

Bericht Präsidium

I had two bigger projects this semester:

First was getting the organization open for its members again. Which took a lot of effort but with Jonas his help we put our lock system on all the doors such that the ressorts can open again for its users.

Second was the Assoziierungsvertrag with VSETH. Had multiple talks with VSETH and ETH such that we have an Aktennotiz from the Rektorat and a contract that will be presented the SOSETH VV and the VSETH MR to vote on.

Otherwise I was helping out where I was needed such as VSOS, ISG and trying my best to help with the Selbstanzeige. But also did my duties and organised Boardmeetings and the General Assembly.

Bericht Public Relations

This summer, we launched our WhatsApp community, which now has around 500 members. We also revived our Instagram pages, @soseth_official and / @soseth_hot_mess, where we post stories about the activities taking place within the association.

In the Erstibeg, you could find our gadget: a tool for cleaning your computer screen and keyboard, along with some stickers. We printed a total of 12 different stickers, divided into 3 collections.

Finally, we contacted several faculty association magazines to publish the programme of the Ressort Kino, with which we collaborated. They will be printed soon, and you will find them in the Blitz, Exsikkator, and Visionen binders.

Bericht Internal Affairs

ETH and VSETH related tasks and obligations got picked up by the presidency. Also a member, Karlo Piskor, stepped up to help out with making sure everything is in order and to make sure people had enough to drink and eat to work hard on their SOSETH related tasks.

Bericht Quästur

Mutation of the active treasurers

The new treasurers, Marc and Aaron, were voted in at the last Vereinsversammlung on the 27th of May 2025. The treasurers are currently Marc Carigiet, Urs Walther and Aaron Heiniger. All treasurers hold the same responsibilities and rights within the treasuring ressort. On the topic of taxes and other tasks: Urs Walther told the new treasurers (Marc Carigiet and Aaron Heiniger) that taxes will be a topic which is to be discussed. Next to the day-to-day operations of the treasure department (meaning creating reports, reimbursing money and keeping the books overall tidy and understandable) Marc Carigiet yielded information on when the taxes were last paid. To make things even with the tax authority and in order to ensure the documentation for future treasurers, a so called "Selbstanzeige" had to be created.

Explanation of Selbstanzeige

A Selbstanzeige is the process with which taxable objects (of which SOSETH turned into one during non-reported periods) can report the unlawful non-payment of taxes themselves. In return, the tax authority employs less strict measures for possible occurring legal processes.



Status Quo

We never paid any taxes since 2004 under the understanding of the current treasurers and no tax statement has been filled out since then. Which means, for over 20 years, SOSETH has not been reporting to the tax authority of Zurich. After that initial definition of the backlog, Marc Carigiet started collecting rough estimates of the wealth of SOSETH at the end of each year, for the last 10 years. We did not look at years before that, as these are beyond the statutes of limitations. The result of this was that depending on the value of our inventory we might have had to pay taxes in all of the previous 10 years.

Retroactive creation of an inventory

SOSETH did not keep track of an inventory. Meaning, any items which SOSETH has in its possession - other than bank accounts - were not indexed. In order to draft up a Selbstanzeige the inventory had to be retroactively defined. Marc Carigiet asked for an inventory of each resort. At the same time, treasurer Marc Carigiet, with the help of active SOSETH members, went through all records of the last 10 years and extracted the relevant purchases. Under the consideration of a theoretical book value, a current preliminary but incomplete inventory was created. For items found in the inventory which could not be associated with existing records, an estimation of the value was done. This estimation was aimed to display an upper bound of the item's actual taxable value in order to not report too little taxable wealth. The estimate was created under consideration of current purchasable rates of identical or similar products on portals like Ricardo.ch, tutti.ch and similar. Since this task is best distributed amongst the different ressorts each Ressortleiter was tasked to create an inventory of their respective ressort. We received most of the inventories of the ressorts either within our deadlines or within an acceptable time after the passing of them. In one case, we had to construct an inventory without full knowledge of gifts this ressort has received in recent years. In this case we once more estimated an upper limit of 5000 CHF for their worth after a viewing of the items that could be affected.

Annual reports

Retroactively, annual reports were written. Since our booking periods had no defined structure, Marc Carigiet had to create such an annual report for each missing year out of unstructured transaction documents. To prevent the need to do such retroactive reporting in the future, we would like to implement the creation of an annual report into the standard operations of the treasure ressort starting 2026.

Completion of the Selbstanzeige

The Selbstanzeige was handed in with a delay of about a month on October 15th 2025. After this date, only typos and formal errors were still changed. After that, the board voted on accepting the Selbstanzeige. One concrete inventory sheet that would have brought light to the outstanding gifts received in recent years was not incorporated as it reached us after the finalization of the Selbstanzeige and after the board accepted it being sent in via Zirkularbeschluss and multiple rounds of feedback having been heard from the board.

Other Updates

It has come to show that the option to do the invoicing digitally is poorly adopted, as almost all invoices reached treasuring over the physical paper channel.



Outlook

Finish incorporating the Inventory into our bookkeeping, activating it for end of this period. Finish off the Selbstanzeige, entailing responding to any questions of the Steueramt and eventually paying the outstanding tax amount.

Bericht Kino

Since last Vereinsversammlung, in which Elias didn't re-run for the board, Raphael D. G. has been leading Ressort Kino alone. Raphael is willing to continue to (co-)lead Kino, but would very much prefer to share tasks and responsibilities with another co-lead again.

Rückblick FS 2025 & HS 2025 to date

Like every semester, we've been screening movies almost¹ every Wednesday of FS 2025 & HS 2025. Audience numbers continue to vary widely from screening to screening. We regularly invite interested audience members for a short guided tour of the screening cabin (Filmkabine).

In HS 2025, we're glad to welcome Nikola Petkovic as a new active team member. Some of the existing team members aren't that active this semester, mostly due to timetable incompatibilities or high workload in their day jobs.

On 2025-10-15 we had an evening full of short movies instead of a single feature movie. This Short Movie Event was well-received. Gabriele has made some nice visuals for both, our semester programme and the selection of short movies for this special evening. As an additional special event within our regular scheduled programme we had hoped for a screening in cooperation with ASTAZ², but their own schedule was already full.

Ausblick HS 2025 (Rest) & FS 2026

We'll continue to screen movies every Wednesday of HS 2025 (this semester even in the last semester week!³) and of course also in FS 2026.⁴

We'd like to use the winter semester break for organizing cooperations, and for choosing and scheduling the movies for FS 2026.

Bericht Digitallabor

Nothing got submitted

Bericht Soundlabor

I acquired a new drum set as the previous one was already quite old. I finally managed to clean up the studio room and install acoustic foam to help with reflections.

There was an introductory event recently, where about 14 people came to learn about the studio, eat pizza, and jam together. I also made accounts and cards for some of the people present, but not everyone got them so I'm figuring out how to distribute them to everyone who wants one.

I also sent out information on how to reserve the room and there are already some reservations.

¹We use to skip the last week of the spring semester, the week of FLiK, and the first week of the autumn semester.

²Associazione Studenti Ticinesi a Zurigo, <https://astaz.ch>

³For Wednesday 2025-12-17 we plan to screen "The Royal Tenenbaums".

⁴probably again skipping first and last semester week



Bericht Fotolabor

Rückblick

Anfang Wintersemester hat Thomas vom Fotolabor ein Treffen für Fotografie-Interessierte im Irchel organisiert. Beim Treffen lernte man sich gegenseitig kennen und wurde über den Stand des Fotolabors informiert.

Da nun das Fotolabor durch das neue Schliesssystem zugänglich gemacht wurde, war ich in den letzten drei Wochen mehrmals im MM-Fotolabor und UNG-Lager, um Umzugsabschluss vorzubereiten.

Ausblick

Der Umzugsabschluss und Wiederaufnahme des Labors im MM ist Ende November geplant.

Die Nutzerinnen und Nutzer mit aktivem Zugang während der Schliessung des TUR-Labors behalten diesen für weitere sechs Monate nach der Wiederaufnahme des Betriebs MM-Labors.

Abhalten von S/W-Einführungskursen im MM.

Bericht VSOS/IT

VSOS

In no particular order, many things happened in a short time: Proxmox and Ceph were upgraded to the newest versions. Some disks failed in quite the annoying way which was fixed by replacing them with new disks. There was also a collaboration with a viscon where we provided them with VMs for a devops workshop and got some free publicity - thanks Lukas! The 20 servers on hoengg we started to set up but they are not functional yet as network turns out to be trickier than anticipated. Also it just takes a while when you do stuff with 20 servers. We also started to onboard new people (Basil, Dennis, Michael). Also of course we did the inventory such that taxes can be handled correctly.

ISG

The lock system was quite a big part: First we got the carpenter to adjust the door frames to allow for electronic locks, then we built the lock system devices and installed them at all of the 15 doors. Of course it didn't work perfectly right away so we also did some bugfixes.

We also migrated the wiki away from dokuwiki and to wiki.js. It looks nicer, doesn't have encoding issues with special characters, and has way better search. There is now also a new password collection page instead of storing tons of passwords in wiki pages, now live at <https://secrets.sos.ethz.ch>.

What also improved is the newsletter system - it now sends automatic test newsletter whenever something is changed such that it's easier to compose a newsletter for non-technical people.

Bericht Sewing Space

Seit der letzten VV haben wir regelmässige treffen im Sewing Space organisiert. Diese werden zurzeit gut und gerne besucht, mit einer durchschnittlichen Anzahl von 10-15 Teilnehmer pro Session. Einige Highlights aus den letzten paar:



- Im Pillowcase-workshop haben wir in einer kleinen Gruppe das nähen an der Nähmaschine gelernt, und wie man einen Reissverschluss mit der Nähmaschine anbringen kann.
- Zum neuen Semester haben wir ein Kick-Off Apero organisiert, bei dem über 30 Leute den Sewing Space kennen lernen und benutzen konnten. Für viele Teilnehmer, die seit dem regelmässig ins Space kommen, war dies eine coole Einführung zum Sewing Space und SOSETH generell.
- Im Pumpkin-Workshop haben wir in einer grossen Gruppe kleine Kürbisse genäht und beschmückt 🎃

In den kommenden Sessions wird eine Einführung zur Overlock-Maschine und ein kleiner Weihnachtsworkshop geplant.

