

AN INTERNATIONAL GOODBYE ...

After the cosy brunch in Bruges, and saying our goodbyes to the Agora delegates, we head off to Danielle's house in Waardamme for the first board meeting with the brand new ACI board.

1. A WARM WELCOME BY DANIELLE

At Danielle's cosy place we are welcomed by the most enthusiastic member of her family : Danielle's cute dog Gamine !

Danielle welcomes us with the words that she has worked with each one of us at one time in the past, and she expresses her joy that we will all be working together this year.

Sadly enough Dominique informed us she would not be able to attend this first working meeting of the ACI board, due to illness.

At 13 pm sharp we start the meeting.

2. DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARDMEMBERS

The ACI duties are read by each board member, so it is clear what needs to be done during the year.

The decision is made that as from now extension will be handled by the ACI Vice president, so she can follow up these new countries thoroughly during 2 to 3 years.

3. OVERALL REMARKS

a. Although the rules state that all files from the previous board should be transferred to the new board, Danielle informs the board that she did not receive all files from Sonia Estoppey and Cathérine Lambercy. All files from previous years are apparently lost too.

b. Some councillors asked the ACI board to consider a councillors meeting the day before each ACI AGM (such as is being done by LCI), to assure a fluent running of the AGM and prevent unexpected calamities.

4. GUIDELINES

The board will work on the existing **rules**, to bring them up-to-date and refine and clarify them where necessary. A first draft will be made, and reviewed at the boardmeeting in february 2010.

The whole afternoon of the 4th of october and morning of the 5th of october the board worked on creating **guidelines**, which contain practical advice for the work in Agora Club International and its member countries.



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Following guidelines are created :

1. Guidelines how to begin Agora Club in a new country
2. Guidelines how to Charter a N° 1 Club
3. Guidelines how to start a new Agora Club
4. Guidelines how to form further Agora Clubs
5. Guidelines for Agora Club Godmother Clubs
6. Guidelines for ACI Board members
7. Guidelines for the tellers at the ACI AGM

The international leaflet with information on the history, the aims, the clubs, its members and an overall information on Agora Club International is finalised.

The finalised guidelines and leaflet can be consulted and downloaded on the new website, which will be online end of november.

A NICE SURPRISE !

After the first day of intense work, Danielle's Club invites us to a truly cosy and most delicious evening with a choice of cheeses and wines. Rita's house was filled with laughter that evening! Thank you AC Roeselare-Houtland.

5. BANK & FINANCES

a. Capitation : A capitation fee form will be made which each country will have to fill in by the next ACI Conference. This form will contain all membership information from each country and will make the work of the ACI treasurer a bit easier.

With the joining of Agora Club Tangent Germany, the total of members of ACI = 1118 members

The capitation fee for 2009-2010 is set at 10€/member to be paid by the 1st of december at the latest.

The total ACI Liabilities on the 4th of October 2009 = 9311.09€

b. Stock ACI shop :

ITEM	QUANTITY	COST in €	SELL in €
ACI pins	127	1.37	5.00
Banners	19 (as handouts)	6.84	
Hankershiefs	1	2.00	2.00
Silver necklace	1	35.00	49.00
Silver earrings	1 pair	25.00	32.00
T-shirts	4	4.00	4.00
Evening bags	3	12.00	12.00
belts	2	2.00	2.00
umbrella	1 (as handout)		
pen	51	2.56	7.00
TOTAL VALUE OF SHOP		538.51	

According to the counting of items of the shop in 2008-2009, following items are missing from the shop : 5 pens and 2 T-shirts

Whatever is left from the ACI Conference shop, ACI will take over for the conference shop in Talinn. (Stock to be asked to AC Roeselare)

Danielle receives 7 banners to hand out on several occasions, and 10 pins

Nikkie receives 2 banners

c. Proceeds of the tombola

Tombola AGM : 420€

Tombola evening : 645€

The proceeds of both tombola's will be transferred to the account for the ACI Charity project in Abruzzo – Italy.

All donations from the membercountries (special actions, sale of presidential pin,...) will be transferred to this account.

Unfortunately 200€ of these proceeds will be transferred back to the account of AC Roeselare (hosting club ACI AGM) since Livana Meri and husband (AC Italy) did not inform the organising committee of their absence. The club had to pay the amounts due, to the restaurants.

6. TRAVELS

FOCUS THIS ACI YEAR

- This year the ACI Board wants to put focus on the **new** and the **small** Agora countries. The Board will be represented at their Charter, and will visit countries with slow development to give them support.

- It is therefore decided that the boardmembers can join local charters, AGM's etc at their own choice and at their own expence. Since their presence will not be refunded by ACI, they do not act as representative of ACI.

- The ACI Board will send a greeting card to local Charters, AGM's etc

- If the budget allows, the ACI Board will send a representative to the international 4Clubs-1Vision meeting and to the AGM of Ladies' Circle International.

- The Board discussed the importance of being present at the LCI Mid Term meetings. Veerle felt that since the groups are smaller at an MTM, the contacts might be easier. So in future we will discuss what to visit, either LCI Conference or MTM depending on the President and of course the budget.

Either way, during LCI Conference or LCI MTM's the ACI representative must make sure that her presence makes sense. She has to work for Agora Club International : making contacts, informing LC about Agora and re-affirming the bond between both clubs.

- Only the **travel costs** and the **cost of 1 meal** are refunded by ACI to the board members for their representation.

PLANNING REPRESENTATION OF ACI AT FOLLOWING EVENTS :

This list will be finalised on the board meeting of February 2010, according to budget and when all travel costs for representation are known.

DATE	EVENT	REPRESENTATION BY
14,15 november 2009	Half year meeting of Agora Club Tangent Germany	Danielle
14,15 march 2010	Charter Agora Club Merano	Danielle
23-25 april 2010	Visit Agora Club Tampere and Agora club Väsä both in Finland, in conjunction with the 41 Club International AGM also in Finland	Danielle
30 april – 2 may 2010	AGM Agora Club Brasov in Romania + meeting with new potential clubs	Danielle
22 may 2010	Charter Agora Club Lusaka 1 in Zambia	Danielle +Nikkie (?)
29 may 2010	National AGM Agora Club South Africa	Danielle +Nikkie (?)
5 june 2010	National AGM Agora Club The Netherlands In conjunction with the 4 th boardmeeting	Nikkie + Veerle
5 june 2010	National AGM Agora Club France	Danielle +Nicole (?)
26 june 2010	National AGM Agora Club Belgium	Danielle + Veerle
28 august 2010	International AGM LCI in Bruges-Belgium	If budget allows

7. DIRECTORY

Danielle shows us the design of the frontpage of the new ACI Directory for approval. We all like the design!

The newly voted rules are included in the current rules.

The lay-out will differ a bit from previous directories : for each country the coördinates of the National Board will be included, as well as a short history of that membercountry and its logo.

8. WEBSITE

The webmaster appointed by the ACI board, will design a new site according to the budget. It is decided that it should include the ACI newsletters, Agenda, articles from members or membercountries, invitations, links to other clubs, a photogallery, Under password the members can download or consult all rules and guidelines, official forms, official logo's etc.

The website should become a handy and easily workable tool for all members.

9. EXTENSION of AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Following countries asked for information :

- Iceland : Danielle and Veerle follow this up with Dagny Leifsdottir
- Poland : Nikkie follows this up with Jolanta Kowalska, actual weblady LC Poland
- Morocco : Veerle gets in contact with Mimi Zaz
- African Countries : Nikkie will get in contact with Botwana, Burundi, Kenya and Madagascar
- Austria : Nikkie keeps contact Doris Graf, actual President of LC Austria
- India : Veerle gives contact details of Jayshree Chaudry (Mumbay) to Nikkie

10. WISHES, CARDS to be sent out

- Veerle's suggestion for the design of the Christmas wishes is approved by the Board. Veerle will execute this design.
- The board signs several wishing cards for future use.

11. BOARD MEETINGS

2009-2010

- Boardmeeting 3 : 6,7,8 february 2010 at Nicole's place
- Boardmeeting 4 : 11,12,13 june 2010 at Veerle's place (or Danielle's, depending on exams of Veerle's children)
- Boardmeeting 5 : evening of the 28th of september, 29, 30 september 2010 in Talinn

2010-2011

- Boardmeeting 1 : Sunday 3 october 2010 in Talinn
- Boardmeeting 2 : Monday and Tuesday 4,5 october 2010



Your International Board ...Hard at work !

12. TO DO - TO DO - TO DO - TO DO - TO DO - TO DO - TO DO - TO DO - TO DO

WHO ?	WHAT ?
DANIELLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ask the conference comitee for a final report of the ACI weekend (with financial report, suggestions, check lists, shop, dress code, tombola, etc) - Ask shop keepers ACI conference 2009 for their stock - order name tags for the board - write newsletter 1
NIKKIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact AC Estonia to ask for the 2010 AGM weekend program, costs, venues, hotels, partners programs etc - ask countries for articles for the website (about charters, local and national events,...) - Follow up extension (see point 9)
VEERLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - create official letterhead - send out newsletter 1 by end october - create a new international logo - make a form for application for the ACI Conference - make a form for nomination for ACI Officer
NICOLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make a capitation fee form - send out request for payment of capitation fees to member countries - organise bank (transfer accounts to Switzerland, open charity fund account,...)

13. DID YOU KNOW?

- That being on the ACI Board is hazardous for your health? (ask Veerle coughcough and Nikkie coughcough!)
- That a dog can sometimes sound like a locomotive (ask Gamine!)
- That being part of the ACI board brings you back to your youth where you spent nights in dormitories !
- That SKYPE is such a good invention to cut communication costs for the board !
- That Danielle's (?) spaghetti is really wonderful
- That a box of pralines can dissapear in record time when working hard!

DID YOU KNOW that in Danielle's pin, the letter A (Agora) and the letter T (Tangent) are hidden? Have a good look



Bet you didn't see that!!! 😊

The combined 1st and 2nd boardmeeting 2010 closes on Tuesday 6th of october at 11 am.