

## **Heinz Allenspach**

### **AIESEC INVOLVEMENT**

:: Founder of AIESEC in Switzerland

:: Participant at the Congress in 1949 in Stockholm where AIESEC was founded.

### **CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Heinz Allenspach has not just attended a meeting in Stockholm in 1949. He attended this congress with the belief and determination to convince his Student Union and School that this initiative – that at that time could not be recognised as an organisation but an idea – was worth investing in with time and reputation. His effort resulted in AIESEC in Switzerland joining AIESEC in 1951 at the Congress in Paris. Looking back we are tremendously grateful for his initiative that not only supported the foundation of AIESEC as an organisation but our country to join. Mr. Heinz Allenspach demonstrated his passion for the development of our communities and its individuals in various ways.

### **SOCIETY CONTRIBUTION**

President of the Student Union of “Higher School of Commerce of St.Gallen”, Executive Board Member of the “Association of Schools of Higher Education”, Founder and Member of the Executive Board of the “Development of Postgraduate Education”, Co-Founder, Executive Board Member and Member of the Board of Directors of the “Institute for Labour Law and Labour relations”, Founder of the “Swiss Schools for Economic Information Science” in Zurich and Lausanne, Member of the Board of Directors of the “ Swiss Institute of Pedagogy of Professions”, Member of the “Board of Experts for Apprenticeship”, Founder of the “ Federal Board for Accreditation” for the diplomas in Marketing, Economic Information Science and Organiser, Member of the Board of Advisors of the “Foundation for Applied Psychology, Zurich”, only Swiss Representative in board of trustees of the “Hans Schleier Foundation” in Germany.

Founder of various institutions, boards and support bodies for the education system under of various institutions, boards and support bodies for the education system in first and second level of higher education as much as for the apprenticeship areas, General Secretary of the Swiss Employer Union and Redactor of the Labor Publications, Principal and Delegate of the Swiss Labour Union from, Member of the National Council 79-95.

Mr. Allenspach had a positive social impact through the belief of creating and maintaining dialogues between various stakeholders and the ongoing effort in initiating forces for the development of education and the community.

The remodeling of the pension system included the determination of the wife’s pension being dependant on her husbands among many other changes. This had a great effect on the struggle for equal women rights in Switzerland. Also Mr. Allenspach’s support and initiative to for the accreditation of higher schools of education in the 70’s had an impact that leaves its trace till today. Wherever Mr. Allenspach’s journey took him he initiated change through new initiative groups, foundations, boards etc.

Rather than having one or two projects that would stress those two areas he incorporated them in his every effort and action. For an example Mr. Allenspach pushed and supported social partnerships in the 80’s, when such initiatives were not yet very common, and achieved to establish a platform for communication between employer and employee that resulted in almost no strikes and a communication culture that allowed differences in opinion but never the disappearing of opportunities for consensus.

In numerous efforts with uncountable achievements on local level as well as on national level. Founding such a variety of institutions and bodies on local, cantonal and federal level left a definite mark. As achievements on political and social political level are to mention the co-ordination and leadership of the taskforce for a remodeling of the pension system that was

started and passed against the intentions of the Federal Council and for sure also the social partnerships that were created in the 80's with the support of Mr. Allenspach.