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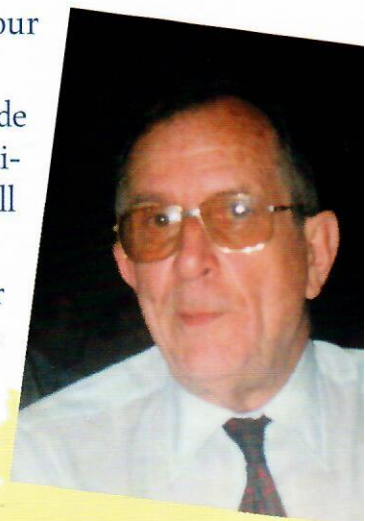
Foreword

This is the story of a very simple idea: to keep people connected. Step by step, has grown to be the complex ALLIANCE Schlumberger of today. At the same time our group has increased from 125 people in 1983 to nearly 1,300 today.

Many people contributed to this development, and their commitment is what made our success possible. They deserve as much credit as I do. For me it has been an exciting hobby all along, anything but a bore. Further progress is being made. Others will achieve pending projects that need additional technical competence.

If you meet people reluctant to join us, please tell them that many of their former colleagues regret not finding their names in our directories and miss them at reunions, and that they will be most welcome.

Bruno Berthelin



History of listings

Former employees' private addresses listing

Alan Morazzani in 1978, during a lunch at **Flopetrol**, complained that no company retirees' listing was available in Europe, whereas one existed in the USA and Canada. He wanted me to do something about it. I got the message alright but was also interested in maintaining relationship with former colleagues still active after their leaving **Schlumberger**.

When I retired, several years later in 1983, **Roland Génin** agreed that **Schlumberger** would ensure printing and mailing of listings if I prepared them and enabled free service for the people interested. Without his sponsorship I could not have done it.

At the end of 1983 our first mailing had 125 addresses. It was produced with the only available personal computer an Apple IIE, using a word processing program properly tabulated. Mailing labels were also produced as text, arranged to fit commercial labels with no link between them but a non-printed reference allowing me to find the label corresponding to a name on the listing. The printer was an electric typewriter fitted with an

interface to the computer. Data had to fit the space available on a single line and could not be adjusted by a change of scale. I had to feed the typewriter sheet by sheet. Records were on 100 Ko diskettes: soon many were needed.

In 1987 I changed the old machine for a new Apple computer with a 3 1/2" diskette drive. All data fit on one 1.4Mo diskette, but I continued on with the same text program and typewriter.

In 1991, with 600 addresses, this process was becoming impossible. By then much better machines and programs had become available. The VP Personnel, **J.D.Percevault** got me out of prehistory by giving me a Mac with a 40 Mo HD and a laser printer that I still use. I retyped addresses on a program with DataBase functions. As much information as wanted could be stored and used for sorting. More data could be printed on a single line of the listing by using a smaller printing scale. No more feeding sheet by sheet. Mailing labels were generated from the listing.

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 U.S.A.
 Venezuela
 Vietnam

This program was easy to use and I managed anything wanted in spite of limited possibilities. Still a 20 page worldwide listing took 6 to 8 hours to print with some reprocessing between countries. I changed equipment in 1998 and found a better list-management program. I now have a professional data base that can make any kind of document. Once prepared, listings and other documents are immediately available for printing or transfer.

Note that the 2001 listing has a new layout that enables us to include more information. I would like to have exactly the same on the web site because it would fit into the width of the monitor without scrolling.

As I am not capable of using the present DB for direct publication of all documents on the web, I must rely on somebody else. This is another story: see "Web listing" below.

Professional addresses of active people

In 1993 several people suggested to list also professional addresses of former employees working outside **Schlumberger**. The idea was to find business acquaintances in various countries when needed and also to help former employees, especially field engineers to find jobs with ex-colleagues. At first I was reluctant because of competition but I was the only one to worry about this, indeed this initiative was well received at **Schlumberger**.

I went back to a text-tabulated arrangement that was distributed once a year, in February, to listed people and to those who asked for it, mainly **Schlumberger** Personnel Dept. people. The project was fairly successful: end of 2000 we had 340 people listed in 45 different countries. The procedure was most inefficient, a yearly document, never being really up to date.

Beginning of year 2000, "Virtual" **Dave Sims** started his ex-slb.com where people can self register their professional record and skills. I felt that it would be a great step forward if we could work together on this part of our projects. We have not yet managed to meet and fix a common program, but there is no antagonism between us. While at **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** we privilege personal relations, he privileges professional ones. In fact we collaborate whenever we feel that former colleagues would benefit from it. Several people have found a new job through his initiative.

In October 2000, we got in contact with a contractor in order to install our databases and other facilities on a web site. As we were confident that it would be available about June 2001 we ceased updating "**ALLIANCE Active People Lists**" after mailing the February 2001 edition.

More than a year after issuing specifications in December 2000 nothing workable has come out of this project but it is not abandoned. It will only be available on the web, since all professionals have the necessary facilities they will maintain their own file through an individual password keeping it permanently up to date. You will be informed as soon as it is operational.

59 countries
 1298 people
 1384 addresses

Web listing(s)

Only in 1998 did I understand that our listings could not be treated as personal pages that many people, but me, are able to have on the web. In 2000 a girl student at the Caen University prepared what is now **<bb-one-foralliance.net>**. Since September 2000, the private addresses are available to all through a common password. I update them almost every day. A fantastic improvement compared to a once a year paper listing but still far from the facilities we would like to offer. We are not working on its development because we expect to replace it by a more efficient one as explained below.

In October 2000, we obtained the technical support of a Schlumberger affiliated organization, specifications were prepared and ready in December of that year. Qualified friends have taken over this problem.

History of the association

" ALLIANCE Schlumberger"

At the beginning of 1997 there was no organization supervising our activities. It was an individual venture without written rules. The listings had no official or legal existence. One could only speak or negotiate as an individual not as a group. There was no bank account to receive or pay money; **Schlumberger** could not help with subsidies. So organizers used their own accounts to finance the reunions. Binanville in 1993, Pfronten in 1995 and Pitlochry in 1997 were started with private money that was reimbursed when the participants had paid their share of expenses.

Such a practice could not go on. A formal structure was needed.

One of the main requirements was to continue the free distribution of information to registered ex-employees, especially a yearly hard copy listing of addresses, as agreed with the company since the origin. Only volunteers being invited to contribute dues into a controlling organization.

In addition to address directories, private and professional, we shall have, on the web site, short news, reunions information, registering forms, etc...

Personally I would like people to relate some of their own ventures, before, during or after Schlumberger. I know that some of us walked across the Sahara, climbed the Everest, crashed into Mexico with a private plane while flying from Houston to Venezuela... Many started their own business and now manufacture strange things such as special luggage, small submarines or seaplanes... I am sure that many of you have already (for Intercom ?) or could relate fascinating short stories with a few snapshots. This would be easier than a book and cost almost nothing.



The difficulties were not to decide on by-laws explained below but to find names, one for the group of listed people and another one for the organization.

During an informal meeting irrelevant or nice names such as "**Schlumberger Old Boys**" were suggested for the whole group. The preference went to "**Friends From Schlumberger**", a name that was not well accepted or used. It is now forgotten, it should be either reactivated or changed.

In Pitlochry there were a few suggestions to name the organization. Amongst them **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** proposed by Joie Bennet was preferred and 80 people signed their adhesion.

In October 1997 **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** was registered in France as a non-profit organization ("association") under the law of July 1st, 1901. The five founders **B. Berthelin, C. Boyeldieu, P. Enselme, J-D. Peyrat** and **T. Rose** constituted the temporary board of directors.

As the 80 members recruited in Scotland were enough no effort was made to find more people (however **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** has now 106 life members).

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nesco, 1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris
ion: 16 octobre 1997.

fecture de police. GROUPE DE
APPROCHE SOMATO-PSY-
.R.A.S.P.E.). *Objet*: recherche et
e tous les praticiens qui peuvent
somato-psychique des différentes
cadre d'un mouvement européen
chez le docteur Sandretto (Jean),
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Cohen (Xavier), 248, rue du Fau-
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tion de fêtes et de toute activité
chez Mme Alberts (Pascale et
75018 Paris. Date de la déclaration: 17 octobre 1997.

l'entreprise. *Siège social*: Centre européen des arts, 6, rue des
Lions-Saint-Paul, 75004 Paris. *Date de la déclaration*: 17 octo-
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1177 - Déclaration à la préfecture de police. ASSOCIATION
POUR L'ENSEIGNEMENT ET LA RECHERCHE DANS LA
LUTTE CONTRE L'INFECTION NOSOCOMIALE
(A.P.E.R.L.I.N.). *Objet*: promouvoir l'enseignement et les tra-
vaux de recherche dans les domaines de l'hygiène hospitalière
et de l'infection nosocomiale. *Siège social*: unité d'hygiène et de
lutte contre l'infection nosocomiale, G.H. Bichat - Claude-Ber-
nard, 46, rue Henri-Huchard, 75877 Paris Cedex 18. *Date de la
déclaration*: 17 octobre 1997.

1178 - Déclaration à la préfecture de police. ALLIANCE
SCHLUMBERGER. *Objet*: maintenir entre les anciens ingé-
nieurs et cadres de Schlumberger les liens d'amitié établis au
cours de leurs relations professionnelles. *Siège social*: chez
Schlumberger, 42, rue Saint-Dominique, 75007 Paris. *Date de la
déclaration*: 17 octobre 1997.

1179 - Déclaration à la préfecture de police. ASSOCIATION
MONETIQUE BILLETTIQUE (A.M.B.). *Objet*: regrouper,
autour de ses fondateurs, les personnes physiques ou morales

1172 - Déclaration à la préfecture de police. COMPAGNIE
DEMONS ET MERVEILLES. *Objet*: créer, produire, promou-
voir, diffuser ou représenter publiquement toute forme de spec-
tacles aux fins de réunir amateurs du milieu théâtral. *Siège
social*: chez M. Garnier (Jean-Claude), 12, rue Lahire,
75008 Paris. Date de la déclaration: 17 octobre 1997.

The important points of the by-laws

● **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** maintains between former **Schlumberger** engineers the bonds of trust and friendship acquired during their professional relations. This by the means of private and professional directories, news bulletins, periodic reunions and other activities.

● The only obligation to fulfill for a former employee in order to be accepted in the directories and to participate in the activities is to sign a formal request; it is not necessary to become member of **ALLIANCE Schlumberger**.

● **ALLIANCE Schlumberger's** membership is open to former **Schlumberger** employees regardless of the company they worked for. The dues for life membership are now 100 euros or 100 US\$.

● **ALLIANCE** members elect the board of directors, approve accounts and make recommendations for future decisions and activities. They meet once a year and may delegate their votes to another member.

● The board is formed of 4 members elected for 4 years, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. To help them, 4 substitutes are also elected during the members' general meeting. They meet at least once a year.

● They receive no salary or compensation for their time or travel.

ALLIANCE's income is provided by:

1. Dues from new members.
2. Contributions from participants to pay the reunion's overhead expenses.
3. A yearly fixed grant from Schlumberger for regular operating expenses.
4. Occasional Company's grants for specific projects or investments.

The first election took place in 1998 and the present board of directors was presented during our June 1998 General Meeting in 42, rue Saint-Dominique.

The current board

Claude BOYELDIEU
Jean-Daniel PEYRAT
Pierre ENSELME
Georges OLLIER
Bruno BERTHELIN

President
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
Honorary President

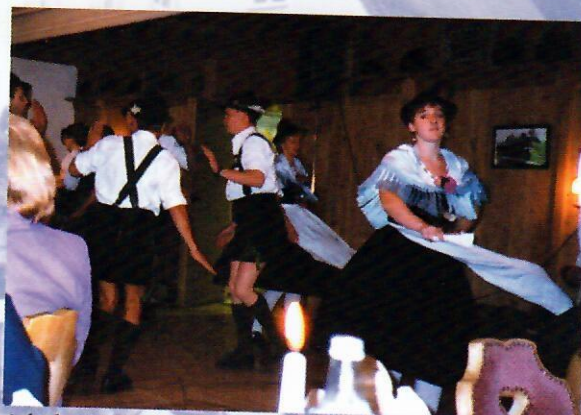
Substitutes :
Philippe SOUHAITÉ
Jacques BONSERGENT
Nicole GAUTHIER
Tom ROSE

Pfronten 1995

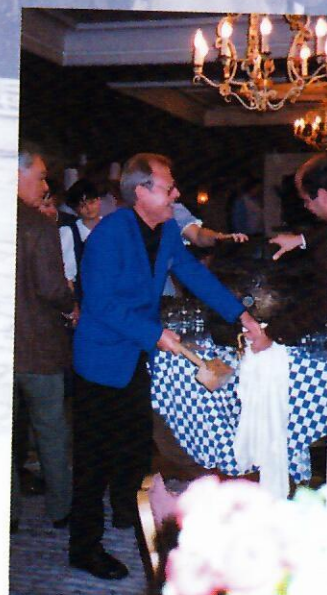
As the proportion of German attendants compared to the total number was greater than any other nationality, it was decided that next gathering should be in Germany. **Heinz Denk** offered to organize it in his native Bavarian town of Pfronten.

In May 1995, Heinz mastered a three day program with a main lunch on

Saturday and visits around the place the other days. Participants could stay from one day to as long as they wanted. This program fixed the pattern for future reunions. In spite of a poor weather and being scattered in various hotels, the 172 participants were most happy to talk about the good old days, ladies did not mind the men shooting the bull. All asked for more meetings.



Schuhplattens dance



Heinz Denk



Karl Wichtl, Olga Wichtl



Robert Ross, Bruno Berthelin, Jacques Biscay, Nicole Fiquet



Monique Biscay, Michel Fiquet, Yvonne Misk, Jacques Biscay

Pitlochry 1997

A consultative mailing in 1996 showed preference for general reunions to be held every other year and Scotland as the next

place. **Linda Ross** did all the work. She found a suitable town, Pitlochry, and an impressive hotel: the "**Atholl Palace**". She organized meals, excursions, and as the hotel receptionist was deficient, she even acted as hostess during most of the event. She deserves 100% of the credit for the Pitlochry success.



The Evans



Jean Suau, the Berthelin, Denys Piné des Granges
at Edinburgh Airport



Alice Gartner, Monique Boissière,
Jean Gartner



Denys Piné des Granges



Pitlochry 1997

Amongst the 250 attendants were several **Schlumberger** executives. Thanks to a Company grant, we had a free bar on Saturday and a souvenir gift for the ladies. On the following Monday, a golf competition was hosted by the Pitlochry Golf club. A superb but difficult course. These were felt as improvements. A few people were not too happy with their room outside the **Atholl Palace** but still promised to return next time.



Pierre Majani



Back: H. Junk, R. Brown, Poggesi Jr., E. Diemer, J.D. Peyrat, C. Boyeldieu, Ans Brown. Front: R. Poggesi, Blurette Boyeldieu, Martine Peyrat, Maria Cristina Poggesi



J.F. Delannet



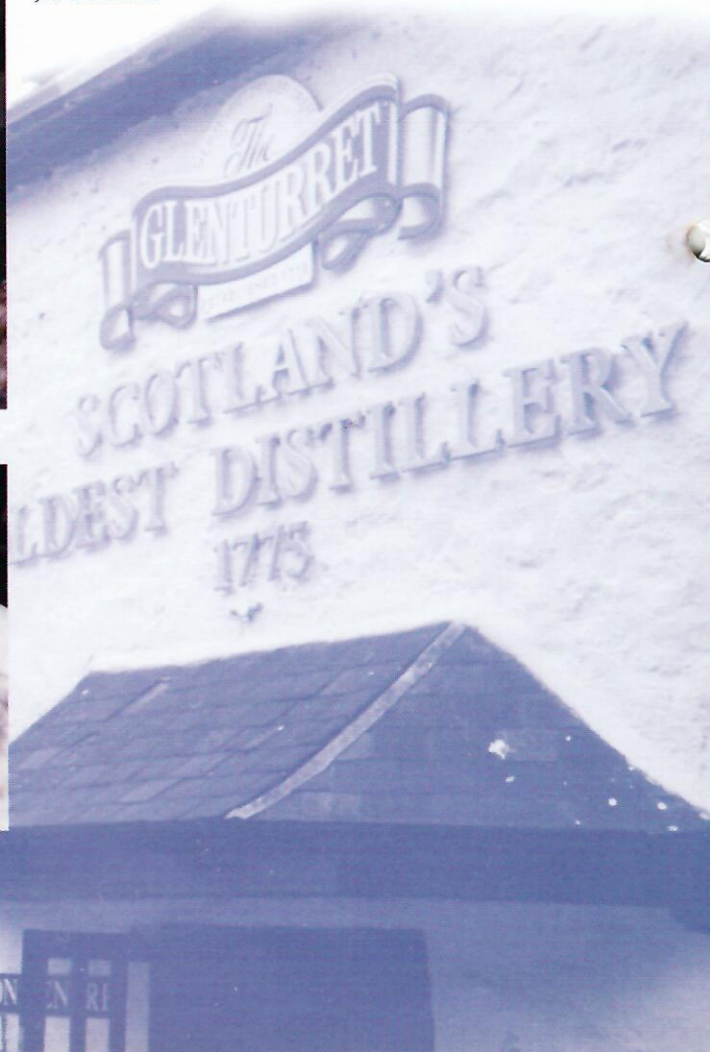
Alice Gartner



A.J. Salaber, Aline Majani



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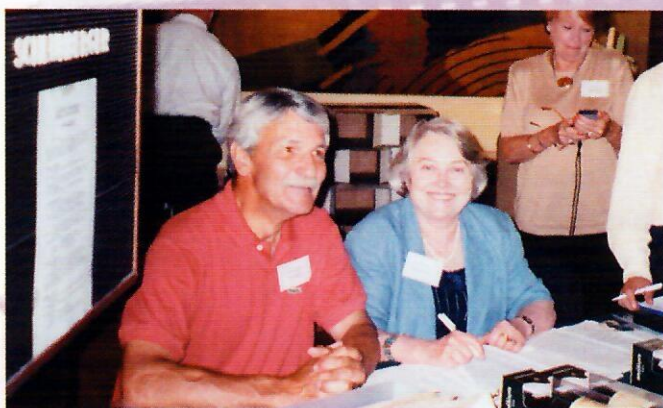


Lisbon 1999

By 1998 **ALLIANCE Schlumberger**, a non-profit organization had been set up and members had chosen Lisbon for the 1999 reunion.

Why Portugal?... Probably because this country is not an oil producer and as such was not well known by many of us. In fact only three members of our lis-

ting are registered in Portugal. After several attempts to find a suitable venue, we settled on the **Lisboa Penta hotel** in Lisbon. Maybe it was not the best choice which could have been made in Lisbon but the hotel revealed itself to be quite convenient for our kind of reunion.*



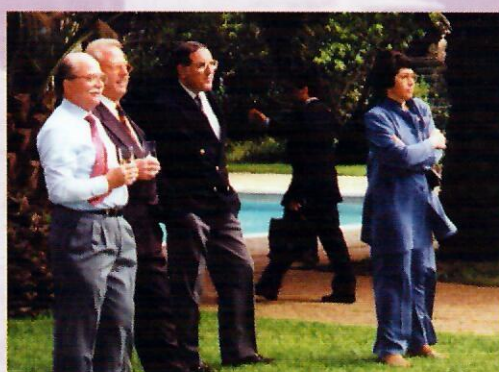
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Doris Clauss, Hildegard Junk



R. Poggesi, H. Denkl, R. and Silvia Beylis



Marja and J-P. Yver, P. Enselme, C. Massa, J. and P. Carrive, W. Müller



Monique Salaber, Vlatka Neville



On the stairs of the "Curral dos Caprinos"



Lucha and J-B. Morin, G. and Nelda Bordini



D. Kitson, D. Reed, P. Souhaité, N. Neville

Lisbon 1999



Louis Morin



Hugh and Barbara Crocker



E. Robinson, ..., Lucha Morin



P. Carrive, Françoise Loosbergh



K.-H. Jakob, Helga Jakob, Brunhilde Ruckelshausen



H. Denkl, A. Misk



A. Salaber, Luigi Riva



Dany Daubenton, P. Souhaité



Lore Müller, Franca Vaucher



M.-C. and R. Poggesi, V. Kniazeff, D. and A. Stark



J-L. Droulers dancing, P. and Andrée Chesnel



J-P. Peyrat, R. and Linda Ross



Marie-Stéphanie Berthelin,
Monique Biscay, Blurette Boyeldieu



Noël Gauthier, Vera Reverdito, M. Auberty



Claudine Durand, Vlatka Neville,
Monique Salaber



R. Heyte, M. and Hilary Roland, Ans Brown, J. Deslandes



K. and Elisabeth Frenes

We met on Friday May 28, 1999, in the vast lobby of the hotel. **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** had a registration desk to welcome the flow of participants, assisted by a representative of the Stimulus agency who was taking care of the various excursions. Each participant was granted a bottle of a famous Port Wine, Courtesy of **Schlumberger**. Dinner in the **Pino Verde** restaurant to meet many new faces, someone had not seen for many years. Fortunately for this purpose everybody was wearing a badge. 130 rooms have been invaded by 246 participants.



B. Vastel, J. Doekers,
Pat and O. Nyberg

Lisbon 1999

Saturday morning was devoted to a bus tour of Lisbon, 4 large buses were necessary to transport the some 200 participants. Naturally, half a day is not sufficient to visit such a large city, so we contented ourselves with a look at the **Monastery of the Jeronimos**, and crossing over to the **Plaza do Comercio**, to take a picture of the **Belem Tower** and to make a rapid visit of the Expo 98 sites. Saturday afternoon was free, except for a short General Meeting of **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** at 06.00 pm. Many of us took advantage of the afternoon to visit the Baixa and Alfama districts, the Castelo or the **Gulbenkian Museum** close to the Lisboa Penta.

After cocktails and a demonstration of folkloric dances, the gala dinner was served in the hotel restaurant.

For those interested, more than 100 in all, the Sunday was dedicated to tourism, by bus east of Lisbon. First came a stop in Queluz to visit the **Royal Palace**, 18th-century Royal Palace, which was inspired the palace of Versailles but featuring abundant rococo ornaments. After visiting the gardens, we went to Sintra, a residential area built among the hills, a place appreciated by the

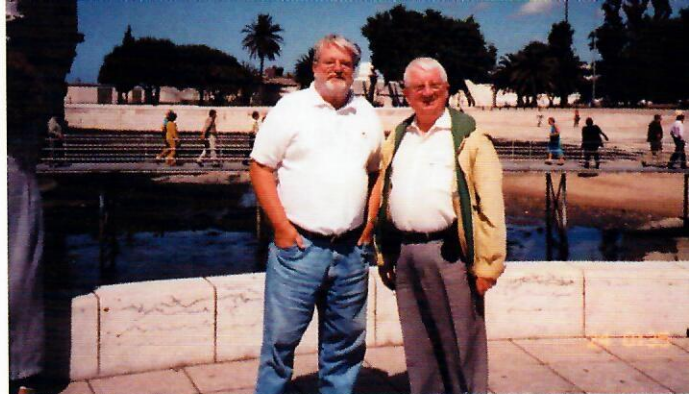


E. Ruckelshausen, R. Genin



Mary and Bill Young

high society of Lisbon and by some famous foreigners like Lord Byron. We then took lunch in a typical Portuguese restaurant, **Curral dos Caprinos**, where we enjoyed an excellent roast goat and a variety of local wines (since nobody was driving...). Visit of Sintra, of the **National Palace**, 13th to 16th centuries, with its two enormous chimneys for the castle kitchens (18th). The ruins of the fortress of the Maures dating the 8th century, punctuated our enchantment of the Sintra. Dinner for those remaining was taken in restaurants in **Lisbon** or on the **Estoril Coast** where excellent sea-food is abundant.



J. Aitken, C. Boyeldieu



J. Bonsergent, D. and Anne Stark



R. Heyte, P. Chesnel, A. Salaber



Renée Suau, Marie-Louise and R. Nicolas, P. Enselme, Andrée Bertenet, J. Curin



M. Loosbergh, H. Denkl, C. and O. Branson, J. Jones, N. and G. Bordini



Vera Reverdito, M. Hrabie, J-B. Morin, M. Franse



Nicole Fiquet, J. Biscay



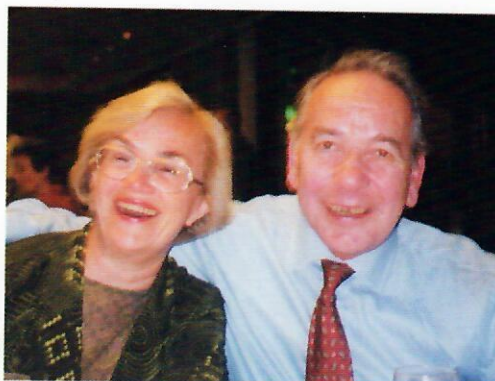
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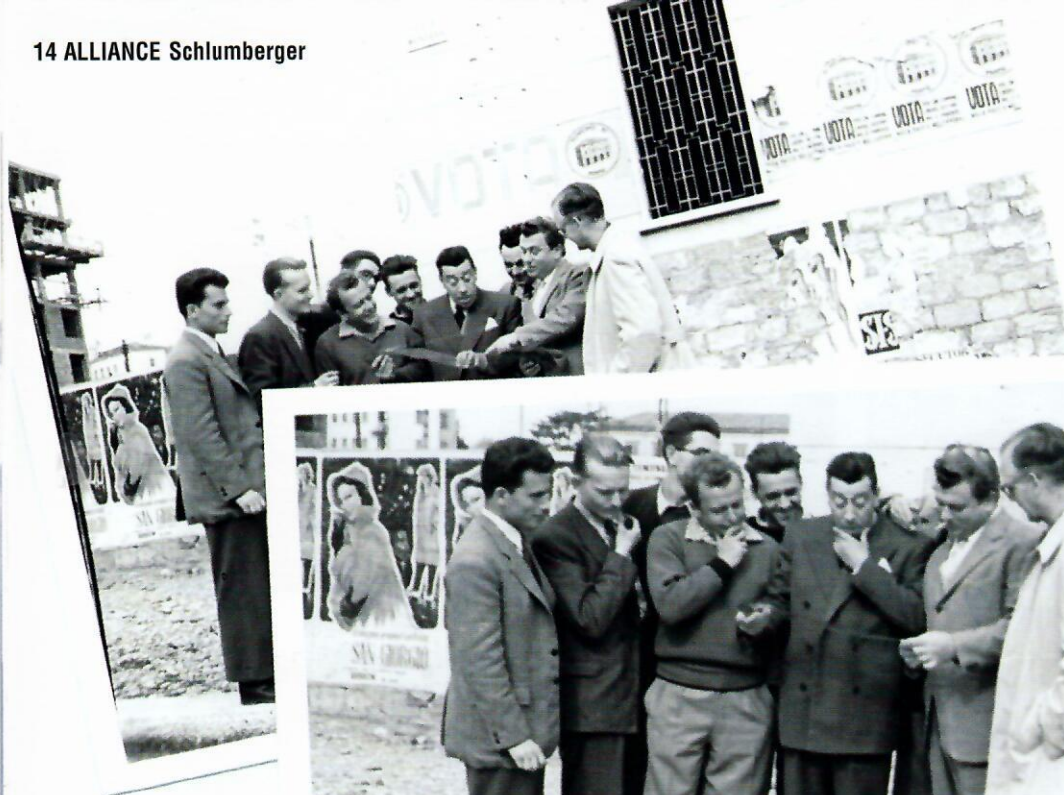
Nicole Gauthier, Mauricette Génin



G. Scholz, N. Neville

On Monday, 28 fanatic golfers were able to test their skills on the superb course of the **Golf Do Estoril Club**, built on the hills dominating the Estoril sea resort. The scenery there is wonderful, but the highly technical golf course was no cakewalk. We separated with the hope to meet again in 2001.

*The place was not so badly chosen as our friend **Robert Nicolas**, who on Sunday suffered of a fortunately minor heart problem, was able to find the University Hospital just across the street from the **Lisboa Penta Hotel**.



A surprising meeting between a Schlumberger group of engineers and the two actors Fernandel and Gino Cervi, in the streets of Parma at the occasion of the "Don Camillo" movie. Fernandel is there interpreting a Schlumberger electrical log presented to him by Pierre Giraud. This photo was given to us by Bernard Pied.

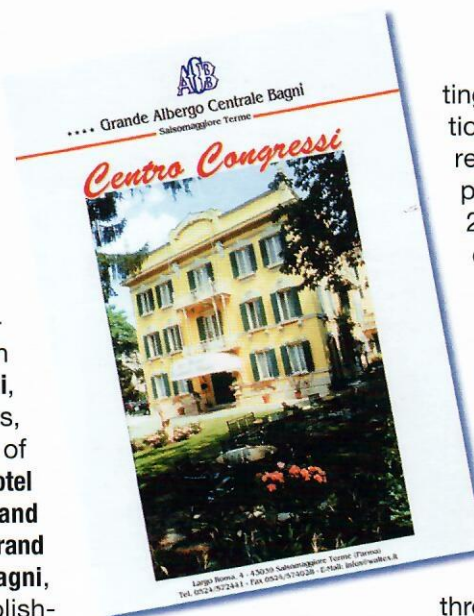


From left to right Bernard Pied, Bouillez, Boucau (behind Pierre), Pierre Giraud, Jeunot, Fernandel, Savy, Gino Cervi and Dr. Pallat.

Salsomaggiore terme 2001

The Salsomaggiore project was already proposed by **Gabriele and Vera Reverdito** when the 1999 Lisbon reunion was in preparation. Italy was considered as being the best choice for our 2001 reunion and Salsomaggiore Terme revealed to be the perfect site: close to Parma, to the Milano and Parma airports, to a railway station and a nostalgic place for some of us who had been trained or had worked in Parma. In

addition, elegant hotels, a promising excellent Italian food, a famous thermal bath resort. After a short visit during the fall of 2000, an agreement was settled with the **Dr. Roberto Franchi**, manager of 3 hotels, located in the centre of the town, the **Grand Hotel et de Milan**, the **Grand Hotel Regina** and the **Grand Albergo Central Bagni**, three elegant establishments, the last one hos-



ting every year the election of Miss Italy. The reunion was to take place on May 18 - 20, 2001, all events being organized in the **Grand Hotel et de Milan**. All the hotels were situated at very short distances from each other. However the success was such that it was necessary to reserve, on top of the 130 rooms in those three hotels, seven additional rooms in the **Hotel**



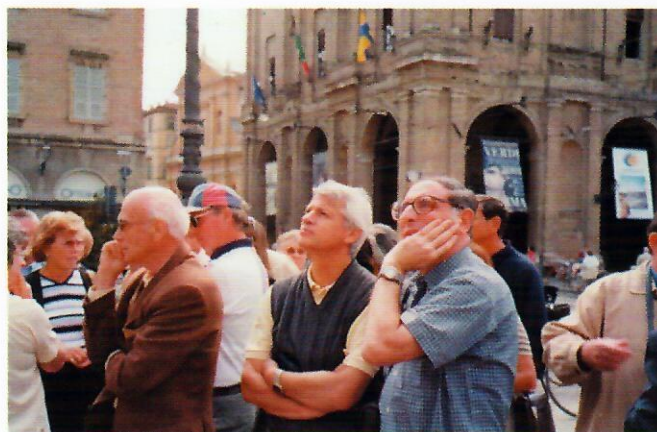
R. Poppinga with M. Tassini and M. Lugaresi



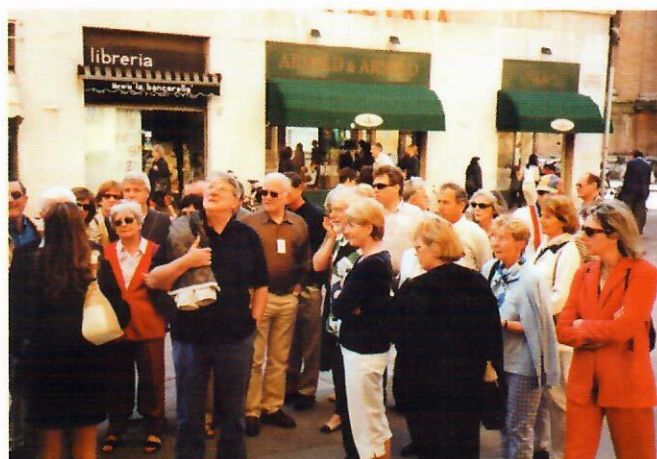
Visiting a parmesan cheese farm



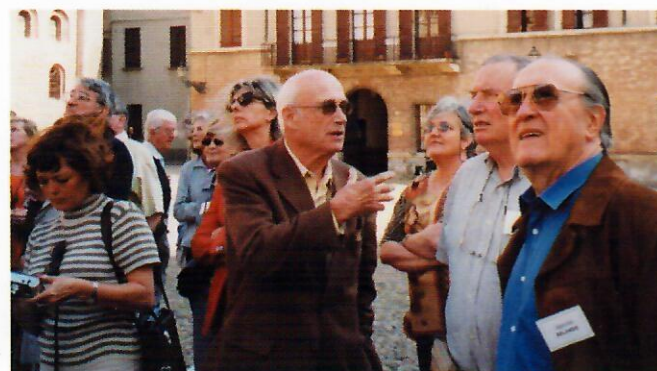
Brigitte and H-J. Borcholt, Sheila and H. Roberts (waving)



Visiting Parma



Visiting Parma



P. Enseltme commenting...

Excelsior, just behind the **Grand Hotel**. During two days we were 256 to invade the sumptuous lounges of the hotel.

Many of the participants had already arrived on Thursday 17, 2001 in order to participate to the

"Torneo dei Petrolieri ENI/Schlumberger", a golf tournament taking place on Friday 18, on the splendid but how challenging course of the **Salsomaggiore Golf & Country Club**. The tournament opposed some 40 **Schlumberger** retirees

against 40 ENI (AGIP) retirees. A difficult course in the hills of this vast Golf Club, but finally, the **Schlumberger** team won.

Saturday morning, visit of the historic centre of Parma, to the **Duomo**, the **Battistero** (13th - 13th cen-

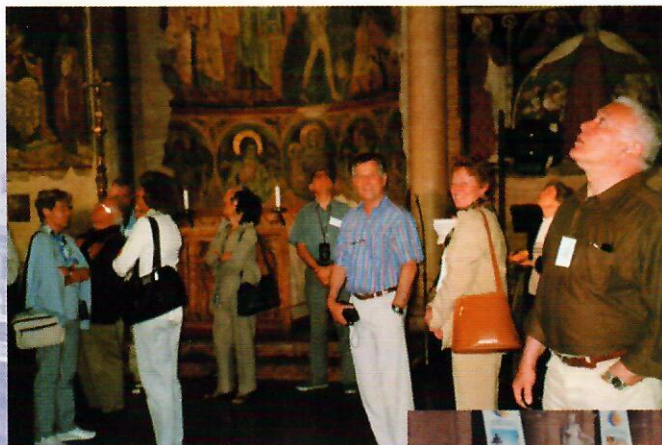
turies), to admire the frescos of **Le Correggio** (16th century) and to visit the **Farnese Theater** entirely made of wood (1619 but rebuilt in 1950 after its destruction in 1944) with a stop on the famous **Garibaldi Place**. On the quays of the **Parma river**



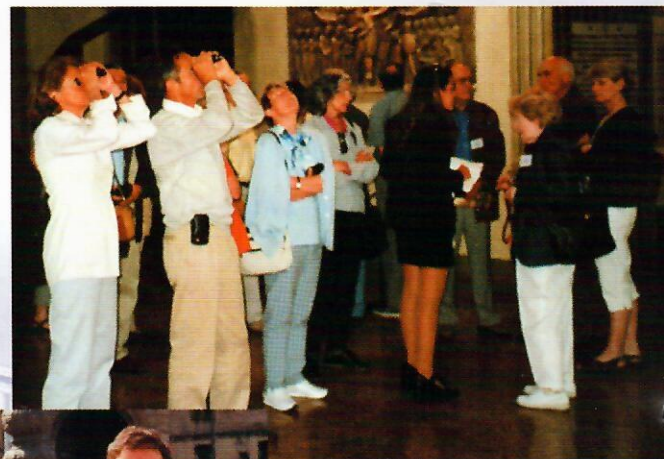
On Giuseppe Verdi place in Busseto



N. and Vlatka Neville



R. Pascaud and E. Collet admiring the frescos



...the frescos.

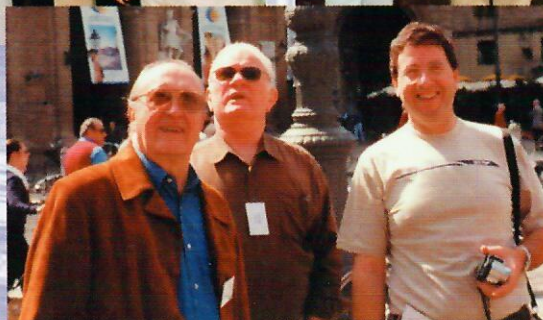
where the buses had parked, we were happy to welcome **Hervé and Bernadette Le Gal La Salle** who had missed the train to Parma on Thursday night. During the afternoon some of the group went to visit Salsomaggiore, the Berzieri Termes (thermal baths) in Salsomaggiore. During our stay there, many participants visited "**La Madonnina**", the farm that produces the

renowned Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. There was no mistaking the pungent aroma on entering the premises--that produced by several hundred well-fed pigs. (No, pig-milk is not an

ingredient in the famous cheese...). Rather, the pigs are there to take advantage of the food waste produced by the cheese factory and unfortunately for the pigs, to produce the well-known Parma

ham. In the end, most of the visit was spent stocking up on those two products.

General Meeting of **ALLIANCE** at 06.00 pm, cocktails on the terrace of the **Grand Hotel**, an occasion to meet old acquaintances like **Enrico Foroni** and **Les Vonarx** (coming from Australia) exchanging souvenirs about their stays in Libya 30 years ago. Many new faces: the



Fanfan Arlandis, E. Collet, L. Ayesteran



The Waworzenitz, the Clauss, the Borcholt
The Roberts, the Klein...



The Salaber, the Fiquet, J.-D. Percevault, the Cattin-Moretaz, A. Misk...

The Boyeldieu, the Poggesi, the Reed, the Bonsargent



W. Müller,
U. and
P. Pforter...



The Rat, ..., the Claes



R. Schwartzmann, the Barré, J.-M. Chouiller



The David, the Deslandes, the Barthélémy, the Enselme
The Müller, the Kirwan





Rachel and M. Ezran, D. Stark, A. Bousigues



Vera
distributing
the silk scarfs



J-D. Peyrat, G. and Margaret Birch

Bruni, the Barthelemy (Michel), the Courtois de Vicose, the Arlandis and Ayesteran from Argentina, the **Graniers...** A gorgeous gala dinner elaborated by **Dr. Roberto Franchi**, with dishes of the Emilia-Romagna region, accompanied by excellent Italian wines. A very animated atmosphere quite noisy probably due to the fact that some of us are suffering slightly from hearing trouble and/or weak batteries... The only remark made by a very few was that we might have spent too much time eating!



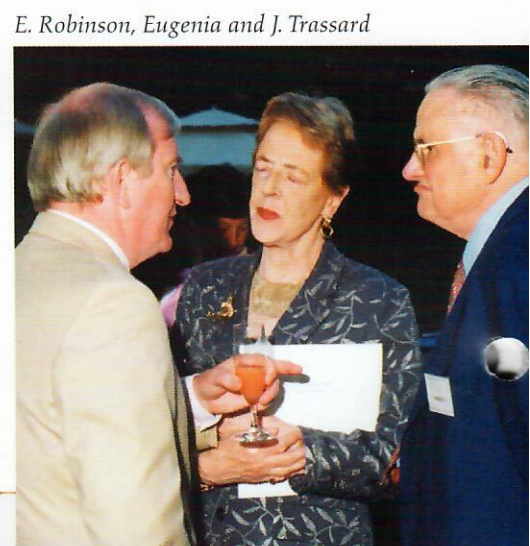
C. Boyeldieu, J-L. Peron, R. von Buren



Geri Harbonn, Didie Collet, Martine Peyrat



Rita Oberhofer, Renée and J. Suau

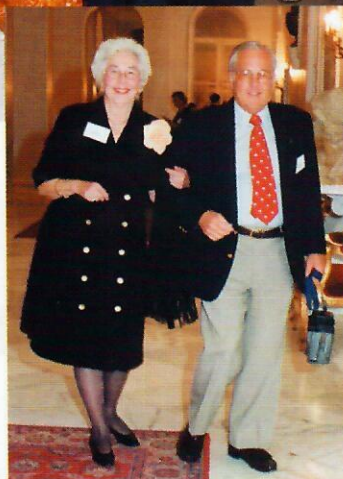


E. Robinson, Eugenia and J. Trassard

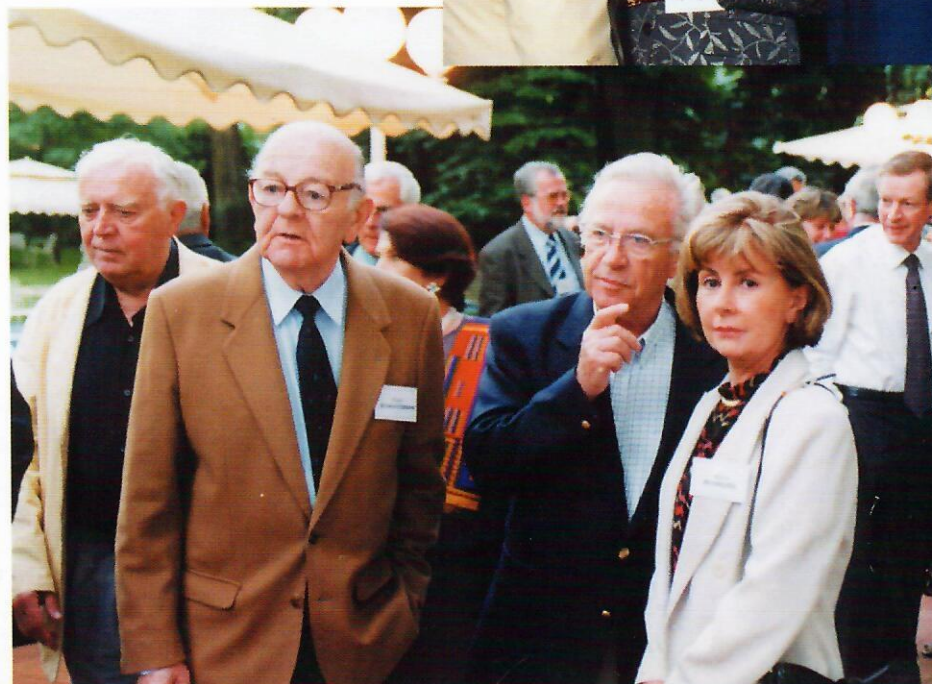
On the terrace...



J. Suau, R. Schwartzmann, D. Thomas,
the Bousigues, R. Ross



Julia and
N. Moseley





Edith and W. Claes



J. & Dina Exbrayat, P. Champault



A. Salaber, R. and Gill Woodhouse



Sandro Magnani, Monique Salaber,
Danielle and S. Chafcouloff



The Moseley, the Detlof, the Branson



R. Dompnier and Renata David



M. Durand, Jacky Baccovich,
Olga and C. Branson



The Boutan, the Gauthier,
the Ross, the Granier, the Jarvis



For those remaining over Sunday, it was proposed to visit the town of Busseto considered as the home-country of Giuseppe Verdi. In his native-house in Roncole, a village nearby-Busseto was celebrated the 100 th anniversary of his death. We had a look at the Busseto-Verdi theatre, specially built for him, but where in fact he has never played. Then, we went to the castle "La Rocca di Soragna" before taking a late Italian lunch on the way-back to Salsomaggiore. The evening was free. Small groups formed to enjoy another dinner together. And on Monday morning, under a pouring rain, the reunion ended with many asking, "Where next?"

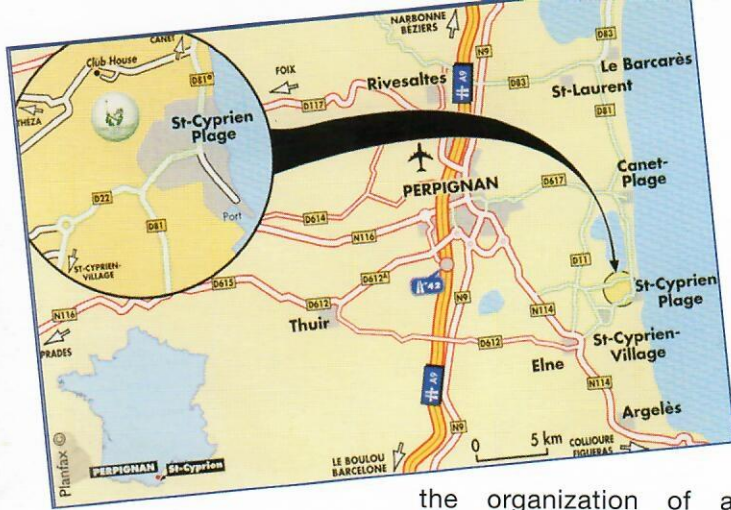
Corydon Mitchell, C. Boyeldieu



Salsomaggiore continued...



Where next ?



Austria, Traunsee September 8 - 11, 2002

In the past, several local reunions have been organized in North Germany, gathering German and Austrian Schlumberger engineers and staff from our former regional office in Hanover, most of the meetings being organized by our friend **Hans Draxler**.

Today, **Eric Ruckelshausen** is taking up the relay with



the organization of a "Treffen der deutschsprachigen Schlumberger" (i.e. Meeting of the German-speaking Schlumberger alumni) on September 8-11, 2002. It will take place in **Gmunden** on the Traunsee. Many activities will be proposed, including excursions on and around the lakes (Traunsee and Wolfgangsee), golf and hot-air ballooning--not to mention the usual lunches and dinners in carefully selected "Gasthofen". Few doubt the event will be a resounding success.

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ALLIANCE Schlumberger General Meeting, Saint-Cyprien May 23-25, 2002

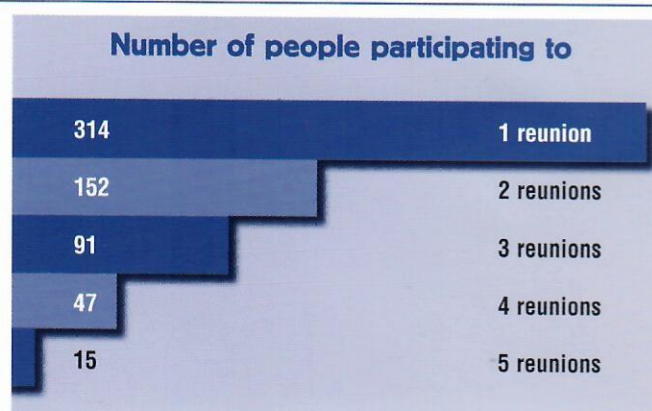
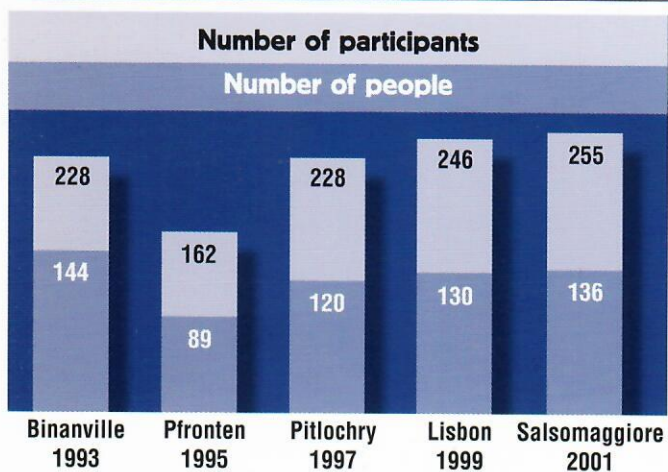
Members of **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** who participated in the General Meeting held last May in Salsomaggiore suggested that we conduct the next General Meeting

outside of Paris where it was held in 1998 and 2000. After consulting, we decided on the town of **Saint-Cyprien**, south of Perpignan, on France's southeast Mediterranean coast. (Certain of you will recall that Salvador Dali, the famous Catalan artist, considered the railway station of Perpignan to be the center of the world.) So we shall meet on May 23, 24 and 25, 2002 in the **Mas d'Huston Hotel**, which is part of a golf resort near the village and the beach of **Saint-Cyprien**. The country is extremely rich in historical sites and, naturally, excursions to some of the most famous sites will be proposed. For those interested, wine making constitutes the region's main economic activity, and while the local production does not enjoy the fame of wines from the Bordeaux region, they do offer excellent value for money. Don't forget to be on hand for the General Meeting to discuss the future of **ALLIANCE Schlumberger** and to elect the new board of directors.



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