

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL
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WHAT A FESTIVE
MONTH IT WAS!

ACI DAY!

14TH OF NOVEMBER

FOCUS ON
AC AUSTRIA
AC ZAMBIA
ACT GERMANY

Report by travel fund beneficiary
from AC Iceland

and much more...!

GROWTH!

ORANGE THE
WORLD

AGORA CHARITY
AROUND THE
WORLD

SOME HISTORY

Welcome!

to the second edition of YOUR
Agora Club International magazine!



Installation of a new member in AC Marrakesh :
writer and composer Soukaina Oufkir

In this brandnew ACI Magazine, each month the

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will be on you

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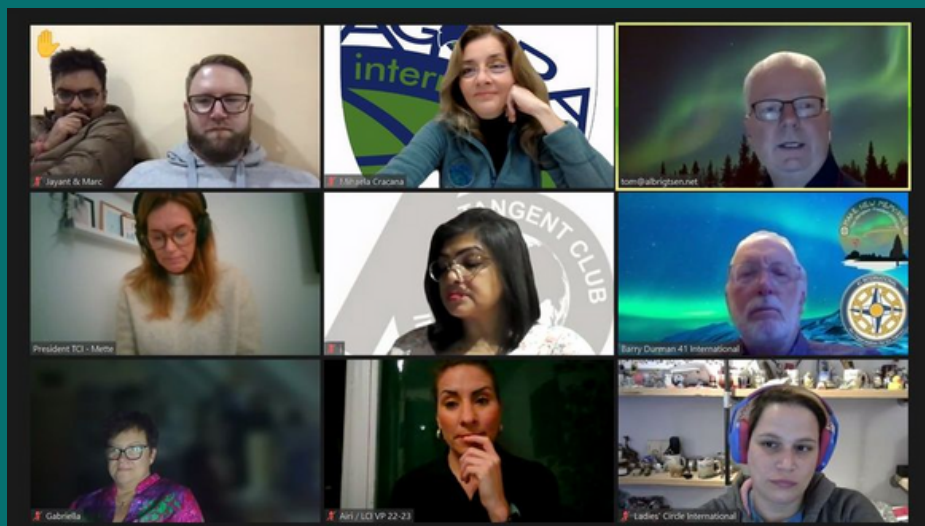
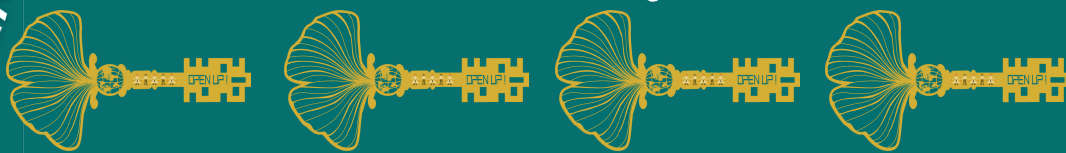
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HELLO FROM MIHAELA



Dear friends,



In this FOCUS magazine, the focus is again on YOU!
But I would like to inform you, that also on the international level,
the 5 clubs of the Round Table Family have regular contact.
For a better understanding and collaboration among our 5 clubs of
the Round Table Family, the International Presidents and
International Vice Presidents of each organization meet on Zoom
monthly and inform each other about what is new or happened
lately, share results and **shape plans for the future.**

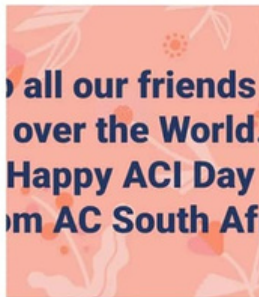
On the 20th of November the agenda included subjects like:- how
to help each other to grow, extension and sustainability,
sponsorship, Wikipedia, branding, charity and plans for the future.

Enjoy your new FOCUS magazine!
Mihaela xx

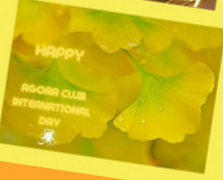
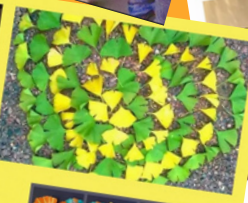
Shaping the future!

FOCUS ON... ACI day!

What an explosion of wishes
on ACI DAY!



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FOCUS ON...

AC Austria



Club Agora Austria | Spittal/Drau

At the 1st club fair in Spittal/Drau on 23. & 24. September 2022





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AC Zambia

AGORA CLUB ZAMBIA FOCUS NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

AC Zambia ended the October, Breast Cancer Awareness month by encouraging each other, that the fight against Breast Cancer is not for the affected alone. Rather it is for us all to show love and support. Together we can as you are not alone.



This was wrapped up with 'Fun in Hats by the poolside social event' held at ACI IPP Chilufya's home. We were happy to have AC Botswana President Charlene Van Riet Lowe join us.



Two weeks later, on the 12th November, AC Zambia supported Lusaka Ladies Circle # 2 for their fundraising Costume Party in aid of their Project, Chifundo Community School build-a-wall project.



On Sunday 13th November, AC Zambia President Margaret "Maggie" Mwenya and IPP Kalenga Mulenga held a meeting for prospective members who have shown interest in joining AC Zambia. This reaffirms our commitment to our membership drive.



Our reason for being, on 14th November we celebrated ACI day by donating gifts and cleaning materials to paediatric ward at UTH. We were honoured to have Round Table Zambia Vice President at the presentataion. It was such a joy to put smiles on the Children. A donation, no matter how humble goes a long way. Much appreciated. Wrapped the day with lunch. ACI Day well spent.



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ACT Germany

ACT Germany - Social Media challenges :

Part of our club life is of course getting in touch, reaching out, supporting each other or participating in initiatives which seem important in womens' lives or for our members of our #RTfamily.

Usually we do this in person or in our local communities, but in addition to that it is good to show your support on Social Media and gain attention for important subjects. Most of our challenges **were done #sidebyside with LC Germany - this shows our bond and we reach out to more people from different age groups.** Usually we ask our members to participate on their private or club Social Media accounts. They are encouraged to use our texts, use the Canva frames which we prepare and hashtags we agreed on. More can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram accounts: Agora Club Tangent Germany.

Here we want to share our activities from Autumn 2023 with you:

10.9. Suicide Prevention Day: Light a candle near a window as a symbol of support. Create awareness that 800.000 people die of suicide every year and write about suicide prevention, suicidal behaviour and be in unity with those whose lives were touched by suicide.



Waste Challenge: We took part in the #5clubs1 vision #NoWasteChallenge

Pink October - Breast Cancer Awareness month



MoVember/ MoTabler - we are MoSista: We support our Tablers and the RTD-NSP for Mental Health

In 2021 we posted photos of the ACT boardies and their counterparts from Club 41 Germany, in 2022 we were #MoSistas with our counterparts from LC Germany. Lots of clubs posted their photos and used the texts prepared by our PR board assistant Sandra.



ACI Day: We are proud members of Agora Club International which we show in our new logo. This year we send our special greetings to our friends from Tangent Club International. We miss our friends from LCI times, our joint meetings and partying together.

We encouraged our members to post photos from LCI times or AC/ TC events.



25.11. Orange Day: Members could choose between different possibilities

- a) Orange your profile
- b) Show the hand signs for violence at home
- c) Show a bruise (an encourage people to ask twice how you are and to check if women need help even if they smile and say they are alright)

Thank you!

**Thank you for your stories dear ladies
from AC Austria, AC Zambia and
ACTGermany ! So nice to learn something
about your Agora life!**

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Travel grant AC Iceland

TRAVEL REPORT: HALLDÓRA VALA JÓNSDÓTTIR AC ICELAND



What a wonderful Puy de Fou AGM 2022 experience

On the 28th of September a fair flock of around **30 Icelandic Agora ladies** met at the airport in Keflavik, ready and excited to go on a trip to France. We had made a deal with the French ladies to book half of the pre tour that was available because the Icelandic are always so busy. Most of us did not have time to attend the whole pre-tour and of course the French ladies accepted this request. We arrived in Paris and waited a bit for our prebooked bus that was supposed to pick us up. The poor bus driver had misunderstood where to pick us up and had been waiting at the wrong terminal. We really did not mind at all and used the time to grab something to eat while we waited. At last, he arrived and our bus trip to Tours could begin. Being in a full bus with **Icelandic Agora Ladies can only be fun and we were singing and telling jokes the whole trip** and of course enjoying the beautiful scenery.



When we arrived at **Tours**, we had a short time to change clothes until we were picked up to go to a vineyard nearby, where we had a tour inside and the chance to taste their very nice wines. We really liked the bubbly and some of us even bought some to enjoy on the rest of the trip. The Cave was our next stop which was a very nice restaurant inside of yes “a cave” . **Both Agora club Tours and Round table attended the dinner**, and we got the chance to mingle and meet new people. On our second day of the pre tour we got to see the most beautiful **castle Villandry** and the magnificent gardens around it. What a sight, I think we all agreed that this was the most beautiful garden we had ever seen. Most of the ladies bought some nice things at the shop and we finished the visit with a really nice lunch at the sight before we went to the next stop of **Angers** castle and the very interesting **Apocalypse tapestry**. The pre tour was worth attending.



Arriving at Puy de Fou on the 29 sept. Full of excitement to attend the AGM and meet up with the rest of the Icelandic ladies that arrived that day, now we **were around 50** and ready to have a great time with Agora ladies from all over the world. Being the AC Iceland President, I got to attend the Councillors Meeting and the AGM and really take in the values and beliefs of this amazing International charitable organisation. I got to meet lot of interesting ladies from all over the world and make new friends. All the events of the weekend were so much fun and well organised by the French Agora ladies. The parade where all the ladies were dressed in their nations colour were all so happy to take part in the welcome party. The dinner and show at the park. The Puy de fou park itself which was amazing. The accommodation where I felt like a princess in the golden bed topped with the elegant Gala dinner where we danced into the night are all memories I will cherish forever. Thank you

FOCUS ON...

Orange the world



*Stand up
Against
Gender-
based
Violence*

*It's starts
With you*



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence is an international campaign that kicks off on **November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until December 10, Human Rights Day.** The campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. Over the years, the campaign has grown enormously, garnering support from individuals, communities, organizations, corporations, and governments around the world. The 16 Days of Activism is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change, and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by women who have fought for their rights.

During this time we see many campaigns in the colour Orange as it is a colour that signifies bright optimism of a future free from violence against women and girls.

By Sumaya Khan

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Our ACI History

- 1987 :** *Charter of the FIRST AGORA CLUB* in the world in Lille - France.
Former members of Ladies'Circle France decided to start a follow-up club for Ladies'Circle, with **open membership - as also LCI did a few years later in 1994**
- 1996 :** *Charter of AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL* in Strasbourg- France
- 2009 :** The need was felt for a better coöperation between the 4 International Clubs (RTI, LCI, ACI and 41CI). This resulted in the *Creation of 4 CLUBS 1 VISION*, signed by the 4 International Presidents of **ACI, LCI, RTI and 41 Intl** , followed by the first combined 4C1V International Service Project in Onno Italy after the devastating earthquake
- 2014 :** Charter of Tangent Club International
- 2018 :** During the ACI Conference in Ghent (Belgium) it was decided to include Tangent Club International to 4C1V. This was the start of the **ROUND TABLE FAMILY (RTF)**, now with the 5 International clubs, for which a beautiful logo was designed in 2019 →
- 2019 :** Signing of a first RTF MOU during the 60th LCI Anniversary Conference in Rotterdam, by the 5 Intl Presidents ACI, LCI, RTI, 41 Intl and TCI
- 2022:** Signing of a second MOU including a 'best practices agreement' by the 5 International Presidents, during the RTI Conference in Copenhagen
- 2022:** *Today ACI has 23 member countries worldwide and is still growing*



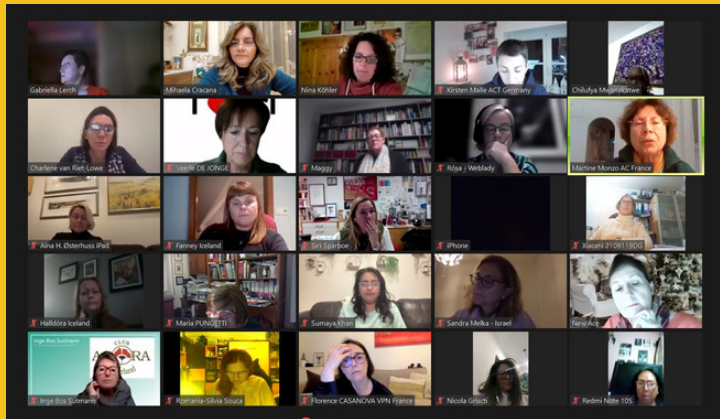
Looking back
and
planning forward!

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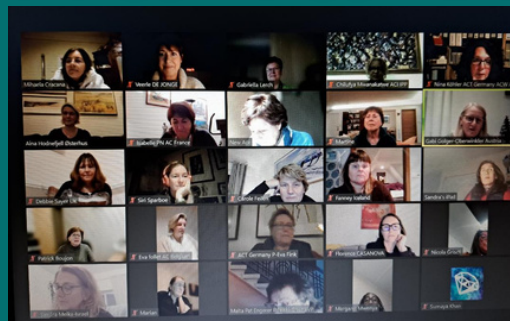
The Q&A zoom meeting & EGM

Some items from the ACI AGM needed to be reviewed and voted for on the EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting).

On the 15th of November a Q&A zoom meeting was organised to make sure all was clear & the voting system on ACW for the EGM was understood



30th of November 2022 : EGM



An EGM gives member countries together with the ACI Board the opportunity to take important decisions by voting, in between ACI AGMs .

On the 30th of November 2022 we really had a premiere ! Our councillors were invited to **vote by using our ACI platform AGORACLUB.WORLD**

- The two items the councillors were voting on were :
- do you agree AC India to become associated member country?
 - Do you agree the budget 2022-23?

Both items were approved



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Growth!

It is really official now!

A VERY WARM WELCOME

Agora Club India in formation

**HOW WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU
WITH US!**



Welcome dearest ladies!

FOCUS ON... Social Media

Celebrations in France & Belgium

AGORA CELEBRATES!



Celebrations in our Clubs worldwide!

Congratulations dear ladies!

10 years AC 14 Arlon-le-Sud
in AC Belgium



30 years AC H...
AC Fran...



It's always Agora O'Clock
somewhere in the world!



Open up to our Agora world!



2500+ members
23 member countries!

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM against gender based violence



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Tips for You to Prevent Gender-Based Violence and Inequality

- Educate yourself on the root causes of violence
- Interrupt sexist and discriminatory language
- Be critical and question
- Interrupt abuse
- Stop sexual harassment
- Develop an action plan
- Stop victim blaming
- Stop rape culture



This is the universal sign of
a girl or woman in danger



THE SIGNAL FOR HELP IS A SINGLE-HANDED GESTURE THAT CAN BE USED OVER A VIDEO CALL OR IN PERSON BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO ALERT OTHERS THAT THEY FEEL THREATENED

Be aware Be alert React

Check out "agora club international"
on our instagram page and
on our facebook page and group

Agora's big ❤️ for service

keep yourself informed on our **social media channels**
ON AGORA CHARITY PROJECTS WORLDWIDE
and be inspired!

AGORA'S BIG ❤️ FOR SERVICE

National President
AC The Netherlands Carina
De Bruyne's laptop crossed
the continents and has
arrived in Zimbabwe



CLUB
AGORA
Nederland



HANDOVER LAPTOP BY
CARINA'S HUSBAND TO
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
AGORA CLUB ZIMBABWE
NICOLETTE KULERA

HANDOVER LAPTOP BY
NICOLETTE TO THE
"SALEM CHILDRENS
VILLAGE" SCHOOL

AGORA
AGORA CLUB ZIMBABWE



A HAPPY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL!

AGORA'S BIG ❤️ FOR SERVICE



CLUB
AGORA
Nederland

CLUB AGORA
ROMANIA



ALSO THE 3 LAPTOPS OUR ACI
PRESIDENT MIHAELA DONATED CROSSED
THE CONTINENTS AND HAVE ARRIVED IN
ZIMBABWE!

•THE KNITTED GOODIES
BY OUR DUTCH AND ICELANDIC LADIES
FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



HANDOVER LAPTOPS & KNITTED
GOODIES TO THEMBE DUBE - LCI
TREASURER (FROM LC ZIMBABWE)



HANDOVER TO AC ZIMBABWE
PRESIDENT NICOLETTE

AGORA
AGORA CLUB ZIMBABWE

AGORA'S BIG ❤️ FOR SERVICE

So many local, national and Side by Side
activities to the benefit of charity projects!

AC ISRAËL : AC RISHON, AC LE ZIONNA
AND AC NES ZIONA ORGANISED A FUN
BAKING WORKSHOP IN A BOYS HOME



BEAUTIFUL SIDE BY SIDE
: ACT GERMANY,
LC GERMANY,
RT GERMANY AND
41 GERMANY ORGANISE
CONVOYS FILLED WITH
GOODS FOR THE NEEDY



AC ZAMBIA DONATING GIFTS TO THE
PEDIATRIC WARD OF A CHILDRENS HOSPITAL



AGORA'S BIG ❤️ FOR SERVICE

...and many...many more around
our Agora world!!



inspire
be inspired



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The Round Table Family

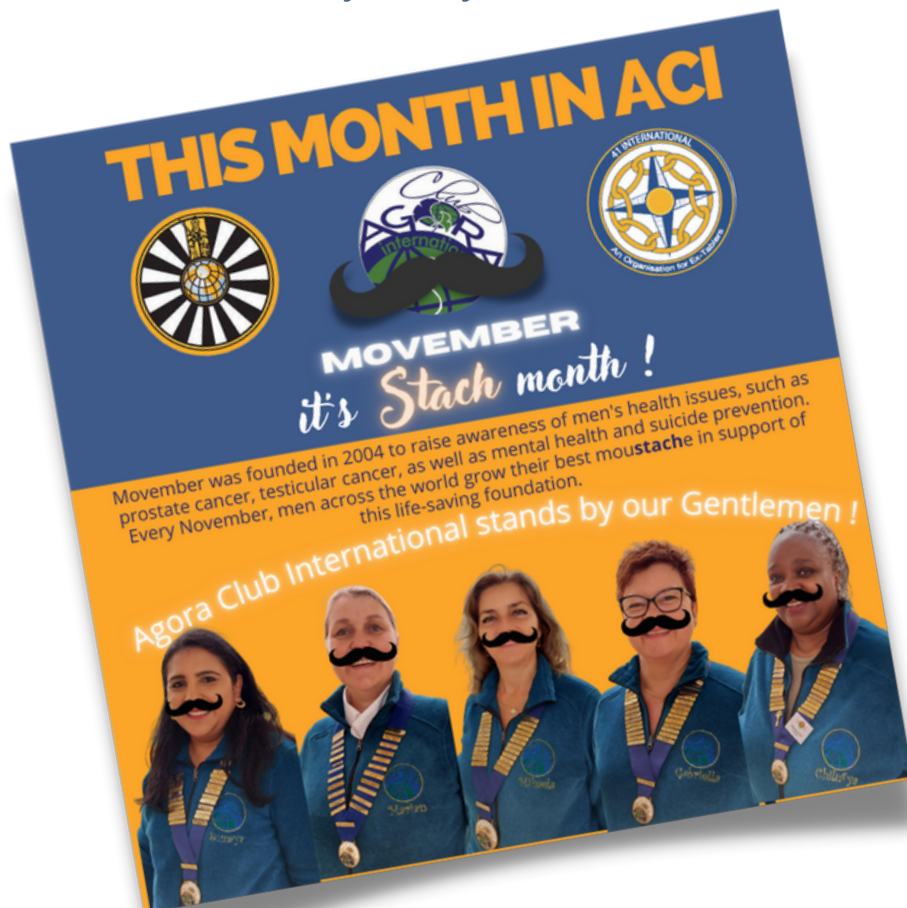
November

Movember is a time when men around the world grow moustaches in an effort to raise awareness for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and mental health and suicide in men worldwide. It is an annual event that takes place during the month of November. The Movember Foundation runs the Movember charity event, housed at Movember.com. The goal of Movember is to change the face of men's health. During November each year, Movember participants, known as Mo Bros, grow and groom their moustaches and raise funds by seeking out sponsorship for their Mo-growing efforts.

Since the women are not growing moustaches 😊 we still wearing fake ones to show our support and to bring awareness of mens' health issues within our own circles of friends and family.

Go on and rock that look!

By Sumaya Khan



Great events in Agora Club Worldwide within the Round Table Family !



A part of The Round Table Family



AC Madagascar present at
the charter of 41Club
Madagascar



Mihaela present at the
chain of office handover
of 41Club1 Romania



Gabi and ACTGermany
present at the 41Club
Germany HYM



Agora Club Malta
present at Charter
TCMalta

Lovely Side-by-Side
presence at the
National AC meeting in
The Netherlands



Quatalagor present at 10 years
jubilee of AC 44 Vitré in France



ACI & Round table Family Calendar

October 2022		OCTOBER ROSE
	13-16	CHARTER MOROCCO & CASABLANCA
	21-23	RTI CEETM – NOTTINGHAM UK CHARTER AC UK & NORTHWICH CHARTER AC 16 THE NETHERLANDS - ZEEUWS-VLAANDEREN
	27-30	RTI – REGIONAL MEETING NEA – NORWAY
November 2022		MOVEMBER
	5	HYM AC FRANCE – VITRE & 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AC VITRE
	7-11	CHARTER CLUB 41 MADAGASCAR
	14	ACI DAY
	15	G&A COUNCILORS ZOOM MEETING
	19	ANNIVERSARY AC HIRSON, FRANCE 30 YEARS
	30	ACI EGM COUNCILORS ZOOM MEETING
January 2023	27-29	LCI MTM NORDIC REGION – PARNU, ESTONIA - MARIAN LCI MTM SOUTHERN EUROPEAN REGION – PAPHOS, CYPRUS
February 2023	3-5	LCI MTM MIDDLE EUROPEAN REGION – LIEGE, BELGIUM
	11	CHARTER CLUB 24 ANTWERP, BELGIUM LADIES CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL DAY
	17-19	LCI MTM AFRICAN REGION – STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA
	24-26	LCI MTM APAC REGION – SRI LANKA
March 2023	1-5	HYM RTI – TALLIN, ESTONIA
	25	ANNIVERSARY AC AMIENS, FRANCE 10 YEARS
	31-2/4	CHARTER CEREMONY AC CYPRUS-PAPFOS
April 2023	1	CHARTER AC 72 BOURGES, FRANCE
	14	CHARTER AC 73 CARCASSONE, FRANCE
	28-30	RTI ASPA REGIONAL MEETING – INDIA RTI SEM REGIONAL MEETING - TUNISIA
May 2023	11-14	AGM 41INTERNATIONAL & TCI
	13	ACI FORUM – STRATFORD UPON AVON, UK
	12	AGM AC MADAGASCAR – ILE SAINT MARIE
	13	AGM AC GERMANY – MANNHEIM
	20	AGM AC ICELAND – REYKAVIK
	27	AGM AC SOUTH AFRICA - MULDERSDRIFT AGM AC ZIMBABWE - HARARE
	TBA	AGM AC LUXEMBOURG
	TBA	AGM AC NEPAL – KATHAMANDU
	TBA	CHARTER AC LA ROCHELLE-ROCHEFORT – FRANCE
June 2023	3	AGM AC BOTSWANA – GABORONE AGM AC THE NETHERLANDS – VOORNE AAN ZEE
	3	CHARTER AC 25 MEETJESLAND, BELGIUM
	10	AGM AC NORWAY AGM – HAUGESUND AGM AC UK – SOUTHEND ON SEA AGM AC FRANCE AGM - ROUEN
	11	ANNIVERSARY AC ICELAND 10 YEARS
	16-18	AGM AC ROMANIA AGM – BRASOV
	23	AGM AC MALTA AGM – VALETTA
	24	AGM AC BELGIUM AGM – MECHELEN
	TBA	AGM AC ITALY AGM
	TBA	AGM AC ZAMBIA – LUSAKA
July 2023	21-23	RTI AMI REGIONAL MEETING – EASTERN AFRICA
August 2023	18-20	CHARTER AC INDIA, DELHI
	24-27	LCI AGM – JAIPUR, INDIA
September 2023	TBA	AGM AC CYPRUS – PAPHOS
	TBA	AGM AC ISRAEL
	7-10	RTI WORLD MEETING – STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA
	28- 01/10	ACI AGM BRASOV ROMANIA
October 2023	12-15	HYM 41 INTERNATIONAL & TCI – PAPHOS, CYPRUS

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**and send your contributions for (y)our
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