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GOALS AND COMMITTEE

Created in Geneva on the 4th of March 2017, the society aims to study and bring wider recognition of the personality and work of Dr Louis Appia, particularly his contribution to the foundation and influence of the Red Cross with Henry Dunant, General Guillaume Henri Dufour, Gustave Moynier and Dr Théodore Maunoir.

~ **Louis Appia Committee:** Laurence Appia, Louis Appia, Roger Durand, Valérie Lathion, Bertrand Pictet, Olivier Pictet;

~ **Scientific Council:** Gabriella Ballesio, Roger Durand, Valérie Lathion, Olivier Pictet, Rainer Schlösser.

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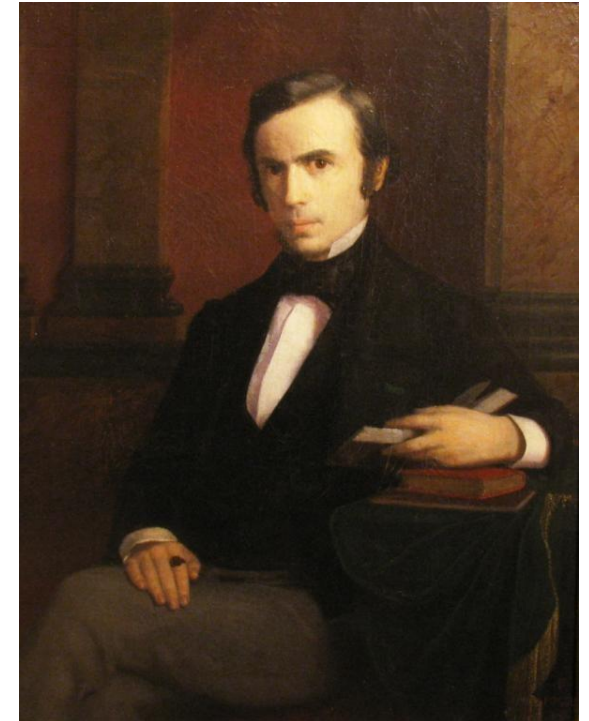
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Picture of Louis Appia, project of a stretcher on wheels

LOUIS APPIA SOCIETY

Dr Louis APPIA (1818-1898)
precursor, co-founder and
pioneer of humanitarianism



Portrait of Louis Appia by François Poggi, 1859

Read more on: <https://www.louis-appia.ch>

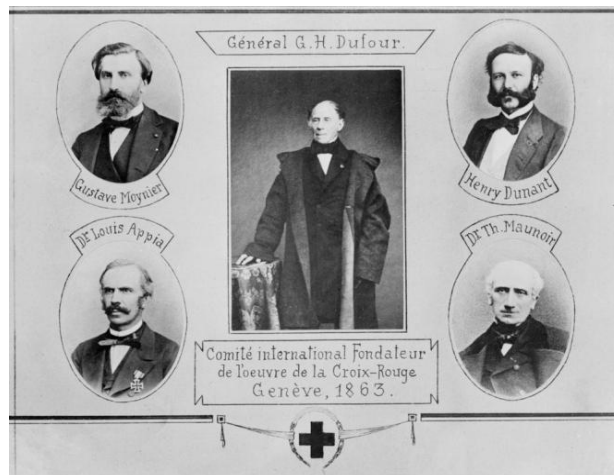
PRECURSOR, ACTOR AND WITNESS

EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS

- ~ **Germany**: born in Hanau where his father was a pastor, student in Frankfurt then Doctor of Medicine at the University of Heidelberg;
- ~ **Switzerland**: moves to the canton of Geneva in 1849, becomes a citizen of Geneva in 1860;
- ~ **Italy**: member of a family originating from the Valdese valleys in Piedmont where his father was born and where his brother George became a pastor;
- ~ **France**: family connections in Paris.

EARLY COMMITMENT

- ~ **philanthropist and doctor**: expounds principles of hygiene in Geneva in public lectures, promotes pediatric care, militates against alcoholism;
- ~ **emergency physician**: champions first aid and the "gesture that saves", assists the wounded during the Revolution in Paris in 1848;
- ~ **pioneer of humanitarianism**: Louis Appia describes his experience as a field surgeon in the war in the North of Italy in *the Ambulance Surgeon* in 1859, three years before Henry Dunant's *A Memory of Solferino*, which launches the basic principles of the Red Cross;
- ~ **committed Christian**: member of the Evangelical Society of Geneva, he puts his faith and convictions into practice in serving his fellow men;
- ~ **co-founder of the Red Cross**: in 1863 becomes one of the five members of the *International Committee founder of the work of the Red Cross* (ICRC); he becomes the Secretary of the ICRC after Henry Dunant's resignation in 1867.
- ~ **first delegate of ICRC**: in April 1864 with Charles van de Velde during the Second Schleswig War. On their return they publish a significant report about the feasibility of the Red Cross before the diplomatic Conference in August 1864, which led to the Geneva Convention.



International Committee founder of the work of Red Cross, Geneva in 1863



"The sign which you are wearing is a sufficient recommendation; we all know what it means. You are here for the wellbeing of all" says Marshal Wrangel to Louis Appia wearing the armband which is kept preserved at the Museum of the International Red Cross and of the Red Crescent in Geneva.

A LONG LASTING COMMITMENT

- ~ **field surgeon**: tests the approach of the Red Cross on battlefields in 1866 during the battle of Bezzecca (Trentin) where he meets Garibaldi, then in 1870 during the Franco-German war;
- ~ **serving the institution**: member of the ICRC he attends meetings and participates in the conferences of the International Red Cross for more than thirty years; ambassador and key theoretician of military and civil humanitarian action;
- ~ **promoting the humanitarian message**: with Gustave Moynier he publishes the standard work *War and Charity*; communicates with Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross; presents the Convention of Geneva and the action of the ICRC in Cairo.

PROGRAM 2021

Subject to the health situation. Please check the latest information on our website.

- ~ **Tuesday, June 15, 9am**:
2021 General Meeting at the Company's headquarters.
Unveiling of the bust of Louis Appia created by David Appia.
- ~ **Friday, July 2, 6pm** :
Retrospective of the first semester, with the Henry Dunant Society and the Théodore Maunoir Committee.
At the headquarters of the Companies.
- ~ **Saturday, August 28, 10am**:
Inauguration of the joint headquarters of the Henry Dunant Society, the Louis Appia Society and the Théodore Maunoir Committee.
Slide show on activities 2020-2021.
At the headquarters of the Company.
- ~ **Saturday, November 20, 2pm** :
Colloquium: *Louis, Georges, Henry Appia and the Evangelical Society*, by Samuel Widmer, Valérie Lathion, Roger Durand, Maria Grazia Baccolo, Olivier Pictet, Louis Appia and Stéphane Hostttler. Chair: Rainer Schlösser.
Launch of the proceedings of the colloquium of October 13, 2018: *Louis Appia, the first globalist humanitarian*.
Centre Henry Dunant, 92 route du Grand-Lancy, 1212 Grand-Lancy
- ~ **Saturday, December 4, 3pm** :
Retrospective of the year 2021
At the headquarters of the Company.
- ~ **Saturday, December 11, 10am**,
Exposure: *Louis Appia, first globalist humanitarian*
In collaboration with the Evangelical Society of Geneva, Chapel of the Oratory, Geneva.

Some publications:

Catalogues of the exhibition (French, English, Italian); translation into German of the work of Louis Appia, *The wounded in Schleswig during the war of 1864*; edition of Louis Appia's letters to Samuel Lehmann.
Coming soon: edition of the correspondence between Louis Appia and Clara Barton, proceedings of the historical colloquium of Torre Pellice of 2019.