



It is a great honour and pleasure for me to write these words of welcome to you as the Agora Club International President for the year 2011-2012.

What a privilege and what a responsibility!

I started my international work last year under the guidance of Nikkie Grewar from South Africa, with secretary Veerle from BE, treasurer Nicole from CH and IPP and *honoured member* (since 2011) Danielle from BE - all with international experience in Ladies' Circle. I am fully in respect to them and to all previous ACI Board Members who steadily pursued the way of extension.

So, from 1987 till today we grew up to about 1400 members (incl. clubs i.F.) from Northern Europe to South Africa. AC Southend on Sea/UK No. 1 founded this year and these ladies spread of enthusiasm. And in UK, too, we have some few individual members. End of November AC Morocco i.F. is chartering Agora Club Casablanca No. 1. That is all fantastic news!

In 2009 history was made when my country joined ACI as the first Tangent country. In the spirit of Ladies' Circle it will hopefully be a challenge for all Past Circlers, be Agora *and* Tangent, to follow this way of international past circling on a *common* platform! It would be my matter of heart and it was for this that I choose the motto BUILDING BRIDGES for my presidential year.

BUILDING BRIDGES is so very important in life. It means living in peace, tolerating different confessions or habits, means getting in touch, shaking hands. It is help, confidence, tolerance and friendship.

BUILDING BRIDGES between both our associations Agora and Tangent is past circling in continued friendship on international base. May we succeed for future times and follow up the steps of the 41ers who have two associations' names under one roof since many years.

In Cesenatico councillors and floor members decided and voted for future times to support the project of Ladies' Circle International which will be for the next two years "Viva con Agua" [www.vivaconagua.org](http://www.vivaconagua.org).

YOU can do as well by buying the year pin 2011-2012.

So, dear ladies and friends throughout the world, thank you once again for your support. Looking forward to being of service to you all during this coming year with

**BUILDING BRIDGES**

- In continued Friendship



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ACI President 2011-2012

1<sup>st</sup> October 2011