



The Panorama of the Battle of Murten-1476
STATUS AT THE BEGINNING OF 2020

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Dear friends, members of IPC, supporters and donors,
After five years of striving to save from oblivion the Panorama of the Battle of Morat, a major symbol of Swiss unity (with the aid of Lorraine and Alsace) at the time of the Battles of Burgundy in the 15th century, I retired as active President of the Association of Friends of the Panorama of the Battle of Morat-1476. The renewed Committee, however, asked me to remain as a member when the new President, Andreas Fink of Morat, assumed office. These are the principal activities of the Association AFPM/AAPM from 2016 to 2022 :

IMPORTANT : Web Site : www.panoramat Morat-1476.com

Two special editions of the historical revue "Passé simple" edited by Justin Favrod.

Travelling exhibition with illustrations of scenes from the Panorama at 13 sites in Switzerland.

Finance of a feasibility study "Swiss Panorama Morat" by the museologist Thématis, Vevey emphasising the importance of adding to the permanent exhibition of the Panorama itself a modern immersive audio-visual presentation.

Gift to the Cultural Service of the Canton of Fribourg of eleven works given by the son of the Secretary General of the "Centre d'Etudes Burgundo-Médianes", José Clément, Namur, Belgium.

A gift to the Cantonal University Library of some 50 works, a special collection on the subject.

Support of Emile Mermillod in his Master's project in architecture, EPFL/Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne, on a Rotunda for the Panorama at Morat.

Financial support to Morat Tourism for the immersive exhibition of the Panorama 2021-2023.

Three conferences given by our members (2019 Istanbul, 2020 Atlanta, 2021 Bursa plus another planned in Luxembourg for 2022) at the conferences of the International Panorama Council (IPC).

Reception of a letter of support for our projects from the President of the IPC.

Financial support for a project to digitalise the Panorama by the Laboratory of Experimental Museology, EPFL (Prof.Sarah Kenderdine EPFL, Daniel Jaquet, University of Bern and Foundation for the Panorama of the Battle of Morat). The AFPM should figure as sponsor in addition to the City of Morat - Murten, the Foundation (owner of the Panorama), the Cultural Service of the Canton of Fribourg, the "Loterie Romande" and others.

(Total cost around 1 Million CH Fr).

All these works of the AFPM has been possible thanks to your support and we thank you most sincerely.

We are now only four years from the 550th celebrations (March and June 2026) to mark the events that changed totally the map of Europe and resulted in the progressive extension of the Swiss Confederation into the French-speaking parts of Switzerland.

We still need funds through subscriptions and gifts if we are to succeed in saving this beautiful Panorama.

NB : A noteworthy fact :

The 1893 Morat - Murten Panorama is, with the 1814 Woher - Marquart in THUN, the 1881 Bourbaki in LUCERNE, the 1893 / 1962 Crucifixion of Christ in EINSIEDELN, the number 4th of 19th century Panoramas in Switzerland ! A Unique rich World's Heritage !

I count on your support and hope that you will contribute to saving this masterpiece for posterity.

Gaston-François Maillard, Honorary President AFPM.



Le Jubilé du 550 ^{ème} aura lieu le 22.06.2026

To Contribute :

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