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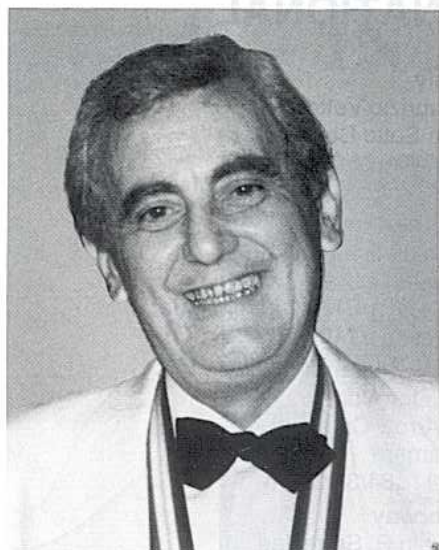
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President's message

First of all I wish you and your families all the best for this new year. After some months of great activity in the 41 world, we have had a short period of peace in the International contacts. During the end of December, I had time to think and see again what I have done for the Club so far, and what I have to do within next months.

Really, the International staff is working thoroughly in many directions. My best Vicecapo is making a puzzle with our rules and bye laws and clarifications, so we will have in Glasgow an up-to-date "corpus iuris quadraginta et uni circuli". In the same time we collected the questions about the fees, so we can have a complete situation about the economy and the possibilities of the Club 41-International. After a long meditation about the picture come out from the workshops held in Wien, and in Trieste, I think it is necessary to come to a conclusion, and I hope to have a seminar inside the AGM. of Glasgow, concerning the figure of the IRO, in relation with his duties inside the National Boards.

From the beginning of my presidency in June, I visited the National organizations of Austria, Cyprus, South Africa, Belgium, Switzerland, and, of course, Italy. I have been present to the Charter of Appenzell and Salzburg, it has been a pleasure to meet the old

friends of Ried, and the National Past-Presidents in Graz. Many good friends from many parts of the world have sent to me the informations about the activities of the Club in many Countries: in Iceland, Maroc, Kenya, Romania and in New Zealand. Many friends have written to me directly or via Internet, or via fax, relating about the news in their Countries. I hope I have answered to all always thinking to the friendship we have in common. Arrived in Rome, Renato Bonfini comes to take us over to Livorno, for the "Cacciuccata". Other old friends in a warm atmosphere. Memories, tales of the travel just done. Indelible faces graven in our memory. Thanks 41 Club!

President's proposals

I am very sorry because I have to state my disappointment for the behaviour of some Councillors during this last period of time. I have seen the big work done by the French Staff during the past year in deepening the communications among 41-International and the Associated Countries. We have hardly discussed in Trieste about the attraction of the 41 Club in front of the potential new ground Members in the various Countries. Nobody of the Delegates present at the discussion have sent to me the requested written report about the local situation and the local system of operation. The same thing happened after the other workshop held in Trieste about the communications: I received nothing from the people attending the workshop. During the intervention of my Secretary you will listen something similar about the complete lack of ascending communications.

Dear Friends we cannot make our work without your collaboration. We can not distribute the news regarding our Clubs if we have not fresh and timely information. It is impossible to wait for the visit of a Member of the Board, and explain only in that moment the problematics. It is impossible that the International Editor has not enough material for the Courier; not only, he can not organize the International Directory in the best form without the necessary up to day information. We are waiting at present for the real situation of the Clubs in many Countries. I touch with hand and I remember the continuous request of material from Otto Adelhofer, and from Peter Poech for the management of Y.A.P. and the publication of the Courier.

In every moment of my travels, and during my stay in the foreign Countries, a lot of ground-members ask me news about the Club: news that I don't know in all wished details. I have had only the help of my long experience of life in the Club 41, and, probably, a good diplomacy and a good brazen face.

The second perpetual, always present argument, has been the bloody facked fees. I visited India, South Africa, Cyprus, and many other Countries; I have spoken with many other Clubmen, I took part in many meetings of other Clubs, and I have a very big question: "Why we have to lose our precious time of life in

continuous, and very dangerous questions about the right fees which have to be paid?"

Twentytwo years ago some Friends of us have had the great idea to found the 41-Inteernational Club. In that year I begun my Round Table life. I have not been present in Le Touquet, but it seems impossible that the biggest problem, after twentytwo years, of activity and friendship at every level, could be the fees. And, friends, a moment, please! Which fees? We are speaking about the personal cost of the amount of a beer in one year. About this matter I cannot accept a priciple question: the priciples don't speak about money. Our best important principle is only our friendship, over languages, over countries, over religions. It is incredible to see a normally reasonable friend who squanders for foolish things and discusses for months about the ridiculous fees we have to pay per year for our Club.

I am very sorry, but in this moment my diplomacy has gone. I love Club 41 at any level. For me and others, to live the former experience of Round Table, and to continue the life in 41 Club is a way of life. I will not destroy this beautiful world discussing about the fees. My only consolation is that a lot of small Countries asked and ask every year to take part in 41-International Club.

My provocative proposal is that everyone pays the equivalent amount of a barrel of beer every year, to permit a better management of International 41 Club during the year, without money-problems. In this way, all friends can see the complete International Board during the National A.G.M.s. In this way we can strenght the contacts among us,perhaps drinking a beer. In this way we celebrate the real friendship, as in Cyprus, like in South Africa, or in India, or in Great Britain, or everywhere, helping ourselves to be better in all the Countries of the 41 World.

The International friendship is a declaration of principle of our Club!

Thank you for the attention, I remain yours in Club

Glauco Zago



Message of
Alan Reynolds
Vice-President
41-International

When I was a small boy I had a stamp collection. I lost count of the number of hours I spent admiring the different pictures, sorting them country by country, set by set, and then mounting them line by line into albums.

Although geography was a part of the school curriculum, it did not feature very high in my list of priorities and, as a consequence, the stamps were never more than little pieces of paper stuck into books.

In the mid 1960s I joined the band of intrepid pioneers from England travelling through France to Spain or Italy for their holidays, but these were only journeys to the sun in countries full of foreigners. Not until I joined Round Table in the 1970s did I really get to know people who lived abroad. Exchange club visits brought me into contact with other Tablers from overseas and I soon learnt that their ideas and motives were just the same as mine. I saw and met lots of visitors at R.T.B.I. conferences, but alas never made it to a W.O.C.O. A.G.M. nor any of those charter meetings in exotic far away places.

During my first ten years as an Ex-tabler, I tried very hard to promote further exchange visits with the oldies, but the dwindling enthusiasm of others both at home and abroad meant that I could never get anything off the ground on a club basis. Frances and I turned to trips on our own and we were regularly to be seen boarding planes to a variety of Eastern European cities, some of which our family thought we would never return from!

One day I became Vice President of The Association and the then President, David Woodworth, and I promised ourselves it was time to improve our International relations. We worked at it together and with a little support found it was quite easy really. Everywhere our officers went the natives were friendly and a little reciprocal hospitality soon did the trick.

Tolerance too figured high on the list of considerations and, with help from our new 41 friends, the city of Hamburg found its way into my own personal history book through the decisions of the 1994 International A.G.M.

Spurred on by the success of that event, I joined the roller coaster which has taken me to so many places subsequently, meeting old and even more new 41 friends along the way. Over 38,000 miles as President and attendances at 41 club activities in 20 different countries demonstrates a commitment I intend to maintain.

It was an irony that I should go to Trieste for my installation as Vice President of 41-International. Not just the same country, but the very same town which held such bad memories for so many. It meant that now G.B. & T. were well and truly back in the playground and all thoughts of 1991 was washed away by the fellowship of 1996.

Since then, I have been working hard to try to ensure that disharmony should not return to any aspect of our activities in the future. On behalf of the Laws & Fees Commission, I distributed two discussion papers in St. Gallen. The first, on RULES, set out a more constructive version of what exists, and calls for comment on how improvement might be needed to consolidate the present position, whilst promoting future development. The second, on FEES, was as a direct result of representations on the current structure and sets out a number of alternatives should change be considered necessary. Sadly, or maybe thankfully, there has been very little response from member countries to the RULES paper and none at all an FEES. Let's hope that there are no unpleasant surprises coming to Glasgow.

Earlier in the year Frances and I made the long journey to India to sample some of its excellent hospitality and to get a taste of what we can expect at the 1997 H.Y.M. in Bangalore. I know that our new friends there will be working hard also to ensure we enjoy a second memorable visit.

If you haven't been before make sure you put a star against November 8th in your calendar; make it a Star of India and start saving now. I can assure you won't regret it!

It was whilst we were in Madras that we visited the museum in Fort St. George and there, mounted in albums line by line, set by set, were some of the stamps which I mentioned earlier. Many of them identical to those in my own personal collection. It immediately brought to mind those days as a small boy in suburban England. Seeing the names of different countries in my books and never suspecting that one day I would visit many of them.

Today, with grateful thanks, I can already look back, but with even greater enthusiasm look forward to a new challenge. Exciting times are ahead, not just for the Reynolds family, but the whole of our Ex-Tabler family as we expand it even further together.

So, why don't you stick a stamp on something soon and send it to someone in another country. If it contains a message or an invitation I'm sure he'll be pleased to receive it. If he collects stamps, it will be a bonus, or it might just be a way of interesting his son in some international activity.

"Let's all stick together in 41"

Alan Reynolds, Vice President 41-International

Comments on the budget 1997/98

The rules provide for the Vice President to present this and, whilst I have no wish to shirk this responsibility, I find it very difficult to submit this in detail at this time.

Although we have an excellent fee structure and payments procedure in place, some countries choose not to comply. Others are currently campaigning for a reduction and we will not know what their position will be next year until there is some reaction to my paper. The level of income is therefore uncertain.

The largest item of expenditure is the sum allocated to the travel expenses incurred by the President and other International Board members. This will inevitably increase next year with the H.Y.M. being held in India. If necessary, we shall have to make savings elsewhere to compensate.

Whatever the overseas countries decide to do, I see no reason for the remainder to pay more and I therefore propose that the existing fee structure and expenditure levels be maintained in 1997/98.

A. Reynolds

Annual General Meeting, Trieste 15th June, 1996 - Castle of Miramare

Introducing remarks

The agenda of this annual general meeting was mailed and received by all the member Associations in due time, according to the rules, and it was not asked for modification or addition to the different points appearing on this agenda.

Before entering in session, the members of the board and the delegates of the member Associations attending to the meeting signed the attendance register and then received the written reports of the office bearers of the board.

13 out of 16 member Associations and all the office bearers of 41-International board 1995-1996 attending to this meeting, the quorum was present as well in number of member Associations as in number of voices, consequently valid discussions and votes could take place.

1. Welcome from the President of 41 Club Italy

Welcome to the delegates and the International Board by the President of 41 Club Italy, Paolo Andreatta. He wished everyone a good work and successful meeting.

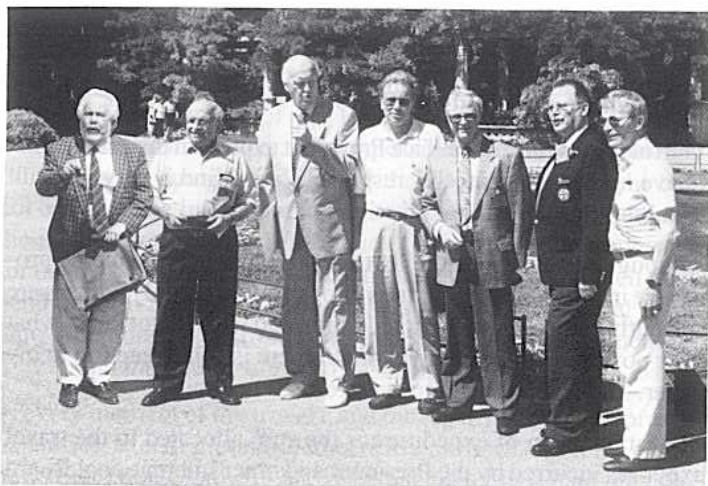
2. Opening the annual general meeting and introduction by the President of 41-International

Guy Mercier called the meeting to order and first requested to stand in silence to honour the memory of 41ers departed since the last meeting in Wien, October 1995, more particularly to Jean-Yves Gadal, French I.R.O. 1989-1990, Peter Beucker, German I.R.O. who recently died, members of our own families and also to those who could not attend this meeting due to serious illness or other reasons.

3. Apologies for absence and presentation of Past-Presidents and personalities

President Guy Mercier felt it was a great honour for the organisers that 13 out of 16 member Associations were present and signed the attendance register and that so many delegates and members attended the meeting.

Then, President Guy Mercier presented the Past-Presidents of 41-International attending to the meeting:



left to right:

Otto Adelhofer, 1990-1991
Indu Chandhok, 1991-1992
Einhard Melzer, 1984-1985
Louis Bannwart, 1992-1994
Peter Poech, 1982-1983
Wolfgang Rösel, 1993-1994
Trond Hersleth, 1994-1995

Apologies for absence were received from:

- 1 Cyprus, member Association (letter of President of 41 Club Cyprus)
- 1 Sweden, member Association (letter of Per-Frederik Törnqvist, President of O.T. Sweden)
- 1 Rumanian 41ers, who cannot get their visas due to European regulations
- 1 India, a letter from the Vice-President Pahla M. Nichani regretting his absence and conveying a successful annual general meeting

4. Correspondence received

Philippe Le Groux, Secretary, gave lecture of letters received since the half yearly meeting held in Wien, October 1995:

- 1 a letter from Sweden informing that the Association decided to adopt the old name: Old Tablers Sweden,
- 1 a letter from Mauritius applying for full membership and certificate stated that all the members of the new Association were former member of Round Table,
- 1 a letter from Finland applying for hosting Vice-Presidency 1997-1998,
- 1 a letter from Belgium applying for hosting Vice-Presidency 1998-1999,
- 1 a letter from South Africa applying for hosting Vice-Presidency 1998-1999
- 1 a letter from India applying for hosting Vice-Presidency 1998-1999.

Consequently, and according to the uses, President Guy Mercier remembered the delegates the classification to be considered for these candidatures, if maintained:

Finland:	1997-1998	maintained
Belgium:	1998-1999	maintained
South Africa:	1999-2000	
India:	2000-2001	

He added that he already wrote to the Indian Association to inform its President about the observation of these uses.

- 1 a letter from New Zealand informing the board that its A.G.M. decided to pay only the half of the annual dues 1995-1996. Consequently, Gérard Seguela, Treasurer, stated that, according to the rules, New Zealand or its representative (delegate or consul) had no more right of voting for this meeting (*Madras 1992*).

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the half yearly meeting 1995 held the 28th October in Wien, Austria

Before asking if anyone wishes to underline particular points to be corrected in the minutes, President Guy Mercier specified that corrections of the errors in the dates of the coming annual general meetings and half yearly meetings were already done on the set of copy ready for signature.

This point being taken in account, no one asked for further corrections.

6. Agreement and signing the minutes of the half yearly meeting 1995 by the International President, Guy Mercier

It was agreed by all delegates present at the meeting that the minutes for the half yearly meeting held in Wien on the 28th October, 1995, at the Gösserbräu, as corrected can be signed by the President.

Guy Mercier, President of 41-International signed the minutes accordingly.



Club 41 Français installing the "Indian Ocean Association" as a new member in the 41-International movement. Acting in the ceremony Georges Mouchtouris, IRO of France, Arnold Bouquet, representative of the new Association, Guy Mercier and Jean Pierre di Rosa. – Arnold changing Banners with Guy.

7. Admission of the Association of 41 Clubs of the Indian Ocean ("Indian Ocean Association")

President Guy Mercier read the letter from Mauritius and Seychelles Islands applying for full membership inside 41-International. He read then after the certificate subscribed by the Chairman of this new founded Association that each member of the three clubs (2 in Mauritius and 1 in Seychelles) were former members of Round Table.

President Guy Mercier then proceeded to the vote. The Admission was unanimously accepted. He then called the delegate of Indian Ocean Association to reach him together with the President and the IRO of the Club 41 Français, former representative of Mauritius Clubs and officially installed the Indian Ocean Association in 41-International according to the protocol in use in France to install every member in a 41 Club.

8. Reports from:

The reports from the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Archivist and Young Ambassadors Program co-ordinator were given to the delegates when signing the attendance register.

Nevertheless, President Guy Mercier read aloud his report to the delegates and added some verbal further comments on it.

9. Finance:

Incoming President, Glauco Zago presented once again his budget (Copy of this budget please find after this article) for the coming exercise 1996–1997, though this budget was already known and unanimously accepted during the half yearly meeting held in Wien, 28th October, 1995.

10. Presentation of the next half yearly meeting to be hold in St. Gallen (CH) the 26th October, 1996, Hotel Sântispark at 10.00 A.M.

The delegate of Swiss Association presented the headlines of the next half yearly meeting which will take place in St. Gallen. The invitation were distributed to Associations representatives and 41-International office bearers.

Early bookings were requested to help the organisers.

11. Report about the situation of the Young Ambassadors Program

The co-ordinator of the Young Ambassadors Program attracted delegates attention towards the procedure to achieve: selection of the ambassadors is mainly the work of each National Associa-

tion, transmission of the records to the co-ordinator no later than end of the year for a trip starting six months then after, formalities and rules to observe, candidatures for welcoming Young Ambassadors from India to be received as soon as possible being known that it is preferable that the welcoming family has children of corresponding age.

Some possible extension of this program to South Africa could be foreseen in the next coming year.

12. Nomination of the Association hosting Vice-Presidency for 1997–1998

Finland Association confirmed that they wished to host the Vice-President for 1997–1998 and inform the delegates that the candidate was Tero Lindell, former national President of Old Tablers Suomi Finland and certified that this Association will support the Vice-President if elected by the delegates.

The candidatures received from Belgium, South Africa and India will be examined in due time and ranged according to the habits in use in 41-International.

13. Confirmation of the venues for half yearly meeting 1996 and annual general meeting 1997

- 1 Half-yearly Meeting in St. Gallen, Switzerland, 26th October, 1996
- 1 Annual General Meeting in Glasgow, United Kingdom, 10th–13th April, 1997
- 1 Halfyearly Meeting in Bangalore, India, 25th–26th October, 1997. This date could be postponed as it is in competition with the AGM of Club 41 Old Table Schweiz
- 1 Annual General Meeting in Tampere, Finland, 24th–25th April 1998.

14. Workshops

Two workshops were then organised examining the followings subjects:

- 1 How to improve the participation at any level (local Clubs, regional and national, International)
- 1 Duties and tasks of National I.R.O. for a better communication

These brain storming sessions were given one hour of time before reporting to the meeting.

15. Reports from the workshops

Two delegates being chosen by the workshop attendants presented the headlines of the works achieved. A written report is attached to these minutes.

Report on the workshop held during the A.G.M. of 41-International, in Trieste on Saturday 15th June, 1996

How to improve participation at any level in 41

Reporter: Philip R. Jones, IRO, Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs of Great Britain & Ireland

The workshop was chaired by the President for 1996–1997, Glauco Zago and the following Associations were in attendance:

The Association of Ex-Tablers, Club 41 Français, South Africa, Clubs India, Austria, The Association of Ex-Tablers Suomi-Finland.

It was generally agreed that many potential members are being "lost" to other organisations when they retire from the Round Table movement at 40 years of age.

The other organisations are Rotary, Lions and Freemasonry who are all service clubs in the same way that Round Table has performed since its formation in 1927.

The suggestion was made that existing 41 Club Members should spend more time with their local Round Table, attending their meetings and social events. Using these meetings the message of 41 could be put across, should any potential 41'er wish to continue with service to the community then an even closer link with Round Table could be forged. There is no reason why Round Table should not call on the 41 Club for assistance for whatever activity is planned.

It was thought that friendship alone is not sufficient reason to attract members, our Movement needs to be attractive, in some countries to be a member of Lions or Rotary is a sign of social standing in the community, we should strive to make this the case with 41 also.

Many 41'ers are also Rotarians, you generally see these "dual" members wearing their Rotary lapel badges but seldom do they publicise the fact that they are Past Round Tablers!

Another view was that monthly meetings are not enough, following many years of attending meetings every other week.

We must watch numbers of individual clubs, they are rising as Round Table numbers fall but if the numbers reach too high level this is not conducive to a thriving club.

We should encourage younger members to take office much sooner, this should dispel any theories about cliques being formed within clubs.

Some countries have seen other "Past Tablers" organisations start up, such as F.A.R.T.S (Fellowship After Round Table Society) and Unicorn, these clubs have started where potential members of 41 have been either put off joining our movement or have become disillusioned with the current set up in their club.

It was thought that involvement of families or more of our activities would create more interest in the movement.

A suggestion was made that each member country of 41-International might submit a plan showing how our clubs might generate further interest.

In conclusion Glauco Zago invited the members of the workshop to write to him explaining their experiences with respect to Improving Participation at Club, National and International Levels.

Duty Tasks of IRO's – Communication – The way forward

Reporter: Richard Sayers, District IRO, Club 41 Français

The workshop was chaired by the Secretary for 1995–1996, Philippe Legroux and the following Associations were in attendance: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain & Ireland, Italy, Israel, Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland.

The International Secretary opened by stating that he felt that the responsibility of the IRO was to communicate and follow up contact at any levels, national, regional, club. Also that the National President of each country should communicate with others to declare his international participation. Also to attend personally or his IRO or Delegate the national assemblies of other countries.

Communication

Debate was very involved and profound with a lot of self criticism, mainly with regards to the communication network. French IRO, Georges Mouchtouris, explained how the French relay their information by a pyramid system. This works if everyone in the chain is serious and communication is in place between the national Board and the IRO who would not be used simply as a post box.

Many countries complained that they did not always receive the new information, but without prompt confirmation of new board it is impossible for the International Officers (Secretary and Editor) to pass on the details of events, addresses, and so on...

This year "41 News" has been sent in French, German and English (3 issues) to the local clubs for information and distribution with the exception of France and Great Britain due to the number of Clubs, countries in which the issues were sent to the national IRO's for self distribution. If these have not been received by members, it is due to breakdown in distribution network in country involved.

International Editor, Peter Poech, demonstrated breakdown in communication when he declared that only 4 countries had informed him of new Board before Trieste for inclusion in 1996-1997 Directory! Also that the IRO for each country keeps him informed of events and reports for "Courier". With "Courier" and "41 News" plus the International Directory, we should ensure that a network of communication exists.

Awareness

How many members of 41 Clubs are aware of or have experienced the fellowship between the different countries? It is important that the IRO's at all levels promote and inform all members of the quality of friendship that can be developed. Not only between ourselves as members but also for our children with the Young Ambassadors Program and the Works Study (Stages).

At present the Y.A.P. (Young Ambassador Program) can be extended to include South Africa and Great Britain. But interchange does not have to be concentrated between certain countries, it can be personal – Club – regional or national.

There should be future promotion of pre-tours for the National A.G.M. to involve more participants, down to communication.

Returning to our Y.A.P. the secret for success is early preparation, careful and detailed information regarding participants and communication with students or 41ers children of same age plus languages.

International Directory

Criticisms of the Directory as it does not include our satellite Clubs. This can be rectified if they forward details to the Editor so that he can add appendices or addenda.

Points for recommendation

1. Distribution of communications. International Secretary to send to IRO, President of each country at last known name and address. Responsibility rests with country to communicate with International Board.
2. A main task for IRO's at all levels is to keep members informed of all events, especially the promotion of visits to other countries
3. Y.A.P. and work study (stages) request that each National Board realises the value of these schemes for our youngsters and assists the IRO to encourage all members to participate.
4. Promotion of pre-tours by National Associations, encourage more of our members to travel
5. Inform International Secretary immediately of new Board or any changes so that the directory and the information can be up to date: No information = No communication.
6. Associate member countries to be included in International Directory, information now, please!
7. IRO's to send articles to other countries for inclusion in the newsletters and magazines. Promotion – spreading information.
8. Each national IRO to issue an annual written report for adoption at International A.G.M. and joining to the written reports of the International Officers.

Let's promote international awareness!

16. Any other business

President Guy Mercier did some remarks about these workshops which were found interesting by those taking part in the brain storming, hoping that they will continue in the future to improve 41-International life.

No one asking to speak and no more subject being presented to the meeting by the delegates, President Guy Mercier then went to the following point of the agenda.

17. Installation of the President 1996–1997

In few words, President Guy Mercier said that his year was now over and he was pleased that Glauco Zago will take over the realy from him as he know that 41-International will be in good hands.

18. Address by the Incoming President

Glauco Zago, Incoming President, addresses the meeting, asking for mutual co-operation and giving its aims and motto for this opening year: "make communication". He complimented President Guy Mercier for the work achieved during the year, hoping he will be able to reach the same quality during his own presidency.

He quickly painted the scenery for his year: use of computers for better information, better communication, better swiftness between Clubs, National Associations and 41-International so that individual members of our Clubs could participate to the international life.

19. Presentation of the board 1996–1997

Before that Glauco Zago presented his board, it was asked to the IRO of the Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland to officially inform the meeting about the name of the Vice-President chosen by this Association.

Philip Jones announced that the next Vice-president will be Alan Reynolds, former President of the Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland.

Then after, President Glauco Zago presented his board to the delegates for the coming year.



President Guy Mercier, Wolfgang Rösel and Louis Bannwart

20. 41-INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR MERIT

President Guy Mercier asked Louis Bannwart and Wolfgang Rösel, Past-Presidents of 41-International, to rejoin him to receive the 41-INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR MERIT which has been granted in recognition for their efforts to make Great Britain and Ireland Association coming back inside 41-International.

21. Closing remarks and summary by the outgoing President

President Guy Mercier summarised the meeting headlines and wished to close this meeting by thanking all the members of his board who have achieved a very efficient work, always acting in the interest of 41 aims and motto in a common sense of servicing the Club.

Then the meeting was closed by the President at 5.40 P.M.

Philippe Le Groux, Secretary

Report of the President

Here we are, Gentlemen!

This international year is over now, and it's time to handover.

A year ago, in Meaux (France), I had promised you to do my very best in moving forward our 41-International. As you know, one of my main goals was to improve, through my motto, the communication between us. Then, to organise some new events, in order to open 41-International meetings to more people and finally lead some "think tank" concerning the problems or desires of your own Associations.

Considering these three points in a realistic way, I can say that two of those three topics have been successfully achieved.

About the golf tournament, the ski meeting and the Venice Carnival, the participation went on crescendo, in spite of the fact that I really was expecting more support. The "Top" attendance was to the Venice Carnival which gathered about eighty 41ers who joined together with 500 Round Tablers.

The Workshops (brain storm) have been unanimously appreciated due to the fact that we all had a fruitfull exchange of ideas about various problems within our Associations. About that, I would like to say that, to avoid a waste of time, I strongly recommend you to use these ideas to solve your problems.

And, finally, talking about communication, we have sent to every local Club in each Association of 41-International the three "News letters" promised in Meaux, keeping you informed of the

future events and updated news concerning our organisation. This kind of informations is, in my opinion, vital for a better communication. Will you believe it or not, the cost of these three "News letters" has been more than reasonable.

Add to this, I want to say that all the work undertaken by your board of officers has really been the work of a team walking hand in hand the whole year.

I have tried to attend personally as many national A.G.M.'s as possible and have, nevertheless, always deputised a member of the board when it was impossible for me to attend.

Through all the personal contacts I have had, I can assure you that all the talking has been in the sense of a great benefit for keeping positive the aims of 41-International.

Do hope that, in the future, the interest in 41-International will go on increasing without ending and I ask you, Gentlemen, to continue in that way.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all, my friends, with a special thank to all the Board Officers for the fantastic work they have done the whole year.

May *Friendship* give an endless life to 41-International.

Guy Mecier



Report of the Vice-President

Here is the report of the activity carried out from the Half Yearly Meeting of Wien.

First of all I travelled to India, to participate to their A.G.M. in Dehradun. I will underline the warm welcome, the kindness of all the members I met there, particularly the beautiful sensation to be at home. People work seriously in the better spirit of our Association, but they cannot forget to be very far from Europe, and sometime they feel to be left alone. If it is possible, I propose to make closer contacts between Club 41 India and the single members of European Clubs 41.

In January, I took part to a big meeting in Nice (France), and saw many friends attending the International Ski Meeting of Auron. That was another opportunity to meet the French friends and to discuss many questions with the "Capo" Guy Mercier.

In February, I attended the "Carnevale a Venezia", organized by Round Table Italy and welcoming the Club 41-International. The old Pisani-Moretta Palace on the Canal Grande has been a beautiful frame for the completion of the annual service done by Round Table Italy, and for all the 41ers present. The mask of our "Capo" was in character with the role: an old member of the

Round Table of King Arthur. The occasion has been good to support the contacts among old and new friends from all over the world.

With very big pleasure I participated to the Charter of 12th Italian 41 Club in Merano, and saw the big and total participation of all Italian Clubs, and of many International guests: French, Austrian, German and Swiss. I know that many other old Tablers are working to prepare charters in other cities in Italy: Torino, Bolzano and Udine. I have to thank the activity of French President Di Rosa and his board in this direction.

In April I attended the A.G.M. of United Kingdom in Birmingham where I received the confirmation of Alan Reynolds to stand as my Vice-President in 41-International. In the same occasion I have done a good work with Guy Mercier about the general situation of our Club in the world.

In May I met many friends from 41 Club of Wien, travelling in Italy. The friends of Bassano del Grappa organized a beautiful evening with the local gastronomical speciality: the "asparagi".

At all these occasions I have explained what the friends can find in Trieste for the next A.G.M. International.

At this moment I can confirm the presence of 16 National 41 Clubs and the participation of friends from 45 Clubs. I hope, together with my companions of Trieste, who will be present, you will find a warm hospitality, a typical, regional taste of food and wine and a warm stay together. The Italian staff for next year is ready to work, hoping in the collaboration of you all.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your work in advantage of all of us.

Glauco Zago

Report of the Treasurer

I want to start my report by thanking those National Associations (and their Presidents and Treasurers) which have helped me in addressing their 1995-1996 contribution to 41-International in due time or with an acceptable delay.

The good news is that most National Associations have to be thanked!

The bad news is that, as of June the 1st, two weeks before our Annual General Meeting, some national Associations have not yet sent their contributions: if we got commitments from the Netherlands and Sweden that they will pay before (or during) this AGM, I am still waiting for a money transfer from New Zealand (which has announced that they will pay **half** of their contribution) and South Africa (which has, so far, paid only 60 % of what was budgeted and promised to pay most of the rest soon).

In the meantime, the vitality of 41-International shown through activities such as Carnival of Venice, the Ski meeting in Auron, Charter meetings in Romania and Israël and the start of a Club 41 in the United States created expenses that were not budgeted and which could not be borne by 41-International.

The message I want to deliver (in order to make the life of future treasurers of 41-International easier) is:

- 1 the specific situation of the contribution from Associations of Southern hemisphere (South Africa and New Zealand) may have to be reconsidered,
- 1 with the development of 41-International, travel expenses will keep growing: we may have to rethink how they are financed.

To finish my report, I want also to thank the board of Ex-Table Denmark, and more particularly Jens Jeberg, for their welcome during my visit in Odense for their National AGM.

Gérard Seguela

Report of the Secretary

I will rapidly summarise the activities I had during this full year as Secretary of 41-International.

- 1 3 publications of International Newsletter in three languages (English, French, German), which means 650 copies to send to the President of each local 41 Club, every national President and I.R.O., every International Past-President, Great Britain and France excepted because of the great number of Clubs and cost involved.

For these two above Associations, many copies were sent to the National I.R.O. for despatch to the local Clubs by the way of their choice.

For Associations from whom I didn't receive directories, I sent copies to the National I.R.O. and National President, hoping they will do the job of copying and mailing to local Clubs.

The French Post office strike during the last three months of 1995 and some problems with my photocopier for the third issue created a delay in the periodicity we initially planned. I hope this was not a too important fact.

The cost of this information sheet is rather low: 1.000 SFR everything included for a year.

I am just concerned about the reception of this letter by the local Clubs and about the interest it may have raised as so far I haven't get any return information.

- 1 The minutes of the half-yearly meeting held in Vienna during October 1995 were mailed two weeks after this event to each member Association and International Past-President as previously forecasted.

- 1 Minutes of the Trieste A.G.M., June 1996, will be printed and mailed two or three weeks after the event.

- 1 I had the pleasure to represent our President at the A.G.M. of South Africa where I received a very warm welcome. I will keep for a very long time in my heart the memory of the very kind hospitality of the Africaners. Thank you for these very important moments of friendship, hoping that this visit will improve the links with our International Association and make them feel they are not alone and far from us.

If I have made mistakes I ask the Associations or persons concerned to accept my apologies. As my term of office will quickly end, I promise I will not make any more!

Thanks to Freddy Kachelhofer for his very kind, solid, efficient and urgent help. I knew he was a very precious friend, but I can ensure you now that he is even more!

I must thank the National Associations which posted to me their publications and informations. I tried to communicate with them as fast as possible in order to be in accordance with the motto of our President: Let's Communicate!

I would like to thank President Guy Mercier for giving me this charge of secretary: this mark of confidence was for me a great honour and a big pleasure. I hope that my work fulfilled your expectations. Thank you Mr. President for our very close relationships in continuing the friendship we previously had.

Thank you also to our Treasurer Gérard Seguela, who was very efficient in paying my expenses incurred by my activity.

Thank you to everybody for your support during this exciting year. I will finish with these last words which are, I promise, very truly and sincerely: I will miss you!

Philippe Legroux

Report of the Immediate Past-President

Having handed over the Chain (and the responsibilities) of Office to Guy Mercier during the A.G.M. 1995 in Meaux (France), I felt very past and a little outdated!

But just two weeks later, I got the opportunity to represent Guy and 41-International at the Norwegian A.G.M. held by the foded lake Mjøsa. Thank you so much, 41 Gjøvik for your hospitality.

After having enjoyed a superb pre-tour in the Waldviertel of Austria and in Moravia, it was really pleasant to join the Half-Yearly Meeting hosted in great style by our 41 friends of Vienna where I found the workshops very interesting and promising.

This year has made me feel a little bit more useful, as Sissel and I have been able to join the Danish A.G.M. arranged superbly by the Odense 41 Club, as well as returning to Finland for their A.G.M. hosted by the 41ers of Tampere, both events which took place in April. Thanks a lot for good reunions.

On behalf of Guy Mercier and 41-International, I have been asked to visit the Norwegian A.G.M. to be held in Skagen, Denmark, by the beginning of June.

Your friend in 41,

Trond Hersleth

Report of the Archivist

Since the half yearly meeting in Vienna the situation is unchanged and the Archivist can report only that he has not received any material from the different country Associations.

With the larger country Associations, as France, Germany and Great Britain who have special assigned archivists in their national board, an arrangement for mutual assistance has been achieved several years ago.

Again, the Archivist is repeating his position regarding the collection of archive material: it is up to the member Associations and national boards to become active and supply material.

Otto Adelhofer

Report of the Young Ambassador Program

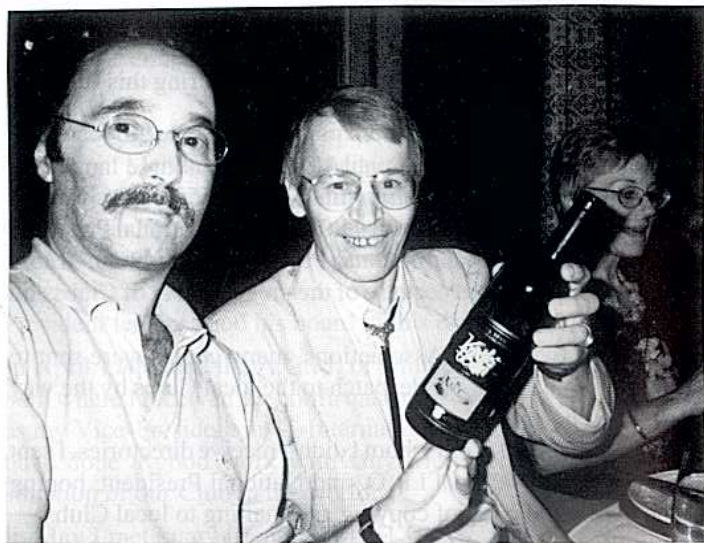
The Y.A.P. Coordinator has arranged visits for 3 European Young Ambassadors, (from Belgium and Austria) to India for July and August 1996. For the same period the Y.A.P. Coordinator for France will send 2 french Y.A.Ps' to India. So far, no Y.A.Ps intend to come to Europe for this year, unless for France who receives (end of June) 4 Indian Y.A.Ps for a 5 weeks stay.

Some first negociations have been initiated to extending the Y.A.P. program to South Africa. They will be continued during the Y.A.P. Coordinators trip to South Africa in November 1996.

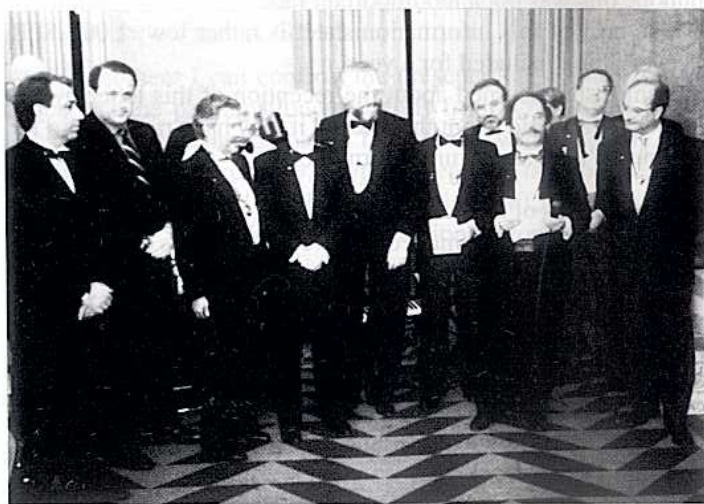
The interest in participating in this program is, however, rather low among 41ers in most European countries. The I.R.Os, mainly the recently assigned ones, are requested to get familiar with the modus operandi of the program itself (as indicated in the respective pages of the Directory of 41-International, the "blue book").

Any request from countries should be filtered and approved by the National I.R.O. before submission to the Y.A.P. Coordinator (France has a locally established procedure). The I.R.Os must be aware that they have to arrange appropriate hosting for Y.A.Ps coming from abroad.

Otto Adelhofer



The newly elected Italian President Maurizio Vettori changing banner with Geoff King. – Italian Past-President Paolo Andreatta changing a bottle of wine with Trond Hersleth.



After changing some more bottles of wine (l.t.r.) Jean Pierre di Rosa, Franco Senizza, Guiliano Mion, Geoff King, Guy Mercier. – The old and the new Italian Board changing office at Presidents evening.

41-International Half Yearly Meeting, St. Gallen – 26 October, 1996, Hotel Santispark

Introducing Remarks

The agenda of this H.Y.M. was mailed and received by all the member Associations in due time, according to the rules.

11 out of 17 member Associations and all the office bearers of 41-International Board 1996-97 attend to the meeting.

1. Welcome of the President of Club 41 O.T. Switzerland

Welcome allocation to the delegates and the International Board by the President of 41 O.T. Switzerland, Urs Scheuermann and by the President of O.T. 7 St. Gallen.

They wished everyone a good work and successful meeting.

2. Introduction by the President of 41-International

Glauco Zago for the first asked for a moment of silence to honour the memory of 41ers anymore with us.

3. Apologies of Absence

President Glauco Zago remarked the presence of approx. 10 member Associations.

Apologies for absence were received only from Sweden and New Zealand; no news from the others.

4. Correspondance

Many letters from the overseas countries about the problem of the fees.

5. Matter arising from the Minutes of A.G.M. held in Trieste

Whilst the definitive decision about HYM 1997 was for 8 November 1997 in India, the problem about the fees remained open. It will be necessary to define the matter during the AGM in Glasgow.

It is impossible forget that who do not pay is out of the rules.

Secretary

Paolo Macor recalled the attention especially on the necessity of notices from every member Association (see annex no. 4).

Treasurer

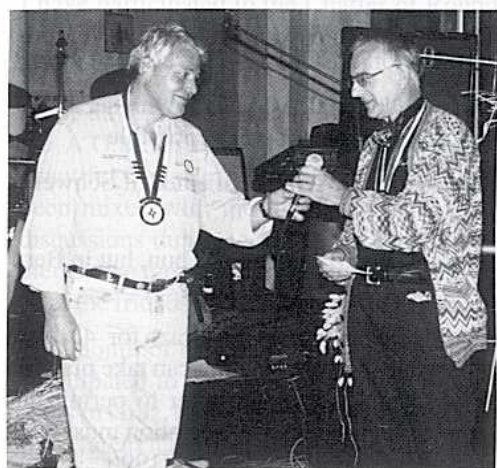
Renato Bonfini remarked the necessity of notices from member Associations, in particular about the official number of Clubs in each Association, and, of course, about the regular payment of the fees (see annex no. 5).

Archivist

Otto Adelhofer as archivist had no news to report.

About Young Ambassador Program, in this year we had the presence in India of 4 young ambassadors (2 from France, 1 from Belgium, 1 from Austria). Because of a misunderstanding the payed share was not complete.

France, Belgium and Austria will pay immediately the difference, India must confirm the exact currency amount.



Switzerland in Oct. 1996

Pre-Tour: Some thirty 41ers toured together with Freddy Kachelhofer via Bale to the Jura, to Gruyère, Lake Thun, to Wilderswil, up to the Jungfrauoch (3454 m) for a nice Raclett-lunch and back to the AGM site St. Gallen (pict. top left: Freddy Kachelhofer with Tammo Louwerse and Louis Bannwart).

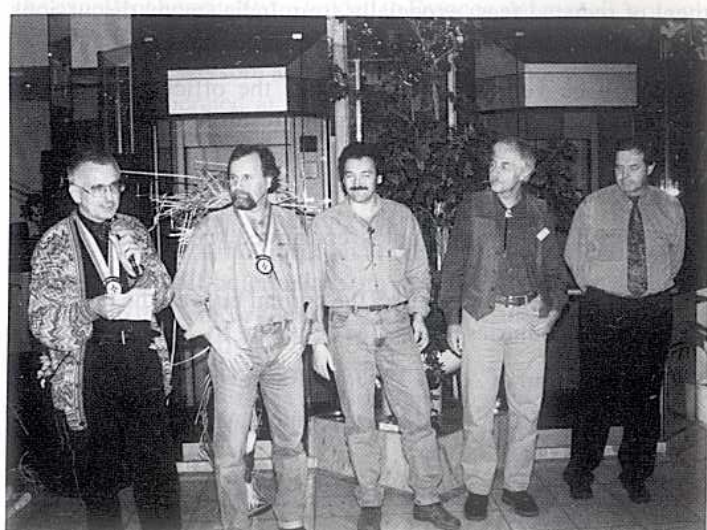
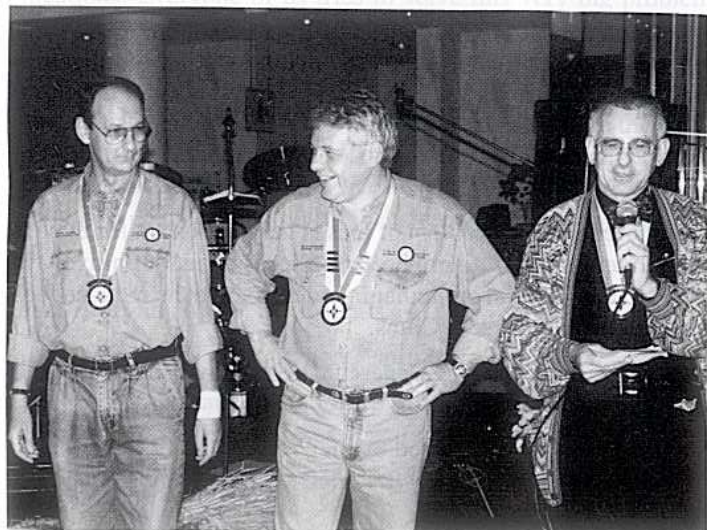
Charter Appenzell: Picture above: Swiss 41 President Urs Scheuermann and Appenzell President with the charter document Appenzell.

AGM Switzerland: 2nd row: Urs Scheuermann changing jewels with the newly elected Swiss President Hanspeter Baeschlin (pict. 2nd left), Hanspeter handing over chain of office to Swiss Vice President Beat Berger.

Welcoming international Guests: Urs and Glauco Zago (pict. 2nd left), Urs with Wolfgang Rösel, Otto Adelhofer and Herbie Hoerner at the Presidents Dinner and Country Evening.

Last minutes as a member of the board: Herbie Hoerner (pict 1st left) together with Urs and Hanspeter.

The Swiss Board 1996/97, l.t.r.: Hanspeter Baeschlin, Beat Berger (1st Vicepresident), Lucien Métille (2nd Vicepresident), Christian Lerch, Secretary, Heinz Wyss, Treasurer.



Editor

Peter Poech, absent because of a health problem, in his place Otto Adelhofer remarked the distribution of the new International Directory 1996-97 and reminded the importance for a memory from the President Glauco Zago about the activity in 1996-97 and from the other member Associations other news in order to publish them in the "Courier".

Every notice us arrive to the Editor within February 1997.

Honourary Secretary

Freddy Kachelhofer had no news to report.

6. Agreement and signing off the minutes of A.G.M.

It was agreed by all delegates present at the meeting that the minutes could be signed.

President Glauco Zago and all the members of the 41-International Board 1996-97 signed the minutes accordingly.

6a. A Financial situation

President apologized he forgot an important point, in the Agenda: – Past President Guy Mercier had to explain the financial situation, so it could be better to discuss this point for the first.

Guy Mercier spent only few minutes in order to comment the comparison Budget/Real (see annex no. 1).

The most important thing:

– the Past Intern.treasures Gerard Seguela, gave officially to the current International Treasurer Renato Bonfini the real profit in balance 1995-96.

The total amount was of 40,93 CHF.

7. Reports and proposal

PRESIDENT

Glauco Zago presented his President's Report complete with his Proposals.

VICE PRESIDENT

Alan Reynolds, presented his Vice President's Report.

In particular the Vice President put in evidence the particular situation between 41-International and National 41 Club of India.

There were many discussions about fees and next HYM 1997.

8. Laws and fees commission

Vice President Alan Reynolds presented his two reports about rules and fees (see annex no. 6-7).

He asked for a quick reply directly to him, complete with all comments, in order to ratificate during next AGM in Glasgow. Copy of the reports were distributed during the HYM and sent to the absents.

At the moment Vice President received many letters about payment of reduced fees, expecially from India (many discussions he had during his visit in India) and from South Africa.

So it will be very important to state the official position of 41-International; a good occasion will result from the replies to the report sent by Alan Reynolds.

9. Budget 1997-98

Vice President Alan Reynolds confirmed the actual problem about the fees payment.

Only this payment can confirm the current budget; the reply is in the overseas countries hands (see annex nr. 8)

10. Presentation of AGM 1997 in Glasgow

Philip Jones, IRO of GB&I, presented AGM 1997 and Pre Conference Tour.

Period: PC. Tour 7-10 April
Int. AGM 10-13 April

Places: – PC. Tour: some of the beauty and splendor Country side (included the visit with whisky tasting at Glenfiddich Distillery).

– Int.AGM: Glasgow

11. Presentation of the next meetings

* G. Mouchtouris: (France) Winter Games in Avoriaz, 22+26 January 1997, news about modifications will be send to each member Associations.

* H. Potzinger: (Austria) HYM of Austria in Salzburg 22-24 November 1996

* A. Barioni: (Italy) – 1st Intern.Golf Tournement in Brescia 19+20 April 1997

– AGM Italy in Rovereto 17+18 May 1997

* Jyothi Hazra: (India) the new meetings schedule does not include International HYM in India. Alan Reynolds confirms the necessity to define the exact period (connected with fees payment).

* A. Prevost: (Belgium) National AGM 17-19 October 1997

* S Hamalainen: (Finland) National AGM in Hyvinkas 25-27 April 1997, some more information as soon as possible

* E. Melzer: (Germany) National AGM confirmed at Schwerin 23-25 May 1997

* (Switzerland): National AGM will not be in Thun, but in Bern 24-26 October 1997

* W. Roesel: (Germany) few members in Graz, for 41 Past President Meeting. If possible the next meeting can take place in Trieste on 2nd week of October 1998. In order to permit the publishing in "Depesche", every member Association must send notices, in english or france, within 31 December 1996.

* E. Ariel: (Israel) there are 2 Clubs in preparation. The next Charter will take place in Haifa 19+22 June 1997, with the possibility to organize a Pre Tour.

* E. Melzer: (Germany) in Iceland they founded the first 41 Club in Akureyri. As soon as possible they will found the 2nd Club. The 1st meeting will be comunicated in time.

12. Nomination of the candidates for Vice President 1997/98

Finland confirmed as candidate for 1997/98, the future Vicepresident Tero Lindell.

13. Other Business

* G. Mouchtouris: introduced the petition of Romania; they have now 2 Clubs (3rd in preparation) Alan Reynolds noted that the International rules forsee no. 3 Clubs if they have ten or more Round Tables.

* Glauco Zago and Philip Jones: the international rules are so, it will be necessary to verify the effective situation in Romania.

Anyway we are happy to receive their petition.

After verification the petition will be presented in next AGM at Glasgow.

* Guy Mercier: the problem of fees is very important for the life of 41-International, he proposed to discuss about definitively in AGM in Glasgow, in particular in order to solve the reduced fees required by the overseas Clubs.

* E. Melzer: a copy of "Depesche" review will be sent to all International IROs.

Then the meeting was closed by the President at 12.00 A.M.

*Paolo Macor, Secretary
Glauco Zago, President*

President's Report

Dear Friends,

From the A.G.M. of Trieste, my activity in 41-International has been very intensive. My first appointment has been in Austria, for their A.G.M. held in Graz. A lot of friends of many Countries were present, but specially I wish to underline the presence of the Rumanian. Not very later I took part in the A.G.M. of Cyprus. It has been a particular pleasure, because I have had many opportunities of discussing about the future of Cyprus 41 Club, and about the relationship among the Cypriotes and the other 41 Countries. It has been a second occasion to meet the New-Zealanders I met two weeks before in Venice during a beautiful weekend. Of course I have deeped the problematics existing with the Overseas Countries.

At the end of August I travelled to a small city of Austria for a romantic rendez-vous: Ried im Innkreis. There, many years ago I have participated to the Charter of Round Table, and again to the Charter of 41 Club, and today to the Anniversary of its foundation.

Some days after I visited the South African friends, taking part in the A.G.M. in Pietersburg. It has been my third visit in that beautiful Country, but in this case, the pleasure of travelling has been mixed with the responsibilities of my official duty. The discussions during A.G.M. and later have involved many problems, like the political situation in South Africa, and the presence of the friends in our meetings in Europe and in other countries.

The month of October has been very busy. For the first time I participated to the biennial meeting of the Past National Presidents in Graz, seeing the Club 41 under a new point of view. The week later I have been in Belgium for the A.G.M., where I have met many old and new friends. There I have had the pleasure of knowing in anteprima, the formal decision of the Belgian friends to candidate Jean Luc Desmet for the International Presidency of 2000.

Here I have the honour and the pleasure to thank all the National Boards and all the friends, for the warm welcome reserved to me and Rossana. In every occasion the Members of the Board have been very kind and ready to all my necessity and let me feel really in the center of a group of friends.

The normal activity of a President is not only in travels. My phone and my fax ring during the day and the night. I hope I have found the right words for everyone, by phone or by fax, keeping myself ready to listen the problematics and thinking about the possible and practical solutions of the questions.

I wish to keep your attention on a special argument: the Communications. Everyone of us tries to solve this very big problem. Dear friends, now it is possible to speak together in a real time through a new communication media: Internet. I have had the occasion to get a site in a server, and to put inside some notices about our organisation. Unfortunately, at present time the home pages are written only in Italian, but during the next months I promise to translate all the notices in our official language. Who wishes to connect has to form the address

www.informest.it.club41

and naturally I have my E-mails as

zago@spin.it

The most important things I have to communicate immediate to all of you for a further discussion are:

- 1 The official request to adhere to International 41 Club from the Rumanians

- 1 The charter of the first 41 Club in Iceland, held with the help of our German friends

I have to thank the International Editor for his sensibility his in reproducing my personal banner in front of the International Directoy, and all the foreign friends who have tested to me and with articles and photos in their National Magazines their thanks to Club 41 of Trieste, for the good and pleasant organisation of the last International Annual General Meeting.

*Yours in Club 41
Glaugo Zago*

Report of the Vice President 41-International H.Y.M. St. Gallen 26th October 1996

The office of Vice President came to me very late in the evening of Saturday 15th June – or was it Sunday morning the 16th?

The few words of acceptance I had prepared and practised were not required. The big event I had come to Trieste for was over in an instant. I was confused!

As I checked out of the hotel the next day, only two things were certain. A. The chain of office was safely packed in my suitcase and B. I was on my way to India – but when?

All the advance literature said first week in November – that was changed to 9th October and a few weeks later my postman delivered to me an invitation stating that it had been changed yet again. Fortunately I was able to accept and after a short stop in Madras, where I was invited to attend the opening ceremony of WOCO '96, I attended the 41 Clubs of India A.G.M. in Coimbatore on Saturday 28th September.

The main subject of the A.G.M. was a discussion of whether or not a decision taken at the previous A.G.M. to introduce a once and for all membership/capitation fee instead of an annual sum should be mandatory or optional. Clarification was called for as to whether those who became fully paid up for life members would then be asked to pay anymore if the sum was subsequently increased, some of the older members thought that, as their life expectancy was less than some of the younger ones, perhaps they should have a discount!

The whole thing was compounded by the fact that those who were arguing for it to be optional hadn't actually paid and were therefore ineligible to vote! In the end the opening of the bar determined the end of the debate and the resolution was carried unanimously, what a waste of 2 hours!!

I would like to place on record my thanks to all the members for the excellent hospitality extended to Frances and myself, not only at the A.G.M., but at the other 41 Club gatherings I attended in Madras, Ooty, Mysore and Bangalore. Incidentally whilst I was there we deliberated at some length on the date for the 1997 H.Y.M. which was finally fixed for 8th November.

The rest of my time has been taken up with lengthy discussions with South Africa concerning its fee situation and its representatives on behalf of itself and others, and the production of a paper which will be circulated to you later in this meeting. In addition to this, I have completed a paper on rules which will also be distributed shortly.

My diary for next year is almost complete and I am grateful to those I.R.O.s who have assisted me by replying to my request for information.

Alan Reynolds

41-International Rules, Report to the H.Y.M. in St. Gallen, 26th October 1996 By Alan E. Reynolds

Vice-President 41-International 1996/97

Following a decision taken at the 1995 A.G.M. in Meaux, I was appointed to a Laws & Fees Commission.

One of the tasks allocated to me personally was a review of the Rules and Bye-laws, not necessarily to propose any alterations or amendments, but simply to set them out in a more straightforward manner than they currently appear in the directory.

The following pages represent my interpretation of what exists at the moment. It is a combination of Constitution, Rules, Bye-laws, Standing Orders and Decisions taken from time to time, compiled from documents in my possession and conversations with certain former International Board members.

Please read, study and, if necessary, discuss these in your National Board. If there is anything which you consider to be incorrect it can be rectified. Likewise with any omissions. A final draft will be put to the 1997 A.G.M. for ratification.

This is also an opportunity to put forward any suggestions for change. Any positive proposals sent to me will be incorporated into an item for inclusion in the 1997 A.G.M. Agenda, after the status quo has been agreed.

Please send your comments to me at:

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Rules of 41-International (Incorporating those laid down on 14th June 1975 and the subsequent amendments up to May 1994)

1. NAME

The organisation shall be called 41-International.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the organisation are:

- a) to encompass all the Associations consisting of clubs of ex-tablers.
- b) to maintain at international level the contacts between those clubs.
- c) to maintain at the same international level the bonds of friendship which unite all ex-tablers.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) This should be confined to Associations whose affiliated clubs are made up exclusively of ex-tablers.
The only exception to this shall be clubs who had members prior to June 1991 who are not ex-tablers and whose Association was a member of 41-International at that date.
- b) An Association shall consist of a country, of number of countries affiliated together, with a minimum of 5 clubs except that where the country or countries affiliated together has a membership of less than 10 Round Tables the number of clubs may be reduced to 2.
- c) An Association or one of its affiliated clubs may bestow honorary membership for one year at a time on such person or persons as it may decide, but honorary members shall neither hold office nor have voting rights in the club or Association or 41-International.

- d) Associations must comply with these rules at all times and maintain their contribution to the budget as defined in Rule No. 11c).
- e) An Association wishing to apply for membership shall submit a written application and dossier to one Annual General Meeting for a decision at the next Annual General Meeting.
- f) The International Council shall have the power to expel any Association which does not comply with Rule 3d) above or whose contributions to the budget are two years in arrears. In the event of expulsion for non-payment, any application for reinstatement 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.
A decision to expel or reinstate a member Association shall require a two thirds majority of the delegates present and voting.

4. MANAGEMENT

The objects of the organisation shall be carried into effect by an International Council which will also be responsible for administration and future development.

5. OFFICERS

The Officers shall be the International President, International Vice President (who shall be President Elect), Immediate Past International President, International Secretary and International Treasurer (if considered necessary). Each person shall take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and hold office until they resign or until the next Annual General Meeting.

An Association wishing to host the International Vice Presidency must submit a nomination and dossier to the Annual General Meeting prior to that at which the appointment will be made. The successful Association shall present its candidate at the Half Yearly Meeting immediately following the decision.

All Officers must be former members of Round Table.

6. DUTIES

- a) The International President shall be the Chairman of the International Council, the International Board and every meeting held in the name of 41-International. In his absence, the International Vice President shall take the chair. If neither is present a Chairman shall be elected from those present.
- b) The International Vice President shall deputise for or represent the International President when called upon to do so and attend such meeting or events as shall be determined from time to time. He shall present a budget in Swiss Francs to the Half Yearly Meeting immediately prior to taking office as International President.
- c) The Immediate Past International President shall be available to give advice to the other officers and members of the International Council, thereby ensuring continuity of the administration, and be the International Extension Officer and provide help and assistance to developing associations and those wishing to be considered for membership of 41-International.
- d) The International Secretary shall be responsible for the implementation and execution of all secretarial matters pertaining to the affairs of 41-International. In particular he shall be responsible for the convening of all meetings and for the recording and distribution of minutes which shall be written in English.

- e) The International Treasurer (if appointed) shall carry into effect the budget which has been previously agreed by the International Council. He shall make a report to the Annual General Meeting and Half Yearly Meeting of those activities and in due course be responsible for providing the Immediate Past International President with an audited account for presentation at the Half Yearly Meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting at which he ceases to be the International President.

7. THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

There shall be an International Council consisting of the Officers and two International Councillors elected by each member Association at its own Annual General Meeting. In the case of members with less than 5 clubs, the number of elected Councillors shall be reduced to one.

Associations Secretaries must notify the International Secretary in writing of the names and addresses of the International Councillors as soon as they are elected.

All International Councillors must be former members of Round Table.

8. THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

There shall be an International Board consisting of the Officers. It shall meet immediately prior to the Half Yearly and Annual General Meetings and at such other times as the International President or the International Secretary shall determine.

It shall deal with administrative matters that may arise between International Council meetings and it may assume such specific emergency powers as it feels necessary, subject to ratification of any action taken at the next International Council meeting.

9. GENERAL SECRETARY

The International Council shall appoint a General Secretary who shall be responsible for the continuity between successive International Boards.

He shall be the focal point for member Associations who must provide him annually with copies of their rule book, a list of their officers, their Annual General Meeting dates and any other relevant information.

10. MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held between 1st April and 30th June in each year at the expense of the host member Association. The venue and date shall be fixed by the International Council not less than 2 years in advance.

In addition there shall be a Half Yearly Meeting at the expense of the host member Association, at a venue and date to be fixed by the International Council not less than 2 years in advance.

Each member of the International Council shall be entitled to attend and to cast one vote. Except as otherwise stated elsewhere, all decisions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

Any International Councillor who is unable to attend may be substituted by another member of his Association provided that written notice has been given to the International Secretary.

Non-European Association members may appoint one or two consuls to attend on their behalf and to vote accordingly. Consuls must be appointed for a 3-year term and their details notified to the International and General Secretaries. They may not represent more than one member Association at the same time nor can they be existing members of the International Council.

All Consuls must be former members of Round Table.

The Quorum for a meeting shall be 50 % of the International Council. The business shall not commence until a quorum is present and shall be adjourned at that time if it is not maintained. If there is no quorum present one hour after the time appointed for the meeting to commence it shall not take place.

All business shall be conducted and all written reports given in English.

11. FINANCE

- a) 41-International shall not adopt a fixed financial year but shall treat the period from one Annual General Meeting to the next Annual General Meeting as its financial year provided that if 41-International fails to hold an Annual General Meeting in any calendar year the financial year which began with the preceding Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have ended on the anniversary of that Annual General Meeting and the next financing year shall run from that anniversary to the Annual General Meeting in the next calendar year.
- b) At the Half Yearly Meeting the International Council shall approve a budget for the financial period commencing at the following Annual General Meeting.
- c) Contributions shall be made by all member Associations to include a basic fee plus an amount for each member club in accordance with the table set out at the end of these rules. The number of clubs shall be reported at the Annual General Meeting. If no return is made the number of clubs listed in the International Directory shall apply. In this instance a club shall consist of at least 7 members.
- d) Applications for payment will be submitted immediately following the Annual General Meeting and are due for payment by 30th June. Member Associations will not be entitled to voting rights at the next Annual General Meeting unless payment has been effected by this date.
- e) All representatives of member Associations shall serve 41-International without any remuneration whatsoever and shall only be entitled to the reimbursement of expenses as laid down in the budget.
- f) A report shall be given at the Half Yearly Meeting and Annual General Meeting detailing the receipts and payments to date and their comparison with the previously agreed budget.
- g) Audited accounts shall be presented to the next Half Yearly Meeting following the end of the relevant period.

12. HOSTING

Each member Association shall submit an invitation to the International President and his partner or, if attendance is impossible, to the International Vice President and his partner or the Immediate Past International President and his partner to attend its own Annual General Meeting and Conference and the 41-International Annual General Meeting or Half Yearly Meeting if being hosted separately. Such invitation shall cover the costs of accommodation and breakfast for the duration of the Conference and all official functions.

13. RULES

These rules shall not be altered other than by a two thirds majority of the delegates present and voting at an Annual General Meeting. Details of any proposed modification or additions must be submitted to the International Secretary by 1st February in any year for circulation with the notice of the next Annual General Meeting.

Addendum to item 11. FINANCE c)

Schedula of Fees

Basic contribution	1000 SFr
for the first 50 clubs for each club	15 SFr
for the further 51–100 clubs for each club	12 SFr
for the further 101–150 clubs for each club	8 SFr
for the further 151–200 clubs for each club	6 SFr
for the further 201–250 clubs for each club	4 SFr
for all further clubs for each club	2 SFr

For all years up to and including 1999/2000 the maximum fee for any one member Association shall be 4000 SFr.

Association Treasurers are reminded that exchange rates are effective at the date of the A.G.M.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

As printed in the current directory.

41-International fee structure Report to the H.Y.M. in St. Gallen, Switzerland, 26th October 1996

It is always a pity when disharmony creeps into an organisation such as ours. It is even more regratable when finance is the cause of the discontent.

Worse still is the fact that those of us who accept the responsibility of representing our individual countries, sometimes at considerable personal expense, have to spend so much of our time together arguing about what the other guys have to pay who stay at home.

Gentlemen, 41-International is an organisation for Ex-Tablers Associations, all of which are made up of Ex-Tablers clubs. A few years ago attempts by G.B. & I. to form Ex-Tablers International funded solely by individual members subscriptions drew no support from other countries. Let us therefore, once and for all, stop comparing the amount of contribution made to the 41-International Budget by individual Ex-Tablers in various countries throughout the world and criticising them for it!

The vast majority of the 40.000+ floor members who we seek to bond together have little or no real interest in fellowship on an international basis and will democratically decide that figure for themselves.

Remember, we are in it as nations and that is the basis upon which we contribute. We must also bear in mind that no one Association has the right to criticise another for the percentage of its home budget it wishes to spend on international activities: Conversely, it should not complain about the percentage it expends, when an increase in its members capitation fee by less than the price of one pint of beer per annum could probably affect and relieve their situation totally.

The plain fact is that, whilst each and every one of us was happy to pay "whatever it costs" in our Round Table days, many of our members seem totally averse to paying, what in a lot of cases, is a very nominal sum to enjoy continued friendship in 41!

The present 41-International Fee Structure, devised during Britain's absence from membership, was accepted unanimously at the 1994 Hamburg A.G.M. with all member countries except Sweden in attendance. It provides for a basic fee – giving equal voting rights to each country plus a supplementary amount for each of its clubs, thereby giving them all an entitlement to participate in 41-International affairs.

Twelve months later (Meaux A.G.M. 1995), South Africa proposed a change, asking for a reduction of 50 % in its country's fees, together with a similar reduction for all Associations outside Europe, G.B. & I. and Scandinavia. The reasons being the deterioration of its currency and with it the high costs of sending delegates to meetings. The minutes record that the Indian and Cypriot representatives did not support it. New Zealand's consul said they had already adopted it.

After some discussion it was agreed that a committee would be formed to consider this and present a solution to the 1996 A.G.M.

This 'LAW & FEES COMMITTEE' duly met in Vienna (1995 H.Y.M.), but took the view that, as South Africa had already paid its 1995/96 fees in full, the problem had probably passed. The question of New Zealand's practice of only paying 50 % was considered and the conclusion was that, as long as they continued to pay this, it would be accepted, but no provision would be made in the budget for International Board members to visit there.

Action by way of expulsion would only be considered if another member Association proposed it.

Comments made in Trieste (A.G.M. 1996) suggested that South Africa was still unhappy and India is now throwing its weight behind the proposal.

The Laws & Fees Commission continue to endorse the view that the existing structure is a good one. Accepted democratically in May 1994 and adhered to by those countries which have joined or rejoined subsequently, it provides equal benefits for all in response to equal payment by all.

We must, however, always strive to meet the wishes of all, and not just the democratic majority, thereby eliminating that element of disharmony I mentioned earlier. But whilst some countries may be looking to pay less, we cannot ask other countries to pay more and alternative ways must be found to balance the books.

Furthermore, and in fairness to those prepared and able to pay in full, any reduction in fees must be matched by a reduction in benefits, a fact which has already been conceded by South Africa in correspondence sent to President Glauco and myself.

The costs of travel have been quoted as an important factor and a reduction in the number of voting delegates can assist with that, whilst a restriction on Associations paying reduced fees to host only H.Y.M.s and not A.G.M.s gives some relief to the others.

A glance at the existing budget tells you that simply the cost of an International Board member visiting certain countries can often exceed the amount of its contribution and a reduced fee may mean visits on alternate years instead of annually; and finally, if an Association cannot afford the full fee, it can certainly not afford to host the Presidency.

All these adjustments are fine in themselves, but some pruning may be required to the overall budget outgoings. An International Board in place for two years instead of one would not only provide more continuity in operations, but definite savings in printing, stationery, banners, travel costs and maybe more. It would also allow time for the President to visit all countries at least once, including those with alternate year entitlement.

I offer you the following alternatives:

1. Maintain the status quo. Apply the rules as they stand and run the risk of not only breaking up the family, but making it difficult for developing countries to join.
2. Reduce the level of fees for all and ask the International Board, particularly the President, to personally finance even more of the expenses.
3. Reduce the level of fees for all. Abolish the International Board altogether. Rely on the General Secretary to perform

all the administrative functions and pay only his expenses to attend H.Y.M.s and A.G.M.s, which would be chaired by the President of the host country.

4. Maintain the current fee structure but allow a 50 % discount on the basic fee to all southern hemisphere Associations and all northern hemisphere Associations with less than a specified number of clubs. Restrict Associations claiming discount to one voting delegate, less visits and a withdrawal of the right to host A.G.M.s and the International Presidency.

Appoint International Boards for two years instead of one.

After reading, studying and discussing this paper with your National Board, PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO ME at:

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Any positive proposals will be incorporated by me into the 1997 A.G.M. Agenda.

Alan E. Reynolds, Vice President 41-International 1996/97

Some Thoughts on Community Service in Club 41

The President of Club 41 Österreich Herbert Potzinger addressed our 41-International President Glauco Zago and asked for his comments or statements regarding Community Service and Club 41. His letter and Glauco's reply as follow:

Dear friend Glauco,

we have a discussion in 41 Österreich.

Please answer as soon as possible in short words the following questions:

- Why is Club 41 not a Service-Club
- Is it practical, that some Clubs in the national organisation have written "community service" in their statuts

with kind regards. Yours in 41

Herbert

Glauco Zago answers:

Dear Herbert,

I have received your fax, I have controlled all my books regarding the 41 Club, I have digged in all the sites of my memory, and I have to say instinctively: "I don't know"

I imagine your comment, and the comment of Austrian friends: "Such a bloody International President!!!"

One moment, please! First of all we have to read our International Rules, edited during the Charter of Club 41-International in Le Touquet on June 14, 1975. There is written:

RULE NO. 2 OBJECTS

41-INTERNATIONAL has for its aims to encompass all the Associations consisting of Clubs of former members of Round Table, to maintain at International level the bonds of friendship which unite the former members of Round Table and to maintain at the same International level the contacts between all these Clubs.

It is clear for me that Club 41 International is not a Service Club.

I cannot explain the reason of this situation, but I am sure that, if people present in Le Touquet have decided in this way, it should have been probably the better possible situation voted by the

founders. Really we can ask directly to the Founders to tell us the secret story of that day.

Searching in the books, I found the "Constitution and Rules of the Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs" edited annually by our English Friends. there we can read:

3. PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association are:

- (a) to link together the constituent clubs
- (b) to promote amongst the constituent clubs the following objects:

1. the continuation and extension of the development of acquaintance gained through membership of the Round Table movement by various activities,

2. the encouragement of responsible citizenship in observing the highest ideals in business, professional and civic traditions.

3. the promotion and furtherance of international understanding, friendship and cooperation.

- (c) to promote the above mentioned objects of the Association amongst those who are eligible for membership of a constituent club.

- (d) to seek to support the activities of local Round Table particularly in the area of Community Service.

I have controlled the texts edited by French, Belgian and German National Clubs, founder members of 41-International, no text mentions the words "Community Service" (Austria also)

In these terms I suppose that the question is cleared.

Personally, I always said that we are free men, liberally bound in our Clubs at any level, local, National or International, and that we have to follow the statued rules, we have voted, without any constriction. Nobody can deny the possibility of making Service's activity, at any level, but we must agree in this activity. So I suppose that every local Club has to discuss the possibility, or the wish to be or to become a Service Club. If the members agree to be a Service Club, why somebody should have to be against? If all the local Clubs agree to be Service Clubs, why this situation cannot be adopted by the National Association? If 17 National Associations agree to be (or to do?) Service Clubs, International 41 Club will be a Service Club. The way to do this change is simple and possible.

Perhaps, again, we have to think very deeply on the dispute. We must not forget that we come from Round Table, and that Round Table is a Service Club. We have not to forget origins. It is too easy to play at home, in concurrence with our young friends Tablers, and say: "Dear Tablers, now we begin to do Service alone, acting in the same theatre, no more jointed to gain the same object, but everybody in different directions." This is not very fair, I think. Overall I remember many ex Tablers, (in the Mediterranean area) who say: "Never more Service, but always together for friendship." Quad capita, tot sententiae.

Realy, I suppose the problem is another: it someone of us has doubts about the real and practical way of "living Club 41". I can suggest the way followed by my friends in Trieste: to work together. In this way we have discovered and developed the reciprocal knowledge at every level, we have deeped our friendship and exercised our tolerance. I suppose we have made a little Community Service for ourselves.

Dear Herbert, I hope I have helped you. So long with friendship.



Flashlights 1996

News from Italy (left above pict.): Charter of Club 41 Merano: Ulf Staber, Glauco Zago, Paulo Andreatta und Reinhard Eder, Charter-President of Club 41 Merano.

2nd above pict.: "The charter is signed", says Reinhard Eder.

3rd pict.: Paulo Andreatta honours Herbert Madrian from Austria with Honourary Membership of Club 41 Italia.

First Israel 41 Club: Jacques Caronna, Jean Pierre di Rosa and Geoff King signing the charter.

41-CLUB



TEL AVIV



AGM Norway (above left). Geoff King and Herbert Potzinger walking to the Presidents Banquet in the old fishermen's town Ska-gen/Denmark.

AGM France (above): The National Board of the French Association at their Strasbourg Meeting.

AGM Austria (left). Presidents cocktail with 41-International President Glauco Zago and other distinguished International guests.

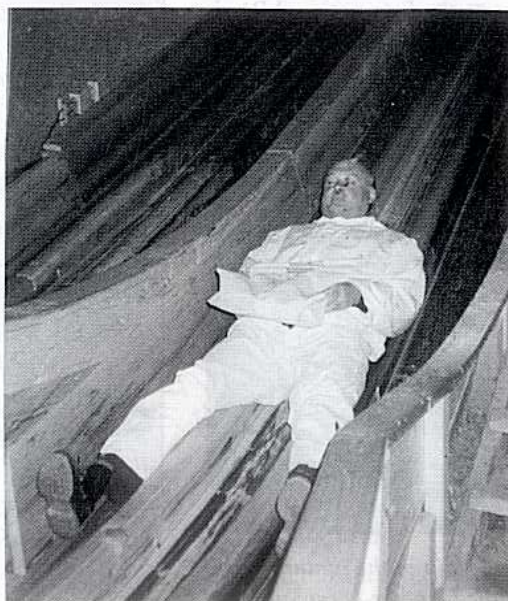


John Udall, General Secretary of the Association retires at the end of this year and we are sure many individuals and Clubs have to thank him for in respect of the assistance he has given them over his 18 years of service.

1996-Events

Coronation: During the Fancy Dress Function at the Association's AGM in Birmingham newly elected President Geoff King became King of Ex-Tablers in Great Britain and Ireland (Picture above).

Celebration: Picture right: On occasion of Wolfgang's 60th birthday Sabine Rösel asked many friends from the Old Tablers' community to wish him many happy returns and to sing together with her the Happy Birthday song, on July 6, 1996. Since Wolfgang happens to be a real wine expert and connoisseur, Sabine invited the birthday-party to the Rheingau, one of the most outstanding wine-areas of Germany.



Charter

Salzburg, a large white spot on Austria's 41-map has been chartered in last November on occasion of the Half Yearly Meeting of Club 41 Österreich. Under high rank international supervision (Glauco Zago and Secretary Paulo Macor) the charter took place on a raft on a subterranean lake in an abandoned salt mine, 200 Meter under the territory of the German Federal Republic. Guests had to pass the underground "bordercrossing" and to slide down on the pilman's chute, like Austrian 41 President Herbert Potzinger (picts. left)

Charter of Brasov 41 Club nr. 3 Anniversary of Romanian Club 41 nr. 1 13-14-15-16 March 1997

The Romanian 41 Club has the pleasure to invite you to participate to our official program concerning the 3rd Anniversary of the Romanian 41 Club nr. 1 and the Charter Meeting of the 41 Club nr. 3 Brasov.

The price for the complete program (Thursday to Sunday) is \$ 270,- p.p. includes vat, transport, accomodation and drinks. Join us and you will discover Romania and find devoted friends.

For informations you can contacte the following Members:

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Ioan Vlad, President of the 41 Club nr. 1

A letter from Romania to a "41" friend, wherever he is

Dear friend,

Belove, you can find out some information on what is, and how, the spirit of the Round Table and 41 is growing on in Romania.

Very soon after the Iron Curtain in Europe fell down, many letters travelled across Romania on various occasions. It was discovered that many people from our country are eager to make friends from all over the world, but they didn't know how to do, because of the isolation they were in before. So, it was a very pleasant suprise when this movement, named Round Table, was discovered, and it was very easy to create the first Round Tables in Romania, because this is something that matched very well on our desire. Therefore, because there were many French letters who travelled in Romania, they were our godfathers as they say, and quite simultaneously, two Round Tablers were born: first in Brasov, chartered in October 1990, the second one in Drobeta Turnu Severin, chartered in march 1991, the member of which I had the honour to be at that time. Soon after, it came the third club in Timisaara, and so on. At this moment there are ten Round Tablers, chartered, and three others in formation.

It is easy to understand that after few years, the conditions for the appearance of Club 41 were ripe; so, in march 1994 the Club 41 no. 1 Brasov was chartered, and, at last (but not least), my club, no. 2 from Drobeta Turnu Severin was chartered, in November 1995, by the Club no. 101 Tartes, France, and the French Club 41. We were very glad to have as guests the International President 1995-1996 - Guy Mercier, the French President 1995-1996 - Jean Pierre di Rosa, the English Past-President - Alan Reynolds, and we recognized they became our friends.



*President Ioan Damoc (standing right in the picture)
welcoming his foreign guests at the Charter-ceremony.*

Now, what are the difficulties of the 41 Clubs as well as RT's from Romania? How do act and react our members in their relationship with the others?

First of all I must say that few Romanians can be met on various occasions all over the world, and this happens for two reasons:

a) because it is a very difficult problem for a Romanian people to get a visa. He needs a special invitation (a nominal one), he must give explanations about his trip (such as the duration of the trip, where he will stay, what for, etc. etc.), so that, after all, many of them drop the idea of making the travel. As you can see, we are a little less equal than the others are.

b) because of the poverty. As the salaries are very small, and it happens that very few tablers or 41-ers have their own businesses, a travel for Romania people is a very, in fact, to expensive. For instance, it can happen that a two-way-ticket Buckarest-Paris is the equivalent of a three months salary. All the same, many Tablers or 41-ers do make the travel for the friendship's sake; they want to have friends, and like this very much.

As far as to travel is quite a difficult problem for us, we invite you to visit Romania, our clubs, and you will find out a surprising capability of friendship. Those of you who did it, can confirm that. Of course, there are some Tablers or Ex-tablers who didn't yet understand what's the RT, and they're trying to take some advantages from it (I mean financial ones), but all you need is to be patient. It is the time which will filter all, and at last it is the friendship that will remain.

So, dear friend, come and see us; and:

May the hinges of friendship never rust!

Yours

*Ioan Damoc, President Club 41 no. 2
Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Romania*

Rumania applies for membership in 41-International

A letter to the International President

Dear President, dear friends of "Forty One" clubs.

We are sorry that the news came from us a little late but hoping that it will bring you the same joy, we are happy to announce you that Romania's Club 41 no.3 is about to be formed. We hereby let you know that the Charter Meeting will take place in Brasov on 14th-16th of March together with the 3rd anniversary of Brasov's Club 41 no. 1.

Romania's 3rd Club 41 gathers only the tablers members of Brasov Region.

Inspite of the short time left untill this double event we would be honoured if an English 41 Club would like to charter our 41 Club no.3 soon, after you will receive the complete schedule and a list of the members of Brasov Club 41 no.3.

Together with your support this event will promote our wish to join the 41-International at the International AGM in Glasgow April 1997, according to what was established together with the members of national clubs and 41-International's members in Gant-Belgium and St. Gallen, Switzerland.

May the hinges of friendship never rust and the same warm welcome to Brasov once more.

Your President, Ion Vlad

ANNOUNCEMENT

ANKÜNDIGUNG AVIS



40⁺ Holland

Annual general meeting in style, Helmond, 21–23 March 1997

On behalf of the organising club 38.1 Croy I (Helmond), the Board of 40+ Nederland extends a warm welcome to our Annual General Meeting. It will be held in the weekend of 21st to 23rd March in Helmond.

We have chosen to hold the AGM in style this year. An extensive programme has been designed for Saturday in order that you (and the ladies) can get to know the area a little better, before rounding off this day with a sumptuous dinner and dance in beautiful surroundings.

Accommodation is also at a top location: the Sports and recreational centre De Brug in Mierlo, a stone's throw from Helmond. This hotel offers many facilities and options for relaxation. The weekend can be extended by one day at little extra cost, for those who can't say goodbye.

The total package includes:

- 1 dinner and reception on Friday, 21st March
- 1 overnight stay on Friday
- 1 luxury breakfast buffet Saturday morning
- 1 Saturday programme
- 1 grand brunch on Sunday morning
- 1 use of all facilities (bowling, tennis, squash, sauna, swimming).

This complete package costs NLG 385,- per person, including all drinks on Saturday. One day's extension (from Sunday to Monday) costs NLG 95, including dinner on Sunday evening. All prices are based on double rooms.

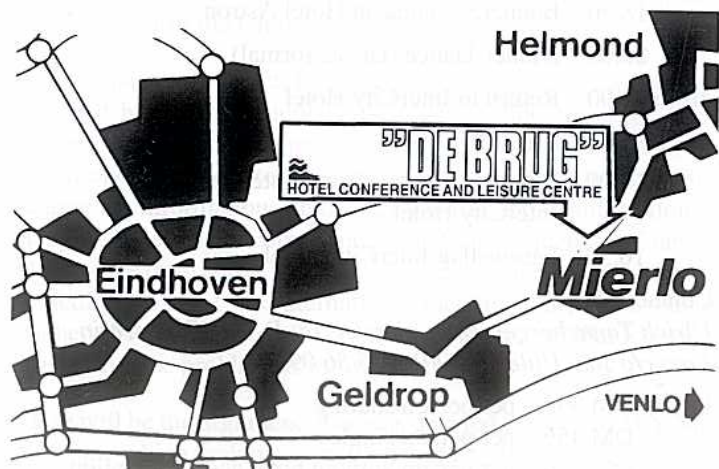
Registration by post:

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Buizuerdhoef 2, NL-4451 CZ Heinkenszand

or by fax:

Vice-President 40+ Nederland
Jan van den Broek, 0031-(0)575.49 39 04

Information: Mrs. Lamse, tel. 0031-(0)113.56 31 54



GOLF-COMPETITION in Brescia

Club 41 Brescia has organised the following event with the sponsorship of Club 41 Italia for Sunday 20th April 1997
3^o torneo di golf, Club 41 Brescia Old Tablers, Internazionale
At Garda Golf Country Club, Sotano al Lago-Brescia

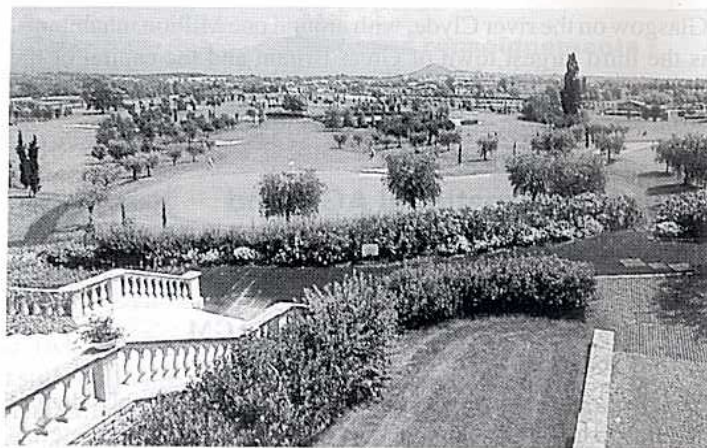
REGISTRATION:

To be mailed within April 5th 1997 c/o Club 41 Secretariat
Via Camozzi, 1/c, 25126 Brescia (Italy)
Tel. 030/3756022, Fax 030/42022

PROGRAM:

Saturday 19th April 1997 – 17.00 Welcome

Sunday 20th April 1997 – 09.00 Golf Competition
18.30 Prize ceremony – 20.00 Dinner



Experts consider Gardagolf one of the best golf courses built over the last 10 years. Extending over a surface area of 110 hectares and designed by the British architects Cotton, Penning Steel and Partners, Gardagolf Country Club includes a 27 hole course that runs between Rocca di Manerba, the Soiano Castle and the Valtenesi hills with panoramic views of breathtaking beauty.

Old Tablers Suomi-Finland AGM 1997, April 25–27 1997 Hyvinkää

Welcome to Hyvinkää!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Hyvinkää and to AGM 97 of Club 41 Finland. My home club, OT-2 will do its best in the real OT-spirit to offer you an enjoyable weekend.

Even though it is early spring at the end of April, it can be warm and sunny weather. In Hyvinkää you can enjoy unspilt nature, you can sense a good smell of pine resin due to large pine forests and you can feel the Finnish small town atmosphere.

The program promises traditional events, but be prepared for surprises. I hope to see you next April in Hyvinkää!

Sakari Hämäläinen, President of Club 41 Finland

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Programme package 3 days: FIM 750,- each

Accommodation:

Hotel Rantasipi Sveitsi double room: FIM 200,-/person/night
single room: FIM 340,-/night

41 Club Conferences return to Glasgow

Between the 10th and the 13th of April Glasgow is open for the RTBI-41ers for their AGM as well as for the delegates from nineteen 41-Countries around the world for the AGM of 41-International.

Besides of the Pre Conference tour and the well prepared functions our Scottish friends offer a Civic Reception at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery followed by a Ceilidh Dance. A superb day trip is organized to the world famous Gleneagles Hotel and the Glen Turret Distillery, and back to Glasgow via picturesque Loch Earn and Callander.

Besides the President's Banquet and Ball on Friday another highlight will be the Fancy Dress Dinner and Party on Saturday night, running under the theme "River Folk".

Glasgow on the river Clyde, with around one Million inhabitants, is the third largest town of Great Britain and the capital of the Scottish county Lanark, is the centre of the iron- and coal-industrial area, and one of the world most important shiyards.

Club 41-International AGM and Pre Conference Tour

Tour – 7th April 1997 to 10th April 1997

**41 Club Conference and International AGM
10th–13th April 1997**

A superb opportunity to see some of the beauty and splendour of the Scottish Highland countryside, visiting many of our internationally known tourist attractions.

Monday

You will be required to be at the Glasgow Thistle Hotel for no later than 1.00 pm on 7th April (earlier if you wish to have lunch, which can be arranged as an optional extra).

We will depart from the hotel and travel via Loch Lomond and Glencoe to arrive at the Ballachulish Hotel which is situated beside Loch Leven. An evening of Scottish entertainment will be provided.

Tuesday

Departing the hotel we travel the length of Loch Ness, stopping at Drumnadrochit to see the monster, before continuing to Inverness for lunch at the Craigmonie Hotel.

After lunch we will make our way to Lossiemouth for our overnight stay, travelling via Elgin and Spynie Palace.

Wednesday

Our first destination today will be the Glenfiddich Distillery to see how whisky is made (and tastes!) before continuing to Kil-drummy Castle for lunch.

Our final night stay will be at the breathtaking Ardoe House Hotel near Aberdeen.

Thursday

Lunch on our final day will be at the world famous Gleneagles Hotel. Thereafter we return to Glasgow in good time for the 41 Club National Conference and International AGM.

Registration:

41 Club National Conference
c/o Rodger Avenue,
Newton Mearns
Glasgow G77 6JS, Scotland, U.K.

Cost: £ 230 per person sharing
£ 270 per person single

Schwerin is hosting the AGM 1997 of OTD



AGM 1997 Old Tabler Deutschland 23th–25th, May 1997

FRIDAY, MAY 23th

- until 18.30 Arrival of guests and registrations at Astron or InterCity Hotel
- 19.30 Get Together and chartermeeting of OT 201 Schwerin at Hotel Astron (Dress: casual)
- from 23.30 Return to InterCity Hotel

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

- 09.15 Departure by bus for Ladiesprogramm
- 9.30 AGM OTD at Hotel Stron
- 12.00 Lunch at Stron
- 14.00–17.00 Sightsheeingtours (Castle, Museum, "White Fleet")
- 18.30 Bannerexchange at Hotel Astron
- 20.00 Dinner-Dance (Dress: formal)
- from 01.00 Return to InterCity Hotel

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

- 10.00 Departure by bus from Hotel Astron to InterCity Hotel
- 10.30 Farewell at InterCity Hotel

Contact address:

Ulrich Tanneberger, Holunderweg 18, D-19057 Schwerin
Fax: c/o Joh. Uhle ++49(0)3 85 56 09 04

Cost: DM 399,– per person sharing
DM 459,– per person single
DM 236,– per person without hotel accommodation

A little history of Schwerin

This year the German Old Tablers are going to assemble for their AGM at Schwerin, the capital of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, a province in the East of Germany. Schwerin lies nearly 50 kilometres from the Baltic Sea, surrounded of lakes and woods. Hunters and fishermen settled in this area already during the Bronze Age, various German and Slavic tribes occupied in the course of the next Millennium the territories around: Saxons, Vandals, Suebs and Langobards. In 1160 the Duke of Bavaria and Saxonia, Heinrich der Loewe, defeated the Obotrites and founded the town and donated his Crest as the City Coat of Arms. During the next 800 years Schwerin and the country around was in the hands of Danes, Pommerns, Swedes, the soldiers of the 30 Years War Imperials (Wallenstein became Duke of Mecklenburg) and in 1945 it was occupied by the Red Army. In the first half of the last century Schwerin was a fast growing residential town with new representative buildings and the redesigned Schwerin Palace, the monumental structure of the Arsenal, the Royal Stables and the "Kollegiengebäude" (which was Seat of the Parliament during GDR days). During World War II almost no bombing came over the city, and so one can still find many interesting old places "undisturbed by chance". The "People's Revolution" in 1989 has left its mark: thousands of men and women demonstrated at the "Old Garden" for the restoration of their country. An obvious change is seen daily since the "Reunification": come and have a look to an interesting town and have a sightseeing tour with 41-Club.

Remise de Charte CLUB 41 n° 3 CASABLANCA (Maroc) 2 - 3 et 4 Mai 1997

VENDREDI 2 MAI 1997

15 h. à 17 h. : Welcome party au Club "Paradise"

20 h. 30 à 0 h. 30 : House party chez les Darhnaj.

SAMEDI 3 MAI 1997

9 h. 15 : Tour de la Corniche de Casablanca.

10 h. 45 : Visite de la Grande Mosquée Hassan II

12 h. : Départ au Club Equestre "S.A.R. Lalla Soukeina" sur la route de Mellil.

12 h. 45 à 14 h. 45 : Déjeuner.

15 h. 00 : Départ vers Casablanca Direction Habous.

16 h. à 18 h. : Cérémonie de remise de charte.

18 h. 15 : Départ vers les hôtels.

21 h. : Dîner de Gala dans un grand Palace de Casablanca.

DIMANCHE 4 MAI 1997

11 h. : Farwell Brunch au bord de la plage à l'Hôtel Melia Ria Salam.

Hébergement

Possibilité limitée chez les membres du 41-3 Casablanca.

Hôtels :

SHERATON 5e situé centre ville.

SAFIR 5e situé centre ville.

MELIA RIAD SALAM 5e situé sur la cote.

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Vice-Président

ABDELKADER DARHNAJ

c/o ELYO 20, Bd Rachidi

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CLUB 41 ITALIA

Dear Friends, it is for me really a satisfaction to profit of the hospitality offered to me from the editor Peter Poech to send to all of you through the pages of the "COURIER" my personal warm greeting and also from all the members of the Club 41 Italy. Herewith I get the opportunity to present to you what it will be the program of the Club 41 Italy for the next months. With the hope to meet the most of you by our manifestations full of Italian cordiality, I would like to renew my best regards.

With sincere friendship

Maurizio Vettori, National President, Club 41 Italy

News from Italy

Humour, denying of the importance, wish to see again the old friends, and to meet news ones, but above all the sense of the Internationality. It is in obedience of the International experience that the activity of the National Committee of the Club 41 Italy has worked through till now. The IRO's have been present at many official meetings. It has also been rediscovered the old custom to make in group an "Excursion abroad" in occasion of a significant event; the National Committee in charge has participated compact to the Charter of the Club 41 in Salzburg.

The International subjects have taken the first place in the official works, it has been particularly discussed of the necessity of a revival of the Euromeetings. (It means numbers of meetings of the European Region) to have resource to regulation to advertise on time the informations on the new charter and manifestations. Many members have complained about the scarceness of news which come from abroad, specially of the fact that they don't have immediate news of the International meetings, and it has been reached the belief that only an informative system like Internet could solve the problem of information.

These will be the argument, that was debated in the next H.Y.M. of Venice which took place on the Saturday, February 22, 1997.

AGM Club 41 Italia in Rovereto

Date: as announced

Organisation: Pietro Modenese

Via Dante, 17 - 38068 Rovereto (TN)

Tel. ..39/464/432488, Fax ..39/464/432488

Price: complete program: Lit 175.000,-

Hotel: Twin bed Lit 130.000,-, *Deadline:* 1st May

Festa di Primavera in Bassano

It will take place on Saturday 26th april, 97 in COL ROIGO.

The meeting is fixed half in the morning in COL ROIGO.

Snack with local specialities (sopressa and dry wine)

If weather allows, a short walk in the hills nearby.

At 13 p.m. lunch with asparagus, eggs and various specialities.

Afternoon: entertainments and games in the open air (in case of bad weather games inside, like playing cards etc.)

All this, in the spirit of the Club "Friendship and Tolerance"

Eventual adhesion of international friends should be advised at least one month before specifying the number of participants and overnight stays requirements.

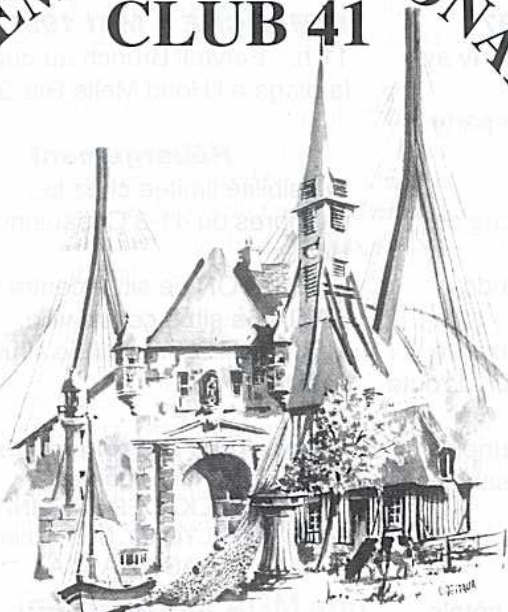
Numbers: President ..39/49-811540 (Phone and fax)

Secretary ..39/424-30690 (Phone and fax)

Price: 70.000 Lit p.p.

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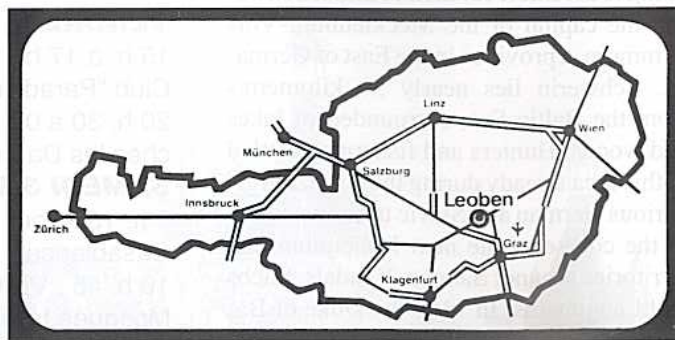


AGM Ex-Table Norway in Bergen, June 13-15, 1997

Bergen – a city with a great tradition in "Tabling"
Bergen – the city where RT was founded in Norway



AGM CLUB 41 ÖSTERREICH JUNE 27-29, 1997 IN LEOBEN



The Brewery Museum in Göß is the perfect setting for beer tradition and live modern technology.

Friday 17th June we will meet in Malztenne at 7.30 pm in the famous Gösser brewery for a comfortable, beer-filled evening.

Saturday morning is free for our visit to the exhibition. Following this, we will move on to a shooting range in a picturesque valley near Leoben, dedicating the afternoon to the barbecue, sociable chat and competitive sports. The remaining evening we will spend in Leoben's congress centre where we will dine exquisitely, accompanied by the voices of a string orchestra. Those fond of dancing will have the dancefloor at their disposal.

For the traditional farewell on Sunday morning we have planned the usual "Frhschoppen" (brunch session drinking session) but for those interested, we will make an excursion, of about 3 hours, to the Styrian Erzberg possible, tour included.

So, please make a note of the date 27th-29th June in your diaries!

Le musée de la brasserie à Göß qui offre le cadre parfait pour la tradition de la bière et la technologie moderne bien présentée à un public intéressés. C'est le point où nous allons accrocher le programme de notre réunion annuelle.

Vendredi, 27 juin nous nous retrouverons à 19 h 30 à la "Malztenne" (aire du maltage) pour une agréable soirée de ... bière.

Pour le samedi matin, nous avons prévu la visite de l'exposition régionale. Ensuite nous irons dans une jolie vallée dans les environs de Leoben, où il y a un champ de tir. Là, nous passerons l'après-midi autour d'un barbecue, en conversations amicales et en nous livrant à la compétition sportive. La soirée solennelle se passera au Centre des Congrès. Après un excellent dîner agrémenté par les mélodies d'un petit orchestre à cordes, les danseurs auront la possibilité d'occuper la piste de danse.

Pour le "farewell" traditionnel du dimanche matin nous avons prévu l'apéritif habituel, mais s'il y a des intéressés, nous organiserions une promenade à la Montagne des mines avec une visite (dans un petit train). Durée: 3 heures.

Notze s.v.p. la date: 27-29 juin 1997.

Information and Registration:

Gernot Schober, Winkelfeldgasse 17, A-8700 Leoben,
Telefon ..43/3842/43680

Next issue of "COURIER" will be mailed in February 1998
Articles together with photos are welcome until end of December 1997



OT Island Nr. 1, Akureyri Charter, Pre- and Post-tour

Dear Old Tablers wherever you are!

It is a great pleasure to announce that the first Old Tablers Club in Iceland will be chartered in Akureyri on August 9th, 1997. I hope that you will have the opportunity to honour us with your presence and share your experience in being an Old Tabler with us. Therefore I will invite you to participate in a pre-tour, a chartering-ceremony and a post-tour. We are ambitious to make this a memorable event. Unfortunately, we have to limit the number of participants in each tour, probably to around 20. So it is wise to sign up sooner than later.

6th to 8th August 1997 – PRE-TOUR

The pre-tour will start in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland on August 6th. It is believed that the first settler built his house there around 874. From Reykjavik we will go to Thingvellir. The Icelandic Althingi (Parliament) was founded there in 930 and Christian religion established by law in the year 1000. – We will visit the Geysir, one of the best known hot springs in the world. We will stay there over night. – Next day we will drive to Gullfoss, one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Iceland. From there we will head for the mountains along Kjalvegur which is a 165 km long mountain road between north and south Iceland, its highest point 672 meters above sea level.

When we leave the wilderness again we arrive in Skagafjörður where the old turf-church of Vidimyri and the museum at Glaumbaer will be visited. The night we spend in Varmahlid. – On the third day we will go through Trollaskagi to Eyjafjörður, to the town Olafsfjörður and then the town Dalvík where we will go on a whale-watching cruise. Late Friday we will arrive in Akureyri.

8th to 10th August 1997 – CHARTER-WEEKEND

When in Akureyri we will go straight to registration. Friday evening there will be a get-together party.

Saturday will be traditional with sightseeing and charter-ceremony in the morning, hopefully outdoors. Then we have banner-lunch and galaball in the evening.

Sunday we will take a trip to the famous waterfall Godafoss and Lake Myvatn.

10th to 13th August 1997 – POST-TOUR

The post-tour starts Sunday August 10th. We will spend two nights at Lake Myvatn, visiting the thermal region of Namaskard and Lava-areas around the lake on Sunday. Monday we will go to Herdubreiddalindir, crossing the "Desert of the outlaws" and to Asjka, the famous volcano in central Iceland.

Then we head to Dettifoss, the most powerful waterfall in Europe, with average water flow of 193 m³/sec. From there we will reach the coast and spend the next night in Öxarfjörður. The day after we visit Asbyrgi, an old huge canyon from the glacial period. On the way back to Akureyri we will explore some fossils and go on whale-watching cruise from Husavik. If we have enough time on the way back to Akureyri we will take a look at the old turf-church and museum at Laufas or Grenjastadur.

CHARGES: The post-tour will cost approximately the same as the pre-tour. The pre-tour will be around £ 390 including the night before the tour. The charter-weekend will be around £ 200.

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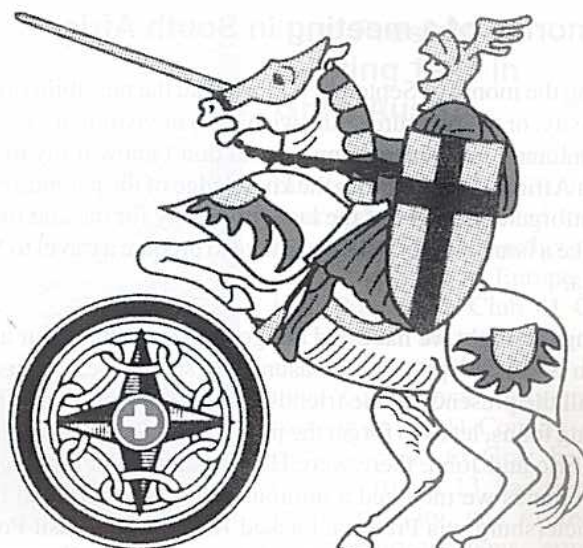
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My best regards to you.

Gudmundur Jon Gudmundsson, Charter-President



CLUB 41

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AGM Club 41 Old Table Suisse October, 24–26, Berne

Welcome to the AGM Suisse 97

Dear Old Tabler. Berne, the medieval town at the board of the river Aare gives you a hearty welcome. We are looking forward to celebrate the AGM Suisse 97 with you under the arcades of Berne. A plentiful program will give you the possibility to see all the attractions of the town. We hope to see you all in Berne. Please mark the date already today!

Friday, October 24

until 18.30 Arrival of guests and registration at Hotel Bellevue, Berne

19.00 Get together party at "Zunft zum Mohren"

Saturday, October 25

10.41 15th AGM of Club 41 Old Table Switzerland at "Zunft zum Mohren"

11.41 Apéro-Lunch at "Zunft zum Mohren"
Pedestrian-rally through Berne's Old Town with sightseeing and shopping

18.30 Apéro / Bannerechange at Hotel Bellevue

20.00 Gala-Dinner at the Hotel Bellevue

Sunday, October 26

10.41 Farewell brunch

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Announcement for 1998:

Club 41 Old Table Zürich invites to the AGM 1998 in Zürich October 23–25, 1998

Organisation:

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Marcel Wild, Präsident

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Old Table Zürich 31

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Memories of a meeting in South Africa

During the month of September, I have had the possibility (or the necessity, or the pleasure or the wish or...) of visiting for the third time a Land I love since many years. I don't know if my love for South Africa has begun with the knowledge of the people, or with the unforgettable sight of the land, but really for me and Rossana it is like a bout of fever, when we have to prepare a travel to South Africa.

During the flight we have had not good places, but at our arrival in Jan Smuts Airport, the pleasure, the smell, the colours, and overall the presence of the friends Eric Stroud and John Hudson waiting for us, let us to forget the problems of the travel. Together with Eric and John, there were Herbert and Erika Potzinger. In few minutes we mounted a minibus, leaving Joburg and bound for Pietersburg, via Pretoria. I asked John to let us visit Pretoria again, remembering the wonderful Avenues on Parliament Hill, that I have in my memory with its superb flowers and the intense perfume. (I felt with my senses the situation of an old los April). There I have had the first strange sensation. My last travel to Pretoria dated on April 1987, and surely many things are changed. The time runs, and we have to run with the time. Fortunately the friendship doesn't change. After Pretoria straightway to Pietersburg. Lunch, relax and bus to Magoebakloof: friends, old and new. Des Cahi, Ross McSweeney, Billy Moss and others with the wives, and, naturally, a South African fellow with the wife, both speaking. Italian. Immediately there have been the discussions about the Italian cuisine and the local foods, in an ocean of beer and sympathy, till late in the night. Early in the morning begins the official part of the AGM, ONLY FOR MEN. Rossana has had a beautiful sightseeing, but I forgot to put the film in the camera. I let you imagine what she said when we met again... The gala evening has been warm and beautiful: the friendship over all. On Sunday morning the farewell. Herbert had gone to fish at sunrise. The dimensions of the fish are growing, and growing, and... - as time goes by. On Sunday afternoon we start for the Game Reserve of Kruger Park. Three wonderful and lucky days: we have seen everything: lions, elephants, buffales, hippos, and a Leopard on a tree eating a poor impala. It is impossible to describe the wonders of the nature, and it is impossible to explain the spirit of the company. We are ten 41ers, we have spoken, sung, jocked together, we have enjoyed of our reciprocal company, we have shown the photos of our families, we have revealed our dreams for the future, we have spent together a beautiful time.

At the end the departure: Muriel and Geoff went back home to Pretoria: thank you friends! Klaus, the best driver in the world, again to Pietersburg with the minibus. Herbert and Erika fly to Cape Town, Bernt flies to Durban and back to Bruxelles, we fly to Rome, with the eyes full of the beloved South Africa. Thank you friends! We hope to see you again!

In every country I found everywhere a very big group of good friends, who have the passion of staying and working together for the Club. They take care to let the Club always become more attractive for the new and old fellows, and for the families, who are taking part actively in the Clublife.

It is only too true that the economical and political situations existing in the 41 world, sometimes condition the life and the relations among the Clubs. I am very sorry that it is impossible we can meet more frequently, without problems of money and time, but the reality of life is what it is. Perhaps in the next ten years we can use the videoconference at low price for our official meetings, but it will be always impossible to replace the personal contact.

If we look the schedule plan of the next meetings we can count 19 International Meetings in 13 Countries of 3 Continents, during the next 6 months. The first consideration is immediate: we are alive!! If one fellow wishes to take part to all, he can go out of home three weekends every month. O boys! This should be wonderful, but impossible. Test to believe!

Hoping to see you all everywhere have my complete friendship

Glauco Zago

News from South Africa

Greetings from South Africa. The main event of our year was the AGM which took place in September 1996. It's springtime in Magoebaskloof. The area is rich in wild cherries azaleas and other glorius flowers and made a wonderful backdrop to the conference. 200 41ers and wives attended and the meeting was humouros convival and we even discussed some business! President Glauco and Rossana seemed to enjoy themselves as did Bernd de Groot Belgium IRO, VP Herbert Potzinger of Austria with Erika and Enge Eskilden from Denmark.



Herbert Potzinger, Austria and Bernd de Groot, Belgium on stage welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. President

RSA President John Hudson spent some time welcoming another gentleman to the meeting who turned out to be a visiting Rotarian who sought it was a Rotary meeting!

The booze cruise after the meeting took place without major mishap. At a previous AGM in 1988 the booze cruise ship sank without loss of life but with major alcohol loss.

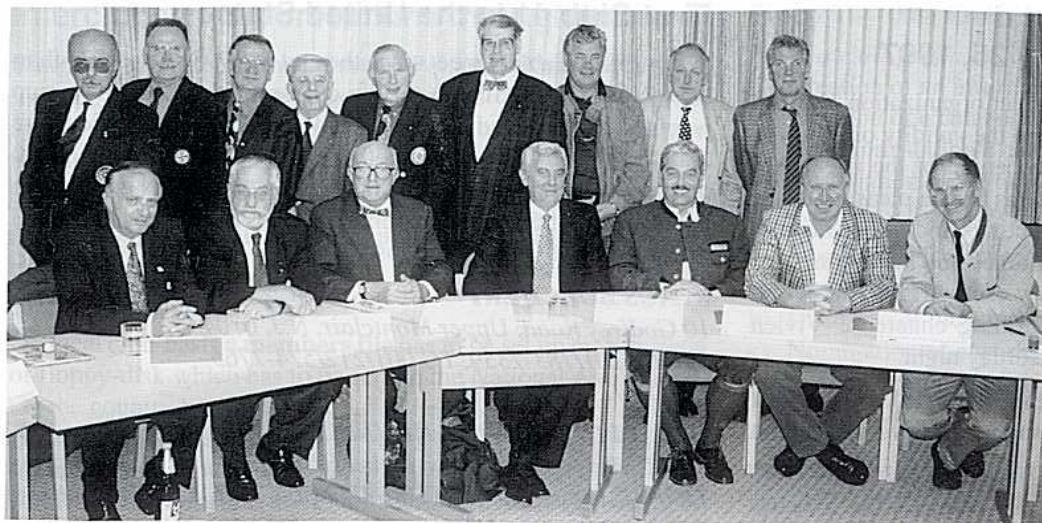
Diving clubs from all over South Africa are still operating in the area.

Our new President is Simon Russell and wife Joanna.

We have had regional "mini" get-together throughout the year in South Coast Natal, in Oudshoorn Cape, and in Pretoria. A drop off in clubs is of concern but we are working on it. AGM 1997 is in Worcester Cape 100 km from Capetown in the Winelands, in springtime, when the Cape has a host of wild flowers. The date is 12th to 14th September 1997.

We promise you beautiful scenery superb wines wonderful south african hospitality and great friendship.

Ross Mc Sweeney



Past Presidents Meeting 1996 in Graz, Austria

Every second year National and International Past Presidents with their spouses are invited to meet for a leisurely get-together-weekend somewhere in Europe. Gerhard Praxl from Club 41 Österreich acted as convenor for a marvellous meeting in his home town Graz. Some forty participants from five 41-Country-Associations came to Graz between October 10 and 13, had sightseeing in the city, and visited the 16th-century-weapons armoury,

went through an old farmhouse museum at Stübing, had a glass of beer in a small private brewery, bought roasted pumpkin seeds and black pumpkin oil an historic oil-mill, walked through the monastery Vorau in Styria, tasted schnapps in a brandy distillery, and travelled along the "wine-street in Southern Styria" where they also had their Past Presidents Dinner.

Picture above: A function of around 30 minutes (including photo session) has given the official touch to the event: Standing l.t.r.: Renatio Bonfini (I), Wolfgang Rösel (D), Herbert Kaiser (D), Hans Manger (D), Willy Poulet (B), Gerhard Praxl (A), Ulf Staber (A), Karl Mader (A), Gernot Schober (A). Front row l.t.r.: Jean Pierre di Rosa (F), Michel Mallez (F), Serge Besset (F), Glauco Zago (I), Volker Zimmermann (A), Horst Pinter (A), Herbert Glöckler (A).

Picture left: Some Past Presidents with their ladies during their visit to the Stübing open-air-museum.



41-International time table of presidentships

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1982	●	Peter Poech														
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1990	●	Otto Adelhofer														
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1992		■	●	Louis Bannwart				■								
1993								●	Wolfgang Rösel							
1994															●	Trond Hersleth
1995								●	Guy Mercier							
1996										●	Glauco Zago					
1997										●	Alan Reynolds					
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Announcement: National and International Past-Presidents Meeting, October 1998

This is the first advice for the next meeting of the National Past Presidents. The invited friends are the Past Presidents of the National Boards. As far as available personal invitation letters will be sent either to the Past-Presidents directly or via their National Board presently in charge. Naturally we are happy to meet all the friends who will participate.

The centre of the meeting will be probably in Ferrara. From that old historical Italian town we will visit the Comacchio Valley, we will try to visit the old Venetian villas along the shores of the Brenta river, looking them from a very special boat: The Burchiello. At the end we can see the old residences designed by the famous Italian architect Palladio.

This is the cultural part of the meeting. The friendly moments will be in Ferrara and Vicenza, with the assistance of the Venetian fellows. Naturally we don't forget the Italian cuisine and the Italian wines.

For a calibrated organization I need the cooperation of the participants: please send me a letter with your agreement to the meeting. If we know in time the approximative number of participants, we can organize the days of October in the best manner. I hope to have videosupports for everybody before the meeting.

The address for every communication about the meeting is:

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National Board of France and Italy met in Avoriaz January 25, 1997

First of all I have to underline the perfect organization realized by the French friends. I wish to confirm the validity of this type of meeting, very important for the deepening of the friendship between the 41's and their families. It has been a pleasure to see the children integrated in the sport meetings and in our manner of staying together. The grace of the women and the kindness of the friends are a very beautiful memory of my trip. In particular I think all people remember the charming chanteuse Vivien Koeller and the whirling dances of Saturday night.

I discovered a new part of our beautiful world, a very well organized site for winter sports, but I suppose it is very excellent in every season.

During the sport meeting someone has worked for a better comprehension between the National Clubs of Italy and France. There has been a jointed Committee between the two staffs to speak about the common problems. Luckily I don't understand the foreign languages or better the French language, so I couldn't appreciate the shades of meaning of the discussion. I have only to emphasize the lack of communication between the International Club and the National Committees.

I have to support my opinion that the figure of IRO is the most important in the International Club, and I have strongly present in my mind the necessity of organizing a seminar inside the next International AGM about this problem. Only if the IROs keep in mind the big responsibility they have in comparison with the National Clubs, the International Club can develop the task it has in our world.

All the members of International Club (the IROs) have to keep in mind there is a very precise group of Rules and Clarifications **written and accepted, and signed**, that have to be respected.

After this wonderful meeting I have to thank again the French National Board for the excellent example of friendship offered to all the guests.

Glauco Zago

41 Luxembourg is "still" alive

Most of you probably don't know that Luxembourg has a 41 Club.

In fact the Club 41 Luxembourg 1 "Friendship" exists officially since the 25.9.1980 and belonged at the beginning as the only Luxembourgish club to the 41 Association of Belgium. After some years the contacts to this Association broke down for whatever reason, but nevertheless the 41 Luxembourg members continued to meet regularly on a local basis to this day.

During the EMTM of RT that took place in Luxembourg in 1988, a 2nd club was chartered, the Club 41 Luxembourg 2 "Fellowship" out of members mainly from RT1, RT2, RT3 and RT5.

As Round Table Luxembourg has only 5 clubs (the last one got chartered some 22 years ago), you can imagine that our small country will certainly not have many 41 clubs neither in the near future. But as former very actif international Tablers we want to try to get more actif again and participate in international 41 club events or charter meetings and hope so, even as a very small association to positively contribute to the extension of the Ex Tablers, Old Tablers or 41er community.

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(Languages: German, French, English, Spanish)

First Club 41 in the United States

Some 15 Ex-Tablers meet since the end of 1995 once a month in New York City. Allready in the course of this year the group wants to be chartered as first Club 41 in USA. Negotiations are under way with Germany and other European countries, about 50 percent of the members are US citizens, the others come from Europe. One of the founder members Klaus Borchert is interested in contacts with other 41 clubs:

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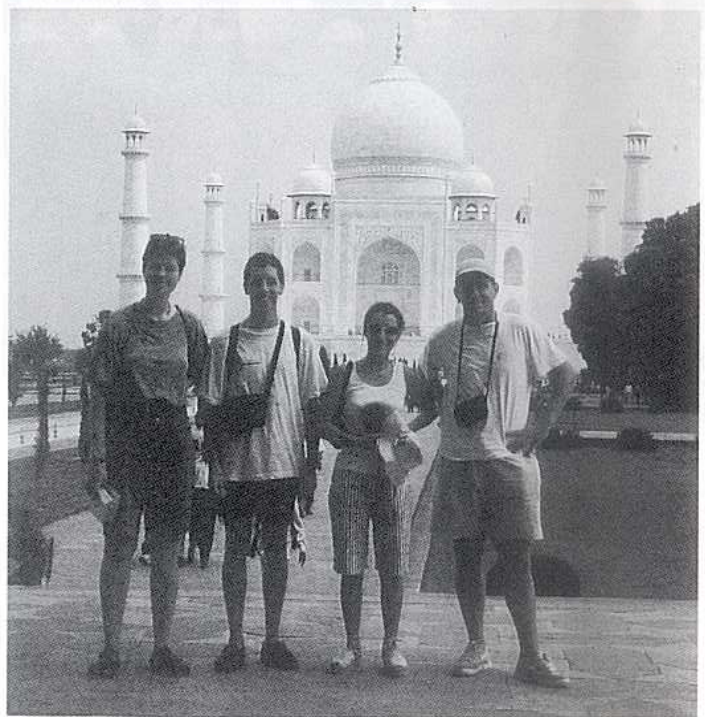
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Why not drop him a line and encourage their attempts in founding a 41 Club in the USA?



Ulrike (Austria), Mathieu und Julie (France), Patrick (Belgium)

European YAPs in India

In 1996 no Young Ambassadors ("YAPs") from India came to Europe, only four YAPs from Europe spent a delightful five weeks in India, travelling from Calcutta to New Delhi and to the superb Taj Mahal at Agra, then to Jaipur, Bombay. Then they had a few relaxing days on the Colva Beach in Goa. From there via Bangalore, Mysore, and the hill-station Ooty to Coimbatore and Madras and its wonderful old temples on the sea-shore at Mahabalipuram and Kanchipuram. A few days they spent on their own at the Andaman Islands, and in Varanasi (Benares).

Requests for the European 1997 YAP program are welcome to be submitted not later than End of April 1997, to the European YAP Coordinator Otto Adelhofer in Vienna. Requests, however, should be filtered by the IROs before forwarded to Vienna according to the guidelines printed in the 41-International directory. The IROs are requested to assist in arranging appropriate hosting for YAPs coming from India.

On his March-April trip to South Africa the European YAP Coordinator will negotiate with our friends in Johannesburg to extend the YAP program to South Africa.

Interclubs communications through Internet

More and more people make use of Personal Computers, either for their own job or for fun only. Because of more perfected systems like INTERNET we nowadays can enter and disseminate information in real time and over long distances. Club 41 can make use of INTERNET as well!

It is possible to create a "homepage" in INTERNET for our exclusive use and benefit. Creation and development can be done as described in the following:

On local club-basis a **members file** has to be set up on a diskette or floppy-disk which has to be sent to the National Association. On the country basis all input has to be linked together and sent either via modem or diskette to the INTERNET homepage at 41-International, where all National databases are linked into a single database for the use and benefit of associated clubs and club members.

Any **access to this database of course will be passwordprotected**, the reading but mainly changing or updating of any information. The INTERNET homepage and mailbox will hold besides the individual member-data all information which are sent by local clubs or National Associations on AGM- and Charter-dates, projected mass-tours, special meetings, 41-sport events, etc. This information should be collected and assembled by the Honourary General Secretary who will also have the possibility to insert manifestations or the text of brochures etc. by scanning their content and graphs into the datafiles.

Outdated information will automatically erased by the system. The **input time** for information and the access to copies will be very fast and short and will depend from a) local telephone line-speed to provider and INTERNET modem, b) Baudrate of users' and providers' modems, c) Navigator's ("INTERNET-Surfer's") ability!

Presently **charges are different for each country**. Actually, if we consider a base of 50.000 registered members (Round Tablers' Clubs included!) the costs amount at LIT 204 for each member in the first year, and LIT 104 for the following years (equals to 0,07 Swiss Francs per member and year).

About three month will be needed in order to create this network in Club 41, under the direction and responsibility of the Board of 41-International.

Proposals – The Club 41 Italy suggests:

1. to vote the proposal for:

- Creation of an informatic net for 41 interclubs information.
- Creation of a database for every member personal data and for manifestation's calendar.
- Nomination of a work-group to realize a) and b)

or 2.

- Acquisition for experimental way of an Internet P.O.Box for one year at least.
- Diffusion of the address to 41ers.
- Nomination of a work-group for a detailed informatic plan to make the informatic program a wonderful reality as soon as possible.

Glaucio Zago

15/02/97

Dear friends

I have to communicate that today the CLUB 41 is present in INTERNET besides the site **www.informest.it** in the site **www.feniceinform.it** also.

The possibility of finding out the CLUB 41 in INTERNET will be progressively made easier with the introduction of the logo CLUB 41 like "metaname" in the main research motors.

In the site **www.feniceinform.it** I have carried out a WEBSITE that will act as DIRECTORY for all the addresses and the E-MAIL. Internet pertinent to the Clubs 41 and the Round Table.

Therefore please let me have the INTERNET addresses and e-mail that concern us so I can insert them in the mentioned WEBSITE directory. This fact will make easier the mutual, general or personal communication or information.

In the carried out site I have at disposal some post boxes (e-mail) I shall be glad to place at the disposal of the National secretary's offices or regional secretary's offices by the terms of our agreement.

Likewise if a National Club or a regional association wishes to carry out its own page WEB in the site, it will take easily specific touches.

Renato Bonfini



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International and National Meetings 1997

DATE	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	COUNTRY
14.03.97–26.03.97	Charter Club 41 n.3	Brasov	ROMANIA
21.03.97–23.03.97	National AGM Nederland	Helmond	NETHERLANDS
10.04.97–13.04.97	National AGM Great Britain	Glasgow	GREAT BRITAIN
10.04.97–13.04.97	41-International AGM	Glasgow	GREAT BRITAIN
11.04.97–13.04.97	National AGM Kenia	Nairobi	KENYA
18.04.97–20.04.97	National AGM Danmark	Kerteminde	DANMARK
19.04.97–20.04.97	International Golf Trophy	Brescia	ITALY
25.04.97–27.04.97	National AGM Finland	Hyvinkaa	FINLAND
26.04.97	Festa di Primavera	Bassano	ITALY
02.05.97–04.05.97	Charter Club 41 n.3	Casablanca	MAROC
17.05.97–18.05.97	National AGM Italy	Rovereto	ITALY
23.05.97–25.05.97	National AGM Germany	Schwerin	GERMANY
30.05.97–01.06.97	National AGM Sweden	Solleftea	SWEDEN
30.05.97–02.06.97	National AGM New Zealand	Oamaru	NEW ZEALAND
05.06.97–08.06.97	National AGM France	Honfleur	FRANCE
13.06.97–15.06.97	National AGM Norge	Bergen	NORWAY
13.06.97	VII Trophy Golf	Verona	ITALY
27.06.97–29.06.97	National AGM Austria	Leoben	AUSTRIA
06.08.97–10.08.97	Charter Club 41 n.1	Akureyri	ICELAND
05.09.97–07.09.97	National AGM Cyprus	Nicosia	CYPRUS
12.09.97–14.09.97	National AGM South Africa	Worcester	SOUTH AFRICA
17.10.97–19.10.97	National AGM Belgium	Brussels	BELGIUM
24.10.97–26.10.97	National AGM Switzerland	Bern	SWITZERLAND
07.11.97–09.11.97	National AGM India	Bangalore	INDIA
08.10.98–11.10.98	Internat. Past Presidents Meeting	Veneto	ITALY
23.10.98–25.10.98	National AGM Switzerland	Zürich	SWITZERLAND
The date of HYM of Bangalore will be confirmed at AGM in Glasgow			

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