

Novelist A.C. Frieden Meets Swiss Author Hugo Loetscher in Chicago

CHICAGO, Illinois, USA (Mar. 2, 2004) – Novelist A.C. Frieden met with Swiss author Hugo Loetscher at a reading by Loetscher at the Goethe-Institute Chicago. Loetscher read from *Der Immune* and another of his novels, *Abwässer*. A selection from the English translation of *Die Fliege und die Suppe* (The Fly and the Soup) was also read. The authors attended a reception following the event.



(above, l to r) authors A.C. Frieden and Hugo Loetscher, Margreth Trumpi (Swiss Consulate), and David Koudri (Swiss Trade Commissioner)

According to the Paris newspaper *Le Figaro*, Swiss author Hugo Loetscher is "a writer in the European mold", and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* hails him as "the most cosmo-political of all Swiss writers." Born in 1929 in Zurich, Loetscher studied political science, economics, sociology and literature in Zurich and Paris, then worked for many years as literary critic and editor of various journals, becoming a freelance writer in 1969. He has been guest lecturer at numerous American and European universities, and is the inaugural holder of the Swiss Chair at the City University New York. His books include *Die Kranzflechterin* (1964), *Noah* (1967), *Der Immune* (1975), *Die Fliege und die Suppe* (1989) and *Saison* (1998), and he is the recipient of numerous literary awards, among them the prestigious Schiller Prize of the Swiss Schiller Foundation.

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