
The Bruno Mancusi/ Switzerland Collection

Bruno Mancusi was born in 1960 and received his chemistry diploma from the Lausanne University in 1984. In 1983 he became actively involved in UFO study by agreeing to be the Swiss representative of the Sezione Ufologica Fiorentina (SUF, Italy). In 1988 he became a member of the editorial board of *Ovni-Presence* (now, *Anomalies*). He is also the Swiss correspondent for Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici (CISU) since 1992 and member of the International Meteor Organization (IMO) since 1993.

Bruno is author of many articles in *Ovni-Presence*, *Anomalies*, *Il Giornale dei Misteri* and recently one paper in *WGN* (journal of the IMO). He was a co-author of the book, *OVNI: vers une anthropologie d'un mythe contemporain* (editor: Thierry Pinvidic), Heimdal, Bayeux (France) 1993. He has contributed papers about Swiss ufology for three conferences: San Marino (1994), Fribourg, Switzerland (1995) and Lyons, France (1996).

Current Projects:

- Database of sightings in Switzerland and Liechtenstein: *Registre des Observations d'Ovnis en Suisse* (ROOS) (1263 entries).
- Database of close encounters in Switzerland (SWICAT) (46 entries).
- Database of UFO/ET advertisements in Switzerland (74 entries).
- Database of religious apparitions in Switzerland (26 entries).

Books:

- 456 in French (+ 135 novels)
- 397 in English (+ 23 novels)
- 172 in other languages (+ 5 novels)

All books are filed in a database.

UFO Publications:

All publications and issues are filed in a database.

Complete runs:

Annuaire du C.I.G.U., France	Circulaire CNEGU, France
Anomalies, France/Switzerland	The Computer UFO Newsletter, Italy
Arcana, Italy	Documenti UFO-Monografie, Italy
Aura-Z (French edition), Russia	En direct, France
Bizarre?, Switzerland	Les Extraterrestres (new series), France
Bulletin du C.P.C.G.U, France	F.I.G.U. Bulletin, Switzerland
Bulletin du GEOS-Gen=E8ve, Switzerland	Facteur X, France
Ciel insolite, France	Il Giornale dei Misteri, Italy
La Circulaire, France	G.U.B.-Bulletin, Switzerland
Circulaire CIGU, France	Hypoth=E8ses extraterrestres, France

I.N.H. Contact, France	UFO (CISU), Italy
Inforespace - Bulletin d'inform, Belgium	UFO Forum, Italy
Journal of UFO Studies, USA	UFO & Media, Italy
Jupiter-Journal, Switzerland	UFO Phenomena, Italy
New Scientific Times, Switzerland	U.F.O. Historical Revue, USA
Note d'information (GEPAN), France	UFO-Nachrichten, Germany
Note technique (GEPAN), France	Ufologia, Italy
Notiziario Archivio Stampa, Italy	Univers OVNI, France
Notizie CUN, Italy	UPIAR Research in Progress, Italy
Notizie UFO, Italy	Weltraumbote, Switzerland
L'Osservatore ufologico, Italy	
Ovni-Presence, France/Switzerland	Nearly complete runs:
Phenomena, France	Gli Arcani, Italy
Quaderni UFO, Italy	Clypeus - UFO and Fortean Phenomena, Italy
Rassegna Casistica, Italy	Le Courier interplanetaire, Switzerland/France
Le Repertoire, France	Discover, Switzerland
La Revue des Soucoupes Volantes, France	Filo diretto, Italy
Scientifictions, France	Inforespace, Belgium
Sign, Switzerland	Phenomenes spatiaux, France
Skeptics UFO Newsletter, USA	
SOBEPS-Flash, Belgium	

Government Material

- Switzerland: Lecher's dossier (released in 1994) and correspondence with Swiss Air Force.
- Italy and Spain: documents from foreign researchers (nothing exclusive).

News clipping Collection

Contains a large amount of Swiss and foreign clippings which would be difficult to number. I bought the Heinrich Ragaz collection (years 1950 - 1960). I began to clip around 1973 and have subscribed to a news clipping service since 1987.

Movies

- George Adamski (16 mm and super-8).
- Howard Menger, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Ohio (super-8).
- John Sheets, Lostcreek, 23 July 1966 (8 mm and super-8).
- Benedum Airport, West Virginia (8 mm).
- Oklahoma (super-8).
- William Fisher, Moline, Illinois, 9 March 1967 (super-8).
- Mrs. Oldfield (super-8).
- Eduard Meier, Hinwil region, Switzerland (super-8).

Unfortunately, I have very little information about these films. They all come from Roger Paul Perrinjaquet. (See following). Also, about 80 videotapes, about 80 audiotapes, case files, advertisements, posters, CDs, CD-ROMs, objects.

Swiss Collections:

The following Swiss collections are preserved:

- **Lou Zinsstag**, (1905-1984), Adamski co-worker; she donated her books, photos and clippings (stuck on pieces of cardboard) and correspondence with Walter Knaus, to the library at Basle University. Unfortunately, her books were simply mixed into the library. Only the photos and clippings are separated. Lou Zinsstag was an insurance clerk, and niece of Carl Gustav Jung. She published a bulletin, 'Informationsblatt', from 1955 to 1958 and wrote two books: *UFO-Sichtungen ueber der Schweiz 1949-1958*, with Theodor Allemann, UFO-Verlag, Basle and Zurich 1958. *George Adamski: The Untold Story*, with Timothy Good, Ceti, Beckenham, (UK) 1983. Strangely, her part of the book (and only her part) was reprinted by Wendelle Stevens: *UFO: George Adamski: Their Man on Earth*, UFO Photo Archives, Tucson, AZ (1990).
- **Heinrich Ragaz**, 'Weltraumbote' editor (1909-), sold his archives to me in 1986. It contained: 101 books, 18 publications and 8 folders of clippings, letters and photos. Born 1909, Ragaz was a bank clerk in Zurich and published the journal 'Der Weltraum und wir' from 1955, which became 'Weltraumbote' from 1956 to 1961. He is still alive.
- **Roger Paul Perrinjaquet**, GEOS (Groupe d'Etudes des Objets Spatiaux) founder (1917-1995) sold his archives to me in 1987. It contained 33 books, 9 movies reels, some photos and recent issues of *Flying Saucer Review*. Unfortunately, his archives were very poor because he was not an "archivist". Roger Paul Perrinjaquet (1917-1995) has destroyed and sold most of his archives. This strange guy sold his books and journals to buy new ones. I bought what he had in March 1987: 30 books; some journals; photos and 9 footages. Perrinjaquet was a technician who founded the Groupe d'Etudes des Objets Spatiaux (GEOS) at Geneva in 1967, and published the 'Bulletin du GEOS-Geneve' (1967-1968). In 1976, he published a book under the pseudonym of R. Jack Perrin: *Le mystere des O.V.N.I.*, Pygmalion, Paris (a collection of papers from various authors).

Accessibility: Generally, I prefer requests by correspondence.

Official and Academic Interest in Switzerland

There is apparently no official or academic interest in UFOs in Switzerland, though there was an exception some years ago in the Swiss Army. The "Swiss Nick Pope" was Major J. Rolf Lecher, chief of the SRADCA (Service de renseignements des troupes d'aviation et de defense contre avions, Air Force Intelligence). According to him, his interest in UFOs began in 1945 (yes, 1945!) and he collected documents and witness reports, both civilian and military. During the 1954 European UFO wave, a press communiqué widely published in Swiss newspapers claimed that the SR ADCA collected UFO sightings and witnesses were invited to contact them. So this was not covert research and you can find traces of the Swiss Army interest regarding UFOs in old *Ouranos* issues, and in the books of Aime Michel and Jimmy Guieu. But one man, Lecher, generated this interest and when he retired, in 1986, he took with him, apparently, most of his files. He died in 1993. Now, the Swiss Air Force claims that the Swiss Army has never been interested in UFOs. Lecher's involvement was nonofficial! I think this is both true and false. True, because it was a one-man interest. False, because what is the difference between "private" and "official" when someone is director of an Intelligence Service?

In April 1994, a team from Swiss German-speaking television DRS asked the Department militaire federal (DMF, our Ministry of Defense) if they had any files on UFOs. The answer was obviously NO, but some officer rummaged in the cupboards and found the rest of Lecher's file. These documents were not considered classified. Today, the official attitude is that the MoD is absolutely not interested in UFOs and all witnesses are directed to me.

UFO records are not classified. The Swiss Air Force wrote to me on 27 February 1995 that military people could speak freely and publicly about their observations. After asking for an appointment, anyone can go to the MoD in Berne and consult the file. No photocopies can be made. I hand-copied all of the files in 1994, while constantly being monitored by a MoD employee. The total content of the file released in April 1994 was 28 pages and the cases, both military and civilian, cover the period 1971-1987. The content is very heterogeneous:

- UFO reports by military people.

- UFO reports by civilian people.
- Two press clippings.
- Letters by a ufologist.
- A page from Billy Meier's journal, *Stimme der Wassermannzeit* (!).

Now the DMF is called Swiss Federal Department of Defense, Civil Protection and Sports (DDPS). Their website:

<http://www.vbs.admin.ch/internet/e/armee/index.htm>

(Source Bruno Mancussi)



Dr. Kay impressed the Project Sign boys with his flying saucer design in 1948. The disc was 41" in diameter, weighed 20 pounds and could apparently attain speeds of 40 mph.

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