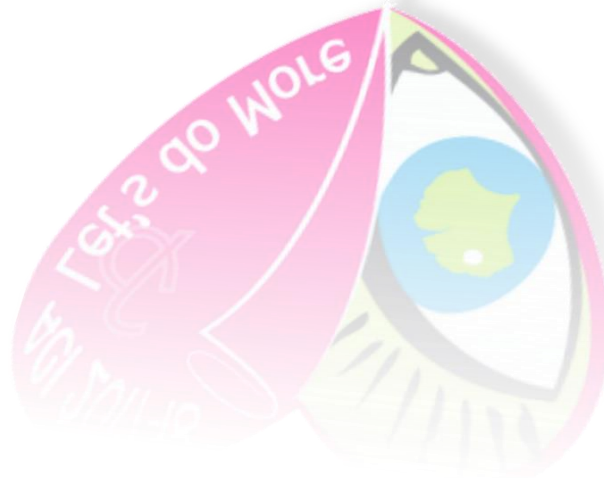




22nd Agora Club



International Conference



6TH October 2018

*At Aula of the University of Gent,
Belgium*



AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Words of welcome from the ACI President: Isabelle SEGUINOT
- Lighting of the candle of friendship
- Reading of the Aims and Objectives
- Words from the Mayor of Gent: Daniel TERMONT
- Words from the NP of AC Belgium: Carine EVERAERT
- National Anthems

2. Introduction of the ACI Board Members

3. Introduction of each country's Councillors

4. Introduction of Past ACI Officers and Guests

5. Speeches by Guests

6. Apologies, greetings and obituaries

7. Statement that the Meeting has been duly convened and that the members form a quorum (ACI rule 8.2)

8. Announcement of the two tellers of the Meeting

9. Confirmation and adoption of the ACI AGM Agenda 2017-2018

10. Confirmation and adoption of the standing orders governing the ACI AGM

11. Combined Report ACI Board

- a. Report ACI President
- b. Report ACI Vice President
- c. Report ACI Immediate Past President
- d. Report ACI Secretary
- e. Report ACI Treasurer
- f. Report ACI Weblady

12. Financial Report ACI Treasurer



- a. Report of the auditor
- b. Financials ACI year 2017-2018
- c. Budgets ACI year 2018-2019
- d. Capitation fees (date of payment)

13. Report on the International Service Projects

- a. EFTW
- b. Happy Hearts
- c. Together4Charity
- d. Knitting Project

14. Applications for Associate membership and Charters

- AC Luxembourg
- AC Zimbabwe

15. Proposal for extension to the rules by the ACI Board

16. Proposal for extension to the rules by AC Countries

17. Presentation of the ACI Conference 2019 by AC Morocco

18. Presentations and Voting for the country hosting the ACI Conference in 2020

- AC France
- AC The Netherlands

19. Membership Awards

20. Presentation and election of the ACI Officers 2018-2019/20

21. Any other business

22. Calendar ACI year 2018-2019

23. Result and announcement of the voting

24. Incoming President's address

25. Date and the place of the next ACI AGM

26. Closure of the Meeting





1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- **WORDS OF WELCOME FROM THE ACI PRESIDENT: Isabelle SEGUINOT**
- **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF FRIENDSHIP**
- **READING OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**
 - To link together all National associations of Agora Club International
 - To promote, co-ordinate and develop the friendship which unites them around the motto “Donner et Tolérer”, which means Service and Tolerance in English
 - To be non-political and non-sectarian
- **WORDS FROM THE MAYOR OF GENT: Daniel TERMONT**
- **WORDS FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AC BELGIUM Carine EVERAERT**

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE ACI BOARD MEMBERS

- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| - Isabelle Seguinot | President | AC France |
| - Anna Tabone | Vice President | AC Malta |
| - Ursula Lejeune | IPP | ACT Germany |
| - Maria Erla Hilmarsdottir | Secretary | AC Iceland |
| - Yvonne Houben | Treasurer | AC Belgium |

3.INTRODUCTION OF THE COUNCILORS OF THE MEMBERS COUNTRIES

FULL MEMBER COUNTRIES		
AC BELGIUM	Carin Everaert Marleen Bollen	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC FRANCE	Maryse Dechappe Christiane Fiumana	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
ACT GERMANY	Claudia Wollkopf Linda Rodriguez-Sierra	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC ICELAND	Gudrun Gunnarsdóttir Herdis Fridfinnsdóttir	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC ISRAEL	Marie-Jeanne Margalit Talia Gilad	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC ITALY	Marie Letizia Iulli Christina Calgaro	National President 17-18 National Secretary 17-18
AC MALTA	Edith Hili Maria Chetcuti	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC MOROCCO	Narjisse Kaicer Dounia Taoujni	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC ROMANIA	Simona Centiu Gabriela Abagiu	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC SOUTH AFRICA	Beverley Patterson Bongekile Sydness Mkhithi	National IPP 17-18 National Secretary 17-18
AC THE NETHERLANDS	Marlies Withagen-Dubois Els Kin-Schellekens	National President 17-18 National VP 17-18
AC UK	Tracey Metcalf Sandra Smith	National President 17-18 National IPP 17-18
AC USA	Marianne Piotrowski Kelly Geisler	National IPP 17-18 National Secretary 17-18
AC ZAMBIA	Florence M.Kaunda Sylvia Mwansa	National President 18-19 Founder President

ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES		
AC AUSTRIA	Christine Wernitznig Gabi Golger-Oberwinkler	President Club 1 17-18 VP Club 1 17-18
AC BOTSWANA	not present	
AC MADAGASCAR	Landinirina Rakotomalala Railovi Andrianavalona	President Club 1 18-19 Member of Club 1
AC NORWAY	Anne Klingsheim Anne Brit Maeland	President Club 1 17-18 VP Club 1 17-18
AC SWITZERLAND	Lucienne Boujon Sonia Estoppey	President Club 2 17-18 Contact Club 1 17-18

Countries in Formation		
AC LUXEMBURG	Christiane Schaul Carole Feilen	President Club 1 17-18 VP Club 1 17-18
AC ZIMBABWE	Chidochemoyo Musasiwa-Gutu Opah Zindi	President Club 1 17-18 Member club 1

4. INTRODUCTION OF PAST ACI OFFICERS AND GUESTS

Nicole Charlot Founder member of AGORA worldwide from AC France

PAST ACI OFFICERS

Founder ACI President 1996-1997

and **HONORARY MEMBER** Annie Ferdinand AC France

ACI President 1997-1998 Anne-Marie Delsaerd AC Belgium

ACI President 2002-2003 Corry Zimmer AC The Netherlands

ACI President 2004-2005 Genevieve Longere AC France

ACI Secretary 2003-2004 and
ACI President 2005-2006 Agnès Veille-Finet AC France

ACI Treasurer 2007-2008 and
ACI President 2009-2010 and
HONORARY MEMBER Daniëlle Gardin AC Belgium

ACI President 2011-2012 Elisabeth Hiller ACT Germany

ACI Secretary 2008-2011 and
ACI President 2012-2013 and
Convener of EFTW 2015-2019 and
ACI Weblady and
HONORARY MEMBER Veerle De Jonge AC Belgium

ACI President 2013-2014 and
Convener of EFTW 2015-2019 Sandy van Niekerk AC South Africa

ACI President 2014-2015 Kelly Geisler AC USA

ACI Secretary 1999-2001 Rita Verlinden-Baeck AC Belgium



ACI Secretary 2002-2003	Ans Poort	AC The Netherlands
ACI Secretary 2007-2008	Catherine Lamercy	AC Switzerland
ACI Secretary 2011-2013	Karen von Koschitzky	ACT Germany
ACI Secretary 2013-2015	Karin Chaffart	AC Belgium
ACI Secretary 2015-2018	Brigitte Colberg	ACT Germany
ACI Treasurer 2006-2007	Sonia Estoppey	AC Switzerland
ACI Treasurer 2008-2009	Rita Van Belleghem	AC Belgium
ACI Treasurer 2009-2012	Nicole Rüeger	AC Switzerland
ACI Treasurer 2014-2016	Martine Monzo	AC France

GUESTS

LCI President 2018-2019	Kenza Sbihi	LC Morocco
TCI President 2018-2019	Paula Farnfield	TC GB&I
41 International Vice president	Luc Trigaux	41 Club Belgium
41 International Treasurer	Didier Van Calster	41 Club Belgium
RT International IPP 2018-2019	Yann Tavernier	RT Belgium
RT International Chairman of Eastern and Central Europe	Fabrice Stevens	RT Belgium
National IPP 2018-2019	Joyce Tahon	LC Belgium
41 National President 2018-2019	François Motillon	41 France
41 National President 2018-2019	Philippe Pathy	41 Belgium
41 National IPP 2018-2019	Bruno Ciarelli	41 France
41 National IRO 2018-2019	Michel Bourguet	41 France

And the Director of EFTW, the ACI ISP, Koen Van Pottelbergh



CANDIDATES FOR ACI BOARD

Candidate for ACI Vice President	AC Belgium	Chris Helsen
Candidate for ACI Treasurer	AC USA	Vandana Deodar

5. SPEECHES BY GUESTS

6. APOLOGIES, GREETINGS AND OBITUARIES

7. STATEMENT THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN DULY CONVENED AND THAT THE MEMBERS FORM A QUORUM (Rule 8.2)

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TWO TELLERS OF THE MEETING

Kelly Geisler from AC USA, ACI PRESIDENT 2014-2015

Martine Monzo from AC France, ACI-Treasurer 2014-2016

9. CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ACI AGM AGENDA 2017-2018



Voting by show of hands

10. CONFIRMATION OF THE STANDING ORDERS GOVERNING THE ACI AGM



Voting by show of hands

11. COMBINED REPORT ACI BOARD



Voting by show of hands

11.a REPORT ACI PRESIDENT – ISABELLE SEGUINOT

My dear Agora Ladies, dear Friends,

One year ago, in beautiful Malta, Ursula Lejeune gave me her Presidential Jewels... and the Presidential duties, too!

It was the beginning of a unique and fantastic adventure!

I lived so many incredible things, discovered so many countries, met so many amazing people worldwide, that finally, it seems to me that it was much more than only one year. A year, I will never forget and will cherish for the rest of my life!



MY MOTTO

The Motto, I chose for my Presidential Year was "Let's Open our Eyes, Let's Open our Heart & Let's Do More!"

Agora Club is not only to have new friends or to meet old ones, to have fun and plenty of memories, it is a club which gives you the opportunity to be a better you through charity.

To do things for others, to work for our service projects which are the Heart of our association, to help our clubs to grow up, we must open our minds and have a look around. We have to Open our Eyes. Whatever we would like to do, it would be much better if it is done with the heart, our open heart....

To do more in order to promote our clubs around us to get new inductions or new charters... You perfectly did it, as for the first time, the increase of ACI is more than 10% and now ACI is counting more than 2000 members! Well Done!!!

To do more for others with local, national or International Service Projects:

Eyes for the World is our amazing ACI service project. For 3 years now, ACI is working with a great success to give a better eyesight to people in need through adjustable spectacles. Because of the experience and the hard work of Sandy and Veerle, our two amazing ISP Convenors and with the help of the Director of the association, Koen Van Pottelbergh, this year we had 4 successful missions: Romania, Madagascar, Zambia and Zimbabwe where I had the great privilege to be.



To share this unique and fantastic experience with the local Agora Ladies in formation & circlers from Zimbabwe and see the children or elderly people smiling or crying after understanding that their life will change, that their life will be better thanks to the glasses, what more could we ask for? I will never forget this pretty young lady trying the glasses on and shouting "I see, I see!!!"

As the ACI councillors decided to continue to support the LCI ISP, **Happy Hearts**, I took the opportunity of my travel to Gaborone, for the LCI MTM, to visit the place where the interim home for children with cancer will be built. It is an amazing project and I really hope that next year you also will work to give money for it...

The **Emergent Need Fund** was created to have money to help very quickly people in need after a disaster. In the spirit of Side by Side, for two years, we helped Italian people through "4C1V" Italy after the earthquake in Aquarta and this year we also decided to help the Indian people through RT India after the message following the flood disaster in Kerala.

Through my visits to your country, Facebook or our ACI Newsletters, I could discover your commitment for people in need and all you are doing for them! I was so proud of you for that... Well done Ladies! Congratulations!!!

SIDE BY SIDE

As in France, we always successfully worked side-by-side with the other clubs of the Round Table Family, it was obvious to me for my Presidential year to do the same on an International level. It was great that it also was one of the aims of Anne Ahlefeldt, LCI President. Then, for the first time, in Norway during the LCI AGM we could organize a meeting between the three International Presidents of the Ladies Circle, Tangent and Agora Club. Anna Tabone, the very soon new ACI President attended the meeting with me as well as Kenza Sbihi, the LCI President 2018-2019 and the treasurer and secretary of TCI. This meeting gave us the opportunity to know each other better and for sure it will be the first of a long list!

When I planned my year travels and specially for the Side by Side part, I thought that to work all together with our brothers and sisters organization, share our service projects (LCI ISP yet but why not EFTW our ACI ISP in the future), help them if needed specially if we had no members in a country in difficulties, we had to know each other better, spend time all together and come if possible during their International Events.

It is why, Anna Tabone, our lovely VP, Ursula Lejeune, great IPP and/or I attended the:

- 41 Int and TCI HYM in Rimini, Italy

- LCI MTMs in Luxembourg and Gaborone, Botswana
- RTI HYM in Gent, Belgium which gave me the opportunity to discover where my own AGM will be and meet my Conference Committee
- 41 Int and TCI AGM in Portchäch, Austria
- LCI AGM in Haugesund, Norway
- As I couldn't attend the RTI AGM in Sri Lanka I sent out my greetings through a video... Finally ACI was there!

TRAVELS

One of my aims this year was to meet you all over the world, my dear Agora Ladies. Travelling gave us that possibility to show that friendship has no boundaries, that even if we met for the first time we have so much in common that it was like we had known each other for ever!

Whatever the country where I travelled, even if it was to attend Round Table Family events, I always tried to meet you and share time to know you better through talking about Agora, about life... or just having fun!

Then I travelled and met you in:

- Malta, Austria and Belgium for our 4 Board Meetings
- South Africa (the 3 clubs) and Botswana for the LCI MTM
- France for the charters of AC Saint Quentin and AC Blois, for two area's meeting in Blois and Lyon and for the National AGM in Bagnoles de l'Orne joined with the 41 Club France
- Israel for the charters of AC Herzliya and AC Haifa
- Romania for the 10th anniversary of AC Brasov
- Morocco for the third edition of the "Ladies Caravan" an amazing charity event to help children in need to go to school
- Zimbabwe i.f. for the EFTW mission
- Norway for the LCI Conference

Thanks to all of you for giving me so much during my stays and our meetings... so much to learn, exchange, share, give, help, love, laugh, have fun... I will never forget!

Communications

In my opinion, communications are at the heart of our society but also of our club. Perhaps, you could think that it could be too much, specially now with the law for the privacy, but I think that to grow up we need to communicate about who we are, where we are, what we are doing and what we will do.

Different tools could help us: our ACI Website, our Facebook page, emails, WhatsApp... and now the APP!

During my year, we made a directory in pdf. attending the APP which is just finished and works! For sure, it is a big progress for the future... Well done Ursula for your great job for it!

The ACI Website and our Facebook group was always updated by our amazing Weblady Veerle, sharing with you many information about Agora. You could also find on it (only on our website): all the info docs, guidelines and application forms we updated or created to help you in your Agora life!

Seven wonderful newsletters were sent out by Maria Erla, our lovely ACI Secretary, with the reports you shared with us about your club life. It was really interesting to read them and discover how much you did for Agora and for charity!

I also made and sent out several greeting/sympathy cards because when you have friends all over the world you have to take care of them and keep regular contacts with them whatever the time, religion or life we all had.

THANK YOU

First, I would like to thank all of you, my dear Agora Ladies, who believed in me two years ago in Milan and gave me the opportunity to become at that time your ACI VP and after your ACI President.

This year, I was really lucky to have wonderful Boardies to work with me for ACI. I called them, since the beginning, my "Dream-Team"! A big big thank you to all of you my dear Uschi, Anna, Yvonne, Maria Erla for your availability, pieces of advice, hard work, commitment, English corrections (you know, I am French!!!), Friendship, crazy moments, laughter, fun and cheers... the list is really much longer... This incredible year has given me new friends for life! Love you Ladies!!!!

A big thank you to my friend for so many time, Veerle, who was my lovely weblady but also one of the great EFTW Convenors with Sandy, and the perfect Conference Convenor who organised this fantastic week-end Conference for all of us! Love you!

I can't write my greetings without thanking you all the hostesses who opened their house doors for me during my travels but often, also their hearts: Simone, Manue, Anna, Lollo, Sandy, Charlene, Khurshida, Veerle, Chrystel, Esther, Siham, Kristel, Christiane, Sonja, Mihaela, Chido, Anita and Yvonne. Thank you so much!

Big thank you to all French Agora Ladies, specially Maryse Dechappe NP 17-18 and the Ladies from AC Hyères, for your continuous support and friendship.

For my last thank you, I will tell you a true story. During one of my travel somewhere (it could be everywhere), XX (my lovely driver and perfect Ladies) and I were attacked by two guys in front of the garage door, coming back home after a party. As the car door was closed, the thieves broke the two door windows with their fist. I was completely petrified. They finally left us after taking my hand bag. After months, I could say that we were very lucky to stay alive and I am sure that XX did the right things for that... Big big THANK you dear XX!!!

Life could stop anywhere, at any time and we are never ready for it... Please take care of you all!!! Live the life you love, Love the life you live!

My Presidential year is now getting to its end. I am really proud of what we all have done together for Agora club International.

Next year, ACI will be in very good hands with Anna Tabone, our new ACI President, and I will be very happy and proud to continue to work for Agora with her and her board members!

Yours in Friendship and Love,

Isabelle SEGUINOT
ACI President 2017-2018



11.b. REPORT ACI VICE-PRESIDENT – ANNA TABONE

Being part of the ACI board has been a learning curve. I learnt that you should not always say what you think as fast as you think it, and that respecting perspectives you had not seen before must be considered with an open mind. I've learnt that having a bit of all of us in one pot makes a delicious Agora dish, full of fragrance and taste... Isa... with her gift to listen and filter, Uschi her commitment to side by side experiences, Yvonne's wise words of wisdom, Maria Erla's suave and soothing presence and I, too loud for my own good, together created a wonderful mix.



I enjoyed My travels to the LCI MTM in Luxembourg, a happy throw back to the times we were circlers, as well as the charter of Casablanca Bouskouri. The generosity of the girls from Morocco will never be forgotten. They gave two unmarried mothers the opportunity to have a wedding, a dowry and so many gifts ...this really was an amazing experience. I also very much enjoyed the hospitality of the Austrian ladies during our Board Meeting in Spittal. Every evening they organized something special for us, and they joined us for the weekend in Portchach for the AGM of the 41 'ers and Tangent, where I was delighted to meet some of the old friends made in ladies circle, and meet a number from the Round Table family.

This year I had the opportunity to get to know more about our ISP. I am fascinated with the work done by the EFTW team led by Dr. Keon and the hard work, commitment, and dedication in the past three years by our conveners Sandy and Veerle. It makes me feel prouder to introduce and explain who Agora ladies are to all I meet, who are genuinely interested in this 'hands on' involvement. I do see this project, and other ISP's carried out by the Round Table family worldwide, to be the catalyst for us all to really work side by side, to have 5 clubs 1 vision, because it brings out the good values we all stand for. Alone we can make a big difference, together we can make a huge difference.

This has been a most interesting year, and probably one where from an emotive way, the fullest I have lived so far. Losing my mother and getting married. These were extreme emotions!

I now look forward to an exciting year ahead, a year full of positive experiences and above all Agora love and friendship.

Anna

11.c. REPORT ACI IMMEDIAT PAST PRESIDENT – URSULA LEJEUNE

My time as a member of the International Board is coming to an end here in Gent. One question I was asked very often during this last year was, if I were sad to have to leave the Board.

After three years on the National Board of Agora Club Tangent Germany and another three very busy years on the International Board I honestly I can say, no, I am not sad.

I am happy, completed and thankful that I had the opportunity and the honour to serve our organisation on national and on international level. It was an amazing experience I will never forget for the rest of my life thanks to Veronika, Sandy and Kelly who encouraged me, no, pushed me, to apply some years ago.

I am so grateful for this life changing experience and all these friends and wonderful personalities I have met alongside my road and my travels.

All these people, members of the five clubs of the big Round Table Family are enlivened by the same spirit of friendship, tolerance, generosity and love as we are. I will always keep them in my heart, as we became and we will be „forever friends“. I firmly believe in the power and strength of a united Round Table Family with for now five independent International Organisations, working side by side as friends for a lifetime to make this world a better place.

Thank you dear friends for your support, your patience, your unconditional friendship and love and the immense joy you brought into my life.

Yours in friendship forever

Ursula



IPP activities 2017/18

October	2017	AGM 41 International & TCI in Rimini, Italy
October	2017	Meeting with the NB of AC Belgium, members of the NB of 41 Belgium and the incoming VP of 41 Intern. Luc Trigaux in Belgium
November	2017	HYM ACT Germany in Hanover, Germany
December	2017	Christmas Parcel Komvoi to Brasov, Romania
January	2018	BM 2 Malta
January	2018	Funta & Cula,- CNR in Friburg, Germany/Guebwiller, France
January	2018	LCI-MTM Luxemburg together with ACI-VP Anna
March	2018	Charter of ACT 56 Lüneburg
March	2018	Charity Concert of my homeclub for EFTW
March	2018	10th anniversary of ACT 45 Sigmaringen
April	2018	AGM TC and 41 GB&I
April	2018	BM3 in Spittal
April	2018	AGM 41 International & TCI in Pörschach, Austria



11.d. REPORT ACI TREASURER – YVONNE HOUBEN

Dear ladies and friends,

My last report ... my 2-year mandate is over.

First of all I would like to thank all the treasurers for settling their accounts on time. It has been a pleasure to work with you.



As you can see from the figures that have been attached, Agora Club International is a healthy organisation. This year we are having a positive balance as well. Of course, this cannot happen automatically, all expenses that were made are well-considered and always in function of the budget.

The result for our international service project "Eyes for the world" also reassures me. Last year we supported 4 projects and spent € 21,500. This is of course only possible thanks to your unconditional support for this remarkable project.

I would like to mention one small minus. This year, no donation has been received for the Ladies' Circle International project. It's a pity since last year it was approved to continue supporting them with their charity.

I also want to thank all the board members with whom I have worked the past two years. These were enriching years and I am happy that I have been able to contribute my (small) share to our organisation.

I wish my successor every success and a wonderful mandate on the board.

Please find attached the audited financials for this ACI year.

Yvonne Houben

11.e. REPORT ACI SECRETARY – MARIA ERLA HILMARSDOTTIR

Dearest Agora friends,

What a great and interesting year that I have experienced in the role as ACI secretary. There has been a lot of challenging work but at the same time informative and giving.

I want to thank you all for your lovely feedback for the Agora newsletter. However, it is because of you and your inspiring activities and work that we can share all the great stories and reports.



I as well want to thank the board members for the support, their patience and all the great moments with lots of laughter and fun.

I am truly looking forward to the Agora years ahead with more adventures and new challenges.

Yours in friendship and love,

María Erla Hilmarsdóttir

ACI Secretary 2017-2019

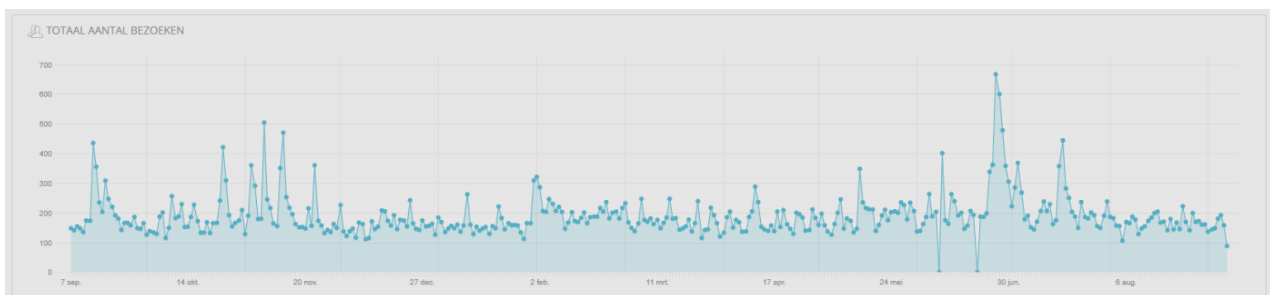
11.f. REPORT ACI WEBLADY – VEERLE DE JONGE

Dearest friends,

For several years now, I have loved being your ACI web- and social media lady, or to use the internet lingo : your “ACI webby” ☺.

Over the past decade, we have all felt how social media is becoming a bigger part of our day-to-day life. It has gained importance as a way to communicate in a more direct and quicker way with family and friends, in our hobbies, in business and in Agora!

This importance is shown in the chart below which shows a very regular visiting pattern to the ACI website, with peaks after the ACI Conference and at the end of June. We have counted 69 394 visits this year 2017-2018.



The past year – with the international facebook troubles- we have all come to realise how important it also is, to use social media carefully and thoughtfully.

That is why we protected all the ACI documents on the ACI website under password, as well as pictures of Agora events (which were visible before when visiting the ACI website).

My husband Dirk has been my technical support for the website these past years. He made sure that what the board or the members wished for, also could be done technically. We spent many hours together to improve lay-outs, insert the new boards at the beginning of the year, insert new rules, pictures, newsletters, events on Eyes For The World etc. So THANK YOU Dirk for being the webby behind the webby ☺

Also the ACI Facebook page is very much alive and has a community of about 1800 “friends”! (not bad for a ACI membership of about 2200!). There is a lot of action on the page, and it is really used daily as means of communication, sharing pictures, invitations and announcements. It is fun to see members react to each other’s events accross continents.

Today I step down as your web-and social media lady. But I am sure that in Tone Skretting from AC Norway, you will find a fun and modern webby too!

Keep sharing your events dear ladies, thus keeping our ACI website and ACI facebook page fun, alive, interesting and colourful !

Yours in Agora friendship,

Veerle De Jonge
ACI Webby 2013-2018

12. FINANCIAL REPORT ACI TREASURER YVONNE HOUBEN

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ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S REPORT

Liège, 13 september 2018

To AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL ,

I have reviewed the financial statement of Agora Club International for the year ended 31 augustus 2018. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my review .

I have received from the treasurer all documents to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

I have seen the full historic of the accounting , the bank account soldo's , and all documents .

In my opinion, the financial statements fairly présent, in all material respects , the financial position of the Agora club at 31 augustus 2018 and the results of its opérations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting service .

François Vervier
Comptable
IPCF 104008



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AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL				
Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2018				
Statement of Financial Position as at 31 August 2018				
<i>(figures in Euros)</i>			2017	2018
ASSETS		<i>Notes</i>		
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		1	48 340	38 658
Petty Cash			934	155
BNP Bank Account			1 816	1 577
BNP Saving Account			45 590	36 926
			48 340	38 658
Receivables				
Current receivables				
Loan to ACI Committee 2018				5 000
			0	5 000
Total assets and receivables			48 340	43 658
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Owners' funds and reserves				
Reserves		3 & 4 & 5	36 820	31 597
Accumulated surplus			11 512	12 029
			48 332	43 626
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables		6	8	32
			8	32
Total Equity, receivables and liabilities			48 340	43 658

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL						
Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2018						
Statement of Comprehensive Income as at 31 August 2018						
<i>(figures in Euros)</i>				2017	2018	
INCOME			<i>Notes</i>			
Capitation fees				21 714		23 256
Affiliation fees				25		0
Tombola				0		1 720
Lottery income and allocation to Emergency fund						(1 720)
Shop				1 524		1 623
Shop Income and allocation to Emergency fund				(829)		(1 511)
Interest Income				21		36
Other Income			7	170		0
				22 625		23 404
EXPENSES						
AGM expenses				1 610		1 495
Administration expenses			10	1 452		1 325
Executive Officers' expenses ACI Board			8	7 073		8 506
Representation expenses			9	8 505		11 190
Various other expenses			11	42		370
				18 683		22 886
Profit/(Loss) for the year				3 943		518

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Statement of Changes in Equity

<i>(figures in Euros)</i>	Service project fund	Travel and extension fund	Emergency fund	Total reserves	Accumulated surplus	Total equity
Balance at 01 September 2014	9 507	-		9 507	8 201	17 708
Deficit for the year	-	-		0	-165	-165
Other comprehensive income	-8 355	-		-8 355	-	-8 355
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	-8 355	-		-8 355	-165	-8 520
Balance at 01 September 2015	1 152	-		1 152	8 036	9 188
Deficit for the year	-	-		-	-467	-467
Other comprehensive income	13 381			13 381		13 381
Benefit ACI Brasov		4 893		4 893		4 893
Payments Travel fund 2015-2016		-1 209		-1 209		-1 209
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	13 381	3 684		17 065	-467	16 598
Balance at 01 September 2016	14 533	3 684	-	18 217	7 569	25 786
Benefit for the year				0	3 943	3 943
Other comprehensive income	18 940		293	19 233		19 233
Payments Travel fund 2016-2017		-630		-630		-630
Total comprehensive benefit for the year	18 940	-630	293	18 603	3 943	22 546
Balance at 01 September 2017	33 473	3 054	293	36 820	11 512	48 332
Benefit for the year				0	518	518
Other comprehensive income	-8 456		1 511	-6 944		-6 944
Benefit ACI Malta		2 312	1 720	4 032		4 032
Payments Travel fund 2017-2018		-950	-1 360	-2 310		-2 310
Total comprehensive benefit for the year	-8 456	1 362	1 871	-5 222	518	-4 704
Balance at 01 September 2018	25 017	4 416	2 164	31 598	12 030	43 628

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Accounting Policies

Presentation of annual financial statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the Annual Financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. They are presented in Euros.

1.1. Financial Instruments

Financial instruments at amortised costs

Debts instruments, as defined in the standard, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debts instruments which are classified as current assets or current liabilities are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash expected to be received or paid, unless the arrangement effectively constitutes a financing transaction.

At the end of each reporting date, the carrying amount of assets held in this category are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment loss is recognised.

1.2. Revenue

Interest is recognised, in surplus or deficit, using the effective interest rate method.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of trade discounts and volume rebates, and value added tax.

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL**Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2018****Notes to the Annual Financial Statements***(figures in Euros)***2017****2018****1- Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of :

Cash on hand	934	155
Bank balances	47 406	38 503
	48 340	38 658

2- Service project Fund

Opening balance	14 533	33 473
Donation received	31 422	13 019
Donation paid EFTW	-10 000	-21 475
Donation paid ISP Ladies'Circle	-2 482	0
	33 473	25 017

3- Service project Fund breakdown

Eyes For The World	33 473	25 017
LCI Service Project	0	0
	33 473	25 017

4- Travel and extension fund

Opening balance	0	0
Surplus from Brasov conference	4 893	4 893
Surplus from Malta conference	-	2 312
Travel payments 2015-2016	-1 209	-1 209
Travel payments 2016-2017	-630	-1 110
Travel payments 2017-2018		-470
	3 054	4 416


5- Emergency fund

Opening balance	0	292
Benefit sales presidential pins "Open year heart, ..."	693	1 511
Sale lottery ACI Malta		1 720
Donation to victims earthquake in Italy	-400	-860
Donation paid ISP Ladies'Circle		-500
Donation paid RT - India		
	293	2 164

6- Trade and other payables			
Due to individual member	8	32	
	8	32	
7- Other income			
Directories income	120	0	
Regalia income	50	0	
Travel and extension fund	0	0	
	170	0	
8- Executive officers' expenses (ACI Board)			
ACI Board meetings	6 841	8 329	
Other representation expenses	232	177	
	7 073	8 506	
9- Representation expenses			
Banners, medals, nameplates	257	852	
Charter countries	98	0	
Officers and Board members travel expenses	6 966	7 974	
Other expenses	134	1025	
Travel cost convenors ISP Agora	1051	1339	
	8 505	11 190	
10- Administration expenses			
Stationary and printing	144	50	
Directories / digital	997	1128	
Telephone and stamps	0	25	
Other expenses	310	121	
	1 451	1 325	
11- Various other expenses			
Bank charges	42	41	
Shop purchases	0	329	
	42	370	



Voting on the financial year 2017-2018 by show of hands

		BUDGET 2018-2019	
			
		Budget 2018-2019	Actual 2017-2018
Income			
	Capitation and Affiliation Fees Income	25 440	23 256
	Other income (shop,,)		148
Total Income		25 440	23 404
Expense			
ACI Conference			
	AGM Costs	1 200	1 280
	Travel Fund		
	Tombola winner	240	215
Total ACI Conference		1 440	1 495
Administration Expenses			
	Directories Digital	1 200	1 128
	Telephone faxes and postage	50	25
	Internet web site and Maintenance	100	120
	President honorarium	150	150
	Printing and Stationery	100	50
	Other administration costs		2
Total Administration Expenses		1 600	1 475
Officers Expenses			
	ACI Board Meetings	10 905	8 329
	ACI pins	450	329
	ACI medals		
Total Officers Expenses		11 355	8 658
Other Expenses			
	Bank Charges	50	41
	Shop Expense	0	0
Total Other Expenses		50	41
Representation Expenses			
	Officers & Board Member Travel (LCI, 41...)	9 195	7 974
	ISP convenors - travel cost	1 000	1 339
	President Board Medals		750
	Banners, medals, graving...	500	878
	Other Representation Expenses	300	275
Total Representation Expenses		10 995	11 216
Total Expense		25 440	22 886
Profit for the Year		0	518



Voting on the budget 2018-2019 by show of hands

13. REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

a. LCI-ISP 2017-19 HAPPY HEARTS

HAPPY HEARTS



ISP 2017/2019

Thank you to the ladies of LCI for voting the Happy Hearts project as the ISP 2017/2019

Since coming back from Sonderborg last year we have been doing a lot of planning around the building with the technical team (the architect, engineers and quantity surveyors). All the services provided by the technical team are valued at about 16,000 Euro have all been donated. The planning involved finalising the drawings of the structures and also getting the building permit. As I type this now I'm glad to report that we are almost done with the process of getting the technical aspect of the building in order and we have been promised by the technical team that we should have our building permit in about a months' time.

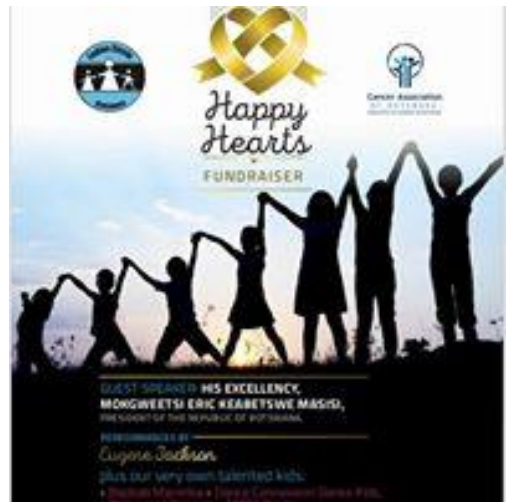


HH Fundraising and Awareness Initiatives

Press briefing where we informed the public about LCI's commitment to the Happy Hearts project.



Gold Fridays- where circlers wear their HH pins and try to sell as many as they can.



Because of our commitment to HH, the Baylor Institute has included us in the community partners forum that meets quarterly to discuss ways of better serving the oncology needs in the country (great honour).

Launched a campaign called 'buy a brick'. We go to shopping malls every last Saturday of the month and set up a stall where we sell pins, and other HH merchandise. We also give out pamphlets that talk about different kinds of childhood cancer so that we raise awareness as well. This campaign has been well received by the public as we will be asking for just BWP 10 (cost of one brick) which is less than 1Eur. A majority of people end up donating for 5 bricks or more.



We hosted a gala dinner to launch the fundraising campaign and we invited the President of Botswana to be our guest of honour. This was a great success as we got a lot of companies participating and pledge their support. The President donated an equivalent of about **9,700 Eur** on the night. We have companies that have pledged that they would like to build a room etc.... We raised **16,200EUR** on this night.

One of our circlers will be summiting Mt Kilimanjaro between the first and 11th of August and all the funds raised go towards Happy Hearts. She has managed to raise about **5,500Eur** so far



We have since received other donations to the project that are about **7,305 EUR**



In total we have raised **38,500 EUR** and look forward to the support of all the ladies around the LCI world to help us raise the funds needed to make the home a reality.

Please like and follow our facebook page Happy Hearts Home.

b. Emergent needs Fund

-Together4Charity



EARTHQUAKE 'S REPORT



Dear Agora Friends,

The project of a polyfunctional building is ready; the area is ready .

The project is supported by

- a) ANA = National Alpini Association (Army veterans)
- b) Construction Systems by Moretti

c) 4 Clubs , 1 Vision, 4 Clubs 1 Mission = Agora Club, Ladies' Circle, Club 41 and Round Table

As soon as the Civil Engineering Office in Arquata signs the beginning of works, CONSTRUCTION SYSTEMS will start to prepare the concrete bed of the polyfunctional centre: later in spring, the area for the building was reduced to 280 square meters and therefore a new project was necessary and also a new architect.

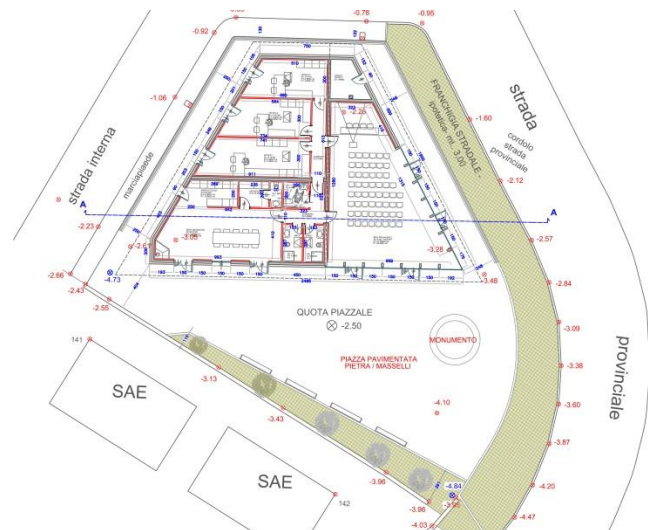
Ladies' Circle, Round Table and Agora Club Italy have designated Club 41 Italy as their official representative to sign the tender .

All legal aspects are followed by Martin Harl (Club 41 Rome, lawyer) and Luca Colombo (Club 41 Verona, fiscal expert and incoming Vice President Club 41 International) .

The building will cost 310.000,00 € .

4 Clubs, 1 Vision can offer up to € 150,000 : Round Table offers 30,000€, Ladies' Circle 10.000, Agora 7,000. Club 41 is ready to cover the remaining amount.

Construction Systems and, above all, **ANA** will supply the necessary amount of money to complete the building.



Redering of the façade

In these days the resumption of work is highly expected.

Once again **Agora Club International** has helped us consistently . Thank you very much for your solidarity , generosity and **true Friendship** .

Letizia Iulli

Club Agora Italia

IPP

-Kerala Flood Disaster

When we saw that RT was appealing for funds to help the Kerala flood victims, the Board felt that it was a very good cause and decided to donate €1000 from our Emergency Fund which is generated from the sale of pins.

c. The knitting project

The Agora knitters continue knitting baby hats and socks and vests for premature babies to be sent to South Africa, Botswana and Romania to distribute to poor children. This year the Agora knitters from the Netherlands (100 hats), Iceland (22 vests, 53 hats 4 pairs of socks 5 sweaters and three glows) and Norway (35 sweaters) have made **222** baby hats/clothes...

Thank you, our Agora knitters. We are proud of you!

Let us join together
to lend a helping hand
Request your support for the
Flood Relief Operations in Kerala

ROUND TABLE INDIA
ADAPT - ADAPT - ADAPT

PROJECT INITIATED BY ROUND TABLE INDIA

Make your Contribution to: ROUND TABLE INDIA TRUST
Savings Acc. No. 412302010102611
IFSC Code: UBIN0541231
Union Bank of India, Nungambakkam Branch, Chennai.
This account is for BANK TRANSFERS only and NOT FOR CASH DEPOSITS.
Transfer Details and Deposit Slips need to be mailed to nt@rti.in
For clarifications, mail to nt@rti.in or contact Area Projects Convener, Twin Job at +91 98955 13160



d. ACI ISP: EYES FOR THE WORLD

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT
EYES FOR THE WORLD**



CONVENORS Veerle De Jonge and Sandy van Niekerk

REPORT OCTOBER 2018

BACKGROUND



Spanning three continents across Europe, America and Africa, bringing together over 2100 Ladies in 21 countries, (19 member countries and 2 countries information), the ACI ISP, **Eyes For The World**, is an inclusive project, where every Agora Club member can choose to be involved in one way or another. Whether fundraising at club level, choosing to join in the execution of a project, or actually organising and running the project on the ground, each member has the opportunity of contributing and making a difference to the lives of those visually impaired, in the most impoverished areas of our

member countries.

After three years of convening these projects, we've realised these EFTW missions are about far more than just handing out spectacles. We have learnt about the way of life of each different country and culture, the habits of local and often very secluded and rural communities, the way governments treat their inhabitants and manage schools and welfare institutions. The challenges faced by these



communities whose healthcare fail them, is evident in the many kilometres and hours they travelled for screening and in the hope of receiving help.

We have been inspired by the dreams and aspirations of the young children and youth of the countries. We have been humbled by the gratitude, hope and happiness these spectacles have given to young and old alike. We have been super impressed by the organisational skills of our Agora Ladies, the pouring out of love and compassion for their fellow country man and we've once again been reminded of why we have joined AGORA

We have laughed until we've cried and cried until we've laughed, driven to the most rural and impoverished areas, tested eyes in schools, community centres, at festivals, in villages and open fields. We tested in the freezing cold and in the scorching heat and in all of this, the spirit and atmosphere has been positive and motivating and left us with the most satisfying feeling in the world - that of having given selflessly of oneself.



MOTTO: Everyone has the right to good sight!



VISION: Helping people in impoverished areas to better vision and to be able to see and read both in the classroom and in their daily lives. To make a difference in the quality of life for all and help shape a better future for children and students.

MISSION: Working together with EYES FOR THE WORLD and AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL, funds are raised, children and the elderly in impoverished areas are identified, screened and tested and where needed provided with self-adjusting glasses with a - 5 to +5 dioptre. Forming a close working relationship with local Ophthalmologists and Eye Specialists, children and adults with eyesight impairments such as eye infections, astigmatism, cataracts and serious eyesight problems are identified and solutions provided where possible.

COUNTRIES BENEFITTING AND GLASSES GIVEN OUT

2015 -2016	Botswana and Morocco	500 pairs
2016- 2017	Madagascar and Zambia	500 pairs
2017-2018	Madagascar Romania	500 pairs
	Zambia and Zimbabwe	500 pairs
Total		2000 pairs



FUNDS RAISED

2015-2016	€ 21 051.00
2016-2017	€ 31422.00
2017-2018	€ 13 019.30
Total	€ 65 492.30

TOTAL SPEND

2015-2016	€ 9 000.00
2016-2017	€ 10 000.00
2017-2018	€ 21 476.06
Total	€ 40 475.06

Balance in account € 25 017.24



ISP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The project has evolved these past three years. From screening and providing spectacles for school going children, to screening and providing spectacles for the elderly. Whilst screening we have discovered many eye problems that go beyond the help that these self-adjusting glasses can provide. We have identified children and adults that need specialised eye-care, spectacles that will correct astigmatisms and other eye defects, eye operations and cornea transplants. Leaving without being able to give these people help and feeling their despair is heart breaking.

As conveners we feel it's time for the project to evolve yet again and provide the funding for these life changing operations and eye care.

To the Agora ladies who believed in this project and voted it in in 2015 and again in 2017, thank-you, you have contributed to changing the lives of 2000 recipients and their families. To those ladies who have raised funds, travelled to the projects, hosted fellow Agora members, convened and manned projects, that took time off work and gave so selflessly, words cannot express our thanks. You are all Angels and have changed the lives of so many.

We hereby move our report for adoption

Veerle de Jonge Sandy van Niekerk

ISP EFTW CONVENERS 2015-2019



With the presence of Koen Van Pottelbergh, Director of EFTW



14. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP and Charters

A. AC LUXEMBURG



Aims and Objectives

Fostering common activities and exchanges of its members;

Keeping in touch with past circlers in Luxembourg and abroad;

Supporting projects of the existing Ladies Circles in Luxembourg;
Supporting side by side activities;

Promoting open minds and solidarity along the ACI motto „donner et tolérer“ –
„service and tolerance“;

Agora ViP Luxembourg is non-sectarian and non-political



Voting by show of hands

The charter Week-end of AC Luxembourg will be the 14th – 16th June 2019

B. AC ZIMBABWE



Aims and Objectives

- a) To build, promote, co-ordinate friendship through networking*
 - b) To be non- political and non-sectarian*
 - c) To collaborate and participate in clubs with same vision*
 - d) To Empower communities through service*
- Friendship and service for knowledge and progress*
 - To promote friendship and tolerance between members locally, nationally and internationally*
 - To provide relaxation and interest by means of talks and discussion on various subjects*



Voting by show of hands

The Charter date of AC Zimbabwe to be advised

15. PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION TO THE RULES BY THE ACI BOARD

I. To modify the rule 2.

Current Rule:

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- To link together all National Associations of Agora international.
- To promote, co-ordinate and develop the friendship which unites them around the motto “Donner et Tolérer, which means Service and Tolerance in English”.
- To be non-political and non-sectarian.

New Rule:

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- To link together all National Associations of Agora international.
- To promote, co-ordinate and develop the friendship which unites them around the motto “Donner et Tolérer, which means Service and Tolerance in English”.
- To be non-political and non-sectarian.
- **To maintain good relations with the organizations in the Round Table Family.**

Explanations:

As Agora Club International forms part of the Round Table Family, we feel that it needs to be endorsed in our Aim and Object



Voting by show of hands

II. To modify the rule 4.7.1

Current Rule

- 4.7.1 The ACI Board is allowed to collect the digital data of all Agora members to create a digital database for the use of the ACI-Board only.
- a. The ACI Board is allowed to publish the digital data of the national Boards of the Agora Countries in the ACI-App which will be provided to every Agora member.
 - b. Any Agora country can have all their members published in the app without any added costs.

New Rule

- 4.7.1 The ACI Board is allowed to collect the digital data of all Agora members to create a digital database for the use of the ACI-Board only. **The ACI Board, will make use of the data for Agora business only and respect the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and the European Council, applicable as of May 25, 2018.**
- a. The ACI Board is allowed to publish the digital data of the National Boards of the Agora Countries in the ACI-App which will be provided to every Agora member.
 - b. Any Agora country can have all their members published in the app without any added costs, **provided each Agora Country respect its local rules on general data protection.**

Explanations

These modifications aim to further clarify and protect the personal data of our members.

As you all might know, on 24 May 2016, the new General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") entered into force (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/ EU).

This regulation is a response to rapid technological developments and globalization, and also aims to remove barriers to the flow of personal data within the European Union. The regulation aims to provide a strong and consistent framework for data protection in the European Union, which is supported by strict enforcement. Unlike the previous directives, this Regulation is directly applicable and enforceable in the Member States, without first having to be transposed into national law. Companies and associations had until May 25, 2018 to adapt to the new rules.

It also covers the transfer of personal data to third countries and international organizations. Transfer of personal data may still take place in particular cases or when there are appropriate safeguards (standard data protection clauses, binding corporate rules, contractual clauses).



Voting by show of hands

III. To add the rule 4.8

4.8 Supportive Role to the Agora International Board

4.8.1. Web-lady

The ACI board will appoint a web-lady, who will be an Agora member and , whose function is not part of the Agora Board. The web-lady will be appointed for a period of two years.

Explanation

The ACI board wants to share the information about Agora Club International and its members in real time. Therefore, the ACI board feels the need to have the support of a web-lady who will be a member of an Agora Club with good and sound knowledge on internet related issues. She is not part of the ACI Board, only assists the ACI Board upon request. She will be designated for an initial period of 2 years.



Voting by show of hands

16. PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION TO THE RULES BY THE AC COUNTRIES

➤ PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION TO THE RULES FROM AC BELGIUM

1) Cleaning version of ACI Rules

explanation

The main reason for the proposed modifications is consistency in the vocabular. In additions we aim the avoidance of misunderstandings in the terms and of useless repetitions, the deletion of mistakes and to make the document readable for all of us.

To avoid inconsistency, we created "definitions" as soon as the word is used for the first time in the document and the given definition is furthermore used throughout the whole document in a consistent way. Definitions start with a capital letter.



Voting by show of hands

2) To modify the Rule 3.5.4.

Current Rule

3.5.4 If the membership of a Full or Associate Member Country has been terminated for reasons stated in rules 3.5.1 and/or 3.5.2 then the outgoing Board of that former country can no longer hold a function in the National Board of any Agora Country.

New Rule

3.5.4 If the membership of a Full or Associate Member Country has been terminated for reasons stated in Rules 3.5.1 and/or 3.5.2 then **members of** the outgoing Board of that former country **may** hold a function in the National Board of **its own country**,

when the latter country becomes again a Full Member Country or in the National Board of another Agora Country upon the following cumulative conditions:

(a) prior to becoming a Full Member Country, the relevant country must have paid all outstanding Affiliation fees and Capitation fees of the previous years due to the ACI;

(b) the member

- (i) is a member of a national Agora Club for at least three years;
- (ii) fulfilled a position in the board of a local Agora Club;
- (iii) got the consent of the National Board of the relevant Agora Country.

Explanation

There might be special circumstances, known only in the relevant Country, that implies that the current rule is too severe. As soon as the relevant Country paid the fees due, the ACI could consider to accept the country as an Associate Member Country and a Full Member Country when two National Clubs are set up. If the former members of the National Board of a Full Member Country that left the ACI fulfil the conditions mentioned above, the ACI might have sufficient safeguards for an enthusiastic lady(ies) who will endeavour that her country will fully comply with the ACI Rules and consider to give a second chance.



Voting by show of hands

3) To add a Rule 9 called: ACI International Service Project (the “ACI Project” of “ACI ISP”)

9.1. ACI has an International Service Project, which is voted on at the ACI AGM every second year. Every full Member Country can propose a new project. The chosen project can be re-elected. The project is preferably, not mandatory located in an ACI Country, anyway an ACI Full Member Country must always be responsible for overseeing the Project.

9.2. The National Treasurers need to collect the monies raised in their Country for the ACI Project and pay them to the following ACI ISP Account whenever there is a reasonable amount to pay with confirmation of all donations sent to the ACI Treasurer.

Name Account [•]; Account No.: [•]; P.O. Box [•]; Country [•].

The ACI Treasury will transfer the funds to the ACI Project whenever there is a reasonable amount to ensure the continuing funding of the ACI Project.

9.3. The ACI Full Member Country hosting and/or responsible for the ACI Project must open a separate account for the ACI Project and is responsible to provide a written report on the progress of the ACI Project at least once a year (at the ACI AGM) to all the Full Member and Associate Member Countries.

9.4. Immediately after the ACI Project has been chosen at an ACI AGM, the ACI Treasurer will transfer an amount of Euro 1,000.- to the ACI ISP account.

Respectively, at the end of each ACI Project, Euro 1,000.- is left on the ACI ISP Account for the next project.

9.5. Applications for a new ACI ISP Project should be sent to the ACI Secretary on or before the 30th of June prior to the ACI AGM of that same year with a detailed description of the intended ACI Project.

Explanation:

During the ACI Conference in 2015 in Brasov, the ACI Councillors decided for an own ACI ISP project and decided to allocate funds to the project "Eyes for the World". During 3 years, the ACI very successfully conducted the project. Not only for transparency reasons, the rules governing the choice of a project, the finances of a project and the reporting requirements need to be written down and reflected in the ACI Rules.

The proposed text is a copy paste of the text used in the LCI Constitution and Rules, with some minor changes.



Voting by show of hands

4) To add a Rule 10. RULES FOR THE ACI ISP FUND

10.1 The Charity to receive the collected funds shall be decided every second year in advance. A National Treasurer can pay donations to the ACI ISP Account at any time during the year.

10.2. Interest earned from funds in the ACI ISP Account shall be added to the sum to be donated to the chosen charity.

10.3 ACI Full Member Countries and the ACI Board can propose a project. An ACI Associate Member Country can propose a project with the support and approval of its Godmother Country or another ACI Full Member Country.

10.4. One of the ACI Full Member Countries shall have the administrative, legal and financial responsibility of the project. This task shall be allocated to the ACI Full Member Country that proposed the elected ACI Project. In case of a proposal by an ACI Associate Member Country, this task might be allocated that ACI Associate Member Country under supervision of the ACI Board or to a third Full Member Country.

10.5 Countries can only propose one project at a time. The proposal must first have the approval of the National Board of the country applying for the ACI project

in case of a Full Member Country or of the Board of the local Agora Club in case of an Associate Member Country. A short explanation in writing (100 - 150 words) concerning the intended use of the funds shall be sent to the ACI Secretary by the 30th of June prior to the immediate following ACI AGM and to be presented at that same ACI AGM.

- 10.6 A vote shall be taken at the ACI AGM between the suggestions received.
- 10.7 As of the moment of the vote for the ACI Project at an ACI AGM, all funds collected and paid by the National Boards will be allocated to the elected ACI ISP Project (see 10.11). All the administrative costs of the ACI Project are to be taken care of by the National Board of the Agora Country being in charge of administrative, legal and financial responsibility of the project as stipulated in Rule 10.4. above.
- 10.8 The ACI Treasury can make the first payment to the ACI Project as soon as a reasonable amount has been collected. The following payments shall be made after a report is given to the ACI Board concerning the proceedings of the ACI Project and sufficient assurance is given regarding the progress.
- 10.9 The National Board of the Full Member Country having proposed the elected ACI Project shall be responsible for overseeing the ACI Project and for ensuring that the monies are used for the intending charity. In the absence of a National Board the ACI Board or the National Board of a Full Member Country named in the ACI AGM would undertake that responsibility.
- 10.10 The ACI Board has the right to intervene in the ACI Project if the requirements mentioned above are not fulfilled.
- 10.11 The time limit for donations to the ACI Project is the 30th of June in the second year of the ACI Project. Money received later will automatically go to the next project, if any, elected at the immediate following ACI AGM.
- 10.12 An AC Councillor or her representative appointed by the country hosting the ACI Project and receiving the gifts/donations shall give a brief report on the proceedings of the ACI Project in the three subsequent ACI AGMs after the ACI AGM, where the ACI Project has received the vote.
A written half year report shall be delivered to the ACI Board six months after the ACI AGM. This report should be distributed to all the National Boards. A written full year and financial report should be delivered to the ACI Board not later than 30th of June prior to the ACI AGM. This report should be distributed to all the National Boards.
- 10.13 Enquiries concerning the ongoing ACI Projects shall be answered within 30 days by the ACI Board.

10.14 If for any reason it proves impossible to use the allocated funds during the two years following its receipt, it shall be returned to the ACI ISP account and the amount added to the funds available for distribution to the next ACI Project to be decided at the next ACI AGM.

10.15 Every ACI ISP should last for two years and may be re-elected.

10.16 The host Country of the ACI ISP is responsible to submit an audited report on completion of the ACI Project, no later than the following ACI AGM.

Explanation

See above under 2.

The basis of the proposed text is found in the text used in the LCI Constitution and Rules.



Voting by show of hands

5) Modification of Rule 1.6.

Current Rule

A decision to wind up or suspend the matters of the Association can only be made at an Annual General Meeting (hereafter referred to as AGM), at which not less than two- thirds of the total votes of those present and entitled to vote are cast in favour.

New Rule

A decision to wind up or suspend the matters of the Association can only be made at an Annual General Meeting (**“ACI AGM” or “International AGM”**), at which not less than two- thirds of the **members entitled to vote are present and 75% of the total votes present vote in favour.**

Explanation

This Rule seems to be in contradiction with rule 6.9.4. - No new rules or amendments to the ACI Rules may be made except by the decision of the ACI Council at the ACI AGM at which at least 75% of the members of the ACI Council present, vote in favour. Therefore, there is a quorum requirement and a majority requirement for the decision to wind up or suspend the matters of the Association. The winding up of the Association is considered as a modification of the Constitution and/or of the Rules of the Association.



Voting by show of hands

6) Modification of Rule 6.9.3.

Former Rule

Voting shall normally be by show of hands (cards). In the election of ACI Officers (50%+1) and ACI Conference venue (50%+1), or when specially requested, voting shall be by secret ballot.

New Rule

Voting shall normally be by show of hands (cards). In the election of the ACI Officers, the ACI Conference Venue and **the ACI ISP**, or when specially requested, voting shall be by secret ballot.

Explanation

If the ACI Councillors accept the modifications of the ACI Rules with regard to the ACI Project, we need to add the ACI ISP in this Rule, to be voted on by written ballot.



Voting by show of hands

7) Modification of Rule 6.7.

Current Rule

If a councillor is unable to attend the meeting of the Council, an accredited deputy may attend in her place.

New Rule

If **an AC** Councillor is unable to attend the **ACI AGM**, an accredited deputy may attend in her place.

Explanation

Rule 6.7. is part of the section “Rules Governing the AGM of AGORA INTERNATIONAL”. By mistake the word “council” is used (see clause 5.6.) and must be replaced by “ACI AGM”.



Voting by show of hands

8) Modification of Rule 6.9.4.

Current Rule

No new rules or amendments to the ACI Rules may be made except by the decision of the ACI Council at the ACI AGM at which at least 75% of these members, vote in favour.

New Rule

No new rules or amendments to the ACI Rules may be made except by the decision of the ACI Council at the ACI AGM, at which **2/3 of the members of the ACI Council entitled to vote are present and** at least 75% of these members, vote in favour.

Explanation

For amendments to the ACI Rules, two conditions have to be met as we have seen before: 1. A quorum (2/3 of the members of the ACI Council entitled to vote are present) (see clause 8.2). 2. Majority requirements (75% of the members of the ACI Council present vote in favour). These two conditions are not yet correctly reflected in the Rule under review.



Voting by show of hands

9) Modification of Rule 8.3., 2nd sentence

Current Rule

Voting on all proposals shall be by show of hands except when a written ballot is specifically requested, this in case of election of the ACI Officers and the ACI Conference.

New Rule

Voting on all proposals shall **normally** be by show of hands, except when a written ballot is specifically requested **and** in case of **the** election of the ACI Officers, the ACI Conference **venue and the ACI ISP**.

Explanation

If the ACI Councillors accept the modifications of the ACI Rules with regard to the ACI Project, we need to add the ACI ISP in this Rule, to be voted on by written ballot. Is also added the ACI Conference venue instead of ACI Conference (cfr clause 6.9.3.), because the ACI Councillors vote on the place where the Conference will take place.



Voting by show of hands

10) Modification of Rule 8.7.c.

Current Rule

When an amendment has been proposed, it must be voted on and must be settled before any other amendment can be considered. A straight majority is needed to accept the amendment.

New Rule

When an amendment has been proposed, it must be voted on and must be settled before any other amendment can be considered. **To accept the amendment, at least 75% of the members of the ACI Council present must vote in favour.**

Explanation

This is in contradiction with rule 6.9.4. - No new rules or amendments to the ACI Rules may be made except by the decision of the ACI Council at the ACI AGM at which at least 75% of the members of the ACI Council present, vote in favour. Therefore the amendment cannot be voted with a straight majority, but needs a majority of 75%.



Voting by show of hands

17. PRESENTATION OF THE ACI CONFERENCE 2019 BY AC MOROCCO



18. PRESENTATIONS AND VOTING FOR THE COUNTRY HOSTING THE ACI CONFERENCE IN 2020

A. AC FRANCE



B. AC THE NETHERLANDS



VOTING FOR HOSTING THE AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2020

YES

NO

AC FRANCE.....

AC THE NETHERLANDS.....



Voting by secret ballot

19. MEMBERSHIP AWARD

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2017-2018														
FULL MEMBER COUNTRIES														
	CHARTER	FULL ACI MEMBER SINCE	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	CELEBRATIONS	
1. Belgium	1995	1995	177	227	244	266	314	331	350	364	417	428	20y in 2015	25y in 2020
2. France	1987	1995	500	422	448	471	499	474	475	483	497	601	30y in 2017	35y in 2022
3. Germany	1996	2009	255	272	259	298	320	368	378	414	410	438	20y in 2016	25y in 2021
4. Iceland	2013	2015				30	38	38	60	79	90	95	5y in 2018	10y in 2023
5. Israel	2017	2017									33	35	5y in 2022	10y in 2027
6. Italy	1998	2010	18	60	79	95	86	87	81	77	89	111	20y in 2018	25y in 2023
7. Malta	2014	2015					18	18	27	33	32	30	5y in 2019	10y in 2024
8. Morocco	2011	2016				11	10	10	10	23	36	47	5y in 2016	10y in 2021
9. Romania	1998	2014	14	15	14	10	40	35	35	36	43	44	20y in 2018	25y in 2023
10. South Africa	2008	2009	14	19	17	17	27	22	22	22	19	19	10y in 2018	15y in 2023
11. The Netherlands	1994	1995	75	74	76	91	98	100	99	67	84	110	20y in 2014	25y in 2019
12. UK	2013	2014			22	28	20	20	20	25	25	13	5y in 2018	10y in 2023
13. USA	2011	2011			18	18	18	24	24	23	23	23	5y in 2016	10y in 2021
			1053	1089	1177	1335	1488	1527	1581	1646	1798	1994		
ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES														
	CHARTER	FULL ACI MEMBER SINCE	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	CELEBRATIONS	
13. Austria	2016									17	17	17	5y in 2021	10y in 2026
14. Botswana	2015							11	11	7	9	8	5y in 2020	10y in 2025
15. Madagascar	2014						10	10	10	11	13	13	5y in 2019	10y in 2024
16. Norway	2013					14	15	19	21	23	30	33	5y in 2018	10y in 2023
17. Switzerland	2005		35	34	34	27	31	31	34	36	33	33	10y in 2015	15y in 2020
18. Zambia	2010			10	8	10	10	10	16	22	27	24	10y in 2020	15y in 2025
			35	44	42	51	66	81	92	116	129	128		
GRAND TOTAL			1088	1133	1219	1386	1554	1608	1673	1762	1927	2122		
COUNTRIES IN FORMATION														
15. Luxemburg	2019											10		
20. Zimbabwe	2019											7		

To stimulate our countries to develop and grow as an association, a Membership Trophy is awarded to the Full Member Country with the **highest growth of members in percentage**. It is called the “**Danielle Gardin Membership Trophy**”

The next prize is the Golden Ginkgo Award which is attributed to the country with the **highest growth in members**.

To motivate our Associate Member Countries as well, a special award is given to the **Associate Member** country which has shown the highest growth in percentage of members: “**Stronger Through Diversity Membership Trophy**”

-New clubs in our member countries chartered in this Agora year from October 2017 to September 2018:

AC BEZIERS, France

AC BLOIS, France

AC MEAUX, France

AC SAINT QUENTIN, France

ACT LÜNEBURG, Germany

ACT OLDENBURG, Germany

ACT DORTMUND, Germany

ACT MÖNCHENGLADBACH , Germany

AC ASCOLI PISCENO, Italy

AC HAIFA, Israel

AC HERZELIA, Israel

AC CASA BOUSKOURA, Morocco

AC KEMPEN, The Netherlands

AC THE TWENTE, The Netherlands

20. PRESENTATION AND ELECTION OF THE ACI OFFICERS 2017-18/19

A. NOMINEE FOR ACI VICE PRESIDENT 2018-2019 AGORA CLUB BELGIUM NOMINATES CHRIS HELSEN

Agora members,

I would like you to meet my family: my husband Martin, my son Jef and my daughter Kathleen. Kathleen is 23 and Jef is 22 years old.

We have a dog called Elisabeth. She is also a very important member of our family.

My husband and I are born in 1962. So we are extremely young!

We live in Belgium in a very nice city called: Genk. It is situated in the east of Belgium, near Maastricht in the Netherlands. Because it was a former 'mining' city it's a very multi-cultural town.

Until 2017 I was a teacher in a secondary school in Genk. I learned my students everything about nutrition.

My hobbies are cycling, cooking, cultural activities, travelling, gardening, enjoying nature. Ladies circle was my first service club and out of LC I started Agora Club Genk in 2010. After a few years I was ready for a new agora challenge so I became president of Agora Club Belgium.

During my time as president of AC Belgium I enjoyed working together with the National board. What I especially enjoyed during my time as president is getting to know the different clubs in Belgium, organising the first Belgian Get Together, organising the AGM in my garden, being part of the crew of Eyes for the World and being present at charters of new clubs. I experienced a 'heart warming' agora 'family'.

Commitment, friendship, enthusiasm, creativity, organising are important key words in Agora life and this is what I like to offer the international board.

Being part of a very great group, with service in their heart that is what makes our agora group, all over the world, amazing.

Agora and service is part of my life.

Agora greetings,

Chris Helsen



B. NOMINEE FOR ACI TREASURER 2018-2020
AGORA CLUB USA NOMINATES VANDANA DEODAR

I am from a city called Pune, India originally. After getting married I came to the US in 1991 and have been in the Seattle area since then for about 27 years now.



I work as a Sr. Finance Manager for an IT Consulting company (Applexus Technologies). I manage the accounting and finance operations of the US company as well as oversee the finance operations of our UK, UAE and India companies. I have worked for this Applexus since 2009. I have also worked for several non profit organizations as well as a property management company. I have a Bachelors as well as Masters degree in Accounting and Finance from India.

My family includes my husband Sushil who works for FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and two boys Anish (Age 21 who is studying Accounting) and Ashwin (17 who is a senior in high school). My mother and two sisters and their families live in Pune, India. I visit them frequently.

In my spare time, I enjoy volunteering for various charities, as well as be part of all the Agora activities that we do in our local group in Seattle. I also love to travel and experience new places. Recently I have taken up hiking and so far done a lot of local practice hikes which prepared me to climb to the summit of Mt. Saint Helens in Washington State and Camp Muir Snow Field on Mount Rainier in Washington State (which is the base camp of Mt. Rainier). I also love cooking. I mainly cook Indian vegetarian food.

I am looking forward to joining the ACI board and enjoying the friendship and new cultural experiences.

Yours in Friendship

Vandana



Voting by secret ballot

ACI BOARD 2018-2019 (2020)			YES	NO
INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT	Chris HELSEN	AC BELGIUM		
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY	Vandana DEODAR	AC USA		

Since this is not a contested post, we have the pleasure in announcing that our weblady is **Tone Skretting** from AC Norway.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. CALENDAR ACI YEAR 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
October		
5th to 7th	ACI AGM	GENT
11 - 14 October	HYM 41 INT + TCI	MARAKKECH
13-oct	Charter	Ile de la Reunion, France
25 -30th	Handover, Board Meeting 1&2	Iceland at ME
November		
	Skype Meeting	
14th	ACI DAY	
16th - 18th	HYM AC France	Thouars
24th	charter	AC Perigueux, France
December		
	Skype Meeting	
January		
25th - 27th	LCI MTM	France
	Skype Meeting	
February		
	Skype Meeting	
1st - 3rd	MTM LCI	India
8th - 10th	MTM LCI	Romania
15th -17th	MTM LCI	Kenya
15th -17th	MTM LCI	Lithuania
March		
no date	5th Anniversary	Madagascar
?	charter	Zimbabwe?
	Skype Meeting	
April		
21 to 26	BM 3	at Chris' house
26 to 28	AGM 41 I + TCI	Brussels

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
May		
	AGM'S	various
	Skype Meeting	
June		
14th -16th	charter	Luxembourg
15th - 22nd	Sail of Hope	Corsica, France
no date	5th anniversary	Malta
	AGM'S	various
	Skype Meeting	
July		
	Skype Meeting	
August		
19th - 25th	RTI	Brasov
23th -27th	LCI AGM 60th ann.	Rotterdam
September		
	Skype Meeting	
30.....	BM4	Marrakech
October		
.....to 3	BM4	Marrakech
4th - 6th	ACI AGM	Marrakech

23. RESULT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE VOTING

24. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

25. DATE AND PLACE OF THE ACI AGM 2019



26. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

REPORTS OF THE AGORA COUNTRIES 2017-2018

A. FULL MEMBER COUNTRIES

1. REPORT AGORA CLUB BELGIUM

Dear Agora Friends,

I had a wonderful and heart-warming year with my board!



We started this year with regional meetings, voted at the AGM in June 2017. Now, Belgium is divided into 5 regions, three of which are already active. The three clubs in charge of the organisation of a regional meeting succeeded to set up pleasant and unforgettable meetings!



In September 2017, a charter meeting took place in Waterloo, attended by ladies from AC Livourne-Saint-Emilion. Both clubs signed for a twinning of their two clubs.

In October 2017, thirty-five (35) Belgian Ladies accompanied by ten (10) husbands participated at the International Conference in Malta. Their job was to inspire international Ladies to come to Ghent on October 4th 2018, to attend the international Conference with the motto "Vreewijs". All these Belgian Ladies did a fantastic job because the "break-even point" has already been achieved this day!

End October 2017, we also celebrated the 50th anniversary of our sister association, Ladies Circle Belgium, in Tienen.

I visited twice our northern neighbours. In January 2018, I attended the annual New Year's reception in Schoonhoven (the Netherlands) with Marleen Bollen, and in April 2018, I attended the Charter of a new club "De Kempen", with Yvonne Houben.

Marleen also went to the LCI MTM in Luxembourg, where she met Ursula and Anna. Two hundred and sixty (260) ladies from twenty (20) different countries participated at that meeting. The lively discussions and the excellent atmosphere stroked her.

In February 2018, I was present at the charter meetings in Haifa and Israel, together with friends from Germany, America and Romania. In March 2018, 4 ladies (Mimi, Beatrice, Florence and myself) were present as godmother at the charter of Casablanca 5 in Morocco. Both showed us their social projects: (1) AC Haifa invited

us in a shelter for women of different nationalities; (2) AC Casablanca showed us a shelter for non-married mothers, where one tries to bring together family and the “guilty” men. We were invited to two traditional weddings as well.

The HYM meeting of Round Table International took place in Ghent, under the chairmanship of Yann Tavernier, chairman of RTI. Isabelle Seguinot (Int. President) and Veerle de Jonge (Past Int. President) attended the HYM AGM. Ingrid and I joined them later at the late-night party.

With five (5) friends from Agora Club Lokeren-Waasland and twenty-five (25) international ladies, we celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Agora Club in Stavanger-Norway.

I wonder now how I did it all because I also participated in our International Service Project (“ISP”). I went to two countries with very different cultures: (i) Romania (with Veerle, Dirk and Jos, my partner) and (ii) Madagascar (with Veerle and Carla from the Netherlands). It is very touching to give a new opportunity in life with only 20 euros (in the villages around Brasov, Romania, we helped mainly older people and gypsies and in Madagascar we helped thousands of children). During these missions, we learned that communication and follow-up are very important for our ISP. We learn in practise! In countries such as Madagascar (with almost 25 million people, 65% of whom are under 25 years of age) it is therefore very important that we teach the teachers in the schools the importance of the spectacles for the children in the classrooms, in order to avoid that the given spectacles are worn by other family members or even sold in the worst-case scenario. The conclusion is that there is still a lot of necessary work to do to convince them!

All this is possible thanks to the continuous efforts of Veerle and Sandy, the convenors of the ISP and the gifts of all Agora clubs.

I am also very proud of the good cooperation with the four Clubs (“4C1V”) in Belgium. Our representatives, Pascaline and Mimi, worked hard on it and two beautiful projects: Christmas in a Box and the weekly food distribution for the homeless in Brussels are continued with enthusiasm.

Thank you all for such beautiful year.

Carine Everaert
National President Agora Club Belgium

2. REPORT AGORA CLUB FRANCE



FRIENDSHIP, ACTION and GROW UP

The end of the AC year 2017-2018 was in Normandie in the city of Bagnoles de l'Orne during our AGM on 8-9th June. The theme of the year was "Act and Communicate to make AGORA Club France grow up" with friendship, courtesy and tolerance. AGORA Club France is formed with 46 clubs including 3 clubs in formation and about 600 members. To work closer and with a good understanding with Areas and Clubs' Presidents had enable AGORA Club France to continue its development, to be more visible, to strength the link between the clubs of Round Table Family in France and to give a very good reason to nice Ladies to join us, get involved, participate, share good moments of friendship and conviviality.

The recipe is the good one:

- o Every clubs did local charity projects
- o The first National communication week, through press and social media, has strengthened the fame of AGORA Club in France and in the French Department Overseas
- o 49 000€ for 2 years were given to our National Charity Project "Women Solidarity" which help women and children who were victims of violence and defends women's cause
- o 6 new clubs were charted this year and 11 others were in creation which is very positive for the average age of AC France
- o Every years, more members attend the National Comity and AGM. We are thinking that it is because they are proud of their clubs.

Putting forward the values, showing that AGORA club has a big heart and attempting to give meaning to the word Solidarity, Agora Club France is building a new area of growing up after its 30th

This envy to act and make the AGORA Club shining is given by the commitment of AC France to International level. The nomination in Malta of Isabelle SEGUINOT, as International President is the perfect example.

Dynamic, open on the world through our wonderful humanitarian International service Project "Eyes for the World", AC France has with Isabelle an exceptional ambassadress. AC France will attend numerous the ACI AGM 2018 in Gent and after having organized the ACI AGM in Hyères in 2013, is nominee to host the ACI AGM in 2020. It will be a great opportunity for all French Agora members to share with the other Agora Ladies worldwide amazing friendship and fun moments, in a special sweet area of "Puy du fou" close to Nantes and "Château de la Loire"

During the AC , the AGORA Club France decide to give 500€ for International Service Project "Eyes for the world"

See you very soon,

Yours in Friendship

Maryse DECHAPPE

Past Présidente Nationale 2018/2019

Agir et Communiquer
pour faire grandir l'Agora



3. REPORT AGORA CLUB TANGENT GERMANY

Dear Agora International Board,
Dear National Associations,

Agora Club Tangent Germany had a very successful Year 2017-2018. With 3 chartered clubs, 9 clubs in formation and some 5-year (3), 10-year (4) and one 15-year-jubilees it was a year of celebrations. Unfortunately 2 Clubs closed down over the year, but we already have another Club forming. We also were happy to greet the 500th member just shortly before our AGM in April.



Tangent Club Deutschland

Most important was the step to “get the APP”, which was lately voted for to be installed permanently. Datasecurity playing a vital role, we updated our Webhosting incorporating the latest requirements concerning the ‘gdpr-info.eu’. Another issue was the corporate identity of our organisation and a transformation of our corporate design in letters, charter documents, reports and – still to finish – for event-posters and Roll-ups as well as a promotion-leaflet about ACTGermany.

Side-by-Side is marvellous and the presidents of all 4 clubs had very close exchange all year, the 4 clubs visiting each others AGMs, sharing meetings and having AGMs together (in planning already ACTGermany with LC 2018 + 2019 and with Old Tablers Germany 2020).

Charity in Germany being optional for the local clubs there is a high percentage of our clubs doing charitable work or joining our brother or sister organisations in their efforts. As ACT Germany we support the national project of Ladies Circle Germany and donated to Eyes for the world.

Germany will stand up to be godmother Country of Agora Club Luxembourg.

Yours in Friendship

Claudia Wollkopf

Agora Club Tangent Germany
National President 2017-18
IPP 2018-19
Motto: Act - and our lives will be richer

4. REPORT AGORA CLUB ICELAND

The National board of Agora Club Iceland had 6 board meetings and one day long workshop where many topics were discussed. We worked on an information leaflet which has now been printed, reviewed our rules and made amendments to them which were all approved at our AGM.



Our councilors meeting was held in November where several topics were discussed including rule changes, charity work, capitation fees and social media. We attended the international AGM in Malta and came home with all kinds of useful information and happy hearts.

We continue to grow and two new clubs are in formation which will be chartered in the upcoming Agora year, most likely in January and February 2019. So we are very close to our 100th member in 7 clubs.

Our AGM was held in Reykjavík on the 27th of May. We had a very enjoyable day where we toasted the 5th anniversary of Agora Club Iceland. Immediately preceding the AGM we had our councilors meeting where all items were discussed that were up for voting at the AGM. We had lively and constructive discussions and everyone had a chance to get their opinions across.



Agora Club Iceland participated in various charity events this year. We answered phones at a telethon for the Icelandic heart association, made fundraising bracelets for an organization supporting young cancer patients, knitted caps for children with heart conditions and also caps which were sent to Africa. Agora Club 3, which hosted the AGM, donated all proceeds from the AGM to kids with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Last but not least we have bought pins thereby donating to Eyes for the world.



5. REPORT AGORA CLUB ISRAEL

Dear friends,

Couple of years ago we have become a part of Agora global family – an achievement to be proud of.

My motto for this year is Simone de Beauvoir's quote: "on existe pas sans faire" (you don't exist if you do nothing) – and according to her legacy that what we, Agora Israel, have done during the year:

This year we celebrated two Charters: AC Herzeliya and AC Haifa. Delegates from the USA, Belgium, Germany, Romania and our world president, Isabelle Seguinot, have honored us.



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AC Haifa

Neve Yosef community center welcomes people from different ethnic groups and religions. AC Haifa cared for the renovation of hosting space for woman and produced a recipe book with co-operation with the neighborhood residents. The book has sold more than 700 copies and an English issue will be published soon. Bestseller!

AC Herzeliya

Co-operation with teen girls at risk shelter. The club took the task to "spoil" the girls in taking them out for movies, give them holiday presents, cooking workshops etc.

Organization of "bar mitzvah" for girls in need.

AC Tel Aviv

Bet Dror – GLBT teen shelter

Renovation of various parts of the shelter as well as donating essential furniture and appliances.

Workshops and Lectures

For a teen girl at risk shelter and "One heart" – a center for people living in loneliness.

Migdal-Or Co-operation

A volunteer's organization that focused on preparing unfortunate teen boys during a whole year of mentoring for life of meaning, sport, tracks and giving for others in need.

We are aiming and hoping to open two more AC groups in the year to come.

Marie Jeanne Margalit

President AC Israel 2017-18

6. REPORT AGORA CLUB ITALY



Dear Friends,

After five years, another experience as National President of Agora Club Italy is over. It was another intense year during which I had the opportunity to meet and discover excellent women and to have with them true and strong friendship.

Thank you to the extraordinary ladies of “my Board” who were always ready to give a hand. One of the hardest job was to produce new Agora Club National Rules according to our National Laws concerning Associations and Privacy: we did it.

Thank you to the new Club that joined Agora Club Italy last November in Ascoli Piceno: it was a great moment for us and the Charter Meeting was a memorable one.

Thank you to the International Board, to the wonderful ladies who helped me with very wise suggestions.

Thank you also to “4 Clubs 1 Vision, 4 Clubs 1 Mission” for the efforts in favor of our National Service in Arquata.

It was a busy and intense year, but it was worthwhile.

Yours in Friendship

Letizia



AGM location in Modena



Saying “thank you” to the glorious Board 2017- 2018

2018-2019 National Board

From the left

IPP : Letizia Iulli;

Secretary: Serena Cioffi

VP: Maria Pungetti

President: Cristina Calgaro

Treasurer: Luisa Maria Tabacco



Agora Club Italy

President : Cristina Calgaro

Club Agora Modena 7 :
a great team.



7. REPORT AGORA CLUB MALTA

The highlight of our year was the hosting of the Agora Club International Conference 2017 in Malta and we wish to thank all our international Agora friends who attended making it a memorable one for us.

Needless to say our local ladies (and we are a small club), worked hard and left no stone unturned to make it happen.

After that we focused on our fundraising activities supporting local charities by donating handsomely to Action for Breast Cancer, ALS Malta Foundation, Hospice Malta and Dar Merhba Bik (shelter for abused women and their children), besides the Food Bank for the destitute.

To reach this goal we held cocktail parties, home meetings & dinners, collaboration with a well known local artist for an art exhibition and the now Iconic Christmas Workshop and hilarious Trash & Treasure events both of which date back several years to our young Ladies Circle days. A heartfelt thank you also goes here to our various and very generous sponsors.

Maltese style- of course it wasn't all work and no play there were the visits to the wineries, the Spa & Yoga night and sleepover on the islands of Gozo and Comino, each event was an opportunity to introduce new friends to our fold, exchange ideas and spend some unforgettable moments fostering friendship so dear to the Agora family.

Our aim for the coming year is to increase our member numbers and collaboration with Side by Side events.

My motto for my year was "We give but little when we give of our worldly possessions, we truly give when we give of ourselves" and I feel that together with the support of my council, and the energy and dedication of our members we worked to achieve that goal.

Of course this conference is another special one for us as it ushers in the first ever Maltese president to serve for Agora International and we not only wish Anna best of luck and our support but we are sure it will be another colourful year.

Yours in Friendship
Edith Hili
National President
Agora Malta.





8. REPORT AGORA CLUB MOROCCO

Like all the previous years 2018 was an eventful year with all our highly active and energetic Agora clubs. Indeed Agora activity was intense with events organised either by the national or local Clubs.



Fist twelve Moroccan Agora members proudly represented their country in the International Conference in Malta and applied to host there 2019 ACI in Marrakesh, Morocco.



All the Agora clubs as usually participated this year to the different events organised by Lady Circles (Charter October 2017 , the Presidents' Party, Ladies Caravannes (April 2018), 41clubers Half Year Meeting (October 2017), Round Table South European Meeting (30 June 2018) and many other events in the true spirit of Side by Side philosophy.

As for our Agora clubs they took part to all the events organised by the National board and organised throughout the year their own events and happenings that displayed their sense of giving and sharing and their belief in the core values of our movement. As mentioned above





our Agora members namely from Casablanca Agora Club 2 selflessly distributed food and clothes to some village population located in remote and cold areas in Amezmiz in November 2017 and in Almis , Marmoucha in March 2018 to help them feel not only warmer in winter but also supported by their fellow citizen

Among other activities Agora Club Rabat 4 planned a visit to destitute children in hospitals a magical moment spent with these kids who got all sorts of goods that alleviated a little bit their pain and suffering. This club also made of the empowerment of women one of its target. For its charter in April 2018 Club Agora Casablanca Bouskoura 5 hosted several distinguished guest : Anna Tabone Agora International Vice president, 4 members from the Belgian National board and two members from the National board in the Netherlands.

The club associated this major event with a wedding ceremony for two single mothers. In addition to the wedding ceremony these two brides were offered a dowry



in the form of several gifts consisting in jewelry, dresses , clothes, crockery, beddings and furniture for their new homes. Music and joy were there to make the day a memorable one not only for the brides and their families but for the Agora club for

its Moroccan and international guests who attended a Moroccan true wedding rituals for the first time .



Our young club started a charity project that was organised jointly by Casablanca Agora Club 2. It is about giving the opportunity to students aged 11 to 14 to go to school by bus. These kids who lived in very precarious conditions and isolated places used to walk 5km a day to go to school facing robberies harrassment and even rapes.

We are delighted and proud that this service project “the solidarity bus” was adopted by our AGM held in Casablanca in June 2018 and was made a national charity project that will be organised in other precarious villages throughout the country.

Narjisse Kaicer
National president 2018



9. REPORT AGORA CLUB ROMANIA

Dear Ladies,

A new year has passed in our AGORA life, with new activities and fun, as anything can be said about our club life, except that it wasn't interesting! OH, NO!



All three clubs from Romania had a fruitful year, working for charity, organizing events and projects in order to share something with our communities, a little bit of hope, of light and of our Agora spirit. There were community projects and more other smaller events with funds donated in the benefit of our communities.

Agora 4 Craiova had a great year with big community projects regarding labour and professional reconversion making a big change in the profession and the life of many people in their county.

Speaking about Eyes For The World, our International project, there was an Eyes for the World in Romania organized in April by Agora 2 Brasov and Agora Club International. Another big success of the project!

The National Romanian Board has strengthened the relationship between all 4 Qatalagor Clubs, by participating at all events of the other 3 clubs, if they were charitable projects, AGM-s or other meetings.

Happy Birthday Agora 2 Brasov! It was another event this year for 10 years of Agora life and activity for Agora 2 Brasov with both Qatalagor Romania and international participation.

Our national AGM was in June In Herculane, organized by Agora 4 Craiova ; a beautiful location and a nice and careful organization of the event. Great job Ladies!

As I said in the beginning: it was no boring year! Not at all! I am so proud of Agora Romania, had so much to learn and to understand during this year, that I can only say: THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS! I want to thank my board members Adriana, Gabriela, Daniela and Rodica for all their help and support during this Agora year and all the Agora Ladies for their friendship and their commitment.

Wishing Gabriela, our next president and her team lots of success in a fulfilling and inspirational AGORA year!

See you all in Gent!

YICF

Simona Centiu

National President 2017 – 2018

Agora Romania



10.REPORT AGORA CLUB SOUTH AFRICA

I start with a borrowed quote from our Amarula Agora Club No.1's President Sandy that "it's the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey".



I couldn't have felt this more when I visited Amarula Club in Louis Trichardt one fine Thursday, as part of the national president's visitations. Not only did I join the fine ladies for their meeting at Coral's, but fine-dined with them and enjoyed a friendship that felt like it's been there for a better part of my over fifty years. At the meeting, I also had the honour of inaugurating a new member!

As reported at the national AGM Amarula Club No.1 has travelled far and wide in the year. The Club walked a path internally when Lodene started the year with malaria and concurrently celebrated 60 years with her husband Ian, Carole celebrated the birth of her gorgeous first grandson, Coral celebrated her own milestone as her twin grandsons turned one year old, Pam's beautiful granddaughter won the LC baby competition in Jo'burg, and Diane's journey was somewhat bumpy as she put over 30 years into boxes and moved to their cottage at the dam.

Angela got engaged and shared the excitement of her daughter's wedding planning, Daphne joined Agora and with that has met new friends, and recently a new man in her life has added to the next chapter in her journey. Laura was a rock Yvette and her young family desperately needed, and a source of great inspiration for her current achievements, Lenore started a new job, took on the role of treasurer & hosted the Christmas in July event and AGM, while celebrating her daughter Tash's news of a pending pregnancy. Sandy, on the other hand, travelled to Scotland to find her roots!

As a Club Amarula has continued taking care of the feral cat community, focused intently on helping Yvette Jordaan and her young family of 3 children set off on a journey to a better life – painting, cleaning, securing and furnishing the house she was living in to take it from an awful hovel to a neat little home. With the help of Agora she received clothing, medical assistance and food parcels ensuring her and her family had food on the table. Christmas was celebrated in a cold July on the mountain, the November ACI was celebrated at the Albasini Dam and the week away in Hoedspruit as Isabelle our ACI president was hosted in true Amarula Style. The SPCA continued to be supported in a number of ways, money was donated for the SPCA Mandela Day and a “pack “in the SPCA Quiz nights was entered into. Amarula supported Ladies Circle, TNR, Berg Care, the Old Age Home, the De Gois family and coat hangers were donated to the Od Age home for their fete.

Agora Amarula also received knitted garments from Agora friends in Germany and The Netherlands, which were handed over to Agora Club Kopano to take to some hospitals and to Agora Club Strelitzia for their Matchbox Babies project.

Moving on to Agora Club Strelitzia – the Fish & Chip Babies’ project has been ongoing and over the year donations have been made. Support continued for the ladies of Haddassah with donations of clothing and toiletries to the Strathyre Girls Home and baby bottles were donated to the Botshabelo Baby Home.

Support continues whenever possible to Ry-Ma-In – a home in Linden where the residents are all wheelchair bound, self-supporting and reliant on donations.

Ongoing support is also for Memorable Order of Tin Hats (M.O.T.H.), in the form of a monthly money contribution from which fruit and veggies are bought and supplied to the residents.



Assistance is also at the fetes and jumble sales they hold. For **Firlands Children's Home's** annual fete held in August Strelitzia assisted at the sweet stall.

Matchbox Babies is about taking in abandoned babies for short-term (not more than 3 months) while they are waiting to be placed, and Agora Club Strelitzia assists with donations and help where needed when they have fund-raising events, helps out with **Fairland Feral Cats** and **Forest Town** – a home for physically and mentally challenged adults.



As the baby of the family, who came much later with a wide gap in between, Agora Club Kopano has been slowly but surely building a solid, loyal relationship internally as well as with the other clubs. Kopano gave out the hats kindly donated by our sisters internationally at some of the hospitals in Johannesburg, and continues to support a home for abandoned children with monthly contributions and wherever else the need arises. The contributions to the home amount to over forty thousand to date.

The untimely death of a close and dear friend Linda in March, a Saturday after holding a meeting at her place on the past Saturday, became an unbearable setback for the Club – both emotionally and functionally as a club, since Linda had been a long-term treasurer of the club and the whole Agora nationally. While on the mend her dear husband Freddie – who she had been tending to dedicatedly before she passed on, also died; a mere four months later. While healing is achievable, needless to say the reality of their passing is still sending shock and sad waves all round.

Eyes of the World – Through Gisela of Agora Club Strelitzia a beautiful initiative in partnership with St John’s Eye Clinic in SOWETO – in which Agora Club South Africa is trying to raise funds from EFTW for cornea transplants, could become our national flagship, if all goes according to plan.



Our Sandy of Agora Club Amarula’s personal journey on an international level continues as co-convenor for ACI EFTW, and in the year of reporting travelled to Zambia and Zimbabwe meeting new friends along the way, and experiencing the joy of children and the elderly being able to read.



Who can forget the visit by Isabelle Seguinot our ACI President, and the luncheon celebration we had in SOWETO??? What a rave we had! And what great attendance from members! I was so proud of my club Kopano who took it upon themselves as

hosts to pay for eveerrryyyy member in attendance...Linda was still with us then and our experience of her rather strict treasurer stance was witnessed flying out the window! ☺ ☺ ☺

Other than that, as I communicated then to members I communicate again: what happens in SOWETO stays in SOWETO!

My final thoughts are about how fast a year goes by, and how packed with both highs and lows a year can be at the same time! My thoughts around this is from the experience I’ve had of getting to know everyone more significantly in the

year, but not enough because while we're busy with our own plans, life happens! I just really wish for us to know and do more for and with each other because truly, this life is not our own.



To Beverley, Gisela and Lodene who celebrated their 60th birthdays, well done and many congratulations!

To Bongsi, who celebrated her 50th birthday, well done and many congratulations to you too!

*To all the many celebrations at Gent, here's to you!
May light, love and care be with you!*

And to the incoming Committee of Agora Club International, may the richness and beauty of friendship continue to better heights through you!

*All love and
In True Friendship*

Lollo [Mofolo]

President, Agora Club South Africa 2017-2018.

11. REPORT AGORA CLUB THE NETHERLANDS



This year we decided, to go for the same goal as last year: Extension.

We trust with two clubs on the way to their charter that this will be succeeded.

We welcomed AC Twente 9 on 4 November 2017 and AC De Kempen 10 followed in April 2018. They both organised very amusing and fascinating charter meetings.

From the members of Twente Veerle de Jonge received a cheque of EUR 2250 for EFTW and guest Yvonne Houben (treasurer ACI) saw a cheque with the amazing amount of EUR 10,000 raised by the members of De Kempen for Ruby & Rose.



President Marlies Withagen and Past President Els Clevis visited the ACI AGM in Malta.

Such a nice and very well organised meeting with time for hard working and a lot of fun!

So nice to speak, eat and enjoy the parties with all women of 20 different countries.

The ACI board did a great job this year and visited many meetings abroad and made us part of it by sharing reports and pictures on social media.



The Malta meeting gave us lots of energy, so with our board we decided to go for the organisation ACI AGM 2020.

Our secretary Corry Zimmer and Veronique Stern, member of AC 8 Voorne Putten, both very experienced in organising big events, already did some research and during our AGM they gave a nice presentation.

And..... yes our members agreed!! So Gent, we are coming and this time not only with two of us, but at least with 45 members of the Netherlands!!! We look forward to this event and our presentation in Gent. We only need your vote! Go for royal Dutch!

Of course we payed attention to our side by side contact with LC NL. Three years ago, Liesbeth Stalman, President LC NL of that time, started to intensify this contact between both clubs and now we see each other a few times a year and exchange knowledge and experiences. In this way Agora will become better known.

And that will hopefully increase the number of ladies being interested in chartering an Agora club.



We could look back on a very busy and interesting year, with a successful club board meeting, two charters, a New Years event and a very good by AC Noordwijk organised AGM on board of a Party ship. Corry visited Casablanca and we were guest on the Presidents meeting and AGM of LC NL.

Sadly, but that's how it goes, we have to say goodbye to our Past President Els Clevis and Treasurer Sieka Oldenzijl; both very hard workers with a great sense of humour and we will miss them a lot. Thank you dear ladies for all you have done for ACN.



Our new boardmembers are: Els Kin, President / Corry Zimmer, Secretary / Ingrid Beerling, Treasurer / Carmen Visser, Vice President / Marlies Withagen, Past President.

We wish you all a very nice and fruitful Agora year 2018-2019
See you in Gent.

In friendship,

Marlies Withagen
President ACN 2017-2018

12.REPORT AGORA CLUB UNITED KINGDOM



NATIONAL BOARD FOR 2017-2018

TRACEY METCALF	NATIONAL PRESIDENT
SANDRA SMITH	NATIONAL IPP
RESIGNED	NATIONAL SECRETARY
DEBBIE SAYER	TREASURER
RESIGNED	VICE PRESIDENT



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VACANT	VICE PRESIDENT

The UK Board are happy to report that there is good growth within the UK following a restructure of Club 1 and Club 2 allowing for new members to join one of four clubs going forward. The two new Clubs will be Chartered this October and early next year increasing the overall UK membership significantly. We are hoping that as the new Members become more involved in Agora they will be looking to support and join the National Board in the future allowing new ideas and approaches to be incorporated. We sincerely hope the forthcoming year will afford us the time and energy to be able to plan and enjoy some community events and fund-raising activities whilst building links with the growing UK Agora Clubs.

13.REPORT AGORA CLUB USA

Agora Club USA joined in on many projects this year assisting in causes and awareness campaigns that were close to our hearts. We also managed to participate in a few social and fun events.

Agora Club Seattle started the season by throwing a bridal shower for one of our members. It was a fun way to start our season. Throughout the year, our club focused on assisting in causes that were close to our hearts. Some of our accomplished projects include providing hot meals to local homeless people at a local church, providing financial funds to a single mother whose son is fighting a rare disease, supporting the Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking, and monetary contribution to Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation.

While we assist causes that are important to us, our members also support each other to stay healthy and well. We participated in the Heart Walk in Tacoma 5K in October and the FWCAT 5K run in May. We gathered for our annual holiday gift exchange in January, and in February, in celebration of National Wear Red Day. We gathered to share healthy recipes and tips to stay healthy.



One forgettable event this year was that one of our members lost her young son. Our club donated some items that were needed for his celebration of life ceremony. We have watched the

journey of her son and her family for many years, and we have learned so much from their strength, resilience, courage, determination, and love.

Two of AGORA Club Detroit members, Mirela and Oxana, participated to the dual charter



meeting in Israel on February 15, 2018. They met with old and new friends and one more time promoted friendship for Agora USA.

Thank you Yifat, Zivit, Carmi, Rikki, Danielle and all the wonderful ladies from Agora Israel and Ariel Eldor, past national president of RT Israel for the warm welcome and for taking care of them during their wonderful trip to Israel.



AGORA Club Detroit hosted a Book Launch of a very popular Romanian book writer, Corina Ozon. The event took place on May 5, 2018, launching the book titled “Zoran’s Code”. It was a success, with many people attending and purchasing the book. Learning about other people’s lives is very eye opening.

In between our activities, we all enjoyed birthday gatherings throughout the year.

In all it was another good year of sharing in life's challenges and celebrations together, building new friendships and celebrating old!





Agora Club USA is also pleased to contribute to the Agora International “Eyes for the World” project. We look forward to future events and news of this life-changing project!



We have one club in formation AC3 Detroit. We will keep you posted!

Sincerely,

Monica Leitner
President

14.REPORT AGORA CLUB ZAMBIA

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AGM HELD ON 30TH JUNE 2018 AT MINT LEAF LODGE, LUSAKA.



1. INTRODUCTION

With great pleasure I present to you, the Agora Club Zambia overall report for the year 2017/2018.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Two Clubs, Total membership 24.

- Agora Club1 - 13
- Agora Club 2 - 11

3. PROJECTS

Continued working with the EFTW. Agora Club Zambia team has been following up with the beneficiaries of glasses from the last visit to get feedback.

4. ACI DAY – 14TH NOVEMBER

ACI day social meeting on 12th November,2017 .



ACI day visit with the Head of Chibolya School (getting feedback)



Freda presenting the little "pink" give away

Social with Freda Sakulanda and Charity Sinkala (Agora members) sharing useful tips on breast cancer.

5. INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY – 08 March 2018

ACZ joined the rest of world in celebrations of IWD



ACZ marching on Women's Day



Visiting sick brother of IPP Mulenga



Relaxing after the march



ACZ Ladies supporting Maureen Machaliwa at the funeral of her beloved Husband

Visited Carol after her mum's death



Yours in continued friendship

Visited Rose nursing sick mother



Naomi Phiri - Sakanjole

AC Zambia President 2017/2018

B. ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES

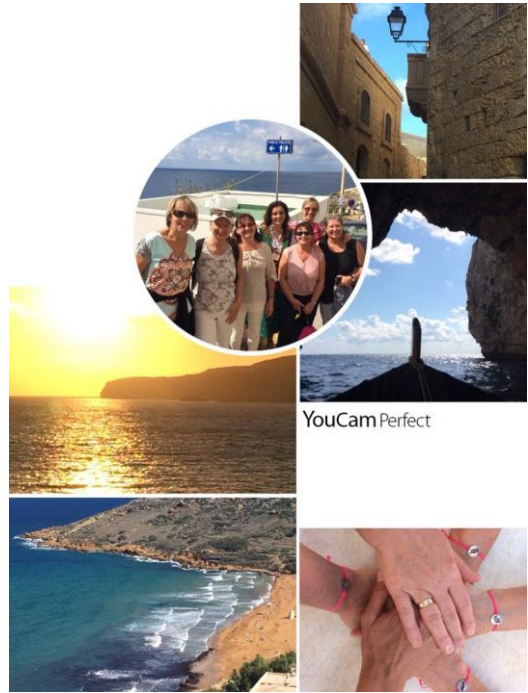
1. REPORT AGORA CLUB AUSTRIA

- 8.-15.10. Malta –at the AGM
- 14.9.- Our first official admission after the charter – Silvia Campidell
- 6.10. celebrating 15 Years LC 5- and calendar presentation from LC5
- 20.-22.10. HJV – Murtal – Sonja Penker and I have been there
- 2.12. – Christmas Market – we donated Euro 1000,00 for a little girl, also spending Euro 750,00 for another Mother with her child.
- 20.1. Workshop with a children from a school – Anni Thurner was the initiator of this project-paiting stones and built bowles together with the pupils
- 25.1. Project “my body is my own” we support this project with 200 Euro for a elementary school
- 16.3. Charity event t from LC 4 – Speaker for Motivation, Comedy, Inspiration
- 23.-26.4 international boardmeeting in our town – they were working very hard and still we had lots of fun and joy
- 27.-29.4. intern. AGM Club 41 in Pörtschach in Carintia– all of us have been there
- 12.-13.4 – visiting the 2 Agora Club in Innsbruck – they are in formation
- 15.5.- Meeting in Hermagor – 70km away from our town – 2 of our ladies are from there – so 2 times per year we go there for the meeting
- 9.6. painting pictures for our charity Event – Eyes for the world
- 21.6. Charity Event –Eyes for the world – students from Prima la Musica will frame the event



- 26.6. Our Introdinner at the lake in Seeboden-the new board is presented 😊

Finito😊



HJV 2017 im Murtal - Des war a Hetz



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Agora1 Spittal
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Spittal/Drau

Musikalische Umrahmung:
Schüler/innen der Musikschulen Spittal und Villach
(Preisträger von Prima la Musica)

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Agora AUSTRIA 1
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2. REPORT AGORA CLUB BOTSWANA

Dumela! Assalamu-alaikum! Hello! Shalom! Ola! Goeie Dag....



In this quantum age another year passing feels like just another day gone by. My dear friends, as I write this report my emotions are all over the place. I have just lost my dearest eldest brother, who was more like a father. However, I am extremely grateful for my friends, like yourselves, my global girlfriends. It is at times like this that you get to know who your real friends are and I count myself truly lucky as I cannot even count how many people have proven to me their love and compassion. This is the true spirit of Agora, when you put everything aside duty, work, even responsibility for a humane reason.

The highlight of our year, needless to express was a visit from our dearest friend and ACI President Isabelle. Isabelle thank you for your great leadership qualities and for



your friendship. We were truly honoured to have you grace the sands of Botswana with your great foot print as well as the Ladies Circle MTM and their amazing project that we support with immense zeal - "The Happy Hearts Home". The MTM was a whole lot more special because of Isabelle's presence.

Agora Club Botswana also hosted "The Annual Christmas Carols" at the Grand Palm Hotel, which was a resounding success. These are not our words rather those of many who were present.

Generosity of heart is the younger sibling of service and friendship, it is inseparable. That "Global October feel" of our Agora Club International AGM's resonates with sisterhood, camaraderie, love, service, friendship



and a sense of kinship that supersedes many a festive event. Gent was on my agenda since the AGM announcement. I was sure I would be in Belgium, my Belgian sisters have been so close to my heart and of course all of you and the warmth calls out to me with so much adoration. I simply didn't want to miss it. Well, we can plan all we want, subsequently The Almighty is the ultimate planner and sadly none of us could make it to Gent. The good news is we are hoping to come to the next AGM as a team, wish us luck our Agorean family, we love and miss you all. In the meantime, we will be with you in spirit, cheering you on by proxy. With love and gratitude in our hearts, richer for knowing you, true to our logo which signifies Love! Laugh! Serve!

In friendship, respect and service.

Khurshida Khan

IPP – Agora Club Botswana

3. REPORT AGORA CLUB MADAGASCAR

Dear President of the International Agora Club

Dear members of the bureau,

I apprehended the position of president, but the task was easy with the support of the members.

The results :

1 °) To strengthen the national links between QUATALAGOR, assistance to:

- ladies' necklace passing,
- statutory TRM, club 41,
- side by side.

2 °) Joint action:

→ statutory with LCM, fundraising organization with LCM1, AGN with LCM1 / TRM3.

3 °) Enlarge the circle:

→ Welcome Lygie .

4 °) Action service towards older women:

→ PPN for the national holiday, new year.

5 °) EFTW:

→ 5 / 8 May, the arrival of 3 sisters: Veerle, Carine, Carla. 800 people are auscultated, glasses distributed.

Edition 1st directory Agora club Sariaka Madagascar.

Fundraising: hiking - yule log operation - 80's evening, to finance our AGN in Mahambo.

Yours in friendship,

RASOANAIVO Domohina

President 2017-2018

AGORA Club Sariaka Madagascar



4. REPORT AGORA CLUB NORWAY

Clubs and membership:

Agora club Norway has chartered two clubs since 2013.
Total members are 33 ladies.

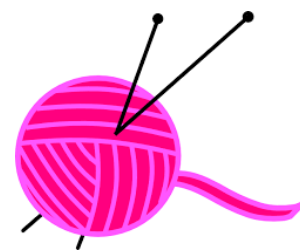
(20 in Sandnes, 13 in Egersund)

Soon we will charter the third club, with 8 members. The new club is also in Sandnes.

Meeting and activities:

We had our monthly meetings in the period September 2017- June 2018, mostly at a restaurant in Sandnes. Total 10 meetings.

We've had speakers at our meetings, and a lot of good friendship, nice food and a lot of fun 😊



International project:

'Eyes of the world'

Charity: We have been knitting to the premature babies in South Africa.

International activities:

5 ladies from Agora Sandnes was present at the ACI- conference in Malta in October.

Anniversary Sandnes 5 years

In the beginning of June Agora Club Sandnes celebrated 5 years anniversary. The godmothers, godsisters and godchilts was invited. We had a wonderful weekend with a lot of friends, from several countries.



Warm greetings from all the Ladies of Agora Club Norway 😊

In friendship

Anne Klingsheim

President Agora 1 Sandnes, Norway

5. REPORT AGORA CLUB 1 LEMAN

Dear Ladies and Agora Members,
Having manifold and assorted interests in various fields, we have participated to various enriching activities during this year, in particular meetings, conference, visits of museums and other cultural, culinary and friendly events



In a couple of words, here are the activities performed during this year 2017-2018: passing from culture to cooking, from theatre to hiking.

30 May 2017, debate conference on the Israeli Palestinian conflict from the origin to D. Trump. Endless story presented by Mr Marc Finaut, former French consul in Australia.

17 July 2017, hiking in a beautiful region surrounded by surprising walking paths in a diversified natural area. Then arrival in Cremin, with its 60 inhabitants, smallest village of Switzerland and its astonishing wooden sheds suspended in walnut trees.

8 September 2017, visit of the exhibition of the artist Sylvie Moreillon, « *Méodies en sous-sol* », transmitting her talent with courtesy and presenting her universe and everyday life material in painting and sculptures.

15 September 2017, show at the old Theatre of Servion, to listen to Jean Villars-Gilles, known under his nickname Gilles and famous for his lampoonist songs, full of humour and sense of freedom.

30 September 2017, combination of art and culture and art of the table. Visit of the Museum of Hermitage, presenting an exhibition on the pearl of the impressionist and postimpressionist artists, from the prestigious Bührle Collection, composed of the major master pieces from XIXth and XXth centuries, such as *Le champ de coquelicots près de Vétheuil* de Monet *coquelicots près de Vétheuil* of Monet, *Le semeur, soleil couchant* de Van Gogh. Then, pleasant agape in a cheerful atmosphere.

9 Novembre 2017, some of us had the pleasure to share the charity meal of Club Agora Léman II, mere presence of our Club to support and offer our contribution to the Association « Clown to care » which proposes spectacles in institutions for palliative treatments. Also opportunity of a meeting with our two clubs and their friends.

4 December 2017 : in view of the Christmas period, why not just sit down and put our feet under the table; take our time while sharing a simple and pleasant evening together. We had a happy meal at the Bruschetta, and convivial chattering between friends in a joyous, funny and relaxed atmosphere.

24 January 2018, to begin with a healthy year 2018, we experienced an initiation at the « World Achery Center ». After some historical and theoretical explanations, we could test and discover the art of the Amazons: not only requiring strength but also an extreme precision and real concentration. Quite an attractive and dynamic activity!

13 March 2018, uncommon savouring evening revealing us a creative culinary team building activity at Christine's place in Rolle under the leadership of Brigitte Streif, who initiated us to another way of "gourmet" coking, opting first for taste and real flavour, respect of seasonal products mainly with vegetables and fruits. Devices and coaching to

let us prepare various meals together, each having its role to achieve and share a final common and collective dish. It was quite a successful and festive experience.

28 April 2018 : once again, commented visit of an exhibition at the Hermitage, presenting an unseen and exclusive choice of pastels paintings from 16th to 21st centuries, Liotard, Degas, Klee, Scully, letting us discover this authentic and original artistic technic. The evening ends with a nice dinner.

The board of Agora Club Léman 1, Switzerland

6. REPORT AGORA CLUB 2 LAUSANNE



During my President year, I got a chance to participate to the organisation of a charity lunch in November 2017, to support a local charity, « Clown to care ».

This association, founded by Ms. Nathalie Grivel, nurse, adult trainer, and professional clown, aims to improve quality of life within palliative care structures for patients and their relatives by providing regular and punctual visits of specifically trained clowns.

Thanks to the networking of club members, 88 guests attended the function, and 81 additional contributions were gathered.

Over CHF 11'450 were donated.

Also in November, we attended a charity event in Vevey. The benefits were to fund five cardiac surgeries for children awaiting care.



This year was one of sharing, emotion, and discoveries. I thank the Committee and all members for their support and friendship.

Isabelle Le Franc

President 2017/2018

Agora 2 Lausanne Switzerland

C. COUNTRIES IN FORMATION

1. REPORT AGORA CLUB LUXEMBOURG IN FORMATION

Since 2015, a bunch of former Luxembourg Ladies' Circle members and all-time friends have been gathering in the spirit of "friendship and service".

From the start it was important to us to include some of our friends who had always accompanied our LC activities while never being members because of the age limit of LC.

While at many of the above mentioned meetings we discussed becoming a true Club and joining either Tangent or Agora, things got more serious in October 2017 when we officially decided to create a real club, invite some more members and started thinking about an Agora club.



This intent then got serious and in 2018 we put up a board, wrote regular reports, registered 10 founding members and applied for membership in Agora Club as "Agora Club Luxembourg".

And here we are, determined to join forces, meet regularly, support LC and side by side

activities and join Agora Club international.

By the way : Our group was (and still is) also called **ViP**. But mind you : this name is not about boasting our importance. In fact this is the tongue-in-cheek name that we chose for ourselves and we, as well as our friends from LC Luxembourg, have come to like it. If you want to find out about the true meaning of this name, take a good look at our logo or wait to find out more in Gent ...

Looking forward to an inspiring conference and meeting new (an old) friends in the Agora Club family.

Yours in friendship

Christiane Schaul
President Agora Club Luxembourg i.f.



2.REPORT AGORA CLUB ZIMBABWE IN FORMATION

Agora Club Zimbabwe is awaiting chartering, but this small but vibrant group of seven women is already carrying out community service projects. 2017 was a year for laying



the foundation of friendship. We began crafting our constitution, aims, objectives and logo. We also carried out our first service project in February at a small struggling home of 25 children. The ladies sourced food, clothes, stationery and sanitary towels and spent the afternoon breaking bread with the children, and listening to their hopes and dreams. The club supported sister group Ladies Circle International at its AGM and fundraising dinner. We are extremely grateful for the confidence our sisters at ACI have shown our young club by choosing us to be participants of EFTW. In 2018 we have screened hundreds of children and look forward to distributing glasses in July. Above all we look forward to being chartered, and to officially joining the Agora Family in friendship and service.

Chido Musasiwa Gutu

Presidente AC Zimbabwe i.f.