

THE IANOZ – 2008

As usual, Eugenie and Michel have continued to spend their time between Pully and Paris, and had also continued to travel a lot. Our two grandsons have good results at primary school. Our granddaughter, Zelda, 3 years and 4 months old decides alone what clothes she wants : she does not like trousers, she wants to wear only skirts. After the European football competition EURO08, which took place this year in Switzerland and Austria, Nathaniel's last passion is football.. He is learning piano and prefers jazz to classics. Ben continues his violin lessons and has played again in a public concert with a children orchestra. The whole family is together on photo 1.



Photo 1

In May the family went to Venice, where their father, our son in law, Daniel, took part to a rowing competition on the channels and they made some nice photos. (photo 2-the 2 boys and 3-Zelda with her father).



Photo 2

End of May Eugenie and Michel, were in Singapore, where he attended the International Zurich and Asia-Pacific symposium on EMC. During the ACEC meeting which took place after the symposium, Michel received the IEC 1906 Award (photo 4).

In July Michel gave together with Bill Radasky and Martin Wright a 2 days course on IEC standards in Bucharest, Romania. At the end of the course, the Radasky, Wright and Ianoz families, made a 3 days tour in the North of Romania, visiting a beautiful region where there are also some unique architectural

monuments, monasteries from the 16th century with the outside walls painted in fresco.



Photo 3



Photo 4

End of July, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne organized, under the direction of Prof. Farhad Rachidi, a very successful edition of EUROEM08. At the end of the event, Eugenie and Michel invited their friends and colleagues from around the world which have attended the symposium, for a big party in their home. We had 25 guests, from 9 different nationalities.

In October, Michel was invited by his colleague, Prof. Grcev, for a lecture at the University of Skopje in Macedonia. With Eugenie, they took this opportunity to visit for 3 days this small but charming country, with unknown treasures : ruins of roman towns with beautiful amphitheatres, old byzantine churches, with frescos from the 11th century; and the beautiful lake Ohrid (photo 5)..



Photo 5

In November, after 2 days in Bangalore, where Michel was invited to give lectures on HPEM (photo 6), they spend 2 more weeks in south India.



Photo 6

They visited old Hindu temples from the 7th century on the East coast in Mahabalipuram (photo 7), Kerala on the West coast, cruising on the channels surrounded by palm and coconut trees, and admiring the “most beautiful synagogue of the Commonwealth”, as is called the Kochi synagogue build in the 16th century. The synagogue has a whole floor in blue terracotta manufactured in China.



Photo 7

After Kerala, they arrived in Mumbai, 4 days after the terrorist attacks. The streets surrounding the Taj and Oberoi hotels were still closed by the police, but they could see very interesting museums, the temples of the Elephanta island and enjoy the beautiful promenade on the Marina Drive.

The year ended with Michel’s last participation at an ACEC meeting in Brussels. His term as a member of this committee, finished at the end of 2008.

However, the most important event for Michel in 2008 was the publication of his book “A Travers l’Empire Eclaté” (Through the splinted Empire), fruit of his 15 years of travels through the former soviet space (photo 8).

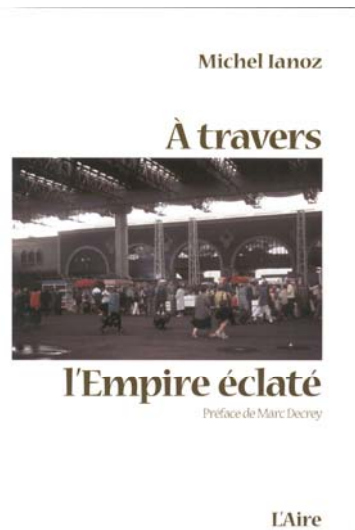


Photo 8

Since 1992, he has travelled as co-responsible for the collaboration between the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne with the Russian Universities, has attended symposia and delivered lectures, but he was also engaged in a process of election observation for the OSCE (Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe). Many other travels were private. He has visited Russia (many times), Lithuania, Armenia, Azerbaijan (2 times), Georgia (2 tomes), Kirghizstan (3 times), Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine (4 times) and Moldova. He visited big cities but also small places and villages. Speaking Russian, he could discuss with the people, note their feelings during these years when this world passed through a process of very deep transformations.

To all our friends, Season’s greetings and a Happy New Year.

Eugenie and Michel