



41 INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES

of the **WORKSHOP**

held on **SATURDAY 20th MAY 2006**

in the **IT CENTER, DORTMUND, GERMANY**

1. International President John Hudson welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

All Associations except Israel were represented. They were joined by Renato Bonfini (Webmaster), Beat Berger (Archivist), Michael Dalbo Pedersen (Extension), Jacques Menival, Ulver Oswald and Michel Leenders (YAP), Sam Sampath (FAMEX), Dieter Straka (Incoming Vice-President) and Randolph Riedlinger (Vice-President Elect for 2007/2008).

The 41 INTERNATIONAL Board comprised John Hudson (President), Uwe Kerstan (Vice-President), Alain de la Bretesche (Immediate Past President) and John Bellwood (Secretary/Treasurer).

2. The Associations brought news of their activities –

- i. **AUSTRIA** has chartered 2 new clubs and a further club is to be chartered. They have hosted 8 young people from India on a YAP tour and more YAP tours have been arranged.
- ii. **BELGIUM** has chartered 2 more clubs and Luxembourg has become affiliated. 7 more clubs are being chartered in the near future bringing the total clubs to 75. It is important to invest in the YAP Programme and they are due to host 6 youngsters from India.
- iii. **CYPRUS** hosted a successful Half-Yearly Meeting last October. Apologies were received from President Marinos Kritikos who was unable to travel to Dortmund after damaging his leg with a heavy box. The spirit in Cyprus is high.
- iv. **DENMARK** implemented a 5-year plan 2 years ago when they had 700 members. The aim is to have 1000 members at the end of the 5 years. 100 new members have joined and there are 8 new clubs. They are working closely with Round Table and share the magazine *Excalibur*, where income from adverts has exceeded budget. The recent AGM had the facility to translate the Danish language into the languages of the overseas visitors. It is thought that this is the first occasion when this facility has been offered. John Hudson said how much it was appreciated.
- v. **FINLAND** has 5 new clubs bringing the total now to 72. There are 1500 members and they have a 5-year plan to strengthen their Association and to increase membership.
- vi. **FRANCE** has 290 clubs with 5704 members. President Gerard Delsaux has been concentrating during his year on his National Association. They welcome non ex-Tablers into 41 Club so that new people can experience the spirit of Round Table. 5 clubs have been chartered with 224 more members. Gerard Delsaux spoke in French but said that he would speak slowly (*mais je pense qu'il a parlé assez vite*).
- vii. **GERMANY** has 7 new clubs and 4000 members. There is a liaison meeting with Round Table twice a year.
- viii. **GREAT BRITAIN** has celebrated its Diamond Jubilee year and Round Table has increased its membership by 1100 during the year, with 19 new Round Tables being chartered. A new 41 Club, in Monmouth, has been chartered. A Club in Calpe, Spain, has also been chartered and it is anticipated that a further club in Spain will be chartered later in the year.



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- ix. **INDIA** thanked the Associations which have been involved in the YAP Programme. The AGM is scheduled for 23rd September 2006. An attractive Directory has just been issued and there is now a new magazine containing 12 pages.
- x. **INDIAN OCEAN** has 4 clubs with 75 members and is closely associated with Round Table. 1 new club is being created. The AGM is scheduled for 21st April 2007 and the International HYM is being hosted in October 2008.
- xi. **ISRAEL** unfortunately had no delegate at the Meeting.
- xii. **ITALY** has 500 members and the AGM is next week, when they are looking forward to seeing everyone.
- xiii. **NETHERLANDS** has 27 clubs with 420 members and they are frequent visitors to Zambia and South Africa.
- xiv. **NEW ZEALAND** has 20 clubs with 380 members. There have been 2 separate tours to Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. They hosted an incoming YAP tour in January and February. The AGM this year is in Christchurch and the 2007 AGM is in Napier.
- xv. **NORWAY** has 24 clubs with 400 members. No new clubs are being chartered this year but they have many friends in Round Table.
- xvi. **ROMANIA** has 7 clubs and its membership has increased from 110 to 137. Their AGM is with Round Table. The first President, Ioan Vlad, in 1997/98 passed away 2 months ago.
- xvii. **SOUTH AFRICA** is considering a 5-year plan to strengthen their Association. 2 new clubs have been chartered and there is the strong possibility that a further 3 clubs will be chartered in time for the AGM in September 2006. All 41ers can now attend the Round Table AGM (they have previously been not welcome). There has been a visit under the FAMEX banner to Italy and they will be hosting a visit from Italy in return. Sam Sampath was thanked for his work with the FAMEX Programme. The AGM in September is being held near Cape Town.
- xviii. **SWITZERLAND** has 24 clubs with 630 members. The Fit for Future programme is now into its third year and is proving to be a success. An HYM held in March was the first for many years and a meeting will take place with Round Table in July to strengthen their work together. YAP children travel from Switzerland to Italy today. The AGM in October 2006 is in Lucerne.
- xix. **ZAMBIA** thanked our German hosts for organising the Conference but not the weather. Zambia is 36 times larger than Wales (where is Wales?) and delegates were given an insight into the impressive plant and animal population of the country (of Zambia, not of Wales). Other countries in Africa are being encouraged to form their own Associations, especially Kenya. The AGM from 25th August to 27th August 2006 is in Lusaka.

3. The Secretary outlined the amendments to the Rules proposed by the Board.

- a. Rule 3(f) deals with the expulsion of an Association for the non-payment of fees. The existing Rules state that an application for re-instatement must be accompanied by payment of all outstanding contributions plus an amount for each of the lapsed years equal to the contribution payable for the year in which membership ceased. The Board recommends that an application for re-instatement must be accompanied by the payment of all outstanding contributions, but should not be accompanied by contributions for lapsed years.



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- b. An amendment has been proposed to Rule 10(c) which currently states that an amount of 25% of budgetary contributions is due before the AGM and the balance by 30th June. The amendment to Rule 10(c) proposes that contributions for fees are due within two months of the notice being issued by the Treasurer after the AGM.
 - c. The Addendum to Rule 10. FINANCE (c) gives fixed amounts for the Budget Contributions by the various Associations, which comprise a basic fee and a supplementary amount based on the number of clubs within the Association. This addition to Rule 10 restricts the Treasurer's hand. Fee levels are proposed by the Treasurer to the Half-Yearly Meeting in accordance with Rule 10(b), for implementation at the Annual General Meeting immediately following. Rule 12(b) which was approved in Arras in 2004 states that no modification of the Rules (and hence the Budget Contributions) shall take place until all Associations have had the opportunity to confirm any modification at their respective AGMs. There would therefore be a period of some eighteen months before the Budget Contributions could be changed. The Addendum has been incorporated in Rule 10.
 - d. The Board also proposes that Rule 5 relating to officers should be expanded so that the procedure for voting to host the Vice-Presidency or for the appointment to the office of Secretary should be clarified.
4. Bernard Rey (*France*) questioned the legend in Rule 1, which defines 41 INTERNATIONAL as the *international association of former members of Round Table*. These words replace the legend in the existing Rules which says that the name of 41 INTERNATIONAL *should preferably be followed on official documentation by the words "an organisation for Ex-Tablers"*. Furthermore, 41 France proposes that the scope of membership in Rule 3 should be extended to *active and responsible men over forty and promoting the spirit of tolerance, strong friendship and action, everyone being motivated by the same original values of the Round Table founded in 1926*.
5. The Secretary explained that the proposed legend in Rule 1 is the definition of 41 INTERNATIONAL contained in the original charter of 14th June 1975.
- 6.
- a. Ian Mackenzie (*Great Britain*) had recently retired as Membership Officer of 41 Great Britain when a national vote had been conducted as to whether the Association should move toward "open membership". It was decided that membership should be restricted to former members of Round Table and to Honorary Members.
 - b. Sam Sampath (*India*) recalled the time when he was the President of 41 INTERNATIONAL when heated discussion occurred in Brasov regarding the extension of membership to non Ex-Tablers. It was agreed at that time that Associations were principally for former members of Round Table but individual Associations could establish their own guidelines for membership.
 - c. Christian Lundgaard (*Denmark*) strongly recommended that membership of 41 Club should be restricted to Ex-Tablers.
 - d. 41 Italy proposed that Rule 5(d) which states that all Officers must be former members of Round Table should be deleted.
7. Ulver Oswald (*Germany*) gave a full report on the Young Ambassadors Exchange Programme (YAP). There had been seven tours in the Spring and many letters of gratitude had been received from the "YAPs". 53 young people had now benefited from YAP tours. It was for them an "experience of a lifetime". 58 clubs worldwide have participated and there are now 11 YAP Convenors. 41 Club is working with Round Table clubs and the YAP Programme is seen as being an introduction for young people to Round Table.



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8. The YAP Convenors are seeking to encourage those countries which have not yet participated to contribute to the programme.
9. Pieter Carbon (*Belgium*) commented on the financing of YAP and questioned whether it was necessary to charge the YAP visitors. He was thinking, in addition, of the security aspects of young people travelling with large amounts of cash on their person.
10. Sam Sampath (*India*) outlined progress with the Family Friendship Exchange Programme (FAMEX). Many questions had been raised and the Rules will need to be reviewed to give more flexibility. The cost to participants was also questioned. The Rules will be reviewed and put to the Board for consideration and approval prior to the AGM in Graz, Austria in May 2007.
11. Renato Bonfini (Webmaster) presented a report on the website.
12. Beat Berger (Archivist) confirmed that he had recently received the archive records from Peter Poech via Gerhard Wirth. He was proposing to convert the archives in due course to Compact Disc.
13. The International Directory for 2006/07 will continue in the same format as before.
14. The Secretary reported that the Board had considered the publication of *Courier* and now distributed a Newsletter to all delegates. The Newsletter will in addition be distributed to the Associations via email with other documents available at the AGM which follows. The Board had recently approached Bob Parton (*Germany*) who had agreed to assume the role of 41 INTERNATIONAL Editor.

JOHN BELLWOOD
Secretary and Treasurer
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