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## Louis Appia Exhibit

### **Louis Appia, 1818 - 1898** **The first humanitarian globalist**

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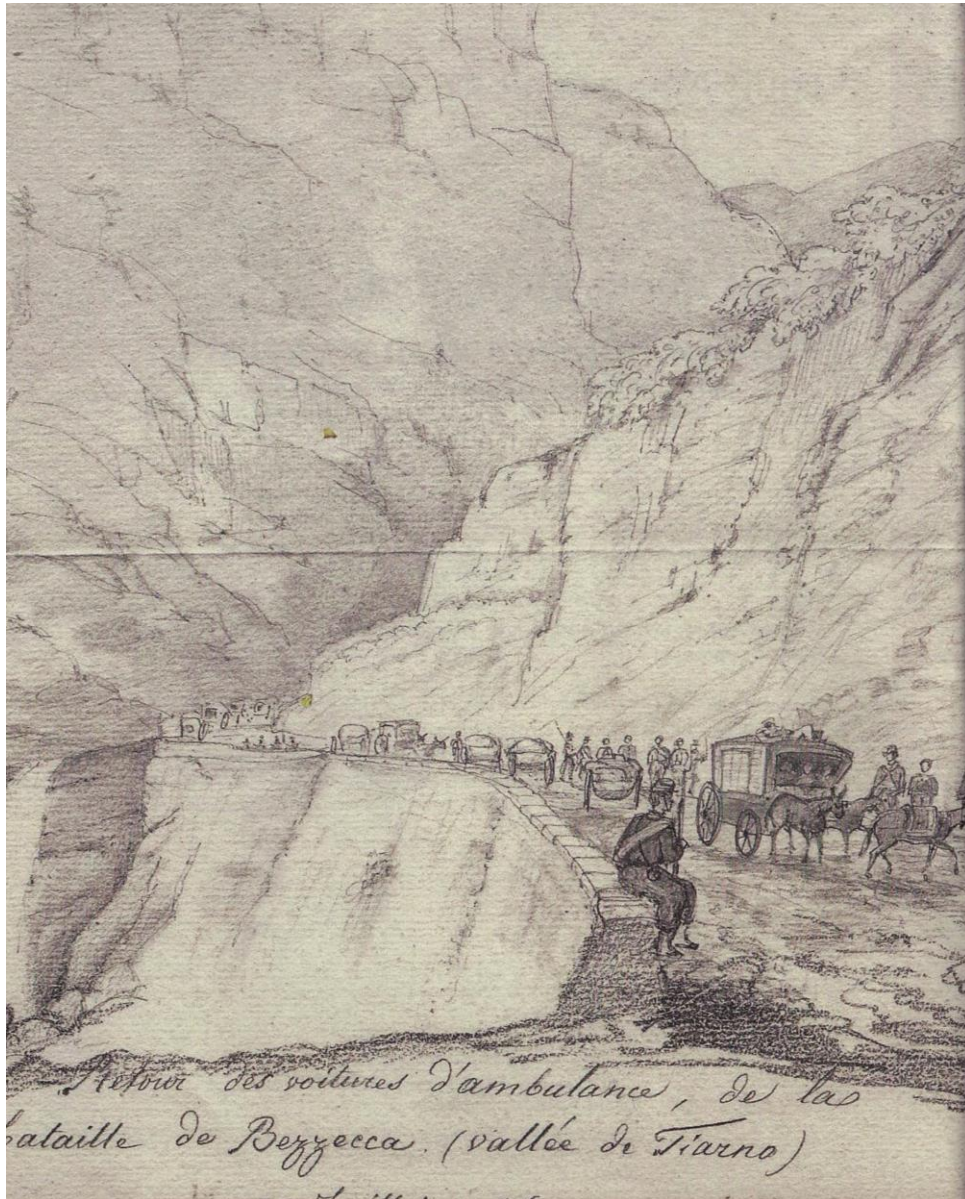
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## Forerunner, co-founder, pioneer

On the occasion of the bicentennial of the birth of Louis Appia, our research on this man - doctor, battlefield surgeon, co-founder of the Red Cross - has led us to reconsider his journey, his action and his role in the birth of humanitarianism.

When he moved to Geneva in 1849, Louis Appia quickly joined the medical and evangelical communities, got married and settled down into a steady career. But everything changed on May 13, 1859, when he organized a collection for the wounded of the Italian war, nine weeks before Henry Dunant made his famous call to action.

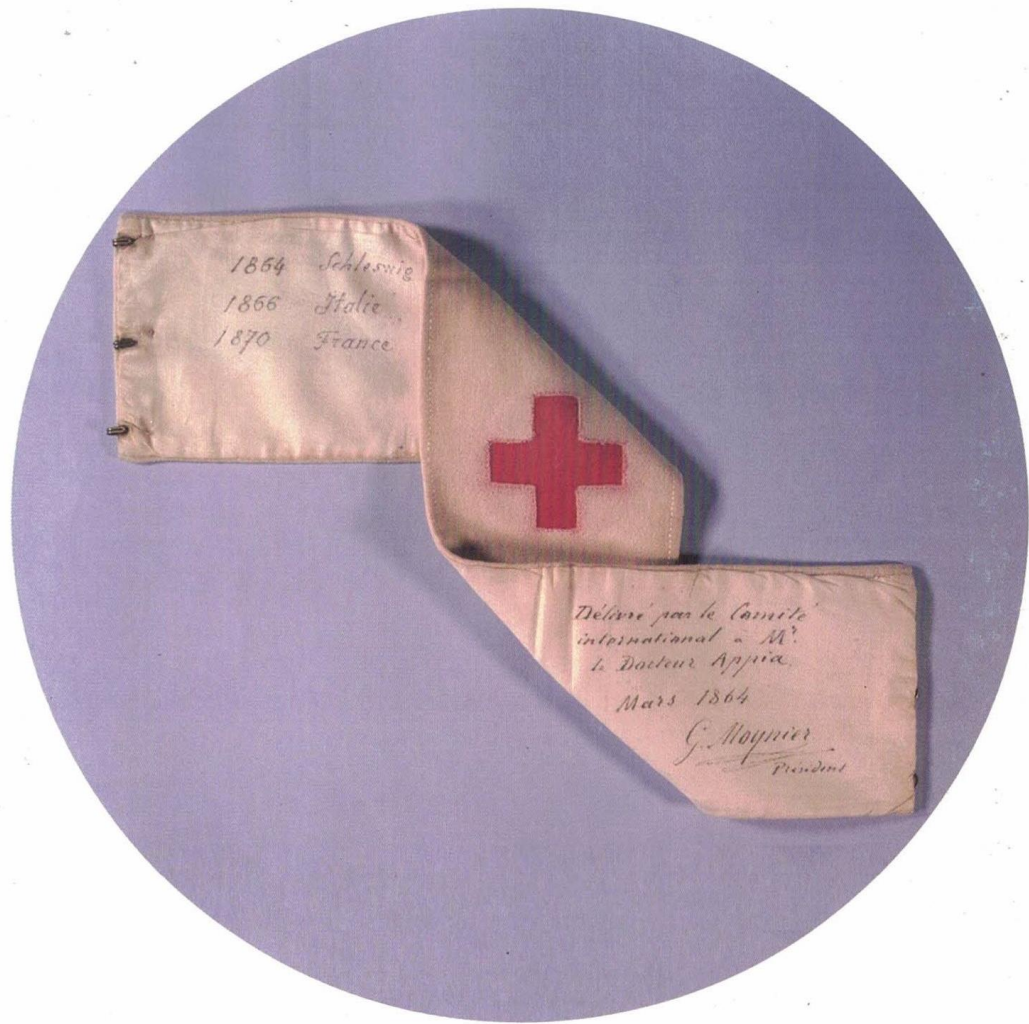
Appia was transformed into a humanitarian forerunner: in June 1859, he launched *The Ambulance Surgeon*; in March 1864, he was the first delegate to go on a mission for the future International Committee of the Red Cross, and in June of that year he published a decisive report on *The Wounded at Schleswig*.

Louis Appia's role as co-founder of the ICRC is better known. He is involved in the writing of medical scenes in *A Memory of Solferino*. He supported Dunant and Moynier as they convinced Geneva's reluctant Geneva Society for Public Welfare. He was an active participant in the foundation of the Geneva Red Cross.

Let's discover this pioneer. Very quickly, Appia decided that humanitarian action should not be limited to wartime. He developed a specialty in first aid, the "gesture that saves". His faith and his philanthropic spirit led him to promote better public hygiene to the people who had been left behind and forgotten in an age of prosperity.

What was the role of Louis Appia in the birth and development of a humanitarian conscience? How did he use his networks to ensure the International Red Cross would succeed? Why has Louis Appia sunk into oblivion? There are so many questions - but detailed studies into the life of Louis Appia can provide some answers.

Roger Durand  
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*"The sign you are wearing is recommendation enough; we know what it means. You are here for the general well-being"*

Field marshal Wrangel, the commander of the Prussian army, to Louis Appia in 1864

