

# 2008 – A Promising Year

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SIK-ISEA looks back on a special year. A vision has become reality and all of the ambitious goals were achieved.



The Managing Director's editorial clearly sums up the achievements of 2008: the successful realization and financing of the Research Promotion Programme in the context of the restructuring as an Institute for Advanced Study, balanced annual financial statements, profit-generating services, and – in the area of project work (as the centrepiece and trendsetting milestone) – the publication of the first volume of the catalogue raisonné of the paintings of Ferdinand Hodler, which has received a very positive response from experts and the media.

These achievements are something to be proud of and signal that SIK-ISEA is ready for the challenges of the future. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to sincerely congratulate and express my particular thanks to the Managing Director, Dr. Hans Jörg Heusser, and the Institute Management, as well as to Professor Dr. Oskar Bächtli and the Hodler research team under the direction of Paul Müller and, naturally, to the entire motivated team at SIK-ISEA.

Last, but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to the public authorities, as well as to all the foundations and private benefactors and firms that have made it possible, through their contributions over this past year, for SIK-ISEA to work so successfully. In this respect, a very special thank you goes to the Association for the Promotion of SIK-ISEA.

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**A protected historical landmark, the Villa Bleuler was built in 1888 and, since 1993, has been the headquarters of SIK-ISEA in Zurich**

