

# ACCU Report

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### CHIPP Meeting 3/7/2019

Starting from 2019 I have become the Swiss ACCU representative.

I have attended two meeting until now:

ACCU/123 – 5/3/2019

ACCU/124 – 11/6/2019

Many topics have been discussed: the hostel, restaurants, e-mobility, bikes, ...

Here I will just mention 4 topics which attracted more attention.

#### **There was only one “Swiss” issue:**

Michael Droege from ETHZ complained that as a retired person he has no access to CERN.

Catherine Decosse (EP) answered that CERN does not want to grant a default automatic access. Anybody interested has to apply for a personal permission to the head of the EP department.

## 1) CERN Hostel

The common perception is that one cannot reserve a room for some periods, e.g. CMS-week. On the other hand the average hostel occupancy is only 61%.

The main reason is that people reserve rooms just in case and then free them too late for others to be able to use them.

Many statistical analyses have been done, but it is not clear what the solution is.

The reservation period has been reduced from 1 year to 4 months.

Payment for canceled reservations has been rejected.

## 2) Medical insurance for short CERN contracts with Allianz

It is for people who stay for a few months at CERN and have no “home” insurance.

It is a group insurance so people cannot select individually. It affects only ~300 people.

ACCU seems to be the only body which can decide although no ACCU member is affected.

Cost increase (15%) and a wider coverage accepted.

### 3) Taxation

The French tax office wants to start taxing some CERN payments

This first created a huge outrage and protests.

But, it seems that there are ~2% of **subsistence payments**, payed from Institute accounts (so not CERN) above 5000 CHF per months, with some reaching above 7k!

This is much above the CERN subsistence limit which is 24k/6 months.

Very likely France will start to tax such payments. The intention of CH is not yet known

### 4) Microsoft licenses

Microsoft will change its licensing scheme and switch to a scheme where licenses will cost per user. As the number of users the number of cern accounts will be used (~40k). This will results in a huge increase of the cost (4.5M in2028).

Apparently it is not only the Office software, a lot of very basic software, e.g. authorization & collaboration services are from Microsoft.