

Extracted from the Rudolf Wolf Society [website](http://www.rwg.ch/): <http://www.rwg.ch/>

Founded in Zurich in 1992 Rudolf Wolf Society (CT) seeks the continuation of Rudolf Wolf in the 19th Century reasoned series of sunspot numbers and the maintenance and utilization of scientific Wolf's estate.

Since 1986, approximately 15 active monitor Amateur solar observer from Switzerland and abroad according to a standardized monitoring program of solar activity. Are recorded number, grouping and development of all visible sunspots. The daily logs to be stored and analyzed monthly in a central database. Since January 1986 more than 50,000 individual observations are available.

The actual value of the wolf's range is its homogeneity, ie. Centuries in the more or less constant scale factor This homogeneity was achieved by careful calibration of each individual observer on the wolf's Normalrefraktor and the passing of Wolf's counting down from one generation to the next standard observers. Since Rudolf Wolf's historical Fraunhoferrefraktor 1996 arrived at the former Federal Observatory in the care of Rudolf Wolf society after the final closure of the observation station, the daily calibration observations could seamlessly continue (Standard Observer: Dr. Thomas K. Friedli, Zürich) and the scale factor are obtained homogeneous .

20th General Meeting of 23 June 2012 at the observatory room forest

20 years Rudolf Wolf society - such as an anniversary does not happen every day, this year's General Assembly should take some time and of course one or the other "cozy" include part. Being "comfortable" with, of course, "culinary" is meant - typical for the **R**udolf **W**olf **G**astronomers!

As usual, the members could strengthen before the opening of the event with coffee and croissants. After a welcome by the President and the approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly, the review came on the last 20 years (see presentation at the end of this article). At this time since it happened a lot, took this part of the General Assembly a good two hours! As interesting and exciting as the history of the RWG was, and is, our president would still loose can speak two more hours! But still, it was time for a break with a small "anniversary cocktail" and a glass of champagne. Finally, there was another reason to celebrate: Thomas was honored by SAG with the "Robert A. Naef Prize" for the best article Orion, 2011.

After this culinary break - live with solar observation, of course - we were able to treat the remaining agenda items. Luckily each take this not very long, so we were able to finish on time, the General Assembly (see protocol at the end of this article).

Due to end this "jubilee occasion," then we went into the restaurant Linde Belp to the common dinner. We were able to make happen the day and the last 20 years, again due revue.

In another 20 years Rudolf Wolf society!

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waiting for Godot - no, wait for the start of the "Jubilee Meeting" ...

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Thomas ready for referencing ...



Andreas uses the break for H-alpha observations ...

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the "anniversary cocktail" ...



and Martin and Kurt take every opportunity to observe the Sun ...

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the break is over - on we go ...