

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
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# FOCUS



*Are you ready for  
a New Year?*



# Welcome!

to the 3rd edition of YOUR  
Agora Club International magazine!



It is the festive season,  
and we saw, read and felt it :  
many Christmas and New Year  
wishes reached us from around  
the world!

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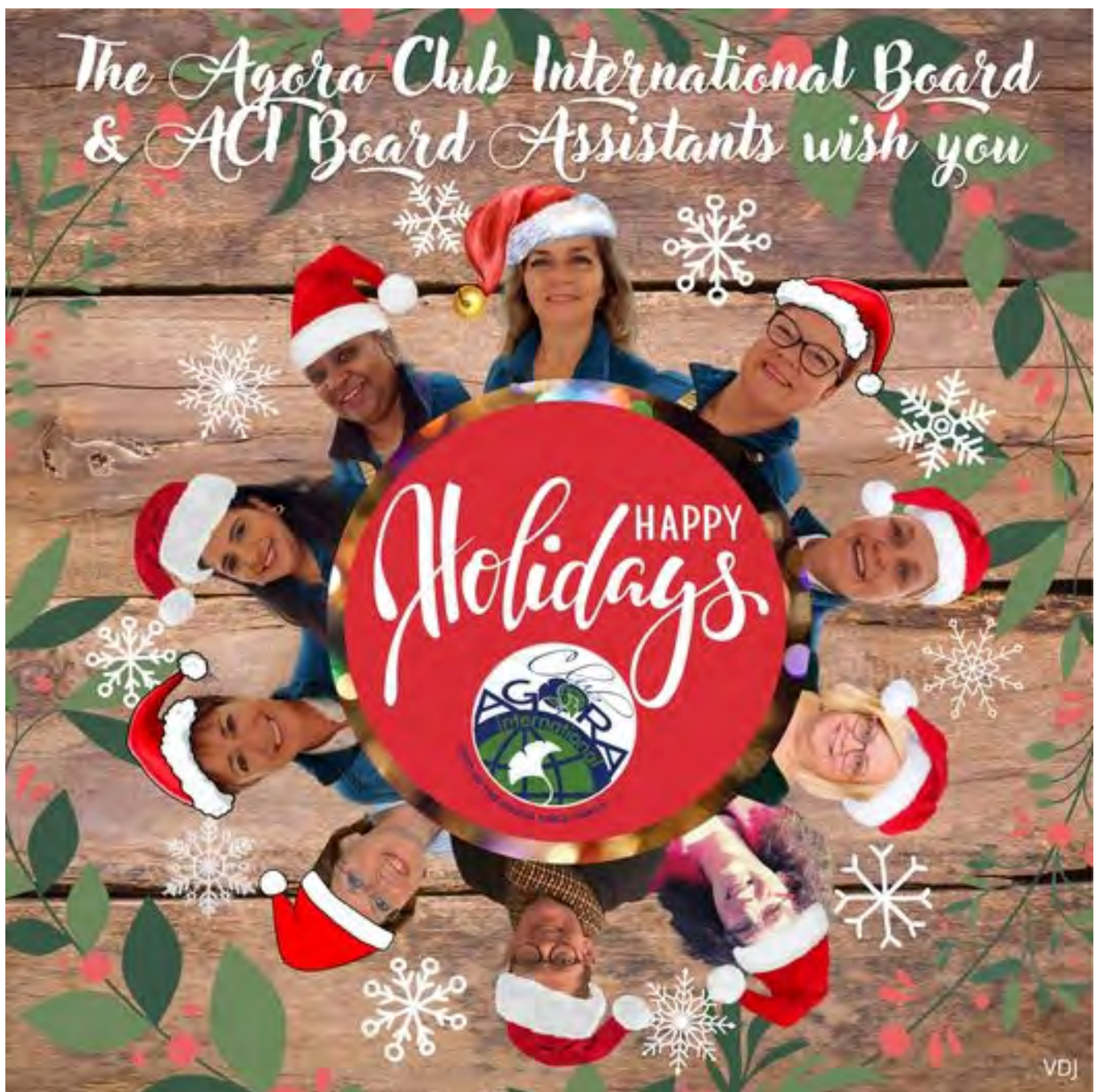
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**To our dear Agora friends, and friends of Agora worldwide : Our warmest wishes for wonderful and special Christmas days, and a New Year filled with wonder and happiness in your families ; energy, stamina and good will in your clublife and a return of peace in our world.**

**Yours in friendship,  
The ACI Board and ACI Board assistants**



# FOCUS ON...

*Christmas wishes from around the world!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM AROUND  
OUR AGORAWORLD!**



AC 6 Torhout-Houtland (B)



AC 43 France



AC Iceland



*It's beginning to look a lot  
like Christmas* 🎵



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM AROUND  
OUR AGORAWORLD!**





# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM AROUND OUR AGORAWORLD!



**And many more wishes and lots of other Agora thingies  
on our facebook group & page and on instagram !**

*Have a look !*





# FOCUS ON...

## The ACI Conference 2022

It has been 3 months now, but it is never too late to reminisce on a wonderful time : here is Conference Convenor Nadine Texier's report on the ACI Conference



Committee AGM

Puy du Fou 2022



GREAT MEMORIES!



**I dreamed it and WE did it :**

This 26th conference of the AGORA Club International at Puy du Fou is a success : thanks to all of you.

From near or far, for many months or during the event, all united for this project and in the same ideology of doing well, we offered our foreign and French friends an exceptional weekend in a unique setting, in the heart of the Vendée : THE PUY DU FOU



We trusted each other and I admit to being proud to have mobilized our 3 clubs from Thouars, La Roche sur Yon and Les Sables d'Olonne.

We welcomed the members of the international board the Atlantic coast. The participants enjoyed the pre-tour "Châteaux de la Loire".







Even if the weather was gloomy, the sun was in the hearts and on the faces of visitors to this unique place.



Our motto "Donner & Tolérer" has taken on its full meaning, in joy and good humor and special thanks to the spouses who have been by our side. We will all remember exceptional encounters, unforgettable moments, incongruous situations, lots of laughter and above all a unique adventure where the common desire to do well united us and led us to success.

THANK YOU again for being there,  
I love the Agora and I love you.

Nadine, convenor - ACI 2022 - France - Puy du Fou



# FOCUS ON...

*Our Clubs and countries*

## AC ZIMBABWE



**A DAY OUT AT SALEM VILLAGE – working together with the communities.**



A school for orphans and disadvantaged children in a peri-urban Epworth. We partnered with a few Grade 7 students from Lilfordia Primary School and their mothers who donated paints and brushes as part of their community project. It was a fun day!

We got to interact with the children and they loved the opportunity to paint their school. We shared a few snacks with them before heading back to Harare. Agora Club Zimbabwe service in communities.



# AC BOTSWANA



So the year started with representation at the AGMi in Puy Du Fou. What fun!

Club Baobab donated Breast Feeding Pumps to Princess Marina Hospital



Club Morula holds monthly walks to raise funds for Kelebogile, a young woman suffering from Uterine issues - Our National Project is to give back her dignity with correctional surgery

A Side by Side yearly event - Carols by Candlelight . Fellowship



Taking time out to celebrate ourselves and the renew friendships between the 2 clubs



# AC FRANCE

Report by Isabelle Seguinot,  
National President AC France

Last september, AC France chartered a  
new club : AC 70 Royan.  
We welcomed 12 new Agora Ladies

We had 2 very nice parties : one around  
Comics and the other was an exotic one



At the beginning of November, we had our Half year meeting, we call National Comittee.  
About 130 Agora Ladies joined us to speak about Agora France.

We took this opportunity to support  
Movember





During this meeting, AC France gave 4 jewels of Agora Club in formation :



OUR NEXT CHARTERS WILL BE :  
-1ST APRIL 2023 : AC BOURGES 72 I.F.  
-15TH APRIL 2023 : AC CARCASSONNE 73 I.F.

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AC VITRE-SEVIGNEE 44



### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF AC HIRSON 11





# AC ROMANIA

Christmas spirit arrived early in Romania

There is a long time since Agora Club Romania participate in #sidebyside spirit with the other RTF organizations worldwide to bring a sparkle of joy and hope into in the lives of our less fortunate fellows, regardless of age, nationality, or religion.

This year, after two years when volunteers stayed home stopped by the pandemic, they resumed their activity and the convoys of gifts from RTF Germany and Austria arrived accompanied by our friends. We were very proud and happy to meet as members of the teams Agora ladies from Austria and Germany and we offered a helping hand to Gabi Oberwinkler from AC Spittal who distribute the parcels in South of Bucharest, together with RT Bucuresti, and Nina Kohler, from ACT 48 Peine who distributed in Campulung area together with C41 Campulung.





In our Agora Club every winter holiday season starts with a lot of joy, and while we sing Christmas carols we are crafting specific decorations. This year in our friend's house Cristina Vrabie from AC5 Sacele we worked around 20 fir wreaths for outside doors. Now we are ready for Christmas season and wish you all a joyful, peaceful and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!



Dear ladies,

December 1, 1918 was the day Romanians saw their centuries-old dream come true: The Union of the Romanian provinces in a Greater Romania. Club Agora 2 Braşov marked Romania's National Day with a festive moment.

Thus, Dr. Phil. Elisabeta Main, President and Domnița Rațiu, Past President (holder of a master's degree in history) presented the Centenary Medal, emphasizing the efforts and sacrifices of our ancestors for a whole and free Romania.

Club Agora 2 Braşov, Romania







**Thank you for your  
contributions dearest  
friends!**

**Always so nice to learn  
something on Agora life in  
other countries**





# FOCUS ON...

## *Agora's big ♥ for Charity*

### Beautiful Side-by-Side Agora Club and Ladies Circle in South Africa

Good friends, good laughs, good food, good times! Agora Kopano and Ladies Circle Edenvale enjoyed a wonderfully uplifting morning together. All credit goes to my dearest neighbor Myrna who so kindly hosted us for tea and delicious home baked chocolate cake. Myrna is an avid knitter and when she heard about our Agora Knitting Project and the Ladies Circle 'Light a Spark' project, she jumped right in and started knitting the most beautiful little baby jerseys. The Kopano Ladies collected second hand clothing and books which were also handed over to Ladies Circle to distribute in their various ongoing projects. We look forward to making many more special memories with our sparkling younger sisters!





# Our Agora members are always focused on service !

## in concrete projects

*you are wonderful*

### AGORA'S BIG FOR SERVICE



*A small club with  
a big heart for service*



in a beautiful Side by Side project with  
AC Austria, RT Austria, LC Austria, 41 Club Austria



Gabi Golger-Oberwinkler reports :

The Christmas packing campaign is a side-by-side heart project of Ladies Circle, Round Table, Club 41 and Agora Club in Austria.

We would like to share with you the impressions of our team in Romania - because we are endlessly grateful that together we made it possible to bring joy to so many children. We have personally delivered 2,900 packages in the last 3 days. Have driven a total of 910 km and sat in the car ☐ for countless hours.

The WPA is not over yet, though, because the local team from Round Table, Ladies Circle, Club 41 and Agora Club Romania led by Mihai Gherghie still has a lot of work to do in the next days and weeks for the rest of the packages : Total 14,457 to be distributed ♥☐☐

We had a great team, experienced a lot, grew together and are already looking forward to the next year.

Mihaela ACI President, thank you for taking the time to join us !

### AGORA'S BIG FOR SERVICE



AC Belgium active for  
several projects  
with 4Clubs 1 Vision



AC Malta offering  
warm bedding to  
Ukrainian refugees



AC 2 Casablanca :

offering goods at  
psychiatric ward

and warm winter clothes  
to their project  
ALMIS MARMOUCHA













# FOCUS ON...

## *Our International Service project*

### Keep a girl child in school

## AGORA'S BIG FOR SERVICE



*News on our ACI  
International service project!*



*Laura van Zyl reports :*

"AGORA CLUB KOPANO from AC South Africa, celebrated the year end with a visit to the girls at Charisma School of Excellence. Due to transport difficulties, not all the girls were able to make it, but three dedicated teachers listened carefully and promised to teach the girls how to care for their Palesa Pads so that they will see them through the next 5 years of their school career"....



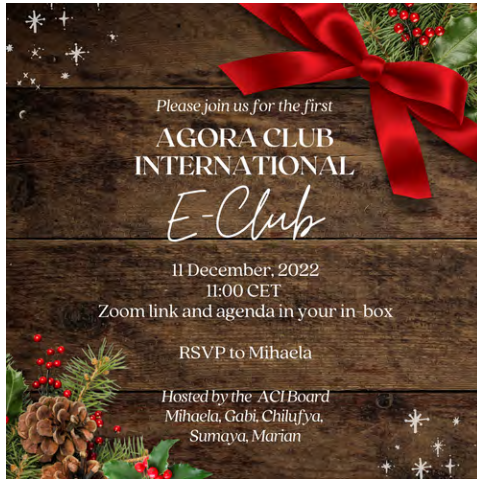
*Thank you  
for your amazing dedication!  
dearest AC Kopano ladies!*

..."We were so impressed by these wonderful young ladies who listened attentively, confidently asked so many questions, and promised us that they will study hard and aspire to become self-sufficient community members. □ Thank you Agora International for making a difference in the lives of so many young school girls" □



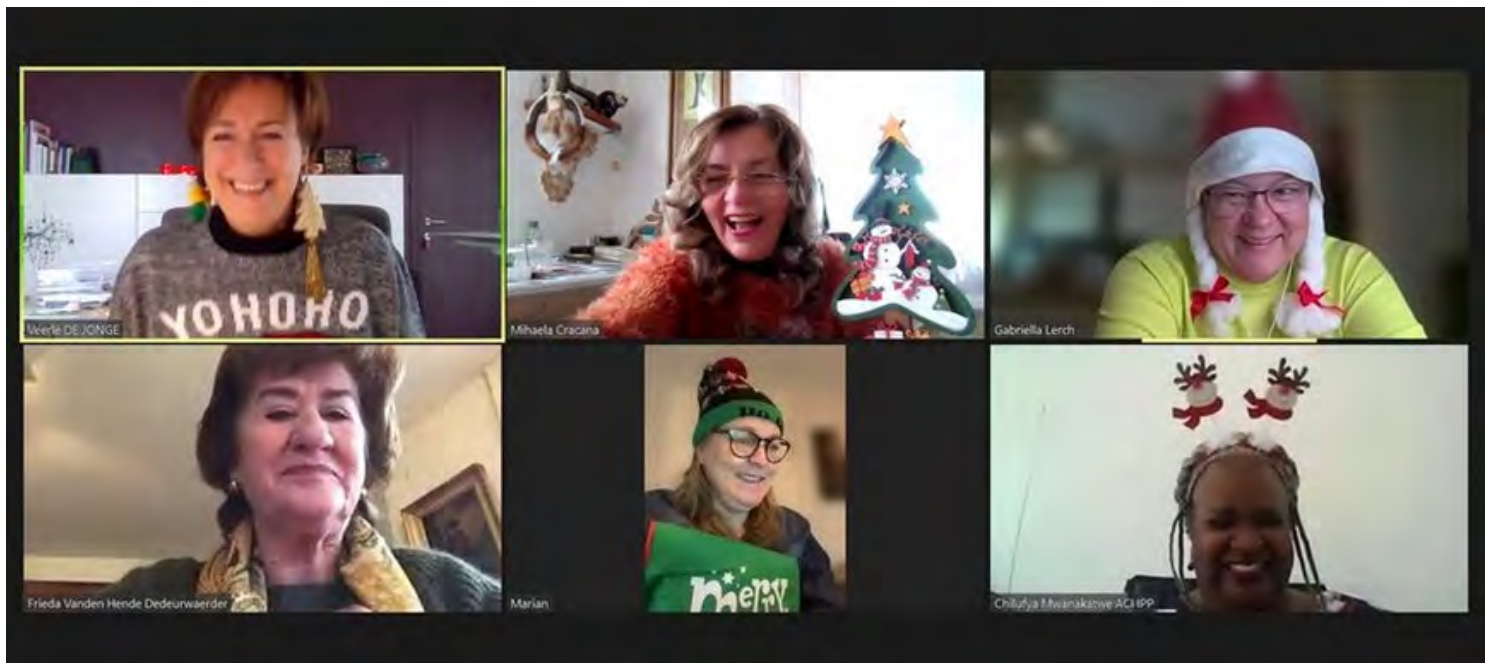
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## Our E-Club



**Something brandnew in ACI : an E-Club where we get in touch with our individual members!**

**We zoomed away, exchanged ideas and laughed (well we have to admit : our "ugly Christmas-sweater" outfits were pretty hilarious!)**



Next E-Club meeting,  
which will be open to all interested members :

**18th of January 2023**



# FOCUS ON...

## Round Table Family



**Side by Side National Committees  
LC and AC Morocco**



**Eva Fink, National President ACT  
Germany celebrates the success of  
the Side by Side  
Christmas convoy in Germany**



**ACI Vice President Gabriella Lerch  
on the frontpage  
of OT Germany's newsletter**

**Eva Follet, National President  
AC Belgium shares wishes with  
the other National Presidents of  
4 Clubs 1 Vision Belgium**



**Isabelle Seguinot and the other National  
Presidents of Quatalagor in France share  
their Christmas wishes**





# What will the New Year bring?

Charters!

The ACI FORUM

AGM's

*Anniversaries*





# FOCUS ON... *important dates!*

## CHARTER PARTY AC CYPRUS

30th of March - 1st of April



Feel like some sunshine  
after a long winter?



*Let's celebrate the Charter of  
Agora Club Cyprus!*

Have a look at their great program !

**CHARTER PARTY 2023**  
Moments to remember

**AGORA CLUB CYPRUS**

Agora Club Cyprus has the honor to welcome you to Paphos and celebrate as a family the chartering of the 1st Agora Club.

**Date**  
30 March - 2 April

**Packages**  
3 Days full/ €290\* | 2 Days full/ €270\*  
\*Accommodation is not included in the package prices  
Email  
agoraclubcyprus@hotmail.com

**Deadline 5 Feb 2023**

**In Paphos.... the birthplace of Aphrodite**

**MOMENTS TO REMEMBER**  
*let's party...*

**AGORA CLUB CYPRUS**

**CHARTER PROGRAM 2023**

Registrations 17:00-19:00 / Welcome party! **30/3 THURSDAY**

Half Day Tour "This is Cyprus" (Winery "Aged to Perfection" & lunch to a beautiful village facing the magnificent Mount Olympus)

Cyprus Night (Local Tavern with Cypriot buffet food, music and folklore dance) **31/3 FRIDAY**

Half Day Tour "This is an Island" (Explore Paphos)

Lunch at a local restaurant by the harbour

Cyprus Night "Sea View" on board Party / Dinner & Dance **01/4 SATURDAY**

Farewell **02/4 SUNDAY**

Accommodation  
Alexander The Great Hotel - Room Rate at €144 dbl room / €99 sgl room (breakfast incl.)  
alevents@kanikahotel.com  
Book direct mentioning Agora Cyprus

\*\*Kings Hotel - Room Rate at €50 dbl room / €40 sgl room (breakfast incl.)  
kingshotel@cytanet.com.cy  
Book direct mentioning Agora Cyprus

Taxi transfers  
Paphos airport to hotel (1-4 pers) €30  
Larnaca airport to hotel (1-4 pers) €120



# ACI FORUM



**WELCOME TO THE ACI FORUM**



**Stratford upon Avon UK**  
**11/05/2023 - 14/05/2023**

*A unique opportunity to be involved in the running of (y)our club!*

*Join in!*

*Share your suggestions & ideas*

*Hi!*

*Open up & meet friends*



**SPECIAL AGORA PACKAGES :**

**PACKAGE 1 : 145 £**

- 12/05/2023 : Nations night
- 13/05/2023 : Attendance FORUM + lunch
- Registration fee (10£)

**PACKAGE 2 : 135£**

- 13/05/2023 : Attendance FORUM
- 13/05/2023 : Gala evening
- Registration fee (10£)



**REGISTRATION = VALID AFTER PAYMENT**  
at the latest by 14/01/2023 on our **NEW** ACI account number :  
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**For hotel bookings, prices for separate events and airport & hotel shuttles :  
book directly on <https://international23.43clubevents.co.uk/#Booking>**

**Don't forget to book before  
14/01/2023 !**



# ACI & Round table Family Calendar

October 2022		OCTOBER ROSE
	13-14	CHARTER MOROCCO & CASABLANCA
	21-23	RTI CEETM – NOTTINGHAM UK CHARTER AC UK & NORTHWICH CHARTER AC 14 THE NETHERLANDS – ZEEUWS-VLAANDEREN
	27-30	RTI – REGIONAL MEETING NEA – NORWAY
November 2022		NOVEMBER
	5	HYM AC FRANCE – VITRE & 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AC VITRE HYM ACT GERMANY
	7-11	CHARTER CLUB 41 MADAGASCAR
	14	ACI DAY
	15	Q&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
	18	CHARTER AC 2 GLAM – MADAGASCAR
	24-25	CHARTER AC SIBUI (NO 8) - ROMANIA
	25	ANNIVERSARY AC AMIENS, FRANCE 10 YEARS
	31-2/4	CHARTER CEREMONY AC CYPRUS-PAPHOS
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 41 INTERNATIONAL & TOI
	13	ACI FORUM – STRATFORD UPON AVON, UK
	12	AGM AC MADAGASCAR – ILE SAINTE MARIE
	13	AGM ACT GERMANY – MANNHEIM AGM AC ITALY
	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 – WILLEBRORCK
	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 & TOI – PAPHOS, CYPRUS





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