bonifaz Mijangos, who shared with us from the US, fantastic and episodes of the life of Trudi in Chiapas, whom she met as a child. The recording of such emotional souvenirs can be enjoyed again in our social media.

The Executive Committee did not pass the day without celebrating it. A social gathering to toast the achievements realized so far by Na Bolom.ch under Trudi's environmental legacy and to the future of our association took place in a virtual platform.

18 September: Sale of Mexican handicrafts at Café Viverra in Geneva, Switzerland to gather funds for Na Bolom.ch

October: Kyra Núñez, Honorary President and Responsible for projects and relations with Na Bolom AC took part in the General Assembly of Na Bolom AC, (San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas) via digital platform.

13 October: *International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction*. The special date was taken seriously by our Association, organizing a conference by famous scientist Dr. Silvia Ramos Hernández, Director at the Instituto de Investigación de Riesgos y Cambio Climático, at the Universidad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas (UNICACH). Dr. Ramos made her virtual

presentation focusing in the present state of the world suffering the malignant effects of climate change; she alerted us on the urgent need to rectify plans and policies to stop the deterioration of Mother Earth. Silvia Ramos Hernández is the 2021 recipient of the “Rosario Castellanos Medal” granted by the Congress of the State of Chiapas and handed over by the Governor of the State. Her conference to Na Bolom.ch can be viewed at our Web Page.

Finally, in order to stay en touch and be more active, we have opened a WhatsApp Group exclusively to share news and invitations to events.

At the closing of 2021 the total number of members is 179 in 12 countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, France, India, Mexico, Nepal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

We count on you to spread the word about Na bolom.ch and invite your family and friends to join us in our efforts to achieve the objectives of our Association!

Best wishes from Na Bolom.ch Executive Committee 2019-2021