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AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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CHRISTMAS
EDITION

Merry
Christmas

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU

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Introduction

ACI SECRETARY MIHAELA CRACANA

Dear friends,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas !

All over the world of Agora ladies send greetings and messages of hope and good wish. You can discover them in first part of our newsletter.

It was a pleasure to collect from Facebook posts all the information I can get and share them to all our members in this special edition of newsletter.

In pictures you can recognize dear friends you didn't meet lately because of pandemic situation.

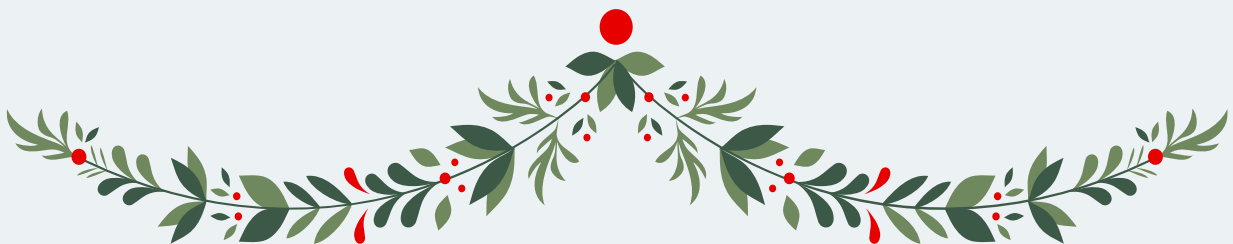
The second part of the newsletter is dedicated to those ladies who found the energy to bring a little joy to the others. A lot of presents were carefully packed, collected, transported, and handled to less privileged people, by Agora members all over the world. Congratulation!

You will find an Invitation to a Zoom meeting , named ACI NEW YEARS CAFÉ, on 2 January 2021, at 17.00 CET, for a little chit-chat at beginning of the year, between friends.

Our dear Laura Van Zirl, convenor of ISP #keep-a-girlchild-inschool keep us updated with a beautiful special Christmas presentation. Thank you, ladies for donations.

Enjoy reading, have a beautiful winter holiday, have fun, stay healthy and positive and keep finger crossed this pandemic to pass soon and ...A HAPPY NEW BETTER YEAR !

With friendship
Mihaela Cracana
ACI Secretary





Greetings

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU





The ACI Board wishes you a Merry Christmas 2020

May the magic of the Christmas season fill your home with joy and peace. Sending lots of love to your family and looking forward to the day we can see each other again. Take care of yourselves and stay safe.



Christmas poem by Shawna Hickling

T'was a Month before Christmas 2020
T'was a month before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.
The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.
They called it corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.
Contagious and deadly,
This virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts
When fueled by gas.
Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.
As the world entered lockdown
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their verve.
From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.
When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.
Now it's November
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,

Much to our disliking.
Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.
This virus is awful,
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure.
There is no vaccine.
It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.
And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?
To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No-one but me.
But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!
So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.
Christmas ain't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.

Keep your chin up, friends...this will all get better soon. Merry Christmas!



**From our bubble to yours, we wish you
a very Merry Christmas
Stay safe and take care.**

***Chris, Chilufya, Anna, Mihaela, Yvonne
Tone and Sabine***





Santa Claus in the Dead Sea!
Wishing you a Christmas full of love, light and blessings
from Agora Club Israel



Agora Club 39 Hyeres, France, wish you all a merry Christmas and a fabulous 2021 for you and all your love ones!



The National Board and the Region Precidents of AGORA Club France wish you a merry Christmas.



Yoyeuses fêtes à toutes
et à tous de bonnes
ondes positives de
Agora 70 Royan en
formation



Club Agora 35



Club Agora Sete

AC FRANCE



*Nous vous souhaitons un bon Noël
ainsi qu'une belle année 2021*

Club Agora Nantes

AC FRANCE

Le club Agora de Tours
vous souhaite

**JOYEUX
NOËL**



Club Agora Tours
ReNaissance
Nous Vous souhaitons de
belles fêtes de fin d'année
entourés de vos proches



Club Agora
Toulouse Val
Garonne



AC THE NETHERLANDS



Agoraclub 8 Voorne-
Putten eo The
Netherlands wishes
you a merry
Christmas and a
happy Neaw year in
The Hauge to go
Royal Dutch

AC THE NETHERLANDS



Agora Gelderse
Vallei i.o wishes you a
wonderfull Christmas.
Stay Safe. Met
Jeanette, Heidy,
Theresia, Anita en
Fabia Hooykaas

A Cozy X-mas and a 2021
in which we can all meet again!

FROM AGORA CLUB THE NETHERLANDS

AC NORWAY



AGORA CLUB NORWAY

Our very best wishes

God jul



ACN 01 SANDNES

ACN 02 EGRSUND

ACN 03 SANDNES

From all of us
to all of you

AC BELGIUM



From all the members of AC 7 Lokeren-Waasland in Belgium to you all: our warmest wishes for warm and cozy Christmas "bubble"-days and a beautiful and healthy 2021! Spread the light!

AC AUSTRIA

ROHE WEIHNACHTEN — MERRY CHRISTMAS 2020
WEIHNACHTSGRÜSSE AUS FREIEN & GLÜCKLICHEN ZEITEN!
GREETINGS FROM FREE & LUCKY MOMENTS!



TAKE CARE & HAVE A LOOK AT CHRISTINE'S SUN!



MERRY X-MAS!
WASH YOUR HANDS,
WEAR MASKS,
STAY HUMAN!

AC MALTA

*Agora Club Malta
wish The International Board
and all Clubs a very
Merry Christmas and a Healthy
and Peaceful 2021*



Agora Club Malta wish all our friends all over the world a very good Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2021.

AC FRANCE

Season's Greetings from "Les Drôles
de Dames" Club Agora 60!



**Les Drôles de Dames Club Agora 60
vous souhaitent Joyeuses Fêtes !**

Happy holidays
from Reunion
Island!

AC USA



Spread the warmth of the Christmas season to all around you and make this world a beautiful place to live in. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



AC NEPAL



Agora club Nepal
wishes Merry Christmas to
all our Agora friends !!

AC BOTSWANA



*Wishing you
all a blessed
Xmas and a
Happy New
Year. Much
love ❤️*





Happy Holidays everybody, ACUK look forward to being able to meet up again in 2021 to enjoy more fun and friendship! meantime wishing everyone happiness and health xx



Merry Christmas from
Agora Modena 7



Santa's helpers

IN ACTION



Christmas in a Box



Agora Genk



AC BELGIUM



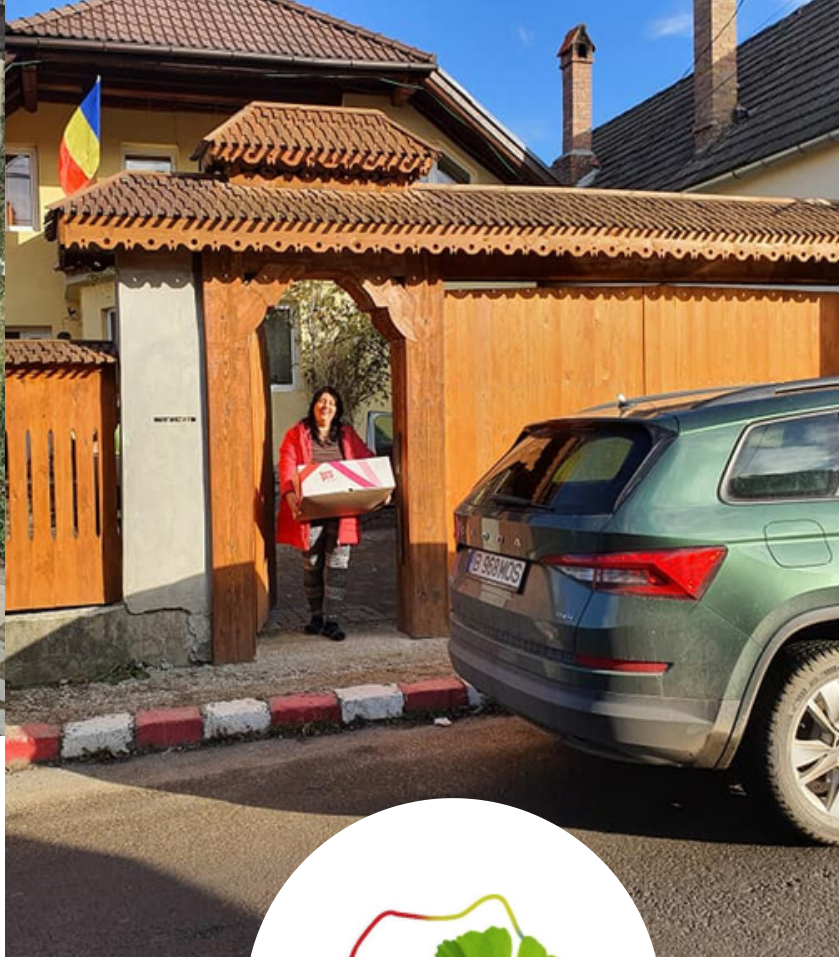
Christmas in a box

Again this year my Agora Club Torhout-Houtland 6 was able to give Christmas gift boxes for people in need A heart warming initiative organised by all 4Clubs 1 vision clubs in Belgium.

Daniëlle Gardin



Collected clothes, shoes, blankets, basic necessities things to help a family with 5 kids whose house was set on fire and remain without roof in winter.



AC ROMANIA



Donated clothes and diapers for new born babies that go home from maternity.



Donated traditional Romanian sweets to medical staff from Hospital for infectious disease – covid section

Agora Club 5 Sacele

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Quick & helpful – that's the way we love to live with Agora - Silvia with her pupil: the lucky boy got a Laptop from us for working in homeschooling!



Dank der Spendensumme von EUR 4.380,- konnten wir für

94 Kinder

34 Frauen

12 Familien

8 Sozialeinrichtungen

Geschenke, Kosmetik- & Lebensmittel-Gutscheine unter den Christbaum legen

Remember - November 2020



be proud to be with you
Many children in Austria wanted to help and surprise with "Cartons for Childs in Rumania" for the Christmas time! So two classes of the gymnasium in Spittal/Drau did, too! They packed the parcels with love and engagement!



AC AUSTRIA



I feel like Santa Claus: my car full of presents!
Wish list fund-raiser – side by side – Agora 1 Spittal & Ladies Circle Klagenfurt Austria

The ladies collected wish lists from children who live with their mothers in women's shelters in Carinthia. Everyone who was interested could pay an amount of € 25,-. With this money the ladies bought regional ware and wrapped the gifts. They were able to fulfill 94 wishes! The children will get the parcels at Christmas! Wonderful "effort"!

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**KINDER
HELFEN
KINDERN**

ATC GERMANY

Weihnachtspäckchenkonvoi - Kinder helfen Kindern

Weihnachtspäckchenkonvoi - Kinder helfen Kindern is a wonderful initiative to work side-by-side of Round Table Germany, Old Tablers (C41) Germany, Ladies circle Germany and Agora Club Tangent Germany. Kindergarten and school children in Germany pack (with the support of their parents) a present for another child. Parcels are collected, sorted and packed in boxes, labeled with age and gender, loaded in trucks and transported to Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria and Romania where also side-by-side of local Round Table Family help to be distributed to less privileged children.

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Food donation campaign and hygiene products and sale of gift products

AC Mont Saint Aignant - in Carrefour organized a stand to supports a food donation campaign and hygiene products and sale of gift products



AC FRANCE



And presents for Association St Vincent de Paul



AC Paris 50

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AC USA



Operation ShoeBox

Agora Club Detroit - Supporting "Operation ShoeBox" , hoping to bring joy to kids around the world during Christmas time
 "From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country."





AC ZAMBIA



The Children Hospital

Agora Ladies visited the University Teaching Hospital, the Children Hospital, Hematology ward and offered presents. Children but even mothers got treats as well. This mother won a Xmas hamper of groceries



Invitation

NEW YEARS CAFE



INVITATION

A.C.I. NEW YEARS CAFE

SATURDAY 2. JANUARY
17U CET

Dear Agora Ladies,

Saturday Jan 2nd, The ACI Board will organize our first Virtual New Years Cafe via Zoom.

If you want to join us:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9161310598?pwd=UTBaMGdzdXlaSHdrRnBER3pwSFhFZz09>

Meeting ID: 916 131 0598

Passcode: 020121

Agenda: New Years Wishes and chit-chatting

Important: have an Agora Item at your disposal. a pin, scarf, candle, tote bag,.....and a glass of wine to toast to a 'normal', vaccinated 2021

Chris, Chilufya, Anna, Mihaela, Yvonne
Tone and Sabine





*Christmas is a
time for giving*

ACI ISP



#KeepAGirlChildInSchool

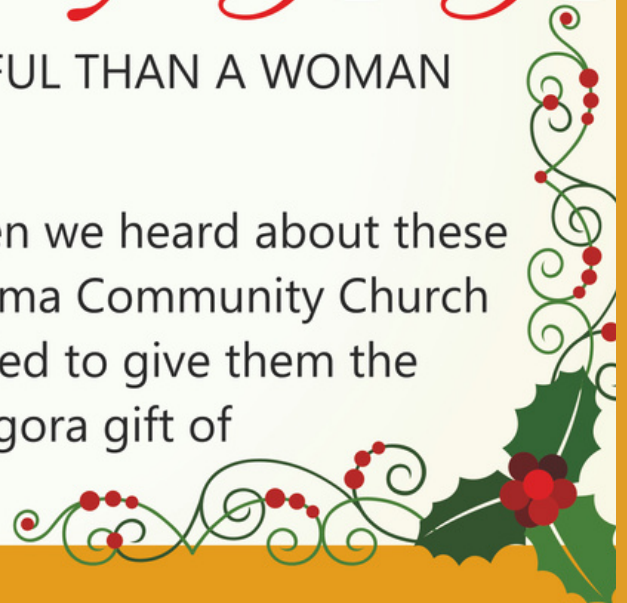
News....



Christmas is a time for giving

"THERE IS NO FORCE MORE POWERFUL THAN A WOMAN DETERMINED TO RISE." Bosa Sebele

Christmas is a time for giving, so when we heard about these 12 young girls who attend the Charisma Community Church in Mamelodi – we just knew we needed to give them the opportunity to rise – with a special Agora gift of Palesa Reusable Sanitary Pads.





Sister Elaine Davis once again gave the girls a talk on female hygiene and menstruation and was there to answer any of their questions.

My sincere thank you to Angela Roche and Pastor Jeff Dlamini for bringing these girls to our attention. Pastor Jeff has told me of another 22 school going girls in his congregation which we hope to help early in the New Year. After the presentation the girls showed off their Jerusalema Dance moves and the younger children joined in to receive their gifts from the Trinity Presbyterian Church – I couldn't resist adding a few photos from this happy occasion.



Thank You...

Christmas is also a time for gratitude and the ISP Team would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to everyone for their generosity...



Agora Club
The Netherlands



Thank You!

Your kind donation of

€275.00

to help keep a girl child in school is sincerely appreciated!

“ There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. ”
John Holmes



Agora Club
Belguim



Thank You!

Your kind donation of

€250.00

to help keep a girl child in school is sincerely appreciated!

“ The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. ”
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Agora Club
Belguim

in honour of Anita Figved



Thank You!

Your kind donation of

€100.00

to help keep a girl child in school is sincerely appreciated!

“ So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good. ”
Helen Keller



Thank You...

Thank You!



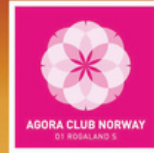
Thank you Nasreen Essack

Your kind donation of

€15.00

to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.
Edward Everett Hale ”



Agora Club
Norway



Thank You!

Your kind donation of

€1150.00

to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves. ”

Lydia M. Child



Agora Club
South Africa



Thank You!

Your kind donation of

€242.00

to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ Be who God meant you to be and you will
set the world on fire.
St. Catherine of Siena ”



Thank You!



Thank you Gill Taylor

Your kind donation of

€6.00

to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ I wondered why somebody didn't do something.
Then I realized, I am somebody.
Author Unknown ”



Thank You...



Agora Club
Israel



Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€72.00
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ Community service gives me a valuable opportunity to walk into a different community that is less familiar to me but just as colorful and most importantly, in need. ”
Caroline Landry



Agora Club
Italy



Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€150.00
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ Non nobis solum nati sumus.
(Not for ourselves alone are we born.) ”
Marcus Tullius Cicero



Agora Club
Luxembourg



Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€1077.66
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ When you open your heart to giving, angels fly to your door. ”
Author Unknown



Agora Club
Malta

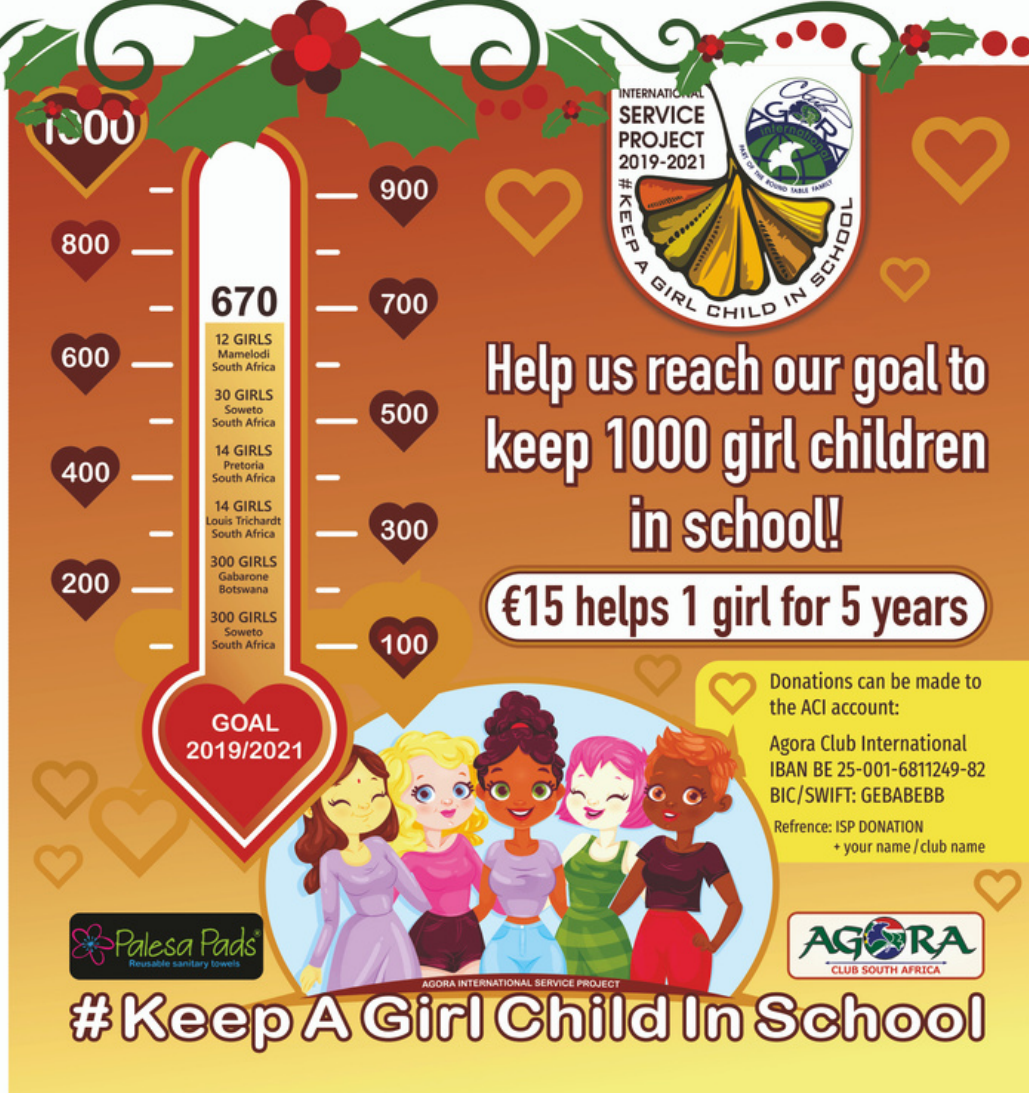


Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€440.00
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members. ”
Pearl S. Buck

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Contributing to help us with our goal of Keeping a Girl Child in School is very much appreciated. Your donations make it possible for us to continue to help more girls. Thank you for being involved and supporting this life changing cause.

Please channel all donations for the ISP through the **ACI Treasurer** for easy accountability.

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Reusable sanitary towels



Calendar

2020-2021



Calendar of events 2020-2021

MONTH	Date	EVENT	PLACE COUNTRY, CITY	WHO CAN ATTEND
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	France, Bordeaux	canceled
	6-9	HYM ATC Germany	Kulmbach, Germany	
	14-15	ACI Day Moto Raid to Ampefy with Quatalagor Madagascar Family	Madagascar	
	14	ACI Day		
DECEMBER				
2021				
JANUARY				
	29-31	LCI - MTM APAC	Nepal	Samta
		LCI – MTM Nordic	Denmark	
FEBRUARY				
	5-7	LCI-MTM- Africa	Zambia	Chilu
		LCI-MTM – SE Europe	Cyprus	
	11-14	RTI HYM	Sri-Lanka	
	19-21	LCI-MTM-Middle Europe	Malta	
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 Rejkjavik	
	21	AGM AC USA	USA, Detroit	
	22	AGM AC South Africa	Johannesbourg	
	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	Mihaela Chilu
		HYM Tangent International	Romania, Brasov	

ACI EVENTS

LCI EVENTS

C41 I EVENTS

RTI EVENTS

TCI EVENTS



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chris, Chilufya, Anna, Yvonne, Mihaela
Tone and Sabine



TO OUR AGORA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES,

WITH LOVE THE A.C.I. BOARD

May your year be filled with exciting possibilities. Cheers!



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