

Dear fellow alumni,

We hope you are all doing well wherever you may be in the world! In case you were wondering what we've been up to these past months, here is our latest newsletter. It's a snapshot of announcements, upcoming events and alumni stories to keep in touch and keep you up to date.

In memoriam: Professor Anthony Beattie (1944-2014)



The IOMBA alumni are deeply saddened by the passing of Professor Anthony Beattie on March 31st. Professor Beattie had been working on a resource management strategy project in Kenya when he suffered an accident, and later succumbed to complications when hospitalized in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Professor Beattie was a respected professor at the IOMBA program from 2005 to 2011, who also contributed significantly to the program's mission and design. Alumni remember Professor Beattie as a compassionate, dedicated and inspirational teacher and friend, and will forever be grateful for his support and encouragement. [Read more about Professor Beattie's contributions here.](#)

On behalf of the Alumni, The Association has made a donation to [Christian Aid](#) in lieu of flowers as per his family's request.

10 Years of IOMBA!

This September will mark IOMBA's 10th Anniversary and we are excited towards a year of special celebrations and get-togethers! Stay tuned for updates!

Upcoming Events

3-4 May | Geneva Marathon & IOMBA picnic

Sign up for the race or support your fellow alumni for a 5k, 10k, half or full marathon. To encourage the runners and supporters we will host a potluck picnic (weather permitting!) on Sunday at the Parc de la Perle du Lac @ 3pm. Check out our [Facebook event](#) for all the details!



26 May | Book Launch

Join Daniele Alesani (Class of 2007) for a panel discussion at the launch of his [book](#) co-authored with Eduardo Missoni (IOMBA Professor) at the Geneva School of Diplomacy from 12:30 – 2pm.



June 2014 | Geneva Forum on Social Change

The Geneva Forum on Social Change, organized by the IOMBA class of 2014, will take place in June. If you are in Geneva, join us on May 7th @ 7pm at the Impact Hub for the unveiling of the GFSC theme, to learn more and help promote the event.



September 2014 | Alumni Association General Assembly

IOMBA's annual General Assembly is coming up: we invite all alumni to review our accomplishments of the past year and look ahead to deliver even more in the year to come.

Past Events

Career Dinner | March

Alumni and current students gathered at a local restaurant where each table was given a theme related to career development. They rotated tables between courses to discuss all the themes!

International Change-makers | February

IOMBA hosted its annual event: *International Change-makers: How I Got Here* at UniMail. Panelists included representatives from UNOPS (Adam Bouloukos, Dir European Partnerships), WHO (Catherine Mulholland, Technical Officer), ICRC (Jean Luis CoderqueGalligo, Head of Delegation), WBCSD (Rabab Fayad, Director for the Regional Network) and ILO (Drew Gardiner, Technical Officer). Check out the [pictures](#) from the event!

Ski Weekend | February

This winter, alumni and friends enjoyed a weekend of skiing and relaxing in the slopes and thermal baths of beautiful Ovronnaz. Hope to see you next year! Check out the [photos](#).

Links to Alumni

In this section, we aim to inspire by sharing some initiatives alumni are involved in.

- Rafael Jimenez (Class of 2006) launched the independent consulting company [BajaSwiss](#).
- Gregor Henneka (2008) rolled out the “100%” fundraising [campaign](#) on immunization for UNICEF National Committees.
- Petra ten Hoope-Bender (2007) joined [Integrare](#), returning to her passion of improving maternal, newborn and child health.
- Blake Dinkin's (2006) [foundation](#) was featured in a story on Black Ivory Coffee on Germany's TV program *Red!* this month.

Featured Alum:
Meggi Rombach, Class of 11/12

Leaving a corporate job behind to follow your passion: From consumer goods to humanitarian relief



About 14 years ago, in her first year at university studying international business administration, Meggi met Birger. As the son of an engineer working for the German development organisation, he had grown up in various African countries, and talked about his father's work and life in Africa. Meggi's own father had told her about the inequalities and the appalling situations many people around the world were living in, and Birger's stories filled these rather abstract concepts with life.

To get first-hand experience, Meggi volunteered in a girls' secondary school in Kenya during the next semester break. She didn't yet know the best way to get more involved, but she realised that she wanted to contribute to society somehow, at some point. Life took her on a detour to the corporate world as brand manager, for almost a decade, before she found the path to her current job at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), where she is now in charge of creating partnerships and raising funds from private companies. [Continue reading...](#)

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