The origins of this undertaking and this first attempt to publish a bibliography of English language materials on Swiss law lie in first efforts to locate and efficiently gather and present a steadily increasing amount of publications and information on Swiss law in the English language both for academic and legal practice purposes. The principal idea of this Swiss Law Bibliography is to make Swiss law and the Swiss legal system more easily accessible for English speakers and for the large English speaking legal community.

We hope that this effort to create a first bibliography on English language materials concerning Swiss law will facilitate the access to and the choice of Swiss law and Swiss jurisdiction in the future.

This Swiss Law Bibliography comprises (i) an inventory of Swiss laws, statutes and ordinances translated into English, (ii) a bibliography of English language materials on Swiss law (books, commentaries, treatises, law journal articles, reports, conference papers etc.) and (iii) a list of internet links relating to English sources on Swiss law on the web. It is a compilation of information from various sources, such as library catalogues in the U.S. and in Europe, lecturers, faculty members, deans, directors of law institutes and institutes for comparative law from various countries and in various legal systems, members of the Swiss Bar Association and Swiss members of the International Bar Association, the Association Internationale des Avocats, the Union Internationale des Avocats, the Association Suisse pour l'Arbitrage, members of the Swiss Association of Corporate Counsels, the Swiss Stock Exchange, members of Swiss auditing firms, trust companies and fiduciaries, legal departments of Swiss banks and Swiss insurance companies, the Australian-Swiss, the UK-Swiss and the US-Swiss Chambers of Commerce, the Swiss Institute of Certified Accountants and Tax Consultants and other organizations and individuals.

In 1999 and then once again 2001, a questionnaire was sent out to the above mentioned organizations and individuals. The very positive response to our request for assistance generated a considerable amount of additional bibliographical information. We would like to thank all of those who helped us in our endeavors towards a first Swiss Law Bibliography.
This bibliography on Swiss law was completed in Winter 2002/2003. The project however is meant to be on-going. Hence, we invite comments and notices of additional publications on Swiss law in English which we may not have included or which may be forthcoming (to n-p.vogt@baerkarrer.ch).

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