

- Since when do you exist as a Tolkien Society? How was the beginning of it? Was it specially tough or pretty easy?

Founded in 2014. Pretty easy. We made a skype conference video call and then the first members decided to found Seryn Ennor,

- How many members do you have right now?

75

- In Spain we are divided in „Smials“, groups of members who live in the same town or surroundings, and they meet to get to know each other and to discuss Tolkien's works, do you have a similar model?

We have four different official languages in Switzerland. So our smials are divided in the four languages. But for Italian and Romand is at the moment no active group, so we have the German Speaking Smial »Sedryn Rhubar Seryn Ennor « and for French speaking „Sedryn Dumbar Seryn Ennor“.

- Do you have, like us, a “Rangers” group? (Members who don't belong to the “Smial” of any town)

No rangers group. Because we belong to languages, not to places/towns.

- Do you organize any activities? If you do, are they usually just for members or for anyone interested in attending?

Our activities are mainly for members, but non-members are also welcome. We did in the past a few conferences for authors and artists. So we had Roger and Linda Garland, Cor Blok, Philippe Munch, Angelo Montanini, Roberto Fontana, Jay Johnstone, Ivan Cavini, John Garth, Pieter Collier, Thomas Honegger, Henk Brassien and others here. Also we do every year a part of Tolkien's walking tour in Switzerland with members who like to walk...

- Do you have an annual meeting where people from all over the country meet?

It is the annual general meeting where we have also a conference with international guests (see above).

- To which aspects of Tolkien's work do you dedicate a greater effort of research and divulgation?

We are concentrated on works of Tolkien belonging to Middle-earth.

- Do you have any songs or dances of your own? And publications such as books or magazines?

None.

- Are you satisfied with the translations of Tolkien's works into your language?

Yes, we are.

- Has the responsible publisher ever taken your comments or suggestions into account for new editions?

Was not needed.

- Any curiosity regarding the translations you want to share?

No. We are satisfied.

- Do you have a star issue that you always end up arguing about? (Like for example, do Balrogs have wings?)

No. Nothing special and no, balrogs had definitely no wings, really ☺

- Do you have any email contact in case a Spanish Tolkiendili traveler wants to meet you in person?

You can use bernd@serynennor.ch and if people come to Switzerland, they want to visit in first line the Greisinger Museum www.greisinger.museum which you surely know about...

- Finally, tell us anything you want to share with us, whether they are curious Tolkien stories related to your country (if there's any), anecdotes that you remember with special affection, etc.

The most important thing for us in Switzerland is the fact that Tolkien made in 1911 the walking tour in Switzerland which inspired him for many places and situations in the Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

Lots of hugs from Spain,

It was a pleasure for me to answer your questions. Adios! Or even better : Namárie ! ☺