



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER  
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE  
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Marie-Thérèse PICTET-ALTHANN

Born: 24th April 1949, Vienna, Austria  
Married to: François-Charles PICTET, Ambassador of Switzerland (retired)  
Nationality: Austrian and Swiss by marriage

#### Professional career

- ***Diplomatic service of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta***

Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations Office and to the other international organizations in Geneva: <https://unmissionge.orderofmalta.int/en/>

Since 2005	Ambassador, Permanent Observer
Since 2022	Ambassador, Permanent Observer to the Inter-Parliamentary Union
2000 – 2005	Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Observer
1995 – 2000	First Counsellor

- ***International Civil Service, United Nations***

1974 – 1983 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:  
Headquarters – Geneva:

- a) Division of Administration and Management
- b) Bureau of the Americas
- c) Division of International Protection

Field missions: 1979 - Zaire, 1982 - Central America.

1970 – 1973 United Nations Office at Geneva (Division of Administration)

**1984 – 1997** Spouse of the Ambassador of Switzerland to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1984-1989), the Netherlands (1989-1990), Austria (1990-1994), the Holy See (1993-1997).

## Related Professional Activities

Since 2019 Honorary President of “Religions for Peace”  
<https://rfp.org/5740-2/>

Since 2015 International Gender Champion  
<https://genderchampions.com/champions?page=4>

2011 - 2015 Vice-President of the Foundation “Caritas in Veritate”  
<http://www.fciv.org/>

2009 - 2014 Member of the Committee of the Geneva Diplomatic Club  
<https://www.clubdiplomatie.ch/>

2007 - 2009 Vice-President of the Geneva Diplomatic Club

1999 - 2010 Founding President of the Geneva Diplomatic Spouses’ Circle (now “International Circle”), a project of the « Fondation pour Genève ». <https://www.cercleinternationalgeneve.ch/fr/cercle-international/cercle-comite.php>

## Other Activities

2016 - 2020 Vice-President of the Geneva Association of Friends of the “Orchestre de la Suisse Romande” - <http://www.amisosr.ch/>

2013 - 2015 President of the Geneva Association of Friends of the “Orchestre de la Suisse Romande”

Since 2009 President of the Choir of St. Joseph, Geneva  
<http://www.choeur-saint-joseph.ch/>

2005 - 2017 Member of the Board of the EORTC Cancer Research Fund (European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer) Foundation in Brussels  
<http://www.eortc.org/about-us/eortc-cancer-research-fund/>

## **Education**

1967 – 1969	European School for Higher Education in Administration and Management (ESA), Vienna (Austria) – Diploma - <a href="https://esa-edu.com/">https://esa-edu.com/</a>
1965 – 1967	Language studies in Fribourg (Switzerland) and London (GB)
1956 – 1965	Primary and secondary education in Austria and Germany

## **Sovereign Order of Malta**

2022	Dame Grand Cross of Honour and Devotion in Obedience
1998	Admission as Dame of Honour and Devotion

## **Awards**

2015	Order of Malta Cross “pro Merito Melitensi” with Plaque
2014	Dame Commander – Papal Order of Saint Gregory the Great
2002	Order of Malta Cross “pro Merito Melitensi” with Crown