





# February 2010, a month in the spirit of love and tenderness...

Hello my dear friends worldwide,

In that spirit of friendship, ánd love for our Agora Club, the members of the ACI Board came together at ACI treasurer Nicole Rüeger's house in Lausanne/Switzerland for the 3<sup>rd</sup> international Boardmeeting.

It was a nice, cosy but also very busy meeting, where we tackled quite a lot of issues.



One of the nicest jobs was the preparation of the Charters of our new Agora Clubs-to-be: Italy, Zambia and

Israel! We checked their constitutions (since Italy and Israel will form their National Board on the day of the charter), logo's, protocol, etc, so everything will run smoothly during their Charters.





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# As you all realise: this year Agora Club International is alive and kicking!



### Charters of new clubs and countries are approaching...

You will all receive very soon the first invitations for the Charter of

- Agora Club Toulouse/France (6.03.2010)
- Bologna/Italy (13.03.2010) combined with the installation of the first National Board of Agora Club Italy.

Dear National and local Board members...Do you remember the day you were chartered?

Wouldn't it be great to send congratulation cards to encourage and motivate our new members? We could all make it a habit to welcome new member countries and clubs by sending them warm wishes

The Charter from Merano /Italy has been postponed to **the 10th of April 2010** as the ladies felt it was very close to the one on AC. Bologna.

Also the following clubs are in full preparation for their Charters:

- > Tongeren/Belgium (17.04),
- Lusaka/ Zambia (22.05),
- ➤ Genk/Belgium (29.05),
- > and the two clubs in Israel (19.06)
- Seattle/Usa is doing a great job and we are expecting their charter at the end of 2010.....
- And.... Ladies as I told shortly last month, <u>yes</u> we have two new clubs in formation and again in a new country namely <u>POLAND!</u>



AC Gddansk 1 i.f.



AC Slupsk 2 i.f.

Welcome AC Poland i.f.!!





## Documents coming your way!

 During the Board Meeting we have also been working on items which will have to be voted on your National AGM's

You will receive all those documents by the beginning of April so you have all the time necessary to forward them to your clubs and to put them on the agenda of your National Agm's.

 One of the items that had our special attention during our Board meeting were the International Rules.

Since Agora International is growing and expanding we felt that they needed to be clearer and more detailed. We worked hard on them and ended up with a comparative study between the former and the newly adapted rules.



Veerle, our ACI secretary will send this document to all the National Boards by the end of february with the necessary explanations.

• The ACI Board asked a belgian designer friend to have a look at our logo: we felt that after 13 years is was time to give the logo an updated and modern look....but since we're sometimes a bit of a naughty Board too, we keep this new design as a surprise for the ACI conference in Talinn! ©



# News from our newest member country

At our last International AGM our latest members Agora Club Tangent Germany promised to create a banner and pin as they became members of our association.

Therefore I am very proud to present you the brand new pin of AC. Tangent Germany.



Congratulations to Bärbel and her team on the good job, and special thanks goes to Elisabeth Hiller who is always in the running to bring Agora and Tangent closer to one another.





# Teamspirit!

Next to all the work we also found the time to work on our Board teamspirit: we went for a snow walk in the mountains, had a proper snowball fight and had loads of fun!

These 3 days brought us even closer together!



Your "Snow-Board" ©

Dear ladies for those of you who are interested, the minutes of this meeting will be on our website shortly, have a look for more details.

My friends, this was the latest news from your ACI Board.

Next month Nikkie Grewar, your Vice-President, will make the newsletter where she will incorporate all YOUR ARTICLES and pictures.

So please ladies, I am sure that every country has already experienced something this year which is worthwhile talking about. Put your country in flashlight and send in your articles!

Wishing you all a marvellous time in Agora, promise me to experience it to the fullest!

Love,

### Daniëlle Gardin

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