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Dear colleagues

We hope the start of your fall semester is going well - time for an update from your VAUZ. What looks like a regular autumn letter, is - in reality - the VAUZ, given a new look and well stocked with even more know-how. On the General Assembly in late March 2014, the VAUZ Board was reallocated. In addition to the Co-Presidium, **Department Managers** newly take over management tasks. Who this is you can find out on: http://www.vauz.uzh.ch/aboutus/vorstand_en.html
Preliminary analyses indicate that this extension is the right way to go. The VAUZ continuously meets more substantial duties that are now versatily addressed by a dedicated and competent body.

The importance of the VAUZ was also recognized by the UZH Rectorate. This year, the Rectorate has given a positive signal by showing us how important the participation of the academic staff is considered for the further development of the University of Zurich. We thank the Rectorate for the great appreciation and look forward to further mutual cooperation.

On July 8, 2014, the VAUZ, in collaboration with the AVETH and the UZH Graduate Campus, organized the **Zurich Academics World Cup Barbecue** at Irchel. Despite bad weather 200 barbeque enthusiasts defied rain, wind and cold and spent a sociable evening, including the semi-final match of the FIFA Football World Cup - projected onto a big screen. Like in the previous year, the event was a great success!

Autumn, what else can we do given this cold weather, is dedicated to the formulation of statements concerning the UZH consultations. Thanks to everybody who signed up for the work group.

In November, we will again be present with an apéro at this year's Poly Ball, "Dance of the Elements". Details will follow - stay tuned!

For 46 years now, the VAUZ represents the non-professorial academic staff at the University of Zurich and in the **University committees and commissions**. This way, the non-professorial academic staff's concerns contribute to the University self-administration. Those interested in shaping the University of Zurich are welcome to contact us: vauz@vauz.uzh.ch.

We thank all members for their continued trust in the VAUZ and we especially thank the Board Members for their reaffirming concerted efforts.

Those of you who have **not yet settled the annual membership fee 2014** are making an important contribution to maintaining the commitment of the VAUZ for the non-professorial academic staff with the payment of CHF 40. By the way, we are soon expecting the 1000th VAUZ member! A little surprise is waiting for the one whom it will be.

----- **Please pay the annual membership fee 2014 only once! Donations are always welcome!** -----

With the best regards,

Wolfgang Fuhrmann

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