



PART OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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Introduction

ACI PRESIDENT CHRIS HELSEN



Hello ladies all over the world,
How are you all?

The ACI Board and the convenors of the AGM in The Netherlands are in the middle of preparing a wonderful AGM for you in The Hague. They will take care of you when you are coming to The Hague and all safety procedures for Covid will be followed very accurate. Some ladies will be fully vaccinated, ladies who are not vaccinated will be tested.

You can read all the information on the website: aci2021.nl and in our newsletter.

And please register before 25 august!!! This is very important. Our deadline cannot be stretched.

If we do not have enough registered ladies, we still have to cancel our physical AGM and go back to zoom.

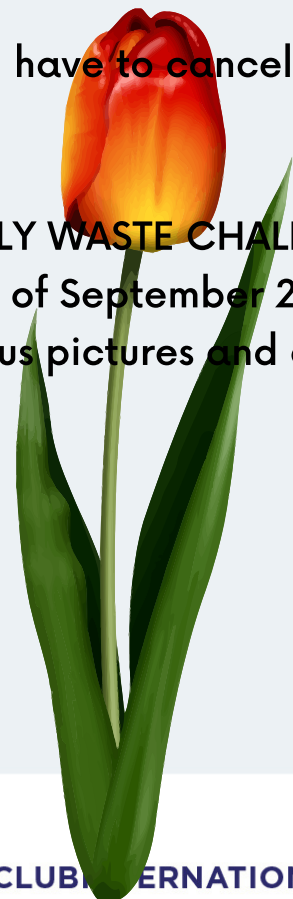
In our newsletter you can read about the RTI FAMILY WASTE CHALLENGE. Act now and start cleaning from the 1st tot he 18 th of September 2021. You can organize a club acitivity and please send us pictures and add your event on facebook, Instagram ☺

Enjoy reading and hope to see you soon

Yours in Friendship

Chris Helsen

President 2019-2021





Poem This Is Just To Say by William Carlos Williams. Bankastraat, The Hague (The Netherlands), since July 2013.



Latest News



**All information about ACI AGM
30 September - 3 October 2021**



WHY YOU SHOULD COME ?

FIRST OF ALL TO MEET YOUR AGORA FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

AT THE WELCOME PARTY, AGM AND GALA.

SECOND, IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE CANALS, THE WINDMILLS, THE COURTYARDS, ETC.

WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A WONDERFUL PRE TOUR AND OTHER EXCURSIONS, SO THAT YOU CAN GET A GOOD IMPRESSION OF THE NETHERLANDS



DEAR AGORA LADIES AND SIDE-BY-SIDE PARTNERS

WELCOME

AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS OF CONFINEMENT AND RESTRICTIONS WE
FINALLY CAN TELL YOU THAT THE
CONFERENCE 2021 'LET'S GO ROYAL DUTCH' WILL TAKE PLACE FROM
SEPTEMBER 30TH TILL OCTOBER 3TH
IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF THE HAGUE (DEN HAAG). WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU
IN THE NETHERLANDS. LOOK AROUND, GET EXCITED, REGISTER AND
COME TO THE ACI CONFERENCE!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 25TH
2021

REGISTRATION :
WWW.ACI2021.NL



The conference committee at work



ACI CONFERENCE COMMITTEE 2021



MARGREET – JESSICA – MONIQUE – VERONIQUE – CORRY – CARINA –
MARLIES – EBY – MANITA – ELS



(FUN) FACTS ABOUT THE NETHERLANDS

THE NETHERLANDS, LITERERALLY MEANS "LOW LANDS" WITH SOME 60% OF THE POPULATION LIVING 5 M BELOW SEALEVEL.

THE NETHERLANDS IS THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED COUNTRY WITH MORE THAN 17 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING ON 41.500 PER SQUARE KM, THAT'S 500 PEOPLE PER SQUARE KM.

THERE ARE MORE BIKES THAN PEOPLE IN THE NETHERLANDS AND NEVERTHELESS IT'S THE SAFEST BIKE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD FOR BIKING.

THE NETHERLANDS, AMONG 125 COUNTRIES, RANKS FIRST IN THE WORLD, ABOVE FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND FOR HAVING THE MOST PLENTIFUL, NUTRITIOUS, HEALTHY AND AFFORDABLE FOOD.

MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON WHY THE DUTCH MEN ARE THE TALLEST OF THE WORLD.

THE DUTCH WERE THE FIRST IN THE WORLD TO LEGALISE GAY MARRIAGE.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EU LANGUAGE REPORT 94% OF DUTCH PEOPLE SPEAK 2 LANGUAGES, WELL ABOVE THE EU AVERAGE OF 54%.

THE DUTCH EAT THE MOST LIQUORICE (DROPJES) IN THE WORLD, EACH YEAR 32 MILLION KILOS.

DESPITE THE FLAG BEING RED, WHITE AND BLUE, ORANGE IS THE NATIONAL COLOUR AS THE MONARCHY DESCENDS FROM THE HOUSE OF ORANGE.

ON THE KING'S BIRTHDAY, APRIL 27, DUTCH PEOPLE DRESS IN ORANGE AND HAVE OUTDOOR PARTIES, PICNICS AND PARADES. AND ALSO DURING WORLD SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS, IN WHICH THE NETHERLANDS PARTICIPATE, YOU CAN SEE THE COLOUR ORANGE EVERYWHERE.

KING WILLEM ALEXANDER IS THE FIRST DUTCH KING IN 123 YEARS.

THE CORONATION IN APRIL 2013 CAME AFTER HIS MOTHER QUEEN BEATRIX, ABDICATED AT THE AGE OF 75, ENDING A FEMALE REIGN THAT LASTED FOR THREE GENERATIONS.

AND OF COURSE THE NETHERLANDS IS FAMOUS FOR THE TULIPS (80% OF THE WORLD'S FLOWER BULBS), THE CLOGS (6 MILLION OF SOUVENIR CLOGS ARE PRODUCED EACH YEAR) AND THE WINDMILLS (OVER 1000 WINDMILLS STILL STANDING FROM 1850). THE "KINDERDIJK" AREA IS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, SINCE 1997 AND HOME TO 19 TRADITIONAL WINDMILLS.





Excursion programme



Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Pre tour - Sunday 26th September 2021

- Arrival guest at Schiphol between 16.00 – 18.00 PM
- Candle Light Cruise along Amsterdam's picturesque canals
- Transfer to hotel nearby Amsterdam





Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Pre tour – Monday 27th September 2021

- See the best of the Netherlands in a memorable day.
- In the morning you'll travel outside of Amsterdam to Volendam and Marken and discover wooden houses, windmills and clogs in these old world villages.
- You will continue to the Kinderdijk for lunch with a view and finally Rotterdam will reveal all kind of secret places to you in a city tour by bus.
- Transfer to hotel + dinner



Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Pre tour – Tuesday 28th September 2021

- Citywalk Leiden
- During this guided walk through the city you will visit the most historic places including some beautiful courtyards. You will be amazed by the beauty and glory that the 17th-century city center has to offer.
- After lunch, the tour continues to the Hortus Botanicus.
- A guided tour through the Hortus is a fun way to find out everything about plants. In this walk a picture is given of the "crown jewels of the Hortus" including a Royal Wine!
- Transfer to hotel + dinner





Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Pre tour – Wednesday 29th September 2021

- Gouda Bicycle Tour or Guided Walk: Cheese tour!
- Gouda is the cheese city of the Netherlands! But did you also know that this city is full of history?
- This beautiful town originated in the Middle Ages. The historic center of the city has been beautifully preserved and nowadays one of the most important attractions of the city. In addition to the famous cheese, the city is also known for stroopwafels and candles. This bike tour / guided walk introduces you to the mills, lakes and cheese of the green heart of the Netherlands!
- On arrival in The Hague a city tour by bus (a.o. Peace Palace).
- Arrival at Conference Hotel Mercure The Hague (end of pre tour).



Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Half Day Tour – Thursday 30th September 2021

- If you will arrive on Thursday 30th September 2021 there is a tour towards Delft at Thursday afternoon to participate (starting at 13:00 PM).
- Learn more about the important Royal Dutch history of Delft with a private walking tour with guide.
- Discover where members of the royal family are buried, including the founder of the Netherlands.
- Explore the old city and visit the new church.
- Curious about Delft Blue Pottery? Your guide will reveal all secrets by visiting a Delft Blue factory (Royal Coffee & pastries included)





Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Half Day Tour – Friday 1st October 2021

- City walk The Hague with guide.
- The Hague and the royal family, they belong together for more than 400 years.
- With this city walk you discover the rich royal history of the royal city. It will take you along the many palaces, historic monuments and beautiful palace gardens in the city center of The Hague. Walk through The Hague and feel like a queen (or king) for a moment! Royal Lunch included.



Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Partner programme - Saturday 2nd October 2021

- The Louwman museum building designed by the American architect Michael Graves not only displays more than 250 historic cars, but also displays the largest collection of automotive art in the world. The museum comprises the private collection of Dutch car importer Evert Louwman, which experts have described as unique.
- The museum wants to give a picture as clear and fascinating as possible of the development of the automobile since 1886 - when the first car was built.
- Take also a 360° look around and experience the magical illusion of the 1881 panorama of Scheveningen in Museum Panorama Mesdag. The view is never the same, the light is more than beautiful and varies from minute to minute. The view of the sea, the dunes and the old fishing village of Scheveningen was painted by Hendrik Willem Panorama Mesdag. Panorama Mesdag is a unique cultural-historical monument.
- Afterwards a beer beach walk with lunch!
- Arrival at hotel around 15:30 PM.





Let's go **Royal Dutch**

Post tour – Sunday 3th October 2021

- After breakfast and before everyone returns home, there is still a possibility for a post tour to Amsterdam.
- During the Rijksmuseum Tour, 8000 works of art will tell the story of 800 years of history in the Netherlands. View the world-famous paintings The Milkmaid by Johannes Vermeer and the Night Watch by Rembrandt van Rijn.
- There is no better way to admire Amsterdam than from the water and during this canal cruise you will get to know all the highlights of the city including the famous 17th century canal houses & warehouses.
- For those who already experienced a canal cruise, a visit will be made to the Rembrandt house. The canal cruise will end there as well. There will be still some time for lunch & shopping.
- Transfer to Schiphol Airport Amsterdam (arrival around 16:00 PM).



THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER

REGISTRATION: 09.00 – 21.00 H.
@HOTEL MERCURE

- HALF DAY TOUR DELFT STARTING 13.00 PM FROM HOTEL MERCURE
€ 55
INCLUDING:
 - ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE + ENTRANCE FEES ACCORDING TO HALF DAY TOUR DELFT PROGRAM
 - COFFEE + PASTRIES
 - TRANSPORT BY ROYAL DUTCH BUS
 - REGISTRATION: 09.00 – 21.00 HRS. @HOTEL MERCURE



FRIDAY, 1 OCTOBER

REGISTRATION: 09:00- 17:00 HRS @ HOTEL
MERCURE
DEN HAAG CENTRAL

COUNCILLORS MEETING INCL. LUNCH (COUNCILLORS
ONLY): COSTS: € 45
09.30 – 13.30 HRS. @DUDOK RESTAURANT

CITY WALK THE HAGUE- STARTING 10.00 HRS @ HOTEL MERCURE
EXCL. LUNCH (INCL. ROYAL TREAT: BUBBLES AND BITE):
€ 17.5
INCL. ROYAL LUNCH COSTS: € 27.5

NOTE: COUNCILLORS HAVE A SEPARATE WALK IN THE AFTERNOON



WELCOME PARTY: 18.00 – 00.00 @MADURODAM COSTS: € 85
DRESSCODE: NATIONAL COLORS AND A ROYAL TOUCH



SATURDAY, 2 OCTOBER

REGISTRATION: 08.00 – 09.00 HRS. @DILIGENTIA THEATRE

- AGM (LUNCH INCLUDED): 09.00 – 15.00 HRS. @DILIGENTIA THEATRE : € 65



PARTNER PROGRAM: DAY TOUR THE HAGUE : € 75
STARTING 9.00 HRS @HOTEL MERCURE

GALA DINNER: 19.00 HRS– UNTIL LATE NIGHT @KASTEEL OUD
WASSENAAR : € 110
(DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE AND REGALIA)



SUNDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2021 'POST TOUR

DAY TOUR AMSTERDAM + TRANSFER SCHIPHOL AIRPORT € 75



The graphic features a central orange sun-like shape with the word "Sunday" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. To the left, a photo of a canal bridge is shown, with the text "Canal Tour" and "all the highlights of the city - the famous 17th century canal houses & warehouses" below it. To the right, a photo of a canal with a bridge is shown, with the text "Rijksmuseum" and "with world famous paintings The Milkmaid by Johannes Vermeer and the Night Watch by Rembrandt van Rijn" below it. In the center, a photo of a canal with a bridge is shown, with the text "Love Amsterdam" below it. The top left corner features a logo for "Koningin Royal Dutch" with a crown icon and the text "NEW NAME 2020".

Sunday

Canal Tour
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- the famous 17th century
canal houses & warehouses

Love Amsterdam

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ACCOMMODATION

□ YOU CAN MAKE A RESERVATION FOR THE FOLLOWING HOTELS OR CHOOSE AN ACCOMMODATION BY YOURSELF.

□ THE CONFERENCE HOTEL OF THIS AGM WILL BE THE MERCURE HOTEL ****.

□ WE HAVE ALSO SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR ROOMS IN 2 OTHER HOTELS: IBIS CITY CENTRE *** AND NOVOTEL DEN HAAG CITY CENTRE ****

□ ALL THE HOTELS ARE SITUATED IN THE CENTRE OF THE HAGUE.

□ FOR ACI WE GOT SPECIAL PRICES INCLUDING BREAKFAST AND EXCLUDING CITY TAX



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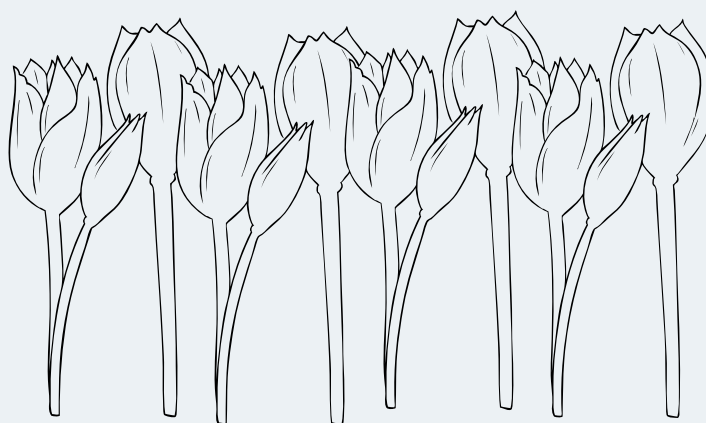
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The RTI Family **Waste Challenge**

Act NOW and start cleaning from the 1st to the 18th of September 2021.

Background:

This world-changing idea began in Estonia in 2008, where 50,000 people united to clean up the entire country in just five hours. On that day, a global bottom-up civic movement was born and spread like wildfire around the globe. This captured the imaginations of the masses and inspired a diverse audience worldwide. World Cleanup Day on the 19th of September 2020 united more than 11 million people in 166 countries, who collected a whopping 280 000 tons of waste despite restrictions as the result of the ongoing global pandemic. The widespread effort included cleaning up litter and mismanaged waste from our beaches, rivers, forests, parks, and streets.

World Cleanup Day harnesses the power of people around the world to achieve incredible things by joining together. Its beauty lies in cooperation and collaboration that build bridges between disparate communities and include all levels of society. Eleven years later, the simple idea has grown into a global movement with millions of volunteers and charismatic leaders. The simple act of cleaning has become a force that binds together groups of people that would otherwise never dream of working towards the same goal.

What's in it for me?

We are regularly annoyed by the amount of waste in our streets and parks. And even worse: disposing of all kinds of waste has a substantial environmental impact and can cause serious problems. Some waste will eventually decay, but not all. In the process, it may smell or generate methane gas, which can even be explosive and contributes to the greenhouse effect and causes pollution. This results in climate change and the extinction of animals, and eventually, the earth becomes uninhabitable. Waste is also a common breeding ground for viruses and bacteria, the common cause for many life-threatening diseases that can lead to illness or even death. By taking part in this project, we instantly become part of "THE BIGGER PICTURE" and change the world to become a better place for me and you.

As Round Table Family members we need to act! Together we have an enormous network of friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances. Unified, through the power of service and friendship, we can make a real difference. LET US ACT NOW TO PROTECT THE FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

The goal of the project:

Our goal is to show the world & each other that we can make a difference. We want to challenge every country, every club, and every member of society to participate in the Waste Challenge in the first half of September (1-18 September 2021). Playing your part is easy; you only have to schedule a couple of hours to clean up the waste in your community. Remember to discard or recycle the plastic and other waste/litter you collect properly.

Choose their own location & THINK BIG! With so much waste and pollution, the possibilities are endless. Choose your favourite picnic spot, the riverbed, the beach, the ocean or even the local playground, where our children go out to have fun. Within our communities, neighbourhoods, and streets, waste is also evidence of the "WE DON'T CARE" and "IT'S OKAY TO LITTER" mentality. We can, and we should change that.

We want to encourage all our members to partake in this global initiative. Please use all possible models of marketing and various social media platforms. Contact local radio and newspaper to advertise under their

different community calendars. Get in contact with your local businesses and inquire about potential sponsors to help your cause. Engage with local schools, religious institutions, and other NPO's to join the drive. Challenge one another, challenge clubs within your association and challenges on an international scale. Most importantly, have fun while we change the world and make it a better, cleaner, and safer place to live in.

How to partake in the Global Waste Challenge?

1. Mobilize your club, organization, business, or community to join the Waste Challenge from 1st to 18 September 2021
2. Choose a location that you want to clean up—a nature reserve, a local park, your neighbourhood, the beach etc.
3. Set out a marketing plan to get as many people and as much of society on board.
4. Contact local businesses for possible sponsors. Then, radio and newspaper to create awareness.
5. Plan the date and time and till when you want to run the project.
6. Take pictures, make videos, and spread the word on social media both locally and internationally.
7. Let us know how much waste you collected and brag about the good you have done.
8. All social media posts using the hashtags below will be considered to feature in a video to be launched during the RTIHYM.

The hashtags you can use on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, etc.) are: #WasteChallenge, #LetsCleanUpTheWorld, #SidebySide, #LadiesCircleInternational, #RTInternational, #AgoraClubInternational, #TangentClubInternational, #41ClubInternational, #RoundTableFamily

The RTI Family members would like to emphasize once more that all members must adhere to your local Covid 19 protocols and restrictions. We want to encourage all our members, families, and communities always to stay safe.

The Round Table Family





OUR PLANET IS DROWNING
IN PLASTIC POLLUTION!
AROUND 275 MILLION TONNES
OF PLASTIC WASTE
IS GENERATED EACH YEAR
AROUND THE WORLD.
IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE!



www.round-table.org

Calendar of events 2020-2021

MONTH	Date	EVENT	PLACE COUNTRY, CITY
2020			
SEPTEMBER			
	5	RTI AGM	ZOOM
	20	HYM C41 international	ZOOM
OCTOBER			
	3	ACI CM	ZOOM
		ACI AGM	ZOOM
NOVEMBER			
	7	HYM LC+Agora France	canceled
	14-15	ACI Day Moto Raid to Ampefy with Quatalagor Madagascar Family	Madagascar
DECEMBER			
2021			
JANUARY			
		LCI – MTM Nordic	On zoom
FEBRUARY			
	13	LCI-MTM- Africa	On zoom
	13	LCI-MTM – SE Europe	On zoom
	11-14	RTI HYM	Sri-Lanka
	20	LCI-MTM-Middle Europe	On zoom
	27	LCI - MTM APAC	On zoom
MARCH			
APRIL			
	24	AGM ATC Germany	Germany, Osnabrück
		AGM AC Switzerland	Switzerland Lausanne
MAY			
	7-9	AGM AC Madagascar	Nosybe
	15	AGM AC Iceland	Iceland Reykjavik
	21	AGM AC USA	USA, Detroit
	22	AGM AC South Africa	Johannesburg
	22-26	BOARDMEETING ACI	Italy, Verona
	27-29	ACI FORUM	Italy, Verona
	27-29	C41 international AGM	Italy, Verona
	29	AGM AC The Netherlands	The Netherlands, Twente
	29	AGM AC France	France, Hyeres
	29	AGM AC Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe, Harare
	29	AGM Tangent International	Verona, Italy
JUNE			
	8	AGM AC Norway	Norway, Sanders
	12	AGM AC France	France, Cannes
	13	AGM AC Zambia	Zambia, Sanfya
	18	AGM AC Malta	Malta, Valetta
	26	AGM AC Belgium	Belgium, Tiennen
	26	AGM AC Botswana	Botswana, Gaborone
		AGM AC Romania	Romania, Dubova
		AGM AC Morocco	Morocco, Casablanca
JULY			
		AGM Israel	Israel, Tel Aviv

AUGUST			
	26-29	LCI-AGM	Morocco, Casablanca
SEPTEMBER			
OCTOBER			
	1-3	AGM ACI	The Netherlands, The Hague
	3	Handover Meeting BM1	
	14-16	HYM C41 international	Romania, Brasov
		HYM Tangent International	Romania, Brasov

ACI EVENTS

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RTI EVENTS

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