

## **“The 2m2c at the Summit”**

In the 18'000m<sup>2</sup> of the Montreux Music and Convention Centre, the XIII Francophone Summit has been held between October 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2010. The largest event ever hosted in its walls.

After 10 months of intensive preparation and 21 days of setting, the 2m2c was ready to welcome 38 Heads of States and Governments, 1'600 delegates of over 60 countries, 600 journalists, 386 employees from the organizer and service providers, which generated a total of 25'000 meals and nearly 10'000 nights.

In total, over 500 tons of technical equipment, furniture and decorations were delivered and deployed within the 2m2c. All building installations and technical teams were heavily solicited with the installation of 1200 internet accesses requiring 32 km of computing cable and 24 optic fibers of a 100MB capacity. No more than 160 telephones and 20 fax machines, 40 electrical panels and 5 km extension cords delivering at full throttle 24 hours a day the 5 x 600 KVA of our 5 power transformers.

The workforce of the 2m2c rose to 36 employees with the backing up of outside contractors, the audiovisual specialist Dorier, CR Network for the computer network and CAH Entretien, like for instance the daily maintenance of furniture and 10'000m<sup>2</sup> of carpet has represented over 2'000 working hours.

Among the many challenges faced, the 48 hours transformation of the Auditorium Stravinski from a concert setting « 40 years 40 hits » broadcasted by the RTS and TV5 into a plenary hall for the official inauguration ceremony; the fast evacuation of 11 tons of incinerated waste, 450 m<sup>3</sup> of bulky waste, cardboard, paper, plastic and PET, and last but not least the perfect running of all our installations.

As Doris Leuthard, President of the Swiss Confederation, Micheline Calmy-Rey, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, or Abdou Diouf, Secretary General of the Francophone International Organization, have taken a very positive outcome of this XIII Summit, highlighting its perfect organization. Because of his involvement in the success of an event of this magnitude, the 2m2c has once again demonstrated the adaptability of its infrastructures, the quality of its technical equipment and the professionalism of its teams and partners.

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The 2m2c has an exceptional location in the heart of Europe and Switzerland, enjoying panoramic views over the lake and the Alps. Its 18'000 m<sup>2</sup> modular and multi-functional spaces allow the organization of various types of events from 50 up to 3000 people. The unity of places that the city of Montreux offers, with, nearby the railway station, the 2m2c, hotels, the casino Barrière, shops and restaurants, makes it the Pearl of the Riviera with a unique and privileged welcome site for international events like the Francophone Summit, or music festivals like the Montreux Jazz Festival.

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