



Invitation

to the

Half Yearly
Meeting

of

41 International

Friday 1 October 2004***Registration from 14.00 to 18.00 hours***

Corinthia Hotel Desguinlei, 94 B-2018 Antwerp (Berchem) www.corinthia.be Tel. 03.244.82.66

15.00 : Visit to the city of Lier. <http://www.lier.be>

17.00 : Glass of Friendship in the City Hall by Jim Goetze, Member of 41 Club Antwerp

20.00 : Get together Evening in one of the most important Galleries in Antwerp "Campo & Campo" Grote Steenweg,

2600 Antwerpen Berchem www.campocampo.be. Guy Campo is Member from Round Table 67.

Casual Dress Club 41 and Round Table Atmosphere. Come and taste "The Best Beer in the World".

Issue of Awards to the winning Artists from the contest "With an Eye on India"

Organised by 41 Club

22.00 Visit of the Exposition

Saturday 2 October 2004***Registration from 8.30 to 9.45 hours for late arrivals***

09.45 to 12.00 : Half Yearly Meeting of Club 41 International

09.45 - 12.00 : A.G.M. Belgium

For all Ladies and other members companions. Shopping - Visit of the Antwerp Diamond Museum **or** visit of the famous "Antwerp Zoo" (Zoological Garden).

12.30 : Banner Lunch.

Afterwards Free Times : Shopping - Activities in the city

-Middelheim

Open Air Museum - Visit to the Beautiful Antwerp Cathedral - Famous Antwerp Zoo, etc.

www.antwerp.be

17.00 : Visit of the Middle-age Antwerp Town Hall. Reception offered by The city of Antwerp.

20.00 : Grand Gala Evening (Black Tie required). Banner exchange. Singing and dancing till... Antwerp Corinthia Hotel

Sunday 3 October 2004***From 10.30 to 14.00 hours :***

Farewell Brunch. Time for the last informal! Speeches and Farewell Kisses

President's Message

Dear Friends from the 19 Countries of the World who decided to join 41 International

And also, Dear Friends from all the Countries where some Clubs are to be found but which are not, at the moment, members of 41 International.

Is a new president election a real event on our 41 planet? I'm afraid that our floor members didn't know much about this ceremony that took place in Arras (France) on last June.

At least, the name of this man who is supposed to visit most of the national Clubs during a year, is not very important.

The time spent on the chair is too short to permit the development of a personal program and speech about my own policy.

So, my dream is not to become the "leader maximo". I would prefer, my dear friends, that each of you remembers some simple ideas to be applied during some years by the team which will manage 41 International with me and after me by this time.

First of all, we are a too small club compared with Round Table. We have to develop 41 International by increasing the number of countries members.

Our line of attack would be to create some 41 clubs in each country where Round Table exist.

May I remind you that according to our traditions, the job of setting up of a new club is not to be made by the International Board, but by a basic Club.

I also want to welcome in the 41 international, the little countries where there don't exist three basic clubs.

These friends are part of 41 as we are, and there is no reason to leave them out of home.

Then, I am very happy to see that the Young Ambassador Program whose setting up took place during the last french presidency 1995-1996, is on a very interesting line at the moment with development in Morocco, South Africa and New Zealand. The YAP is doing a very good job. Thanks to the Indian and European team. We have to go further.

Our new program whose name is "FAMEX" is an idea of Sam SAMPATH from India. It is about to start: please, help us to carry out the last improvements to these sorts of mass tour for family groups.

And, please support the convenors who will be the pilots of this new plan too.

I am sure that after a trial period as usual inside an international organisation the FAMEX will become very important for our 41 friends.

I also want to say that a 41er is supposed to live with a "broadness of outlook". Please, leave your home and visit other clubs over the Seas and over the Oceans.

My pleasure will be to see as many European and Asian people as possible in South Africa for the next AGM in May 2005...

John HUDSON, actual Vice-President, and I, will be very happy to receive you in Durban for a great meeting.

Step by step, let us build a rainbow club

Alain JOUSSEAUME de la BRETESCHE
41 International President

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held in Arras - France on Saturday June 5th 2004

01.

President Michael Dalbo Pedersen, President of 41 International, opened the AGM by expressing his pleasure to see the 41 Club united and acting for the same goal again. The only black point is that Sweden has left the Association, but the door is still open and some contacts are still running. He hopes Sweden will join again. In Spain an Association might be created within the next few years.

The YAP was on the President's hit list. Denmark, New Zealand and South Africa are now active players of this Program. The organisation of tours is getting complex and there should be discussions on how to improve it. One of the workshops at Interlaken worked on this topic. The purpose of the day is also to vote for a new International Secretary and Treasurer: Hans-Dieter Gesch, Germany, and John Bellwood, Great Britain and Ireland are candidates. President Michael closed this introduction with the inevitable thanks to all.

02.

The president of the Club of Arras welcomed all participants and asked the Director of the Chamber of Commerce to present the town that had the honour to organize such a great international gathering. After a lengthy speech, the President of Club 41 France, came to the microphone.

03.

In his address Bernard Ecartot welcomed the Associations present. He

expressed his pride to meet so many friends and to provide the incoming President of 41 International. There followed an address from Geneviève Longère, Vice-President of Club Agora France

04.

Apologies for absence :

a) New Zealand was not able to attend the AGM and asked us to accept its apologies

b) Dirk Wesseling apologised for the Netherlands not being able to participate at the AGM and he joined in our mind "Tulips from Amsterdam".

c) Guy Mercier from France, former International President, felt sorry that he was unable to attend the AGM. He was travelling in the United States.

d) Herbert Potzinger could not be present. He wished us a great meeting in the 41 spirit.

05.

Beat Berger, Switzerland and Frank Venables, France were elected as scrutineers unanimously.



06.

Correspondence and announcements. We had received the following news and letters:

a) Zambia proposed to put forward Livingstone as the location for the 2007 Half Yearly Meeting (Letter signed by Andy Anderson)

b) Germany nominated Hans Dieter Gesch to be the next Secretary and Treasurer of 41 International (Letter signed by Uwe Kerstan)

c) Great Britain and Ireland submitted John Bellwood for the position of International Secretary and Treasurer (Letter signed by Martin Young)

d) Concerning rules § 3a, OT Deutschland insisted to follow the rules as they were set down at Bangalore and Copenhagen and not as the versions which were issued in Interlaken, not in line of the agreed compromise (Letter signed by Ulver Oswald)

e) Great Britain and Ireland will submit a proposal along the lines of : "All bank charges incurred by 41 International are the responsibility of 41 International as part of its administration costs and will not be charged back to the paying country". (Letter signed by Martin Young)

f) Austria proposed that the 41 International's Award for Merit be granted to Beat Berger (Letter signed by Dieter Straka)

g) Eric Miller, Great Britain and Ireland, informed that he was preparing a Directory of 41 International Presidents and other Officers, and of Presidents of the affiliated Associations.

h) From Switzerland, we received a proposal called: Children Exchange Program. Maurice Brun would like to see this program in a coming agenda.

i) South Africa advised the right number of Clubs, number necessary for the calculation of their fees. (Letter signed John Hudson)

j) India informed that at Chennai they have approved the Famex proposals sent to us for consideration at the 41 International AGM, held in Arras.

k) Belgium informed that their Association counts 67 Clubs and 1450 members, useful information for the Editor of the Directory (Letter signed by Pieter Timmerman)

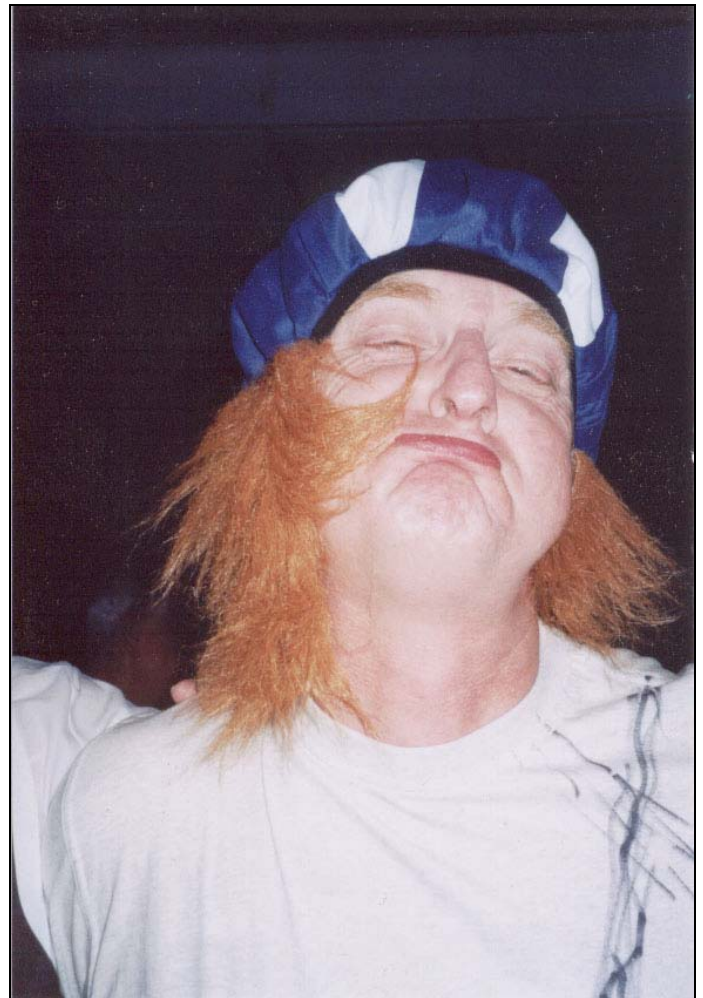
l) At last, a message from Jean-Pierre Tostee. He was very pleased that Indian Ocean could be present in Arras. He thanked President Michael and his committee for keeping 41 International on the right track. He wished all the best to the future new board.

07.

The minutes of the HYM 2003, held in Interlaken, Switzerland, were approved and signed by the President Michael Dalbo Pedersen, the Past President Sam Sampath and the Secretary Marc Niederlender.

08.

No remarks arose from the reports of the board members and the appointed staff. All were approved.



may I introduce newly elect secretary John

09.

Jacques Ménival explained the YAP activity for the year 2002-2003. Europe (Belgium, Germany, Denmark and France) hosted Indian children and India hosted 16 YAPs from Belgium, Denmark, Germany and France. A new YAP program started in South Africa where one German, one Italian, one Belgian, one French and one young ambassador from Switzerland were hosted.

For the first time, India and New Zealand tested the Young Ambassador Exchange.

For 2003/2004, Austria and Switzerland joined the hosting countries in Europe. Morocco proposed two YAP Tours but they had to be cancelled because of no participants. South Africa maintained its Young Ambassadors Program and India and New Zealand continued their experiences.



Jacques introduced his coordinators in each country : Gerhard Wirth for Austria, Jean-Marie De Backer and Michel Leenders for Belgium, Jean-Claude Chavan for Switzerland, Ulver Oswald for Germany, Niels Holmen Andersen for Denmark, Jacques Lacorre for France, Jugnu Oberoi for India, Peter Phillips for New Zealand and Ross McSweeney for South Africa.

10.

Final accounts for the year 2002/2003. It could not be presented in Interlaken because of a missing check by an account auditor. The Belgian IRO Jean-Marie De Backer was voted on as auditor in Switzerland. He checked the incoming fees, the expenses, the board members repayments and approved the final accounts. These final accounts were accepted unanimously.

Accounts: 2003/2004. Only a few Associations had not paid their fees. The payment situation in Arras at the AGM was :

Switzerland: There remains 1575 Euros to be paid. This amount is the Courier bill for 2003 and 2004.

Cyprus: had to pay 237 Euros for Courier costs and some bank charges.

Great Britain and Ireland: 63 Euros were missing. They were bank charges and the Treasurer Marc Niederlender knew the opinion of this Association about this matter. It is a bone of contention that must be discussed for the future.

Israel had to pay 506 Euros. But usually Israel pays in cash at the AGM's and it was so in Arras.

For India, we were waiting for 123 Euros.

The Netherlands paid quite a lot too much for Beat's Year, paid nothing last year and paid 1000 Euros for 2004. So there remains 418 Euros to be paid.

New Zealand: the payment situation is now nearly updated. There is a small difference to be paid.

Romania: 150 Euros out of 155 were paid in Arras.

South Africa: after the payment brought to Arras by John Hudson and the real number of their clubs, the account of this Association is clear now.

Finland: the Courier bill for the current year has been paid in Arras. This Association is updated.

Zambia paid in cash during the AGM and paid a part in advance for the coming year.

One year ago, at the AGM in Copenhagen, we had 5300 Euros to come in.

Marc is happy to hand over the cash box at the end of 2004 to the incoming Treasurer with a claim of 1515 Euros only.

11.

Budget 2004/2005.

The budget of Alain de la Bretesche was proposed:

INCOMES

FEES	21000
COURIER (2,5 E/exp.)	7725
YAP (25 E./partic.)	2000
FAMEX (25 E./ partic.)	800
DIRECTORY (4 E./exp.)	4900
SPONSORING	2900
SHOP	350

TOTAL **39675**

EXPENSES

TRAVEL COSTS	17400
COURIER	8100
DIRECTORY	3500
BANNERS	800
GIFT-MEDALS	500
STATIONERY	400
PHOTOCOPIES	400
TELEPHONE/FAX	1000
POSTAGE	500
BANK CHARGES	200
WEB MASTER	1000
YAP CONVENOR	2000
EDITOR	2800
FAMEX CONVENOR	800
ARCHIVIST	275
Personal Secretary	0

TOTAL **39675**

Jean-Marie De Backer, Belgium, continues as accounts auditor for another year.

12.

John Hudson, South Africa, has been nominated as Vice-President of 41 International for the year 2004/2005 unanimously

Uwe Kerstan Germany has been nominated as Vice-President of 41 International for the year 2005/2006 unanimously.

13.

Future venues:

Were confirmed:

HYM 2004	Antwerp, Belgium	1/3 of October
AGM 2005	Durban, South Africa	21/24 of April
HYM 2005	Limassol, Cyprus	
AGM 2006	Germany	
HYM 2006	Great Britain and Ireland	
AGM 2007	Austria	
HYM 2007	Zambia	

Were voted on and accepted

HYM 2008	Indian Ocean
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The Netherlands could not participate in the AGM, although Uwe Kerstan, IRO from Germany, presented a proxy in order to take part in the voting. The scrutineers rejected this proxy as not in accordance with the Rules.

14.

Rules §3a.

Final voting on the statutes and rules as ratified in Copenhagen. The wish was to have a secret vote.

After counting by the scrutineers, the result of the votes was:

For the rules changing	25 votes
Against the rules changing	5 votes

The rules §3a will be modified and printed in our next Directory.

15.

Voting on the new Secretary and Treasurer of 41 International.

Each candidate : John Bellwood, Great Britain and Ireland and Hans-Dieter Gesch, Germany presented himself and put forward their ambitions to serve our Club by addressing all participants.

The results of the ballot:

John Bellwood	24 votes
Hans-Dieter Gesch	6 votes

John Bellwood will be the Secretary and Treasurer of 41 International for the 3 coming years.



Sam Sampath and his wife Cheetah

16.

A proposal from India concerning the Famex programme was voted on and carried:

29	votes	FOR
1	vote	AGAINST

Gilbert Raoul-Duval, France, former International Secretary 1981/1982, handed over to the International President Michael Dalbo Pedersen a picture in memory of his time on the 41 International Board.

17.

Voting on 2 proposals from Germany.

Application N° 1: No modifications of the rules of 41 International will take place unless all associations have had the opportunity to have confirmed these modifications by their members on the occasion of the respective (next) AGM's.

Result of the ballot:

FOR this application	24 votes
AGAINST this application	3 votes

Application N° 1 proposed by Germany was carried and will be incorporated in the 41 International Statutes and Rules.

Application N° 2: relates to changes to the objectives of 41 International. This requires careful thought, so all Associations wanted the opportunity to discuss this matter with their National Board.

This application N° 2 may be presented again for subsequent voting at the next 41 International AGM in Durban, South Africa 2005.

18.

Our friend Otto Adelhofer has passed away. Peter Poech agreed to take on this appointment for one year and Beat Berger agreed to succeed him. These 2 candidates were accepted unanimously.

19.

The other International staff members were confirmed:

as Editor:	Dieter Straka	Austria
as Webmaster	Renato Bonfini	Italy
as YAP Convenor:	Jacques MénivalF	France

20.

Hubert Braeckmans, Belgium, presented the HYM 2004, in Antwerp on October 1-3 2004.

21.

Courier.

A proposal from Dieter Straka regarding the financing of the Courier on CD.



Alain's new board

The Editor explained to the delegates how the payments should be calculated. It was 4 Euros per Club and per year for two issues produced on a CD to be sent to each Association for distribution through their websites. To ease the acceptance by the three big Associations Dieter proposed to calculate a number of fictitious Clubs by deducting the basic fee from their actual fee to Club 41 International and dividing the rest by 10, which is the "normal" fee per Club. So they would only pay the Courier-fee for this reduced number of Clubs.

GB and Ireland stated they would not agree to such an increase in their contribution to the international level.

Under this condition the Editor can not guarantee the coverage of the production costs for two issues based on CD.

22.

President Michael presented the new Vice-President for the period of 2004/2005: John Hudson, South Africa.

23.

In his address, the new Vice-President thanked the delegates for this fantastic honour. John will be the second International President from South Africa 27 years after Billy Moss. He assured that he will stand behind Alain de la Bretesche.

Unfortunately being in SA the new Vice-President asked him and Uwe Kerstan to replace him when he will not be able to attend AGM's because of the sheer distance. This year will be the year of learning and John said that he could

not wish for better teachers than Alain and Michael, and he could not wish for a better association to serve. He asked some questions: why are so few of us committed to the International organisation and how can we make it more attractive to the average 41'er. John Hudson closed his address by announcing the AGM in Durban, South Africa, April 21-24 2005.

24.

Michael Dalbo Pedersen installed Alain de la Bretesche as the new President of 41 International.

Address of the new President of 41 International: Alain started by introducing himself, and had a word for Michael Dalbo Pedersen, Immediate Past President, Daniel Ponchon, former International President and Jean-Louis Boileau who could have been in his place.

He then presented the 4 items of his program:

- a) Chairman of the team: principal points are dedicating a budget to the editor, the Archivist, the honorary Secretary and the YAP Convenor who are not today really International Officers because they have no collar and because they have no expenses repaid. This situation had to be changed to ensure continuity in the work done by the Boards.
- b) Adaptor: the idea is to go back to the objectives of Round Table and to keep contacts, on an International level, with other Clubs like Tangent or Agora.
- c) Developer: only 19 countries in the world are 41 members. The countries of the United Nations are 140, and actions have to be taken to increase this number.
- d) Fighter for actions : the objective will be to facilitate international meetings, especially through YAP and FAMEX

The main idea behind this program is to build a "Rainbow Club".

25.

The presentation of the International Board 2004/2005 followed -

President:

Alain de la Bretesche, France

Vice-President:

John Hudson, South Africa

Past President:

Michael Dalbo Pedersen, Denmark

Secretary/Treasurer:

John Bellwood, GB and Ireland

Editor:

Dieter Straka, Austria

Yap Convenor:

Jacques Menival, France

Web Master:

Renato Bonfini, Italy

Archivist:

Peter Poech, Austria

Famex Convenor:

Sam Sampath, India

Personal Assistant of the Pres.:

Jean-Claude Marchesseau, France

26.

Any other business.

Marc Niederlender in his farewell address thanked everybody for the great moments he experienced as International Secretary and Treasurer. He specially thanked Michael Dalbo Pedersen for his help and his patience. Marc is sure that he has served a great President and he offered to the out going President in the name of all his friends a small present in memory of his important position at the head of 41 International.

By an official letter, the Association of Old Tablers Suomi Finland expressed again the opposition to the international rules changes and wished that their opinion will be marked in the protocol of the AGM.

27.

Time was running away. President Michael Dalbo Pedersen could not close correctly the 41 International AGM. The Lord Mayor was waiting for the address at the state-room of the City Hall. The IRO's meeting could not take place. All Associations were invited to send to the new Secretary John Bellwood all the future venues and planned meetings.

28.

The next meeting of 41 International will be the HYM held in Antwerp, Belgium, from the 1st to the 3rd of October 2004.

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When "Going International" gets at you...



Cheering up 41ers...

One and a half year of preparation work – a dozen journeys both abroad and in France – dozens of club meetings and working group sessions – entire evenings spent on preparational work – the idea came from Daniel Ponchon, a well known dynamic member of our club in Arras and former International President and one of the founders of 41 INTERNATIONAL. At first no one dared to question his idea but everybody was afraid that it would be more than we could handle. After all the engines started running and we all jumped into the cold water. How can we manage this AGM and still have a decent club life?



Daniel Ponchon with the Parton's

After 18 months I can tell you that we have made it and more than that, the team spirit within the club has increased a lot. We have

tasted the international feeling and quite a few of us are not prepared to let go anymore. We are proud to have mastered this challenge and to have made the AGM a marvellous international meeting, showing our foreign friends the quality of French hospitality. Our work was successful as Alain de la Bretèsche had wished it to be.



Delegates at work

Club 41 Arras 38 has passed its vitality test. Members young and old have likewise contributed their share and made a personal effort with preparing this AGM. The result, however, is a common success. And yet we also had most painful moments due to the death of our dear friend Francis – the event on Friday night was dedicated to his memory – but we didn't want to give in and so we carried on bravely.



thanking Papé Daniel and his wife

There was no way out anyhow because "Papé" was watching over our work. We all thank our national and regional boards for their great support and especially our spouses, who not only helped us but also endured us at times we were hardly bearable!



John Bellwood and his wife

Vive l'International! Evviva l'Internazionalità!
Long live the International! Es lebe die
Internationalität!



*Papé Daniel and Karin Pedersen between
Sandy and John Hudson*

Régis Bernet, floor member

L'International, quand tu nous tiens!



successful organizers

Un an et demi de préparation, une dizaine de voyages à l'étranger et en France, des dizaines de réunions de club ou de

commission, des soirées entières passées à répéter... L'idée était partie de Daniel Ponchon, membre toujours dynamique du Club d'Arras 38 mais aussi past-président-fondateur du 41 international. Sur le moment, personne n'osa vraiment le contredire mais au fond personne ne pensait que nous irions au bout ! Et puis la machine s'est emballée, nous avons plongé.

Comment pouvons-nous gérer cette AGM et continuer à vivre notre vie de Club? Eh bien 18 mois après, je peux vous dire que nous y sommes arrivés et mieux que cela, la cohésion au sein du club s'est renforcée.



British delegation with trousers down

Nous avons goûté à l'international et bon nombre d'entre nous ne sont pas prêts d'en sortir. Nous sommes fiers car nous avons, semble-t-il et sans fausse modestie, gagné notre pari : faire de cette AGM un grand moment de rencontre internationale, montrer à nos amis étrangers la qualité de l'accueil français tout en réussissant à travailler comme l'avait souhaité Alain de la Bretèche.



Presidents Sampath, Pedersen, Ramsay, Bretesche, Ponchon, Lindell, Berger



Daniel and Jean Louis

Le Club d'Arras qui a vu ces dernières années, ses troupes rajeunies avec l'arrivée de nouveaux membres anciens tablers ou non, a fait la preuve de sa vitalité. Du plus jeune au plus ancien, chaque membre s'est investi personnellement dans la préparation de cette AGM mais le résultat est collectif car personne n'a estimé avoir travaillé plus que son voisin. Et pourtant, nous avons connu des moments pénibles avec la disparition de notre ami Francis (la soirée du vendredi lui était d'ailleurs dédiée) mais à aucun moment nous n'avons baissé les bras. Et puis de toute façon, on ne pouvait pas car "Papé" veillait au grain. Un grand merci au national qui nous a fait confiance, à la Région qui nous a suivis, aux IRO présents et à nos "spouses" qui nous ont aidés et parfois supportés ! Vive l'International !

Régis, membre de base !



Clement Andala and his charming wife

Report by the Editor for the AGM 2004 Arras

At this time the Editor finds himself in a strange situation. Having proposed to edit a second edition of the COURIER per club year I had to start work for the collection of articles and preparation of this edition. You might remember the pros and cons of having two editions per year.

Advantages would be to strengthen the ties between floor members and the international level and also other national associations on one side and the improved information about events to come on the other side. This is possible by publishing the first issue right after the international AGM with minutes and reports covering all developments in Club 41 International and the invitation for the HYM. The second issue shortly after the HYM would provide for timely information about venue and program of the upcoming AGM and the main questions it will have to deal with.

If there will be a majority in favour then the next question will have to be discussed and a decision to be made about the medium we are going to use in the future. If we want to have those ties with the floor and want our floor members to enjoy the information provided then it is fairly clear that we need an

electronic medium for "spreading the news" and get it down at least to all members having access to the internet. For those who don't their Association or even Club could transform it into printed material. Distribution with CD has another opportunity as well. Associations can go ahead and translate the COURIER into their own language and then put it into their homepage again.

If we stay with a printed version the distribution cost down to the single member is a problem for each Association. But let's face it: It is less than a cup of coffee or a pint of beer for each recipient!

Ever and ever again I'm going to ask every member, club and association to come up with reports about events, advertising of future events, writing stories of common interest and to send comments on issues, on the magazine, on relation with Round Table, on "Going International", on the importance of "Friendship and Tolerance".

Dieter Straka

Webmaster's Report to the Arras AGM Meeting

AS PER COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE INTERLAKEN HYM AND AS AGREED IN MEETINGS AND CONTACTS WITH NATIONAL CLUB WEBMASTERS, I HAVE REVIEWED THE CLUB 41 INTERNATIONAL INTERNET SITE, WHICH IS TODAY ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

THE MAIN ACCESS PAGE NOW HAS A NEW LOGO: ROUND TABLE SEAL, SPIRAL and 41 SEAL.

<http://www.club41international.com/index.htm>

CLUB 41 INTERNATIONAL 2003/2004 PAGE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD AND WITH THE BANNERS OR LINKS TO THE ENTIRE SITE'S PAGES.

<http://www.club41international.com/club41int2004.htm>

PAGE "CLUB 41 NEWS" IS A DATABASE FOR THE SEMI AUTOMATIC INSERTION OF ALL

THE GENERAL INTEREST MESSAGES RECEIVED.

<http://www.club41international.com/dati/mailist/index.asp>

PAGE "CLUB 41 WEBSITE & MAILING LIST" IS A DATABASE WITH THE KNOWN INTERNET SITE ADDRESSES OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL CLUBS 41 IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

THE PAGE ALSO CONTAINS THE EMAIL ADDRESSES OF THE SINGLE 41 MEMBERS WHO AGREED TO BE LISTED

<http://www.club41international.com/dati/mailist/index.asp>

PAGE "INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY" IS A DATABASE WITH THE MEMBERSHIPS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD AND OF ALL THE NATIONAL BOARDS. EVERY NATIONAL PAGE OF THE DIRECTORY IS LINKED TO THE CORRESPONDING NATIONAL CLUB 41 SITES IF EXISTING.

<http://www.club41international.com/directory/index.htm>

PAGE "INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR" IS A DATABASE WITH ALL ESSENTIAL DATA OF INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS KNOWN OR ADVISED TO THE WEBMASTER. THE INFORMATION IS LISTED BY DATE FROM 2003 TO 2008.

<http://www.club41international.com/calendar>

AS ONE CAN SEE ALL THE IMPORTANT PAGES ARE NOW "DATABASED" SO THAT THEY CAN BE UPDATED EASILY WITHOUT NEED OF OUTSIDE TECHNICAL HELP AND WITHOUT

NECESSITY OF DOWNLOADING AND REINSERTING THE CONTENT OF THE PAGES. PAGE "PHOTO ALBUM" CONTAINS VARIOUS PHOTOS OF EVENTS FROM 1996 ONWARDS.

<http://www.club41international.com/photo/photo.htm>

PAGE "YAP SERVICE" CREATED AND HOSTED IN THE SITE, BUT USED DIRECTLY BY THE YAP COORDINATOR

<http://www.club41international.com/yap/index.htm>

I HAVE KEPT THE OLD GENERAL PAGE AS AN HISTORICAL CONNECTION TO THE PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL PAGES THAT CONSTITUTE OUR HISTORY.

<http://www.club41international.com/club41general.htm>

AS AN OBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN A POSSIBLE WORKSHOP I SUGGEST:

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL PAGE 2004/2005
SELECTION OF TEXT EXPLAINING THE 41 REALITY TO BE INSERTED

SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES OF GENERAL COMMUNICATION OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS TO BE INSERTED IN THE DATABASE OF 41 NEWS

SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION OF EVENTS TO BE INSERTED IN THE CALENDAR

SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION OF UPDATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY
DECISION ON WHO IS TO ADVISE THE WEBMASTER ON THE UPDATES

POSSIBILITIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN WEBMASTERS DURING THE SOCIAL YEAR
INCLUDING RELATIVE TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

YI41 & RT

Renato Bonfini

Web Editor Club 41 International.

Curricula Vitae

Jacques MENIVAL



Name: Jacques MENIVAL
Age: 49 years
Married with Jocelyne
Children: 23, 20 and 6 years.

Area "Rhône Alpes No 10"
secretary
secretary
2002-2003 president

National Board "Club 41 Francais"
National IRO
1998-1999 National webmaster
National IRO
National webmaster

Leisures: Biker since 1972.
Member of the Harley Owners Group since 1995 (Harley Davidson)

Member of the "Jeune Chambre Economique Francaise" (Junior Chamber) 1990-1995.

Member of the Round Table "Bourgoin Jallieu No 180" in 1990.

President of the RT area "Rhône Alpes No 9" in 1994.

Member of the 41 Club in September 1995.

My background in our Club:

Local Club of "Bourgoin Jallieu No 129"
secretary

1998-1999 vice president

president

2002-2003 president

41 International
YAP coordinator (Int. President: Herbert POTZINGER)

YAP coordinator (Int. President: Beat BERGER)

YAP coordinator (Int. President: Sam SAMPATH)

YAP coordinator (Int. President: Michael Dalbo PEDERSEN)

YAP coordinator (Int. President: Alain JOUSSEAUME de la BRETESCHE)

Other activity in the 41 Club at the international level:

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1994/95, In 1996/97 he has recycled in the 41 International as international Treasurer. However after his year of job as Treasurer, the assignment has been abolished.!!! Voluntarily Webmaster since 1998 Renato is today always with you. Renato continues to

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June 2004 Renato

Award for Merit



Club 41 Austria proposed that 41 International's „AWARD FOR MERIT“ be granted to Beat Berger, because

- he has made us all aware of the true values of 41,
- he forced us to make a decision in the question of membership and to go through the sometimes painful process of finding a sound solution,
- forced us to overcome the lingering problem of rules not accepted or not taken seriously by many.

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He has made us free again for concentrating on building the future of 41 as he had stated in his Report of the President to the AGM in Brasov

The Y A P – Report: A Story of Success



Jacques amidst the first Indian group

The YAP's organisation starts during the 41 International HYM for the immediate year.

Past immediate YAP : (2002/2003)

Hosting a group of Indian children (16 YAPs) in Europe for a Tour in France, Belgium, Germany and Denmark during one month. (20th June till 18th July 2003)

Hosting a group of European children (Belgians, Danish, Germans and French: 16 YAPs) for a Tour in India (Delhi / Bombay) during one month. (24th July till 20th August). This group was joined by two New Zealander's children.

For the first time starting of the South African YAP Tour. (24th July for two weeks). Five European children (Germany, Italy, Belgium,

France and Switzerland) were hosted by our friend Jimmy KIRK(+) and his team.

For the first time starting of the New Zealand YAP Tour. It was a test between India and New Zealand.

Current YAP : (2003/2004)

1. Austria and Zwitzerland joined the hosting countries in Europe. It means that it's possible to organize two Tours for our friends from India and others and to reduce the number of children in each group (16 to 12) during one month each.
2. Morocco proposes two YAP Tours during this year (April : 2 weeks and July 2004 : 3 weeks) for 5 children.
3. South Africa maintains its YAP Tour in September for 5/6 children during September 2004 : 2 weeks.

4. The YAP Tour test between New Zealand and India is maintained in February 2004. The difficulty for New Zealand is that it is a little Association (16 Clubs) and far from us.
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6. India organizes two YAP Tours to host the European children and others (12 each group) in July and August 2004 during one month each.

The YAP Tours :

1. NZ YAP Tour : February 2004 for to host 4 indian children. Two children did not obtain their visas and caused a financial damage to the NZ Association. During this WE, it's the AGM in NZ and I hope the continuation in the YAP.
2. MOROCCO YAP Tour : 21st March till 04th April. **Cancelled because no participant!** Financial participation : 300 Euros.
3. North Tour Europa : 04th June till 04th July 2004.
Arrival in Paris, return from Copenhagen and travel in France, Belgium, Germany and Denmark. 12 children are waited during this week end. All visas are obtained. Financial participation : 500 Euros. **FULL!**
4. South Tour Europa : 04th June till 04th July 2004.
Arrival in Vienna, return from Zurich and travel in Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland. At the moment when I write this report, we wait the information concerning the visas of the 10 children. It'll be a surprise for Gerhard WIRTH, Austrian YAP coordinator when he return in Vienna ! Financial participation : 500 Euros. **FULL!**
5. MOROCCO YAP Tour : 02nd July till 27th July 2004. **No registration but it's not too late ! 4/5 places.** Financial participation : 400 Euros.
6. Indian Tour "Mumbai / Chennai" : 16th July till 14th August 2004. The group is constituted with 3 Danes, 2 Germans, 2 Belgians, 2 Austrians and 3 French. **FULL !** Financial participation : 500 Euros each
7. Indian Tour "Delhi / Calcutta" : 30th July til 29th August 2004. The group is constituted with 2 Germans, 1 or two Austrians, 1 Belgian, 4 French and **4 places are free !** Financial participation : 500 Euros each.
8. South African YAP Tour : 6th till 20th September 2004. The group is constituted with 1 Austrian, 1 German, 1 Swiss and **2 places are free!** The visit will be Johannesburg, Durban and South Coast, where the group will participate at the SA AGM. Financial participation : 500 Euros each.

How it's possible to organize the YAP?

It is the work of a whole team and more than one hundred families which chose to take part in the action of the 41 international: the YAP!

I have the honor to present you a small part of this team :

YAP coordinator for Austria: Gerhard WIRTH
 YAP coordinators for Belgium: Jim de BACKER & M. LENDERS
 YAP coordinator for Switzerland: Jean Claude CHAVAN
 YAP coordinator for Germany: Ulver OSWALD
 YAP coordinator for Denmark: Niels Holmen ANDERSEN
 YAP coordinator for France: Jacques LACORRE
 YAP coordinator for India: Jugnu UBEROI
 YAP coordinator for New Zealand: Peter PHILLIPS
 YAP coordinator for South Africa: Ross McSWEENEY

Evolution of the YAP:

- Till 1999, 2 countries supported this action:
France and India (an attempt existed between Germany and India).
- 2000, 3 countries supported this action:
France, Germany and India.
- 2001, 4 countries supported this action:
France, Germany, Belgium and India.
- 2003, 7 countries supported this action:
France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, New Zealand, South Africa and India.
- 2004, 10 countries support this action:
France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, New Zealand, South Africa, Morocco, Austria, Switzerland and India.
- Later, it will depend on the other countries not yet participating in this international action.

Please, let me know your position for the HYM in Antwerp 1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2004 ! Itis

the deadline for starting a good organisation again!

Concerning the YAP rules (modifications):

- Limits of age: the children should be between 18 and 26 years old.
- A guideline "to live the YAP well" as a resume of all rules, principles about comportment, logistic and so on" will be written and validated by all YAP coordinators 2004 before being downloadable on the 41 International website.

Concerning the administration of the YAP:

(See the Interlaken YAP workshop)

- It would be desirable that the international treasurer opens an account YAP to receive the financial contributions and to redistribute them with the host countries.
- It would be desirable that for each candidate's file, the family pays 20 euros to the international treasurer to contribute to the operation of the YAP.
It's to help the YAP coordinator in his work and his participation to the International AGM and HYM. If we want to develop this action durably, we have to give the International YAP coordinator the possibility to participate at these events.

Conclusions :

The YAP is the most beautiful action of our association. It contributes to better

understanding between countries and to the development of the international Friendship.

Our children are ambassadors who learn the respect for the difference of the peoples.

We give them the chance to be able to participate in the construction of a better world.

It is the opportunity to unite ourselves in the same action for the pleasure and the future of our children.

Thank you for all support and don't forget: the YAP is a window open on the friendship in our world.

410 YAP' S (since 1992) thank you for the dream that you offered to them !



Jacques MENIVAL
YAP-Coordinator 2000/01/02/03/04
41 INTERNATIONAL

NB: Special Thanks to Ulver Oswald (Germany) who has accompanied me for 5 years in this human adventure.

YAP – Latest News

Dear 41ers/Friends,
First of all cannot believe that the 12 lovely, so well behaved Yaps are 41er's children... thought like us they would be fighter-cocks... more like my pals Jacques/Ulver... Anyhow... was a pleasure to receive/welcome all the 12 yesterday morning @ Bangalore, my home town... they are staying with 8 local Indian 41 ers home...had to turn down further request from my 41ers to host them... after a short rest, etc... took them around to see the local sights. our Govt. home... the famous Hare Rama Iscon Temple... a short

shopping trip, etc, etc... then we had a gala cocktail party @ a 41ers 5 star hotel/cum pub...had to close the night/at 2 am... as they are now off to a jungle SAFARI...will be back late evening..to spend time with local host.. need them to catch up some sleep... off for the day tour of Mysore tomorrow morning..back late night... some of my local host want to adopt them...parents please advice.More CNN News to follow on the kidnap issue. Just to inform you all....
ALL OK AT THE YAPS FRONT.

Regards, Jugnu

"Une Rivierie Belle"

A report on the South European Young Ambassadors Program, 2004.

I am going to start my report with a little poem that I wrote for my fellow YAPS:

You'll be always in my heart,
 Always on my mind,
 No matter how deep the water is,
 You'll, I always find.
 My memories are darkening,
 You'll be getting more unclear,
 I've fallen into a tunnel,
 But I am not to fear.
 Very soon we'll be as one,
 Together as we once had been,
 Filling our memory boxes,
 For the time of being unseen.
 4th June, 2004 a memorable day in my life.
 My first international trip, with people I had
 never met before, to EUROPE – a dream
 destination.

It was a strange feeling, being the youngest of the group, I had a lot of inhibitions with regard to the fact of getting along with my group members, wondering what they would be like, will I have appropriate companionship, etc. To my pleasant surprise, all of us got along handsomely, like we had known each other since our nappy days.

We landed in the beautiful, historical city of Vienna in Austria. Vienna - the city of imperial grandeur, centuries-old music traditions, museums and art collections, the Giant Ferris Wheel, and the romantic Danube. We couldn't have asked for a better start.

Next came Leibnitz, where none of us can forget this charming lady, Helga, who made an impregnable impression upon all of us.

Our next destination, St. Veit, an interesting mixture of the modern and the historical architecture and miles and miles of beautiful flowers was almost like opening a story book. Everything was picture perfect.

If there was ever a city at one with nature and its mountain environment, it is Innsbruck.

I'm sure none of us can forget Mausefalle, the disco and also the Swarovski Museum, that took our breath away.

That was Austria for you. The welcome we received from the 41-ers was undoubtedly warm and loving. They welcomed us not only into their homes, but also made us a part of their family.

Soon it was time for us to say good bye to the mountains and the historical museums of Austria and say hello to the sleek cars, speeding highways and the loving hosts in Germany. Our first stop Memmingen, will be one, that I can never forget. Our hosts made us feel like their own daughters. We departed with tears in our eyes but fond memories in our hearts.

Heidenheim, where soft toys were life sized and the wine glasses were never empty.

A city to remember, a city with joyous spirits.

Our last stop in Germany, Fribourg, was quite a memorable one for me as I celebrated my 19th birthday there. I cannot stop thanking my hosts and my fellow YAPS, for making my birthday such a memorable one and giving me a home away from home.

Next came France, a country which is synonymous with wine, cheese, romance, fashion, Mont Blanc, etc. And we had a taste of all of that and a lot more. The medieval village of Yvoire or the ice cave of Chamonix, our tryst with cooking Indian Cuisine or a walk up the mountains, France certainly gave all of us *une aimable accueil*.

Switzerland – a holiday destination where each one of us have longed to go to at some point in our lives. Whether it was the adventure sports at Forest Jump in Neuchatel or the fresh beer from the brewery at Bern, the view from the highest outdoor elevator in Luzern or the splendid cruise in Weinfelden, and at last but certainly not the least, the breathtakingly marvelous fireworks that brought tears to our eyes reviving the 30 days of joys and sorrows

that all of us had experienced with each other.

The South European YAP trip, 2004 has been an opportunity of a life time for me. Along with learning the culture of a foreign land, it also made me realize the minor cultural details, that emanates from our country. It was a privilege for me to represent India, and enlighten our European friends about our rich and varied heritage, culture and its futuristic approach. I'm sure, now, we have successfully imbibed in them, a picture of India as it is today.

Our hosts, in every country we visited, tried their utmost, to make us feel comfortable and homely. All of them have taken a lot of

care of all of us in every possible way. I will always be eternally grateful to each one of them for doing so.

Lastly, I'd like to end by saying that this trip enabled me to discover myself and develop lasting friendship with all the YAPS. It was indeed *Une Rivierie Belle (a beautiful dream)* come true.

Cheers to all of us...!!!!

NEHA VERMA
D/O RAVI VERMA
41ers Club # 48
MUMBAI

YAP TOUR 2004

"To our two new sons – we will miss you." – while this might sound like a cheesy and sentimental end to an even cheesier feel-good chick-flick, that one sentence for me summed up the feelings of love and camaraderie in our Young Ambassador's Programme (YAP 2004) tour. That was part of a note that our hosts in Memmingen, Germany, wrote to us while bidding us goodbye.

The tour as a whole, was... PERFECT. Considering that visa problems at the start almost led me to believe that I would never be able to make the tour, things turned out brilliantly! The program comprised of a week's time each in Austria, Germany, France, and Switzerland, with 10 exuberant young ambassadors from different parts of India. In spite of having been on a YAP Tour in 2000, I was a little daunted by the thought of backpacking across new places with companions and hosts I had never met before; as always, the unknown proved to be the most enjoyable. In a short span of time the 10 of us became great friends! I would struggle to do justice to describing the friendship and comradeship we shared, and the amount of fun we had. Together we enjoyed the mountains and the lakes in Austria, the pubs and the beer in Germany,

the wine and the cheese in France, and the chocolates and the music festival in Switzerland: this all made up a great treasure chest of lovely shared memories I am sure we will all cherish for a long time.

We experienced things like playing in the snow, a visit to the Swarovski factory, dinner in a charming castle at St. Viet, the climb on Mt. Blanc, fireworks at the Zurich festival (takes place once every 3 years). Oh! I can go on...

And as for our hosts: Fantabulous! They all made us feel like family, and we had the time of our lives.

I would like to thank the 41er Clubs of Austria, Germany, France, Switzerland as well as India to have given us an opportunity to visit a foreign country as a citizen, and a proud ambassador. A special thanks to my YAP Group to have acted as a group at all times, good or bad. I think I would be voicing a common sentiment among our group when I say that at present I feel as if I have a family in every part of India. For now, I can't wait for my hosts and group-members to come and visit me in Calcutta!

Vikas Agarwal

YAP 2004 – South European tour

“Reflections”

Truly... a place where time and space come to a standstill...and merge together...EUROPE!!!

Whether it was the outstanding beauty of the Mont Blanc in France or the raunchy nightclubs in Germany, the wine in Austria or the cheese in Switzerland, it was by far an experience that has got engraved in our hearts forever.

The Young Ambassador's Program (YAP) 2004 – South European tour! The tour, comprising of the southern cities of Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland was for a total of four weeks, giving us a week in each country. This being the first time for the YAP to Austria and Switzerland, also to some of the cities in Germany and France, we took upon ourselves to make the best of it, in terms of both having fun and living up to the task of a true exchange program.

The journey started with skepticism about what the other young ambassadors would be like?!!... Would we all get along?... Would we fight?... Would we laugh?... Would we cry?... The end result – YES WE DID all of the above – BUT... TOGETHER!!!

Each of us came away from this program of 30 days and 30 nights wiser, wiser about building lasting relationships between each other and wiser about building strong relationships between 2 countries!

The welcome we received from the Old Tablers (oops...the 41ers) in Europe into their lives and their homes was unmatched. We brought back with us much more than just memories of rippled lakes, bright white snow or picturesque castles, we came back to India with a picture of the people and their unsubdued warmth embedded permanently in our heads.

Everywhere we went, we went as visitors, but left as FRIENDS!!! I don't think any of us from the group will ever forget the time when we huddled together and got goose flesh while we watched the spectacular fireworks display at the Zurich festival...

The time I was gifted a disc of photographs as a small gesture from our hosts in Memmingen, Germany, with a small note that read, "To our two new sons, we will miss you"...

The clenching time when the whole group worked undaunted as a team literally running to change trains in a matter of 3 minutes or... The time we clutched each other at the airport while departing and cried our hearts out...

Every moment spent will be a treasure, something we were never able to capture through our cameras, just something that will stay with us as portions stored away in our minds.

Another thing that was amazing to note was how little most of the people we met knew about India, most of the blame of which one would pass on to our fickle media which highlights only the slum dwellers and the poverty line in India and not the rate at which we are progressing today. BUT what us young ambassadors were most happy about was the fact that in our own little way, we left an indelible impression on those we met by telling them about our country, its rich culture and its new jet-set attitude!

Yes, we did our bit for India!!! We felt it a privilege to be with the 41ers, every step we took was planned and organized to the T. They knew exactly when we needed a rest, they knew exactly when we were rearing to go!!!

In short, they gave us all we needed and never let us feel homesick...they gave us a home away from home...that made the program a whole lot more special!!!

And by the way, catch us on the Internet at www.mausefalle.net - Salsa night at a club in Innsbruck, Austria – Yes, we showed them us Indians could dance...and HOW!!!

Ameet Mirpuri
S/o. Mr. Prem Mirpuri
Chairman – 41ers Club # 62
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YAP Tour 2004: Vienna – Zurich

A Report by Divya Pall (New Delhi)

Hi! Before I get into details of the trip, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Divya Pall. I was one among 9 very lucky young people to be selected for the YAP tour to Vienna – Zurich. Gosh! I was the only one from Delhi. (so no one to take my side in case of any Delhi-bashing! O well) Indeed the group was very mixed with only 2 or 3 people being from the same city. And this is what makes the YAP a very special experience.

The Young Ambassador Program of Club 41 gives us a fantastic opportunity to interact, exchange ideas and experience the culture and lifestyle habits of people from different parts of India, and the World in just a few weeks! What's more, we get to travel and visit some of the most famous sights in addition to discovering the not so famous places which actually turned out to be discoveries and more fun than some of the better known sightseeing places. Together, the 10 of us as Young Ambassadors were UNITED and ONE as we represented Club 41 India, our respective cities and our country INDIA in Europe. It was a dream come true – a dream trip which would not have been possible without our YAP Convenor Mr. Jugnu Uberoi and the corresponding YAP convenors internationally, especially Mr. Ulver Oswald, Mr. Jacques Menival and of course all the host families who extend their continuing support to the YAP. And no this is not a Miss India speech! It's an honest expression of deep heartfelt gratitude for the entire committee who make it happen year after year for the lucky '**chosen ones**'. Let me now take you through this unique enriching experience, starting with the pre-trip preparations.

PRE-TRIP PREP - What would we do without you Jugnu uncle?

Is a question I still ask myself. I had so many questions – what is the YAP all about and what do I pack (!?!) being foremost. Jugnu uncle was very regular with sending emails to all of us with updates on our ticketing & visas, Do's and Don'ts, what to

pack, how to prepare, gifts we must carry & several useful tips from past experience. At this point I want to mention that Jugnu uncle really pushed the visas through, if it wasn't for him, perhaps some of us would not have been able to be a part of this trip. His perseverance and never give up spirit is what carried us through the nail biting tension some of us faced. The other thing, which really helped, was that he used to send us useful tips, which proved very helpful. What's more, he encouraged us to start exchanging emails with each other so that we start getting to know each other better, and even suggested that we make a YAP 2004 T-shirt for group pictures during our trip. I must tell you, most of the Europeans really liked this idea and the T-shirt! As I wheeled my luggage into the airport and said 'goodbye' to my parents, I mentally prepared myself to meet my fellow YAPS with whom I was going to share 30 days of the YAP experience.

AIRPORT – First Hello, First Impressions!

Apprehension fast metamorphosed into bonding and later major bonhomie as we did a 'Binaca Geetmala' of sorts (sang songs) at the airport and exchanged 1st impressions and most embarrassing moments. This went on all the way till we boarded the flight, and then in-flight as well! Weary onlookers simply 'looked on' as their eye-lids became heavier with sleep. We were 10 of us, full of energy and ready to go!

I am now going to break up my report country-wise and into two sections consisting of – what we saw, and my impressions exclusive! The trip was distinctly divided into 4 weeks with 1 week in each country starting with Austria, then Germany, France & finally Switzerland. We were to visit different cities and towns in each of these countries. Our arrival point was Vienna in Austria. Let's go...

AUSTRIA – Vienna, Leibnitz, St. Veit / Klagenfurt, Innsbruck

Vienna ~ Wien / Population – 1,6 mln / Language – German

The city of music, art and culture – Vienna welcomed us with open arms. This is where the world famous Phelamonico opera was born. Where Mozart composed many a symphony and now lies buried in St. Mark's Cemetery. This is where different architectural styles – Romanesque, Baroque, Gothic & the Renaissance style fuse together to create magic. Where priceless original works of art were created centuries ago which now lie beautifully preserved in the Art Museum. Where the streets were alive with people, sound, colour and even live statues who hold your hand as you click a picture and preserve a memory for a lifetime. Where we mixed wine with sparkling water to create "G'spritzer" a unique drink (sacrilege for the French but we are in Vienna remember?) Where we happily popped many a Mozart chocolate. Where the weather was cool and crisp and the people were warm. Vienna was very eventful & packed with sightseeing. Day 1 started with a walk in the main areas of the City, the Church, National Art museum & St. Marx's cemetery. On the second day we went to the Schloeb Musuem where we learnt about Maria Theresa. This was followed by a sumptuous lunch in an open air café and before we knew it, it was Auf Wiedersen Vienna and hello to Leibnitz!

Leibnitz is in Styria which is to the south approx. 2 hours by coach from Vienna. Population – 7,000. Language – German.

A lesser known place, Leibnitz had huge open spaces and most residents had sprawling homes. We were pleasantly surprised to learn that the famous 'Mundiyaan' song of the Hindi movie 'BOOM' is one of the chartbuster songs here! Imagine! Sadde bollywood di Jai! We visited the Schloss Seggau to see the National exhibition of the Romans who had ruled Austria for a long time. This was followed by a visit to 'Graz' (famous town to the north of Leibnitz) dinner and a very interesting bowling match between the young and old tablers.

St. Veit/ Klagenfurt

This was a small town which had some 80,000 varieties of flowers. We visited the town of Friesach here and memorable in the open air dinner where we had a bonfire and played lots of games. Day 2 was a visit to Mini-mundus where well crafted miniatures of world-famous monuments exist incl. The Taj Mahal, St. Petersburg, The Eiffel Tower, The Parthenon etc. The world at a glance.

Innsbruck – Tirol

A valley surrounded by mountains, one can ski anytime of the year in Innsbruck! People are generally sporty and enjoy outdoor sports like trekking, skiing and biking. At the heart of Innsbruck is the Swarovski crystal factory where bookings have to be made months in advance. Luckily for us we got a guided tour in English. As we walked through the 13 'magic' rooms at the factory, we saw the largest crystal wall built entirely of Swarovski stones. On an average, the factory is capable of producing 8 times the amount of crystal used to make the wall in a day! Next was a visit up the Alps glacier 3000 m above sea level. On our way down we stopped by a farmer's home where we tasted authentic cow cheese & milk. YUMMY. And how can we forget the rocking night life & visit to the beer brewery - Innsbruck rocks!

GERMANY – Memmigen, Heidenheim, Frieberg

To be honest, I don't think I would get the opportunity to see these towns in the ordinary tourist course. But YAP made it possible. And these towns were real discoveries! What's more is that the people here asked many questions about India, our lifestyle so we had lots to share with them.

Memmingen – read 'Hi-tech' Modern and very advanced, Germans have a different lifestyle. In Memmingen we did many sporty things – tobogganning, walk and picnic lunch in the mountains, climb to King's castle, pubbing ...!

Heidenhiem – en route to Heideheim, we visited the Albert Einstein museum at Ulm. Guess what – all 10 of us featured in the daily newspaper of Heidenhiem! No, not in the MOST WANTED section, but in the section on city news with a special welcome note from the Mayor of Heidenheim. That

felt very special. We also got to see the Famous 'Stiefe' museum where teddy bears and soft toys of the best quality are made. These toys last for 100 years and have an auction value of millions of pounds! Incidentally, did you know that the 'Teddy Bear' derives its name from a cartoon of Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt? I learnt that at the museum!

Last stop Freiburg. Fascinating Freiburg is located very close to the famous Blackforest. It is called the Blackforest because it is a forest which actually looks ***black***. I am serious. In Freiburg, we discovered 'Hell's Valley' which was named so because of its treacherous twisted dark roads – SCARY AS HELL! We did boating, saw the ski jump and ate dinner in the vineyards. Shopping is great in Freiburg.

FRANCE – Thyez, Cluses, Mont Blanc, Chamonix

France – the land of wine & cheese. We had a very relaxed schedule in France after much hectic & sporty activity. This was the mid-point of the trip. We experienced the lavish French lifestyle, 7 course meals, wine (white, red & rose), cheeses (Camembert, Emmenthal, Brie, blue cheese) I think by now you have guessed I have a fetish for cheese. YUM. Highlights were – visit to Geneva, Mont Blanc, Tour de France and Ice lake Chamonix.

Now all moms and dads – kind attention. You will be very proud to know that all of us (even the boys) cooked one or more Indian dishes and we prepared a special Indian pot dinner for our French hosts. The menu was lavish – Butter chicken, Egg curry, Mutter paneer, Aloo, Chawal, Paranthas. We also dressed in our traditional best for the French formal dinner. We left the taste of India in France!

SWITZERLAND –Neuchatel, Bern, Luzern, Weinfelden, Zurich

The land of chocolates, fondue, roesti & raclette ! Switzerland was a drastic change from our relaxed French experience. It was

hectic as we hurried moved from city to city everyday. ~Daura Daura bhaga bhaga sa...!

Neuchatel – we stayed at a camp. Yes Neuchatel was very sporty – we climbed trees with ropes and broke our backs and bones! But it was real fun and a once in a lifetime experience.

Bern – The capital of Switzerland named after the mighty BEAR, which is the symbol of Switzerland, Bern was a beautiful city.

Luzern – visit to Burgenstock and walk on the famous Kappelbridge

Weinfelden – lots of pubbing, Mexican & Indonesian food (delicious!) and shopping.

Zurich – last stop. Our hearts were beating faster as we soon realized that these were the last few days of our trip. Luckily for us, we witnessed the famous fire-works display at the Zurich festival which happens once in 3 years for the people of Zurich. The streets were very lively with food stalls and music everywhere.

Which brings me to the tail end of my report (finally - but I sincerely hope that's not how some of you feel) All in all, it was cultural exchange at its best.

We now look forward to the YAPS coming from abroad to welcome them here and extend our warm hospitality as they did to us.

Once again a big thank you to the entire YAP team in India and Internationally who made it possible for us.

Viva la YAP!

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Otto Adelhofer



OTTO ADELHOFER passed away

Dear 41ers worldwide,

it is with great sadness that I have to report the death of our friend Otto Adelhofer who died on Friday, January 9, 2004 being very ill during the year 2003.

It is not easy in a few words to reflect the extent of the loss felt by passing of a 41er such as Otto has been. For nearly 3 decades Otto was one of the most popular and well known 41ers, not only national but also international. In Austria we called him „Otto Nationale“ and for 41- International he brought the flame of friendship to our members in all continents the 41-Association is present.

As a Tabler Otto was a member of RT 1 in Vienna. In 1979 he joined Club 41 Wien. In his profession Otto was a leading member of

IBM's PR-Team. In this function he edited the company's magazine. Being perfect in such belongings it was only a little step to vote for him as an editor of Austria's National magazine „Contacte“ – a job he did for nearly 15 years. For 1989/90 he was elected as National President of Club 41 Österreich and only one year later he was the leading representative of 41-INTERNATIONAL. At the AGM in Agde 1990 he became President of 41-INTERNATIONAL. In this period he acted very close with his Vice-President Indu Chandhok from India. The „Indu Chandhok Foundation“ started in 1991 a youth exchange programme between Europe and India. This was the beginning of the successful YAP-Programme and Otto acted for several years as a Zone-Coordinator for Europe. After his time as a Immediate Past-President of 41-INTERNATIONAL the international board asked him to be an Archivist and to collect all material concerning 41-INTERNATIONAL. Otto was perfect in English and so he supported me in editing the „Courier“ and the International Directory for about 20 years.

Discussing 41 matters, telling jokes, drinking one (or some more) glasses of beer with him –all that will be missed by his friends, but he will remain in our hearts as a perfect 41er living the principles of ROUND TABLE but being full of tolerance to everybody in 41. I am sure that all of us who have known Otto will feel the touch of his friendship as long as we are 41ers.

Whenever Otto was travelling his wife Ingrid was beside him. She is well known everywhere. Our deepest sympathy goes to her and to Otto's family.

Peter Poech

Otto Adelhofer a pillar of strength of 41 International has passed away. He was a very enthusiastic Tabler and had a great love for India and brought many groups with him to see the whole of India. He always

remembered Sharook Mazda and Nargis who even cooked Indian food for him in Vienna. He loved good food and was full of fun.



Otto Adelhofer and the board at the AGM 1990

I remember fondly the way he received Indra and me at the Vienna Airport in 1986, early morning, after a bomb blast at the Airport with the 41 Banner. To stay within our budget. He booked us into the International Youth Hostel and was very keen that I understand the real thrust of the Movement. The two days in Vienna are memorable and he taught me that handled

properly, there is no problem in handling guests. Their Club had divided themselves

into 4 Groups of 6 each and they took turns to look after visitors.

He loved "41" and became the International President in 1990 in Agde France (photo

enclosed) and I served as his Vice President and took over from him next year in Trieste, Italy. I mention this because he did not worry about insisting on an AGM in Austria during his tenure.

Along with Peter Poech, he nurtured the Movement and sowed the seeds of the youth exchange program in my mind. The next year when I took over we pushed this very worthwhile program of YAP. Hence though I am credited with Starting the YAP Program, the suggestion was from Otto. The '41' Movement has lost a great pillar of strength but fond memories remain.

Our heartfelt condolences to Ingrid Adelhofer.

B Indu Chandhok
Past President – 41 International (91-92)

AGM 2004



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22nd – 24th
OCTOBER 2004

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On behalf of Club 41 Suisse I would like to invite you to the AGM 2004 in Zurich.

Zurich is wellknown as a business city, but it can offer you a lot more. By joining us you

will have the opportunity to discover and to enjoy the other face of Zurich.

A sincere "thank you" belongs to the Club 41/31 Zurich for the excellent organisation.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you in Zurich.

Yours in 41
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PROGRAM**Friday, 22nd October 04**

from 16:00h Registration at Zürichberg Hotel

19:30h Get together party at Zürichberg Hotel (casual)

Saturday, 23rd October 04

from 09:00h Registration
Rest. Au Premier, Zurich
Mainstation

10:00h AGM Club 41 Suisse
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11:45h Cocktail and lunch together with
the ladies and our guests at Rest.
Au Premier, Zurich Mainstation

Afternoon Individually shopping, culture,
sightseeing etc.

17:00h President's Cocktail and banner
exchange (special invitation)

18:30h Departure for dinner event at
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19:00h Cocktail & dinner event
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Sunday, 24th October 04

from 09:30h Farewell brunch at Zürichberg
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HOW TO FIND US:**Hotel Zürichberg (Registration desk)****By car:**

From all directions proceed to the city and then
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GEO Biodiversity Day: The Idea

An expedition into the diversity of Germany's Ecology. From the Idea to the Movement.



The Idea

Once every year, GEO-Magazine sends out a general invitation to participate in exploring our local nature. Within 24 hours, the participants are requested to detect as many diverse plants and animals as possible in a certain area. The aim of the GEO Biodiversity Day is an assessment of our direct environment: what lives and grows in our local area? No record-making is asked for - what is vital is to raise people's consciousness for the biodiversity in front of their doorsteps. Because only what we know and understand we will value and protect.



The Movement

The first GEO Biodiversity Day took place in 1999. Meanwhile, it has developed into the largest field work event in Central Europe. Far over 10 000 people participated in 2003, among which there were many prestigious

zoologists and botanic experts. But expert knowledge is not the only input we are interested in: interested laymen of any agegroup are very much invited to take part in the GEO Biodiversity Day: Communities, schools, museums, environmental groups and other organisations are very welcome to participate by hosting their own events.



The Events

Together with one partner organisation GEO organises the annual main event, which is documented in a feature article in GEO-Magazine. In 2003, the 'Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland (BUND) e.V.' (Association for Environmental Protection in Germany) supported the project. The area chosen for this project was the 'Green Line', the former boarder between West- and East Germany.

On 12th June 2004, with the help of a new project partner, a different area will undergo a carefully planned 'inventory'.

GEO consciously motivates those who aim to participate to create their own accompanying events: in the local park, at the river's edge or in a gravel-pit. In Germany, Austria, Switzerland, or any other part of the world. Interested?



The Echo

In its September issue, the GEO-Magazine reports the GEO Biodiversity Day in great detail (incl. Special Supplement). Additionally, many other media document the event.

Contact

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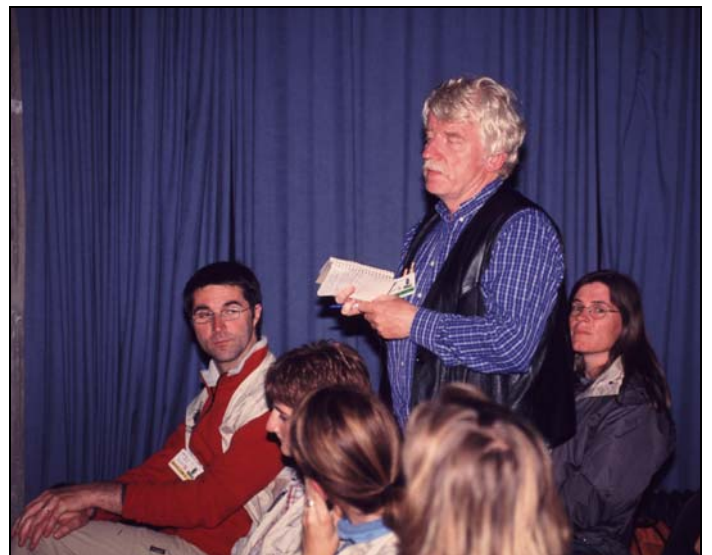
Artenvielfalt in Tirol: Ein Tagebuch

Beim GEO-Tag der Artenvielfalt in Tirol und Südtirol waren große und kleine Artenjäger, Profis und interessierte Laien auf der Pirsch. GEO-Reporter berichten von den großen Erfolgen und kleinen Katastrophen des Tages

Unter prasselndem Regen ging am Sonnabend, den 12. Juni in Innsbruck die diesjährige Hauptveranstaltung des GEO-Tags der Artenvielfalt zu Ende. Zeitweilige Schauer während der 24 Stunden seit Freitag, 18 Uhr konnten den Erfolg jedoch keineswegs verwässern: Insgesamt 90 Experten gelang es, an fünf Orten zwischen Zirl (bei Innsbruck) und dem Brennerpass rund 1500 Arten an Pflanzen, Tieren und anderen Organismen zu identifizieren; Nachuntersuchungen werden das Gesamtergebnis noch erhöhen. Von der Begleitaktion in Südtirol am Schlern-Massiv unweit von Bozen wurden noch am Wochenende mehr als 1000 Arten gemeldet. GEO-Reporter begleiteten den großen Arten-Check - und schrieben ein Tagebuch der Glücksfunde und Zwischenfälle.

Freitag, 11. Juni, Innsbruck, Zeughaus, 19.07 Uhr

Der Hof des historischen Zeughauses hat sich gefüllt. Der allgemeine Dresscode - Wanderstiefel, Pullover, GEO-Weste - macht klar: Hier sind Profis versammelt. Johannes Kostenzer von der Umweltabteilung der Tiroler Landesregierung spricht in seiner Begrüßungsrede von großen Erwartungen auf gute Arten-Ergebnisse. Beim Stichwort "Spannung" rollt Gewitter-Donner über Innsbruck - gelungene Wetter-Regie!



Zeughaus, 20.05 Uhr

Die Tiroler Landesregierung, die den GEO-Tag in Österreich wesentlich unterstützt, lädt zu „Kasspatzn“ und Almdudler. GEO-Chefredakteur Peter-Matthias Gaede betont in seiner Dankesrede, wie sehr die Aktion auf die Unterstützung von Artenkennern angewiesen ist. Zur Hauptveranstaltung in Österreich tragen nicht weniger als 14 österreichische Organisationen bei.

Zeughaus, 21.10 Uhr

Für Robert Mühlthaler, den Ideengeber und (zusammen mit Christoph Höbenreich) Organisations-Knotenpunkt der Innsbrucker Veranstaltung, naht der große Moment: Er bläst zum Aufbruch für die Nachtextkursionen. Pünktlich lässt der Regen nach.

Zirl, Burgruine Fragenstein, 21.30 Uhr

Am Fuße der Burgruine Fragenstein entzünden Arten-Experten und Mitglieder aus dem GEO-Team Fackeln für den Aufstieg.

Zirl, Burgruine Fragenstein, 22.00 Uhr

Über dem Inntal liegen Nebelschwaden, ein blauer Leuchtturm und ein großes beleuchtetes Tuch - beides Lichtfallen für Insekten - schimmern im Dunst. Rund 30 Kinder der Volks- und Hauptschule Zirl sind schon oben und kraxeln über Steinquader und Forscherbeine.

Zirl, Burgruine, 22.10 Uhr

Fledermausexperte Toni Vorauer vom WWF erklärt mit einem Fledermausskelett die Körperbau-Ähnlichkeiten zwischen Mensch und Fledermaus. Frage an die Schulkinder: Wie schafft es eine Fledermaus, beim Umherflattern Mücken ins Maul zu bekommen? Antwort: Sie fächert sich die sirrende Speise mit ihren großen Flügeln vors Gesicht.

Zirl, 22.20 Uhr

Ein Tiroler Schulbus zeigt eine Box voller Gehäuseschnecken. Die Kinder der Hauptschule Zirl haben sie beim Aufstieg gesammelt, damit sie der Forscher Helmut Niesters vom Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum bestimmen kann.

**Zirl, 22.25 Uhr**

Schmetterlingsexperte Dr. Gerhard Tarmann vom Ferdinandeum wird ganz aufgeregt: "Jetzt kommen sie alle!" In Sekundenschnelle

identifiziert er die Falter: Weinschwärmer, Astermönch, Kiefernspinner. Vergessen ist der Schock vom Abend, als Tarmann beim Antransport des Stromgenerators für die Leuchtfallen fünf Meter die Böschung heruntergerutscht war. Bis zum Nachmittag des nächsten Tages wird er mit zwölf Kollegen im gesamten Untersuchungsgebiet mehr als 370 Schmetterlingsarten bestimmt haben!

Zirl, 22.30 Uhr

Fabian, 11 Jahre alt, erlebt die Sensation des Abends: Auf seiner Hand hat sich ein Brombeerspinner niedergelassen, um dort neun Eier zu legen. Wohin nur mit der Brut? Na, Fabian, denk' doch mal nach: natürlich auf ein Brombeergebüsch!

Kranebitten, Bahnstrecke nach Scharnitz, 23.00 Uhr

Peter Huemer, ebenfalls vom Ferdinandeum, hat an der Bahnstrecke vier Leuchtfallen wie zu einer blau schimmernden Kunst-Installation aufgereiht. An jeder fängt er andere Arten, die meisten davon sind Schmetterlinge. Einige davon kommen ihr ganzes Falterleben lang nicht über einen Radius von etwa 20 Metern hinaus; Arten wie der Lindenschwärmer, der Kiefernspanner oder die Buchenkammeule sind perfekt auf eine Baumart angepasst.

Kranebitten, 23.30 Uhr

Die GEO-Crew und besuchende Experten fahren nach Hause. Peter Huemer macht weiter bis zum nächsten Morgen - alleine.

Samstag, 12. Juni, Trins, Moränenwall, 6.30 Uhr

Über Nacht hat der Regen wieder eingesetzt, doch um sechs Uhr ist der Himmel trocken: Zeit für die Ornithologen, sich auf den Weg zu machen. Mit dem Feldstecher suchen sie Baumwipfel und Zäune ab, ihre Ohren sind gespitzt. Denn auch, wenn die Vögel sich im Blätterdickicht verstecken, mit einem geschulten Gehör kann man sie am Gesang erkennen. Später lassen sich die Vogelexperten vom "Shuttle-Dienst", den die Feuerwehr Trins organisiert, bis zum Gipfel des Blaser auf 2241 Meter hochfahren. Allein hier oben entdecken die Ornithologen 65 Vogelarten; insgesamt kommen sie bis zum Nachmittag mit 79 verschiedenen Spezies auf

gut die Hälfte aller in Tirol bekannten Vogelarten.



Innsbruck, Zeughaus, 8.00 Uhr

Jetzt schwärmen auch die anderen Artenkenner aus: in fünf Untersuchungsgebiete mit zehn Sektoren zwischen Brennersee und Zirl. Überall treffen sie auf Schülergruppen; insgesamt nehmen mindestens 150 Kinder und Jugendliche am GEO-Tag der Artenvielfalt teil.

Innsbruck, Kranebitter Klamm, 8.50 Uhr

Zwei dritte Klassen des Bundesrealgymnasiums Adolf-Pichler-Platz erforschen mit Dr. Rudolf Hofer vom Institut für Zoologie und Limnologie der Universität Innsbruck die Vielfalt unter den Baumwipfeln. Dabei kommt der "Klopfschirm" zum Einsatz (ein umgekehrter Regenschirm, auf den sich die Bewohner der Äste und Blätter sanft herunterschütteln lassen). Eine Riesengaudi, obwohl es heftig zu regnen anfängt. GEO-Fotograf Enno Kapitza fällt sein Kamera-Blitz in den Sulzenbach.

Brennersee, 9.00 Uhr

Experte Armin Landmann schwingt eifrig seinen Kescher durchs Wasser, als plötzlich zwei Gendarmen vor ihm stehen: "Was machen Sie da?! Schwarz fischen, oder was?!" Der Limnologe zeigt Geistesgegenwart: "Landesregierung Tirol, Abteilung Umweltschutz! Wir erforschen die Artenvielfalt!!!" Die amtlichen Vokabeln wirken. Beim folgenden Gespräch stellt sich schnell heraus, dass Landmann wie Polizei das gleiche Ziel verfolgen: den Schutz des Brennersees. Statt abgeführt zu werden, kann Armin Landmann bis zum Abend 3 Fisch- und 33 Algenarten ausmachen. Eine Zahl, die sich

nach der Bestimmung unter dem Mikroskop vermutlich mehr als verdoppeln wird.

Trins, Blaser, 9.23 Uhr

Organisations-Genie Robert Mühlthaler fährt seinen Kleinbus beim Rückwärts-Kehren fast einen Steilhang hinab. Begleiter aus dem GEO-Team sowie der Reporter der Kronen-Zeitung hebeln das Fahrzeug mit Baumstämmen, Steinen und vollem Körpereinsatz wieder auf die Piste. Erholung mit einem Fruchttrocken von der Tirolmilch aus der offiziellen Jausentüte. Kurz darauf das zweite Unglück: ein platter Reifen.

Zirl, Burgruine Fragenstein, 9.30 Uhr

Dr. Konrad Pagitz vom Botanischen Institut der Uni Innsbruck entdeckt am Ostturm der Ruine ein Breitblättriges Waldvögelein: eine Orchidee, die damit erstmals zwischen Innsbruck und dem westlich davon gelegenen Telfs nachgewiesen worden ist. GEO-Reporter Martin Meister, der dies eifrig protokolliert, zerläuft unter dem Regen die Tinte in seinem Notizblock.



Zirl, Schlossbachklamm, 9.40 Uhr

Ein ORF-Team erscheint und hält die Kamera auf eine Lidmückenlarve, die der Limnologe Dr. Leopold Füreder aus dem Schlossbach gekeschert hat. Ob man später am Fernsehschirm etwas von der Mücke sehen wird? Details wie am Bauch des Tierchens jenen Saugnapf, mit dem es sich im Strom an den Felsen festheftet, sicherlich nicht.

Südtirol, am Fuß des Schlern (2400 m.), Kirche Sankt Konstantin, Nähe Seiser Alm, 10.30 Uhr

Der GEO-Tag der Artenvielfalt ist hier zugleich wissenschaftliche Pilotstudie. 72 Experten, u.a. von den Unis Bozen, Padua und

Innsbruck sind auf den Beinen. In ehemaligen Mooren, die zu Seen aufgestaut worden sind, keschern Limnologen Algen aus dem Wasser, um Sukzessionsfolgen zu untersuchen. Die Gruppe Pilzforscher aus Padua ist ein wenig enttäuscht: Weil es in den Wochen zuvor sehr trocken war, finden sie nur eine Bruchteil der hier eigentlich heimischen Arten. Besser läuft es bei den Libellen-Experten: Innerhalb kurzer Zeit finden sie ein Viertel aller in Südtirol nachgewiesenen Libellenarten. Und die Flechtenkenner schießen den Vogel ab: nicht weniger als 111 Arten kommen ihnen unter die Augen bzw. Feldlupe.



Trins, Moränenhügel am Ortsrand, 11.00 Uhr

30 Kippfallen hat Säugetierexperte Toni Vorauer schon am Abend aufgestellt. Doch außer einer kleinen Waldmaus, die von der Erdnussbutter naschen wollte, hat er hier nichts erwischt. Beim Einsammeln der Holzkistchen rutscht er über eine nasse Wurzel, fällt in einen Ameisenhaufen - und das einzige Mäuschen entkommt. Am Sulzenbach und Schlossbach hat er mehr Glück: Fast in jeder zweiten Lebendfalle sitzt eine Maus und wartet darauf, wieder freigelassen zu werden. Insgesamt kann Toni der GEO-Reporterin Katja Trippel fünf Arten demonstrieren: Waldmaus, Alpenwaldmaus, Gelbhalsmaus, Rötelmaus, Otschermaus.

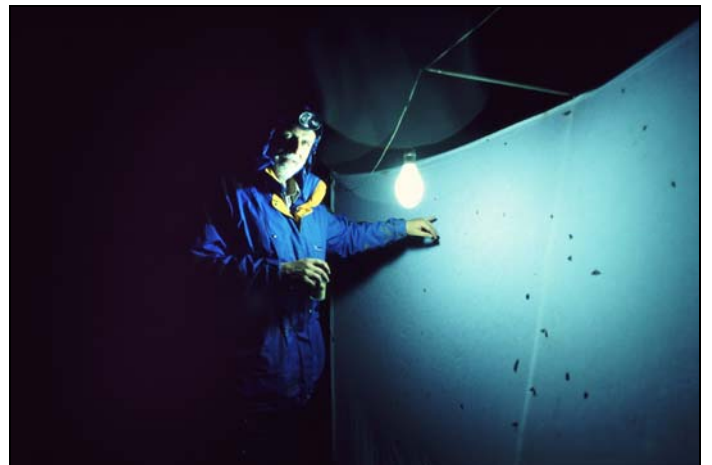
Innsbruck, Zeughaus, 16.00 Uhr

Langsam trudeln die Experten wieder am Ausgangspunkt ein, leicht durchnässt doch bester Dinge. In kleinen Gruppen stehen sie vor den vorgefertigten Listen, machen Kreuze für entdeckte Arten, diskutieren ihre Funde, beugen sich über noch nicht identifizierte Gräser, Käfer und Schneckengehäuse. Zwischendurch ruft GEO-Fotochefin Ruth Eichhorn per Megaphon zum Gruppenfoto in

den Hof des Zeughauses. Doch ab 17 Uhr schüttet es wie aus Kübeln, und das Lächeln vor der Kamera von GEO-Fotograf Heiner Müller-Elsner schwimmt den Experten buchstäblich aus dem Gesicht.

Zeughaus, 18.00 Uhr

Die Spannung hat ein Ende: GEO-Reporter Martin Meister trommelt die Teilnehmer zur Abschlusskonferenz zusammen. Die Zahl der gefundenen Spezies ist beeindruckend: Trotz des schlechten Wetters haben die Experten mindestens 1500 Tier- und Pflanzenarten bestimmen können, darunter etwa 226 Flechten, 100 Moose, 630 Gefäßpflanzen, 370 Schmetterlinge, 14 Säugetierarten und 83 Pilze. Per Telefonkonferenz meldet Vito Zingerle vom Naturkundemuseum aus Südtirol mehr als 1000 Vertreter aus Flora und Fauna. Besonderes Schmetterlings-Highlight: ein Weißes Ordensband!



Zeughaus, 20.00 Uhr

Alois Mair, Bürgermeister von Trins, und die netten Damen seines Dorfes bewirten die ganze Expertenschar mit lokalen Spezialitäten wie Graukäs-Schnitten, Grammelbrot-Schweinefett, Gemüsesulzn, Buchtl'n (Norddeutsche würden "Berliner" sagen) und Tee aus selbst gesammelten Kräutern. Kulinarische Artenvielfalt!

Zeughaus, 21.00 Uhr

Das Gitarrenduo "Bluatschink" aus dem "Lechtl" (Lechtal) spielt auf, und die Artenkenner zeigen, dass sie auch singen und klatschen können. Das Hamburger GEO-Team gibt ebenfalls sein Bestes, doch die nordische Variante des Lechtaler Dialekts klingt eher abenteuerlich. Die Tiroler nehmen's gelassen. Und laben sich am Stiegl-Bier bis weit nach Mitternacht.

The 30th anniversary of 41 Clubs Belgium

We wondered what to do to celebrate this anniversary, and to motivate participation in a national happening. So, when our national secretary, Manu, suggested to organize a car rally on a national basis, we were all enthusiastic about the idea. And we got started. It seems all so easy until you have to work it all out!



Finding a few good sponsors, establishing itineraries, 9 in total, from each provincial capital right down to Brussels and arriving at the Autoworld, one of Europe's best car museums. It also meant visiting a lot of clubs and convincing members to take part, either with their own car or with an Old Timer, if they or a friend owned one.



The week before, the weather was wonderful, but still we had to phone and re-contact people. A banquet had been foreseen, and we needed more participants. Secretaries can have very good ideas, but the Treasurer is

always counting and watching that the budget be respected.

Finally on the 20th of March, D-day, along the Belgian coast we were having a wonderful spring storm. Inland, the more you neared Brussels the more it was raining, and for the friends coming from the Ardennes, they had to fight a hell of a wind and keep the wipers going!



75 cars, of all sorts arrived, more than 200 participants attended the anniversary lunch. So we had a blooming National President, Hubert Braeckmans, who had a difficult task thanking everyone. Several Past Presidents were also present, who all received a conference hammer as a token for their past engagement.



A very friendly group of French 41ers came also. From Arras, Lille and Carvin, they came to promote the international AGM of Arras beginning of June.

Manu, the working hub of this event, was in blue skies because of all the special cars, which were parked in front of the Autoworld. Imagine, Ferrari, Lotus, Morgan, Jaguars and Porch from different years, even a 40 year old VW. But I suppose the most attractive of all must have been the "kit built" Jaguar SS 1928.

It was late in the afternoon before the last of the organizing team left for home. Happy of the success, and wondering when, in the future, could we do this once again. The conclusion of this is like in the Olympic Games "The important thing is to participate". The absentees have mist a grate event in Belgian 41 history

Ex-Tabler and 41er Sir JAYANTILAL KESHAVJI CHANDE

Decorated and Honored by the UK and the President of Tanzania

Sir Jayantilal Chande was born in Mombasa, Kenya in 1929 is active in business for 53 years.



Richard Clarke, Andy Chande and President Mkapa

A fellow of International Academy of Management, Institute of Directors and of Chartered Management Institute, England, he has an honorary doctorate in Business Administration from International Management Centres, England. He is a member of the World Business Academy and is the only one from Africa and the Middle East serving on it's Board of Directors. A Consulting Fellow of the World Innovation Foundation (International Multi-disciplinary Research Group) he is also a member of the Conference Board, New York and of the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California.

Sir Jayantilal was selected by the Editorial and Advisory Board of the International

Biographical Centre, England, as the International Man of the Year 1998-99.

A member of the Executive Council (Cabinet) and of the National Assembly from 1958 to 1961 Sir Jayantilal has served either as Chairman or as a member of the Boards of Directors of a number of private and public companies and of government and multi-government corporations including the East African Railways Corporation, the East African Harbours Corporation, the East Africa Cargo Handling Services Ltd. and Tanzania Tourist Corporation. He was Founder Chairman of Air Tanzania Corporation and is a past Chairman of Tanzania Harbours Authority. For over 25 years he served as Chairman of Tanganyika Standard Newspapers Ltd., (publishers of Daily News and Sunday News) and of the National Museums of Tanzania.

He is presently the Chairman of Tanzania Railways Corporation, Barclays Bank Tanzania Limited, Alexander Forbes Tanzania Limited, Computers and Telecoms Systems (Tanzania) Limited, Kioo Limited, Jitegemee Trading Company Limited and Emco Industries Limited.

A past President of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce and Industries of Eastern Africa and of Tanganyika Association of Chambers of Commerce Sir Jayantilal is a former member of the Council of the Federation of Commonwealth Chambers of Commerce, London and of Commonwealth Producers' Organization.

Sir Jayantilal was advisor to the Ministerial Committee of the Organization of African Unity dealing with the Arab league on the oil

crisis and was the deputy leader of Tanzania's delegation to the United Nations Preparatory Committee for the Earth Summit, Nairobi, Geneva and New York. He was elected to serve as the co-ordinator between the countries in G77 and China and G7 on fiscal environmental facility and was a member of the delegation to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro led by President Mwinyi in 1992.

A former World President of Round Table and affiliated youth organisations and a Past Governor of Rotary International he is a Trustee (the only one from Africa) of the Rotary Foundation – one of the largest privately funded Foundations in the world.

Founder of a school for deaf children in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania he is currently a Trustee and the Honorary Life Chairman of the Society which owns the School. He is actively associated with many other educational, social and welfare institutions.

He is a Trustee of Muhimbili National Hospital, Indian School, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Heart Foundation, Tanzania Registered Nurses' Association, Tanzania Society for Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation, Tanzania-India Friendship Association of which he was a founder and Gandhi Memorial Academy Society, Kenya.

Sir JAYANTILAL KESHAVJI CHANDE, KBE



Investiture of Jayantilal Keshavji Chande with honorary KBE: Dar Es Salaam: 29. August 2003

Your Excellency Benjamin William Mkapa,
President of the United Republic of Tanzania,

Your Excellency Mama Mkapa,

Your Excellency Mama Karume,

Honourable Ministers, Members of Parliament,
and other distinguished representatives of the
Government of Tanzania,

Your Excellencies Heads of Diplomatic
Missions and Representatives of International
Organisations in Tanzania,

Other Distinguished Guests,

Andy and Jayli Chande, and their family and
friends,

This is a day of immense significance to me. I
have spent almost twenty years in the Service

of My Queen and country. Today's event is
the last official duty of my Diplomatic career,
at least in a Diplomatic Residence. There can
be no more fitting conclusion to that long and
happy career, than to bestow an Honorary
Knighthood on a man whose many
accomplishments are already legion; a man
whose friendship I genuinely cherish; a citizen
of a country that I have grown to love; and in
the presence of a President, who, I firmly
believe, is touched with greatness.

Investitures of this kind are increasingly rare
events. The recipients of Honorary
Knighthoods, more than at any other time
since the inception of this order by King
George V in 1917, have to meet extremely
exacting criteria. The only other Honorary
Knighthood of my direct experience – to
Caspar Weinberger from the United States –
was a celebration in part of the closeness of
the UK/US "Special Relationship".

Which again serves to underline the
importance of this occasion and the extent of
Andy's achievements. I am sure that
everyone gathered here will agree with me
when I say that Andy has made an
immeasurable contribution to this country,
both before and after independence. And
throughout almost all of that time, he has
played a crucial role in nurturing the deep and
long-standing friendship between the UK and
Tanzania. I speak not only for myself but on
behalf of my many predecessors when I say

how greatly valued his vast experience, sound advice, inexhaustible energy and above all keen intelligence have been. His contribution to the Legislative Council, to the Tanzanian Red Cross, to the Rotary Movement worldwide, to the British-Tanzania Society and to the Royal Commonwealth Society are but a few of the many instances of Andy's dedication to the distinguished service of others. Andy's sustained desire to want the best for Tanzania, to help others less blessed than himself, and to promote greater understanding between peoples has been an outstanding contribution to Tanzania, and to humanity. For all this, I salute you Andy, as we all do.

Before I move to the investiture proper, I also want to pay tribute to his wife Jayli, and to his family more generally. Throughout his long and distinguished working life, indeed for forty eight years of married life, you, Jayli, and then your children, have selflessly shared Andy with all of us. And you yourselves have emulated the distinctions of your husband and

father. Again I pay tribute to you all, as a family.

And now I move on to the investiture ceremony proper. Andy, will you please rise.

It is in recognition of the valuable services rendered to UK/Tanzanian relations, and indeed to the voluntary sector worldwide, Mr Jayantil Keshavji Chande, that Her Majesty the Queen has appointed you to be an Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. It is with great pleasure that, on her Majesty's behalf, I present you with the badge of the order.

Congratulations.

Richard Clarke
British High Commissioner

Dar es Salaam
29 August 2003

Accolade by President of Tanzania Mr William Benjamin Mkapa

...during the wedding reception of his son
Saturday 30th August 2003

For me today is the second day of rejoicing. The first was yesterday. I rejoiced yesterday because I was able to witness the conferment upon a distinguished Tanzanian of a most deserved order of Knighthood in the British Empire. It was deserved because it marked a recognition of a long life of service to the people of Tanzania by a Tanzanian patriot. A recognition testified by an important and powerful external polity. But for me there was also a personal reason why I had great pleasure in witnessing that event. I first knew this distinguished Tanzanian at a time of transition and some turmoil of immense economic transformation of our country. I was editing very ideological party newspapers and he was heading as a captain of multifarious industries. We were always together and we got on well together and worked even better when I started showing an interest in educational and humanitarian work – on the board of Shaaban Robert Secondary School, on the National Parks and the African Medical

Research Foundation and others. He has shown steadfastness in his loyalty to this country despite the vicissitudes of the economic fortunes. And above all, he has been extremely instrumental in sustaining the relations between successive Tanzanian governments with successive British governments.

It was in recognition of that work of bridge-building, consolidation of relations, humanitarian work that he was given this very rare honour of a Knighthood in the Civilian Order of the British Empire.

But for me of course, throughout these years and from his association he has had an impact on the growth of my character, my capacity for political analysis and projections, my understanding of the realities of the modern economic world and the encouragement of hopes for reform and the betterment of our people. So, I was very happy yesterday. But it had to be a narrow circle of people that witnessed his conferment and because tonight there is such a wide

cross section and even more representation of the Tanzanian society than yesterday, I feel obliged to start by recognizing before you, this distinguished elder of mine, great loyal Tanzanian who has been so instrumental in assisting me to acquire prudence, charity, magnanimity and humility. J. K. Chande, may I ask you to come up please.

May I add to Her Majesty's gratitude to your contribution to the development and strengthening of relations between Tanzania and the United Kingdom and to contribute to your great humanitarian work and care and concern for the needy, sacrifice and fulfilment. I invite all of you to join me in respectful tribute to a great life and a great contribution. Raise your glasses to his good health. TOAST

GB&I Edinburgh National Conference & AGM 2004

The 60th National Conference of The Association of ex-Tablers' Clubs GB&I took place in Edinburgh over the weekend of 15-18 April 2004 – and what a good one it was. I and the rest of the GB&I Board were delighted to see 66 International visitors – I don't know if it is a record but it was a magnificent support and attendance – thanks to you all. Represented were Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Holland, India, Italy and Norway. International President Michael Dalbo Pedersen, and Vice President Alain de la Bretesche were just a couple of the celebrities who attended.



President Michael Pedersen very scottish

The weekend started with a "Clan Gathering" on Thursday lunchtime where lots of beer practise was undertaken – this was followed by singing and Scottish dancing which Karen Pedersen particularly enjoyed – didn't you Karin?

The evening welcome party was in the magnificent setting of the Royal Museum where the traditional piping in and "Address to the Haggis" was performed. The address to the haggis is nothing to do with where they live – if the Scots told everybody their addresses they would quickly become extinct from poaching etc. The Address is traditional Scottish verse that extols the benefits of the Haggis and what it means to the Scots.

Friday there was some free time to explore the beautiful city of Edinburgh, plus the GB&I Board meeting and a golf competition – but not necessarily all together. The evening is the traditional President's Banquet in the Edinburgh Corn Exchange. President Iain Kelso hosted the evening where the new style banner exchange was carried out. Each country was represented by a National Song – but one that we chose, not necessarily their traditional one. This was done with British humour, which may have been lost on our guests but I hope they enjoyed it nevertheless.

Saturday was the AGM once again in the Royal Museum – in a splendid conference hall. Sitting on the stage with the delegates sitting on steeply banked seats, my first impression was that we must teach those who wear kilts to sit with more dignity. Scotsmen sitting with legs akimbo (that means apart!) is not a pretty sight first thing in the morning – fortunately there were no true Scotsmen (no underwear) there. The AGM was well

attended and, with the exception of the Norwegians, all International guests were there – I think Norway was either sobering up or carrying on from the night before!. For your information the President has a minute by minute agenda that is prepared well before the AGM itself. It has been developed over the years and is now essential in running an efficient and timely AGM. The International Guests were welcomed individually and I apologise to Tero Lindell for leaving him out – actually I did it on purpose as I knew he wanted to speak and he can ramble for Finland – only joking Tero!



IRO Martin Young presenting the international visitors

It was a great pleasure to present the Tom Hodge-Viktor Michitsch Bi Plane award to Gibraltar. This award is presented to the Association who travel the furthest, with the greatest number of delegates with the greatest percentage of their Association – well done Gibraltar. Gibraltar are members of the

GB&I Association in our Region 20. They are a small Club but always pleased to see visitors to their Country – if you are passing you can contact Douglas Ferroferrod@ginynex.gi.

There was only one serious resolution put to our AGM and that was to allow proxy voting if a club was not able to attend the AGM. There were a number of rules placed around the use of proxy voting. This resolution was carried almost unanimously. Our new President **Les Edwards** was installed safely which was followed by his arrest by members of his club. This is another GB&I tradition where the members of the new President's club put on a small "interruption" to welcome him into the chair. As Les is a magistrate he was arrested and put on trial for various crimes. He was found guilty and was sentence to serve as National President for one year. We were not sure who was being punished – Les or the rest of the membership!! New Vice President is **Mike Fitchett** from Monmouth (Wales), new Treasurer is **Arnold Allen** from Harpenden (north of London), new Secretary is Martin Green from Oxford, new Conference Officer is **Tim Smith** from Derby, and new Sales Officer is **Keith Howard** from Devon. Officers retaining their posts were Membership Officer **Ian MacKenzie**, Editor **Andrew Stanton**, and International yours truly **Martin Young**. **Iain Kelso** was installed as Immediate Past President. In GB&I we only elect one IRO. The second IRO is designated the President of the day – in this case Les Edwards. Unlike many other countries our President's handover takes place at the AGM not at the dinner in the evening. In GB&I each officer is allowed to stand for 6 consecutive years in one position but has to be elected every year. We are able, if we want to, to take a different position after 6 years but this does not often happen.

Austrian group at the fancy dress party under "presidential" supervision



As the Ladies have their Tangent Lunch and AGM in the afternoon the men have nothing to do so we managed to get some more beer practise.

In the evening it is our traditional Fancy Dress Party where everybody makes an effort to do something relating to the theme of the Conference which in this case was "Bonding in Edinburgh." As you might imagine most people chose a James Bond theme and there

were many splendid interpretations of the many James Bond Films. We were very please to see Goldfingers from Germany & Oddjobs from France plus many others. The evening is quite informal and after much dancing and more beer practise the busses took us back to the hotels.

It was a very good conference made even better by the number of

International guests we had – thank you for your support and friendship – I'm sure we will all meet again, which is something that Gill and I personally look forward to.

Martin Young
International Officer

The National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs,
GB&I

41 Indian Ocean Region

Dieter has asked me to write a short paper on our Region which is less known to the majority of Courier's readers because of the long distance between Europe and the islands of Mauritius and Seychelles and our way of living which is not familiar to you. In my opinion, this narration has to be made in chronological order and some readers could find it boring. If it's the case, will they be tolerant and accept my apologies.



In order to set things right and put everybody in the picture, I have to go as far back as September 1965 when Round Table was

launched in Mauritius which was at that time a British colony. Some expatriates from the U.K. working under contract on the Island had close friends in Kenya and, with their support, started the first local club which became integrated into the Association of Round Tables in Eastern Africa (A.R.T.E.A.) under the appellation of 'Mauritius No.15' (MRT 15). This region already grouped tables in the following countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

During the four years following its charter, a mass recruitment took place and at the end of the sixties, MRT 15 was made up of approximately seventy members but, unfortunately, very few of them were table-minded. In 1971, the council in office decided to ask those tablers who took no part in the Club's current activities to choose between staying and, at the same time, putting R.T.'s aims and objects into practice or resigning of their own will. Most of them chose to leave and MRT 15's membership was dramatically reduced to a dozen, out of which a few British expatriates who were working temporarily under contract on the Island which had become independent in 1968. Realizing that these foreigners' work permits would not be renewed at the end of their contracts, it was decided to recruit new members of Mauritian nationality without especially closing the door to expatriates.

I was inducted in 1971 and many other good friends who were recruited during that period are currently the hardcore of 41 Mauritius No.1. After being elected Vice-Chairman in 1972, I became Chairman of MRT 15 in 1973. I repeat 'Chairman' and not 'President' because in 1971, the Kenyan head of state Jomo Kenyatta issued a decree whereby, in the future, he would be the only person to be called 'President' in Kenya. The Presidents of the six existing Kenyan tables, being on the carpet, could do nothing else but abide by the law and changed their appellation into that of 'Chairmen'. In order to preserve the conformity of this alteration, A.R.T.E.A.'s council decided that, from then on, the heads of all other tables in the Region would also be called 'Chairmen' instead of 'Presidents'. During my chairmanship in 1973, MRT 15 hosted for the first time ever an international meeting, namely A.R.T.E.A.'s AGM. At that time, our Club, following the above-

mentioned recruitment, was made up of thirteen members only. We achieved a tremendous job and the eighty or so foreign delegates, accompanied by half as many ladies, who attended this conference unanimously praised the exceptional organisation which had been put in place on that occasion, one of the best ever in A.R.T.E.A.'s records. This success gave a boost to the local Round Table and many young men, who had never heard about our movement before and who became aware of it through the media, joined MRT 15. Year in, year out, members worked hard, organizing fund-raising activities, hence consolidating the fellowship amongst us. Two other A.R.T.E.A.'s AGMs took place in Mauritius, in 1977 and 1980, with the same success as in 1973.



The inhabitants of Mauritius and Seychelles have been very close for quite a while because the historical record of both islands is similar. After being French colonies (Mauritius for approximately a century and Seychelles for nearly sixty years), they became British colonies in 1810 and 1814 until independence in 1968 and 1976 respectively. The dialect spoken on both islands called 'creole' and derived from French is similar. Some inhabitants of both islands originate from the same families which expatriated from Europe in the eighteenth century and close contacts have been kept between them over the years. Some MRT 15's members used to travel to Seychelles on a regular basis and met with young men whom they briefed about the merits of Round Table. Hence, during A.R.T.E.A.'s AGM in Mauritius in 1980, Seychelles RT No.22 (SRT 22) was officially chartered with the sponsorship of MRT 15 and an unexpected event happened during the

week-end, the wedding of SRT 22's newly-elected chairman Bernard Petit who chose Mauritius to marry his fiancée Rose who also flew from the Seychelles on that auspicious occasion.

Over the years, members of both MRT 15 and SRT 22 realized that they had no affinity with their African counterparts whom a few of them met occasionally at AGMs or HYMs. Of their own will, both Clubs decided to quit A.R.T.E.A. and start jointly a new region. In order to be officially recognized by WOCO, a region must consist of at least three clubs; a second Mauritian Table was chartered in 1985, the same year when The Association of Round Tables of the Indian Ocean (A.R.T.I.O.) was officially launched with the following Clubs :- MRT 1, SRT 2 and MRT 3. Since then, two more Tables have been chartered, namely SRT 4 and MRT 5 and A.R.T.I.O. currently groups about seventy

members. WOCO's Council's decision to hold its AGM in Mauritius in September 2003 has been a milestone in A.R.T.I.O.'s history and the hundred and fifty foreign delegates and half as many wives who attended the conference unanimously praised the excellent organisation put in place by local Tablers.

I reached the fateful age of forty in 1978 but, fortunately, was elected honorary member three years running and definitely left Table in 1981. Occasionally I used to meet some good friends of the old guard who had left nearly at the same time and in the mid-eighties, we decided to start a 41 Club in Mauritius. It took quite a long time to deliver the baby because our two colleagues, who had initially been entrusted with the collection of appropriate

data to start a new club, were very busy and did not deliver the goods to expectations. We then appointed a three-member committee and held informal meetings every quarter to monitor the progress. Finally, in September 1991, 41 Club Mauritius No.1, made up of fifteen ex-Tablers, was officially launched with the joint sponsorship of Club 41 Français and 41 Club South Africa.

Our statutory meetings are held on the third Thursday every month and are hosted by every 41er. In turn, in principle at his home,



but if one's residence is too small to accommodate an average of forty to fifty guests, in a restaurant because we have supper after the meeting. Our wives, who had stayed alone at home during our Table years, are also invited but do not participate in our discussions. They stay on their own, either gossiping or working on specific projects of voluntary assistance to the needy and join us later for drinks and the meal. From the outset, we decided neither to be as active as during our Table years nor get involved in any project of our own; however, we keep very close contacts with local Tables and do assist them whenever they require our assistance.

A few years after 41 MTS 1's charter, we realized that it became imperative to launch a new region with two additional Clubs, as per

41 International's constitution. We incited other Mauritian ex-Tablers as well as those from Seychelles to meet in order to start new Clubs. In April 1995, while I was 41 MTS 1's president, I had the privilege and great pleasure, within two weeks' interval, to chair the charter ceremony of 41 Mauritius No.2 and Seychelles No.3 respectively which were sponsored by our Club. We immediately applied for official recognition and on the 14th. June 1996 the Indian Ocean Region was officially accepted as a member of 41 International during its AGM in Trieste. Our representative on that occasion was Arnold Bouquet who, unfortunately, passed away two years ago. He was a character and some of you, readers, have perhaps met him because he has attended several WOCOs and other international meetings. In my opinion, he has been the most dedicated Mauritian Tabler and 41er and I take this opportunity to pay him a special tribute in my personal name and on behalf of all members of our Region.

Mauritian Tablers and 41ers. have at all times kept a very close relationship with those of Reunion Island, also called the sister-island of Mauritius, an overseas French department situate at 160 kilometres off our south-west coast. We have regular exchanges with them and use to pay each other an informal visit twice yearly during a long week-end. The Tablers and 41ers. there form part of 'La Table Ronde Francaise' and 'Club 41 Français' respectively. However, their feelings are the same as ours when we belonged to A.R.T.E.A. because they have very few contacts with their colleagues of France which is 10.000 kilometres away. At one time, they contemplated with great care our proposal to join the Indian Ocean Region but, after due consideration and consultation with their respective French associations, decided to stay put.

The other 41ers. who visit us on a rather regular basis come from France. They visit

Mauritius as tourists and do attend one our statutory meeting if it happens to take place during their stay. In May 2000, a delegation of seventy 41ers. and wives all together belonging to the French 5th. Region, came to Reunion Island on the occasion of the fifth and tenth anniversary respectively of the two local 41 Clubs. Many of us joined them for the week-end and attended their gala dinner while a few days later the French and Reunionese flew to Mauritius and attended our AGM.

In September 1998, International president Tero Lindell stopped over in Mauritius on his way back from South Africa to Europe and although he stayed only three days in our midst, he was given a warm welcome by all of us. In the speech which he delivered as outgoing International president at the AGM in Mainz, he had the following kind words which opened the boundaries of Scandinavian countries to local 41ers:

'In Mauritius, the friendship I met was overwhelmingly warm and in spite of the distance I hope to see our friends from Mauritius more often.'

The Indian Ocean AGM has just ended. It was held during the week-end 23rd. to 25th April and we had the privilege and great pleasure of welcoming International president Michael Dalbo Pedersen and Danish ex-president Carsten Flink who stayed a whole week on the Island. Also attended several 41ers. from Reunion island and their wives. Just before the AGM, a new Mauritian 41 Club, the fourth in our region and made up of twelve ex-tablers, was chartered. Many local Tablers participated in the various functions and we enjoyed great moments of fellowship through the whole week-end

Alain Gufflet
Vice-President

Janis Joplin - „Live fast, love hard, die young“

Ein besonderer Abend im Grazer Schauspielhaus

Es gibt eine perfekte Adresse, wenn C41 oder RT eine besondere kulturelle Herausforderung wünscht – Erich Buch, C41 Deutschlandsberg

ein perfekter Organisator in Sachen Kunst und Kultur.



Erich organisierte für 27.03.2004 für 60 Personen einen Theaterabend im Grazer Schauspielhaus, darunter einige Tabler und jede Menge Freunde von C41, angeführt von Präsident Dieter Straka und Pastpräsident Ulrich Suppan.

Freunde aus Deutschlandsberg, Graz, St. Veit, Feldbach und 11 Personen aus Innsbruck haben dem Wetter getrotzt und sind in die ausklingende Kulturhauptstadt Graz 2003 eingetaucht. Die Führung um Samstagmittag durch die neue Kunsthalle („Sprechblase“) hat uns kulturell eingestimmt und für den abendlichen Höhepunkt gerüstet.



Der aus der Schweiz stammenden Schauspieler und Sängerin Monique Schwitter ist die Rolle der Janis Joplin auf den Leib geschnitten, sie geht förmlich darin auf. Es ist nicht nur eine Homage an eine mit 27 Jahren an ihrer Drogensucht, ewiger Unverstandeneheit und Suche nach Liebe zerbrochenen außergewöhnlichen Sängerin. Sie war das gelebte Beispiel einer Hippie-Generation in der Jagd zwischen Bühne, Bett und Bourbon-Whiskey. Das Ende in einem Motel-Zimmer mit 14 Einstichen am Arm als Zeichen der Abhängigkeit von Heroin, Alkohol und Unglück in Liebesbeziehungen. Von den Millionen blieben 2500 Dollar, die sie bar hinterließ. Ihrem Wunsch gemäß wurden diese von einer handvoll Freunden auf einer Party in Kalifornien vertrunken.

Ihre Hits im Kleide Ihres Lebensweges oder umgekehrt – ein perfekte Darstellung. Wie einst bei Janis Joplin war das Publikum am Ende der Vorstellung in einem Erinnerungsrausch an Blues & Rock auf der Bühne willkommen und die mehrfachen Zugaben zeigten das Verschmelzen von Publikum und Darsteller.



Geschickt hat Schauspieldirektor Matthias Fontheim die Biografie von Janis Joplin zum Anlass einer Untersuchung über Leidenschaft, Erfolg und den unbedingten Wunsch nach Freiheit inszeniert. „Freiheit bedeutet lediglich, dass du nichts mehr zu verlieren hast“, heißt es in einem ihrer berühmtesten Songs.

Mit fotografischen Einblendungen der Stationen der Künstlerin wurden wir in unsere Teenagertage zurückversetzt. Es war dies ja auch die Zeit des Jimmy Hendrix, Kris Christofferson usw. ebenso wie der 68er-Generation. Die Veränderung und der Aufbruch war mit dem steigenden Suchtproblemen ebenso begleitet wie mit der Sehnsucht nach Liebe und Verständigungen (Woodstock usw.)

Der anschließende Sektempfang mit der Hauptdarstellerin, einer sympathischen Schweizerin, ließ den Abend unter lieben Freunden harmonisch Ausklingen. Manche brauchten nach alter Tablermanier für den Heimweg bzw. ins Hotel noch ein paar

Zwischenstopps im lebendigen Grazer Nachtleben. Die Mur-Insel als neuer „Hauptplatz“ war nur eine der Stationen der „kurzen Nacht in die Sommerzeit“.

Zusammengefasst also wieder einmal ein Aufleben alter Tablertugend: „Selber schuld, wenn man nicht dabei war“

Noch einen Tipp: Ein paar Vorstellungen in Graz gibt es noch – aber Beeilung ist angesagt.

Rainer Dorn
C41 Innsbruck-Tirol

Janis Joplin (* [19. Januar 1943](#) in Port Arthur, [Texas](#); † [4. Oktober 1970](#) in [Los Angeles](#)) war eine [US-amerikanische](#) Sängerin.

Janis Joplin sang, u. a. begleitet von [Jorma Kaukonen](#) ([Jefferson Airplane](#)), mit 18 Jahren in Kneipen und Folk-Clubs. Geschult durch Schallplatten von [Leadbelly](#) (Huddie Ledbetter) und [Bessie Smith](#), avancierte sie mit ihrem hemmungslosen, bis dahin für eine weiße Sängerin einzigartigen Gesangsstil, zur unbestrittenen "Queen des weißen Bluesrock".

[1966](#) schloss sie sich in [San Francisco](#) der [Big Brother And The Holding Company](#) an, mit der sie [1967](#) erfolgreich beim [Monterey Pop Festival](#) auftrat und [1968](#) für Columbia Records die LP *Cheap Thrills* herausbrachte.

[1968](#) trennte sie sich von der Band und stellte die [Full Tilt Boogie Band](#) zusammen, mit der sie auch Europa bereiste.

[1969](#) nahm sie ihre zweite LP für Columbia (*I Got Dem Old Kozmic Blues Again Mama*) auf.

Janis' Lebensstil war sehr unkonventionell: Sie lebte frei nach dem Motto "Live fast, love hard, die young".

Während der Aufnahmen zu ihrer dritten Columbia-LP ("Pearl"), wurde sie am 4. Oktober 1970 in einem Motelzimmer in [Los Angeles](#) tot aufgefunden. Die Todesursache soll ein Gemenge aus Alkohol und Heroin gewesen sein. Das Titelstück der LP konnte nur als Instrumental veröffentlicht werden.

Der ebenfalls bei der Aufnahme-Session im Studio eingespielte und posthum auch als Single veröffentlichte Kris-Kristofferson-Song "Me And Bobby McGee" wurde ihr größter Erfolg.

[1993](#) wurde Janis Joplin in die [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) aufgenommen.

Nach ihrem Tod wurde in den folgenden Jahren veröffentlicht:

[1972](#) *Live* [1973](#) *Greatest Hits* [1975](#) *Janis* (Soundtrack) [1982](#) *Farewell Song*

Laura Joplin, Janis' Schwester schrieb ein lesenswertes Buch über Janis. Die deutsche Übersetzung erschien 1993.

Termine

24. April 2004, 19:30 Uhr

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"Musik ist eine Reflexion der Zeit, in der sie entsteht."

(Diana Ross (*1944), US-amerik. Sängerin und Schauspielerin)

Nostalgic Meeting 2004



May the hings of frienship never rust



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Dear friends ,

It is a great pleasure for Vineta and myself to welcome you all to Riga , Latvia , and to the No Me Meeting 2004. The meeting will start on Thursday afternoon the 24st of June and last until Sunday morning the 27th of June. But we will also organize a pre tour or past tour " The castles in Latvia " from the 20 of June till to 24th of June or 28th of June and till the 01st of July . All of you are welcome to take a part and enjoy it ,but please,make the decision pre or past!!

The easiest way of getting to Riga will probably be to catch a flight to Riga or to come by car or by ferry .

Sadenly I must to change the hotel because hotel Gutenbergs one week earlier is fully booked.We will stay at the 5 stars Hotel De ROME with a very very special price !! Hotel

Preliminary programme:

Thursday : 24.06.04.	14.00-19.00	Arrival and registration at Hotel De Rome
	19.30-23.00	Welcome party in Old Town on the opened street or roof restaurant
Friday : 25.06.04.	09.00	Departure to the City excursion by bus and to Old Car museum and to Riga seaside or Open air museum (museum of ethnography)
	17.30	Back to Hotel
	19.30-23.00	Get together party on restaurant LIDO (national Latvian)
	23.30	Night Club in Old Town
Saturday : 26.06.04.	09.30	Visit to the City Hall
	10.30-13.00	Excursion in Old Town , old historical part of Riga , the main churches in Riga (Dom cathedral , St. Peter church etc.), after the lunch a guided tour at the Riga Historical museum
	16.00	Back at the hotel for a short official meeting (men only)
	19.00	Gala Dinner at Down town in old centre of Riga in restaurant
Sunday :	10.00	Breakfast at the hotel

De ROME also situating in old center of Riga. Riga is 803 yaers old Hansa Society City .

Enclosed You will find some information regarding Riga and Latvia and its surroundings . Those of you who wish to extend the weekend , there are many options available . If You need any further assistance don't hesitate to give me a hint .

Regarding weather and clothing conditions I can only say that the 23th of June - 27th of June it ought to be a summer in Latvia . You can wear T-shirt and shorts if you like , hopefully you can bring your bathing clothes with you as well .On Friday and Saturday evening you will need a jacket and maybe even a tie .

23-24th of June is a midsummer in Latvia and State holidays !!

On the back of this page you will find the preliminary programme , which I hope will attract each and everyone of you .

Welcome to Latvia , Riga and to the No Me Meeting 2004 and Welcome Tour !

Ariko & Vineta

27.06.04.		See You all next year in GENT
Registration Fee :	255.00 EUR /pers. Payment upon arrival .	
Hotel costs :	55.00 Ls(aprox.85.00 EUR)per night single room ,60.00Ls(aprox. 90.00 EUR) per night double room . When you send in the registration form , I will book the room for you , then you will pay directly to the hotel when you leave . If you wish to arrive earlier than Thursday or leave later than Sunday , please make a note about it when you send in your registration form .	
Additional information directly for You :	www.derome.lv www.golfsviesturi.lv www.bowlero.lv www.lido.lv	

Preliminary programme of pre tour "The Castles in Latvia "

Sunday 20 th of June	12.00-18.00 18.30-23.00	Arrival and registration at Gutenbergs Hotel Welcome party in restaurant
Monday 21 th of June	9.00-19.30	Excursion to West part of Latvia (Ventspils , Talsi,Tukums,Kuldīga)
Tuesday 22 nd of June	9.00-19.30	Excursion to South part of Latvia (Bauska , Rundale ,Mežotne)
Wednesday 23 rd of June	9.00-19.30	Excursion to North – East part of Latvia (Cesis , Sigulda)
Thursday 24 th of June	9.00-17.00 19.30-23.00	Free time,shopping Get together party with other arriving guests
Participation fee :	158.00 EUR per person	
Hotel costs :	85.00 EUR per night single room , 90.00 EUR per night double room . When you send in the registration form , I will book the room for you , then you will pay directly to the hotel when you leave . If you wish to arrive earlier than Thursday or leave later than Sunday , please make a note about it when you send in your registration form .	
Additional information directly for You :	www.cesis.lv www.sigulda.lv www.bauska.lv www.ventspils.lv www.latviatourism.lv www.pilis.lv	

From Italy the Programme of the Nat AGM 2005 in Mantova

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A.G.M 2005 & 10th ANNIVERSARY OF
MANTOVA CLUB 41

- 27-29 May 10° Anniversario Club 41 Mantova - Italy
- **27th MAY 2005**

At 8.30 P.M. - Home Party In an old Gonzaga Tavern in the historical centre of Mantova

Alle 20,30, Home Party in una vecchia taverna Gonzaghesca nel centro storico di Mantova

• 28th MAY 2005

At 10.30 A.M. - Morning meeting (for Presidents)

Alle 10,30 - Incontro per lavori (per i Presidenti)

At 10.30 A.M. – Boat Trip - for people who don't participate at the meeting, fantastic

boat trip around Mantova Lakes and river Mincio. Lunch near the Mincio river.

Alle 10,30, per i non partecipanti ai lavori, fantastico giro turistico in battello sui laghi di Mantova

e sul fiume Mincio. Colazione presso il fiume Mincio.

At 3.00 P.M. return to hotels

Alle 15,00 Rientro negli alberghi

At 6.30 P.M. - Evening Concert at Villa Vecelli Cavriani, near Mantova

At 8.30 P.M. - Grand Gala (Black tie) at Villa Cavriani.

Alle 18,30 concerto serale a Villa Vecelli Cavriani, vicino a Mantova

Alle 20,30 Gran Gala (Cravatta scura) a Villa Cavriani.

• 29th MAY 2005

At 11.00 A.M. - Brunch in a very famous Gonzaga country Villa.

Alle 11,00 Brunch presso una famosa villa Gonzagesca di campagna.

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MEDIENMITTEILUNG

Romantisches Einkaufen für einen guten Zweck

Suchen Sie noch ein originelles Geschenk? Oder möchten Sie sich die Weihnachtszeit mit Guetzli, Christstollen und weiteren Gaumenfreuden versüssen? Der Zürcher Weihnachtsmarkt bietet dazu vom 12. bis 14. Dezember 2003 Gelegenheit – und das erst noch für einen guten Zweck!

Bereits seit 26 Jahren schafft der traditionelle Zürcher Weihnachtsmarkt jeweils am dritten Adventswochenende auf dem Bürkliplatz eine Plattform für die weihnachtliche Vorfriede. Die Organisation hat dieses Jahr zum ersten Mal die Vereinigung Round Table 31 Zürich übernommen. Zahlreiche Marktstände bieten Kunsthandwerk, Geschenke sowie viele Leckereien feil. Vom Glühwein über handgezogene Kerzen bis zum Holzspielzeug – die Auswahl ist vielseitig und lädt zum vergnüglichen Bummeln ein.

Das attraktive Rahmenprogramm, wie zum Beispiel Kasperlitheater und Gospelchor, sorgt für Unterhaltung für die ganze Familie. Ausserdem werden der Samichlaus und der Schmutzli während diesen Tagen Kinderherzen höher schlagen lassen.

Der Zürcher Weihnachtsmarkt lässt seinen gesamten Erlös einer wohltätigen Organisation zukommen. Dieses Jahr wird das „Zürliwerk“, die gemeinnützige Stiftung für Menschen mit geistiger Behinderung im Kanton Zürich, und sein Theater HORA unterstützt. Damit will der Organisator des diesjährigen Weihnachtsmarktes den

Menschen mit geistiger Behinderung die Integration in die Gesellschaft erleichtern und ihre persönliche Entwicklung und Lebensqualität fördern.

Im Speziellen wird sich der Zürcher Weihnachtsmarkt mit seinem Erlös am Umbau des Casinos Aussersihl beteiligen. Damit findet das Theater HORA einen Platz für seine Proben Aufführungen und Ausstellungen.

Ein Besuch am Zürcher Weihnachtsmarkt auf dem Bürkliplatz lohnt sich also auf alle Fälle!

Wer sind die Organisatoren?

In Zusammenarbeit mit dem Stadtpräsidenten und der Bahnhof-Vereinigung organisiert Round Table 31 Zürich den diesjährigen Zürcher Weihnachtsmarkt. Round Table ist eine internationale Gemeinschaft von Männern zwischen 25 und 40 Jahren, die eine verantwortungsvolle Position innerhalb der Gesellschaft und im Beruf einnehmen. Deshalb engagieren sie sich im sozialen Bereich. Mitglieder, die den 40. Geburtstag schon feiern durften, treten automatisch in die Vereinigung „Club 41 Suisse – Old Table Zürich 31“ über, die jedoch den selben Zweck verfolgt.

Round Table 31 Zürich (www.rt31.ch) ist Mitglied von Round Table Schweiz (www.roundtable.ch) und Round Table International (www.roundtableintl.org).

Club 41 Suisse - Old Table 31 Zürich ist Mitglied von Club 41 Suisse (www.club41suisse.ch) und Club 41 International (www.club41international.com).

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TOLLER ERFOLG!!! – „ptolemaeus 2004“

Liebe Tabler und Extabler,

das Projekt "ptolemaeus 2004" konnte in den vergangenen Wochen erfolgreich abgeschlossen werden!

Dank der großen Unterstützung von Round Table Austria und Club 41 Austria war es uns möglich mehr als 2.500 Kalender zu verkaufen und Frau Angelika Köberl insgesamt € 7.000,-- zu überreichen!

Frau Köberl besuchte im Februar 2004 somit mit umgerechnet US \$8.540,- das Dorf Tamshiyacu in Peru und konnte die ersten Schritte einleiten. Auf der nächsten Seite führt sie in einem kurzen Bericht an, wie die ersten Geldbeträge verwendet wurden, bzw. welche Investitionen in den nächsten Monaten getätigt werden.

An dieser Stelle dürfen wir uns noch einmal recht herzlich bei EUCH ALLEN für die große Unterstützung bedanken! Mit viel Energie konnte das Projekt "ptolemaeus 2004" erfolgreich durchgeführt werden - vielen Familien in Peru konnte dadurch sehr geholfen werden!

Sozusagen "by the way" kam auch für Round Table und Club 41 durch eine große Medienkampagne ein toller Werbeeffect zustande. In den Radiostationen Welle 1 und Antenne Tirol wurde im September 2003 ein ausführlicher Bericht gesendet. Im November erschienen in Printmedien wie Kronenzeitung, Stadtblätter und der Tiroler ausführende Berichte über das Projekt - die Tiroler Tageszeitung widmete unserem Projekt sogar eine ganze Seite. Am 26. November 2003 wurde das Sozialprojekt



Robert Mühlthaler, Rainer Dorn, Martin Engelmann, Angelika Köberl, Ilian Mintscheff (vlnr.)

schließlich mit einer großen Multimediashow vor mehr als 400 Besuchern im Innsbrucker Stadtsaal präsentiert. Im Zuge dieser Veranstaltung wurde Frau Köberl bereits ein erster Scheck in der Höhe von €5.000,--

überreicht. Eine zweite Überweisung über €2.000,- erfolgte im Jänner 2004.

Wir werden Euch in den nächsten Monaten selbstverständlich weiter über die Entwicklungen in Peru informieren!

Neues Sozialprojekt & Kalender „ptolemaeus 2005“:

Aufgrund der vielen positiven Emails und dem außergewöhnlichen Feedback sind wir derzeit dabei die Vorbereitungen für ein neues Projekt zu treffen. Das Layout des neuen Kalenders ist bereits fertig und in den nächsten Wochen werden wir uns entscheiden, welches Sozialprojekt in diesem Jahr unterstützt wird. Wir würden uns sehr freuen, wenn wir auch in diesem Jahr wieder gemeinsam ein tolles Projekt realisieren können!

Martin Engelmann, Robert Mühlthaler, Ilian Mintscheff

Sozialprojekt „ptolemaeus 2004“

Der erste Kurzbericht von Angelika Köberl:

Der erste Teil des Geldes wurde wie folgt verwendet:

€4.016.- für die Frauengruppe. Wir bezahlten Pflanzen, Samen, Bäume und auch Materialien die die Frauen zum Arbeiten brauchen mit dem Geld von U\$4.900.-- wird in erster Linie angepflanzt. Aufforstung des Regenwaldes ist einer der wichtigsten Punkte.

Die Frauen haben im Jahr 2002 von uns 1 ha Grund bekommen. Um dieses Land zu

bearbeiten, fehlt ihnen leider das KNOW HOW. In den nächsten 8 Monaten steht ein kompetenter Agraringenieur zur Verfügung. Auch eine Dame Namens „SIRJA“ wird aktiv sein. Sie hat die Funktion die Frauen zu unterstützen und vor allem zu unterrichten (Hygiene, Kinderverhütung, Ernährung usw.).

Bis Ende des Jahres werden sie betreut und unterrichtet. Dann muss das Projekt soweit laufen, dass die Unterstützung nicht mehr notwendig ist.

Der erste Schritt ist es, auf dem Grundstück eine große Hütte zu bauen. Sie wird Unterstand für alle bieten, zwei Familien sollten dauerhaft dort leben, um den Grund zu bewachen, denn Diebstahl ist nach wie vor ein großes Problem. Im Juni soll das Haus fertig gestellt sein.

€1.639.- erhielt die Schule von DON AUGUSTIN RIVAS. Er wird mit diesem Geld ein Klassenzimmer zu bauen beginnen.

Verwendung des Restbetrages:

€1.345.- werden im Herbst 2004 für die nächsten Klassenzimmer herangezogen!

Ich danke von ganzem Herzen ALLEN, die mitgeholfen haben, dieses tolle Projekt zu realisieren!!!

Angelika KÖBERL,
GRAZ 24.04.2004

CHESTNUT FEAST IN SOUTH TYROL / ITALY

This year the Club 41 Meran/Merano of Italy together with RTI 25 Meran/Merano celebrates the 25th Chestnut feast. What is the Chestnut feast which had always much success with much joy and happiness for the international guests from Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France and also Great Britain? In German the Chestnut feast is called Törggelen. The Torggel was a grape press machine of the old days and with this the name Törggelen came out, becoming a tradition, where the peoples of southern Tyrol are celebrating the new wine. Infact during this feast is served the „Susser“, a

not yet wine, which is tasting like a grape juice, but still has some alcohol in it. So it is worthwhile not to consume too much of it, but it is good to taste it.

This tradition was likely accepted first also from the nearer international guests like the Austrian, German and Switzerland tourists, which appreciated much the good traditional food from South Tyrol, together with the new wine. The former Round Tablers, who are Club 41ers now have started to invite national and international friends 25 years ago and as this feast always

had much success, it became a tradition arriving to the 25th anniversary, which we would like to celebrate with all guests, who would like to join us. The big success was, that this feast was not only a national feast, but it became an international feast and in the last two years we were so glad, that we could welcome also 41ers from France and Great Britain. So we hope, that in the future will visit us also friends from Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Finland and others. For this please see the enclosed program where you can see the activities and costs.

In order not to accumulate too much weight, we always make a nice walk, through the wonderful landscape of South Tyrol with the autumn colour changing forests. This year we will walk along the so called Walweg, which in the past was a irrigation system of the local farmers. In a higher level along our trail is a little brook which once was stopped and the water could fall in the apple tree fields below, irrigating everything. A simple system which worked until new electric pumps were installed. But the Wal still remains, because tourists like to walk along it, because it is very easy to walk, also for people of the older youth. If there will be a guest who can't walk, there will be also the possibility to arrive at destination by car. We will walk around 45 to 60 minutes to arrive to the castle Juval, which is the castle of the worldwide well known mountain climber Reinhold Messner. It will be possible, for those who will be interested, to visit the castle with its great Tibetan collection. After this a typical tyrolean food will be served in the sympatic restaurant with a nice

atmosphere next to the castle. Don't worry about the drinking, because this will be served in abundance. This is Tyrol!

Our guests will be welcomed at the Kreuzwirt Hotel in Naturno, a greater village near to Merano. To know each other, we organized a get together party with good food and for those who would like to dance, also this possibility. There is always the need to lose some calories to find the good conscious which permits us to taste all those tyrolean specialities.

The next day, Saturday, 06/11/2004, around 11:00 o'clock we start with the above mentioned walk, with the castle visit and the lunch and the walk back to the cars. After this we recommend to relax until evening, where we celebrate the „Törggelen“ (Chestnut feast) with much food, drinks and fun. On the end of the dinner we serve the chestnuts made on the pan over the open fire. Eating them together with butter and wine is a great and new joy, please believe us.

On Sunday, 07/05/2004 we will have the Brunch, where we serve the white sausages with beer and many other specialities. After a nice staying together we will send our friends to their way home, looking forward, that they will arrive there with many new ideas, impressions and new recommendations for their friends to participate on the Chestnut feast in the year 2005.

Chestnutparty Invitation



Club 41 Meran/Merano is pleased to invite you to the

25. Chestnutparty

Programm:

Friday, 5. November 2003

- 17 o'clock: Start of registration at the Kreuzwirt / Naturns
- "Hauptplatz" 47 Naturns, Tel: ++39-0473-667110, Fax: ++39-0473-668252
- 20 o'clock: Get together party in the above mentioned hotel

Saturday, 6. November 2003

- 10,30 o'clock: walk through the beautiful countryside of Naturns
- Great lunch near the castle Juval/visit of the Castle (from Reinhold Messner)
- 20 o'clock: Chestnutparty by the "Wiedenplatzler-Cellar" with fire cooked chestnuts, new wine and typical tyrolean food

Sunday, 7. November 2003

- beginning at 10 o'clock: Farewell at the Kreuzwirt / Naturns, with white sausages and beer.

Registration:

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Attention: If you phone or fax to Italy please dial the area code 0473 with the 0 because this is special for Italy

PRICE

Friday (Home Party): EURO 32.00.-

Saturday (lunch): EURO 32.00.-

Saturday evening (informal dress): EURO 37.00.-

Sunday (Farewell): EURO 10.00.-

Total programm: EURO 105.00.-

Hotel accommodation with breakfast:

EURO 33.00.- for single room

EURO 56.00.- for a double room/2 persons



Chestnutparty registration via fax : -----

Name/Member of the Club 41

Tel/Fax/Mail

Registration for ___ persons _____ for the whole programm-starting Friday

Registration for ___ persons _____ starting saturday, lunch included

Registration for ___ persons Chestnutparty only on Saturday



Club 41 Meran lädt ein zum 25. Törggelen

Programm:

Freitag, den 5. November 2004

- ab 17 Uhr: Registrierung beim Kreuzwirt in Naturns
Hauptplatz 47 Tel: ++39-0473-667110, Fax: ++39-0473-668252
20 Uhr: Home Party im Hotel

Samstag, den 6. November 2004

- 10,30 Uhr: Wanderung im Gebiet Naturns. Gemeinsames Mittagessen beim Burgwirt. Voraussichtlich Besichtigung von Schloß Juval (v. Reinhold Messner)
20 Uhr: Abendessen im Wiedenplatzerkeller, Naturns mit gebratenen Kastanien

Sonntag, den 7. November 2004

- ab 10 Uhr: Farewell im Kreuzwirt in Naturns mit Weißwürsten und Bier

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PREISE

Freitag (Home Party): EURO 32.00.-

Samstag (Mittag): EURO 32.00.-

Samstag abends (legere Kleid.): EURO 37.00.-

Sonntag (Farewell): EURO 10.00.-

Gesamtprogramm: EURO 105.00.-

Übernachtung mit Frühstück:

EURO 33.00.- im Einzelzimmer

EURO 56.00.- im Doppelzimmer/2 Personen



Anmeldung zu Törggelen per Fax:

Name/Mitglied des Club 41

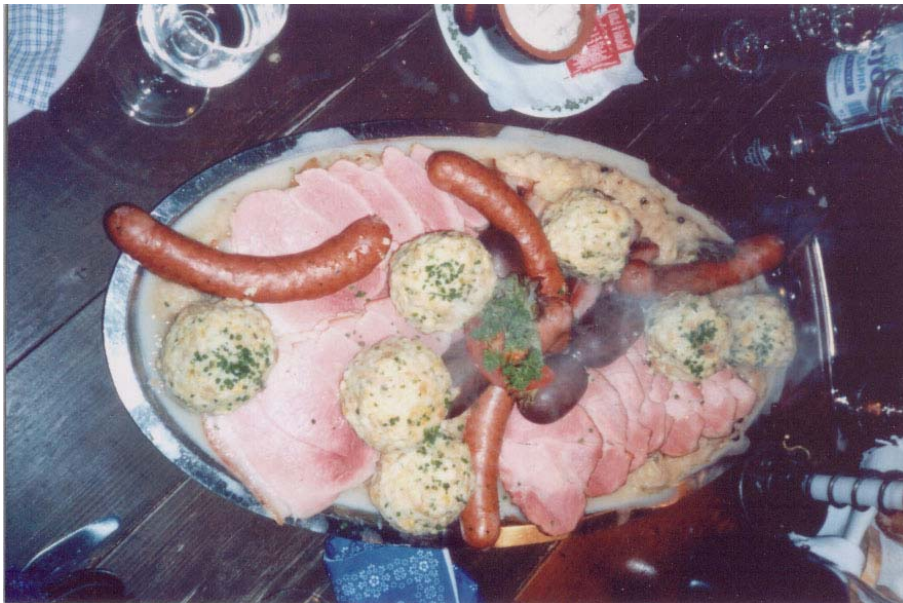
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Anmeldung für _____ Personen _____ mit Gesamtpaket ab Freitag abend

Anmeldung für _____ Personen _____ ab Samstag Mittag

Anmeldung für _____ Personen am Samstag Abend

Impressions of Last Year's Chestnut Party



AGM Club 41 ITALIA

An Event Not To Be Missed!!!



Those who like Italian hospitality and food and wine knew where to go: Trieste was waiting for its guests from near and far. If the pictures are inviting enough you'll get your next chance in Mantua where the next AGM will be held.



Of course you can experience it earlier, the Chestnut Party or the charter festivities in Modena and some other cities – check the website – are sure things.

Some Pictures from the Austrian AGM in Innsbruck



- a) Sister Act à la Tyrol
- b) Was it Whoppi Goldberg?
- c) Etti Nairz and Andrea Fiedler
- d) IRO Gerhard and Pres. Dieter



“Viehverkehrsreferat” (VVR) - What's that?

By Volker Zimmermann, club 41 Graz,
Pastpresident Club 41 Austria

An interesting case for crossword puzzling, not as explicit as the German word “Viehverkehr” suggests and definitely a very exotic profession. Not even an intensive look into specific directories produce a matching English expression for it.

Whenever I have to describe my job a rather long explanation follows. I sometimes envy other friends who can simply say “Surgeon, Lawyer, Architect” and everybody knows what this should mean. Explaining the words Viehverkehr it gets difficult.

At first I work in the chamber of Agriculture. Cattle are in general all species that are kept for economic use. Each commercial transaction for further use alive or slaughtered or consumption is referred to as Viehverkehr. It is the task of my department to guarantee that these transactions between producer and customer in a legal relation, work out well. To make it not too easy one must differentiate among the customers between a commercial or co-operative cattle dealer or abattoir. Furthermore it is important whether we work with a carrier or intermediate-trader.

Apart from direct deals there are different types of markets, which appear as either free markets or as auctions. Again we have to distinguish whether the organiser is a local authority e.g. village because of very old privileges or other markets organized by rural marketing organisations or breeder's associations. For all these varieties it was necessary to work out rules and by-laws which regulated the trade-conditions with the means of guarantees and payments conditions.

For the correct order it is essential to make annual calendars containing the exact dates for all events. This happens about six months ahead of the next year due to the time needed for printing and distributing. In this process I have also got to respect historical

rights which determine my flexibility. Those rights entail such nice “traditions” like: “Cattle and small wares market is on the third Monday after parish fair Sunday” or “Midsummer - market is at St. Laurent's day, the drive-down market is at St. Egidius day.”

I have to mind how many other markets take place in each week so to avoid too large amounts of animals at once. For markets with a high-share on slaughtering cattle I have to co-ordinate the dates with the main slaughtering days. Beast of burden is to schedule on the days where there is time available to distribute it to the final breeders. No question that holidays and other collisions are to be avoided. Furthermore all this is supposed to be co-ordinates in the national and international surrounding.

The European Union (EU) has in addition also a large variety of special regulations, which are partly for veterinarian supervision and food-control but also for standardisation of trade-codes. The regional law-system must be adapted according to those regulations, sometimes adopted but in any case they have to be controlled and published in a way that the users can easily work with it. I have also got to hold lessons and speeches to inform the farmers.

In order that things don't grow too tedious the EU changes the principles of its agricultural system and everything, which has just started to become routine, starts from the beginning again.

The VVR has to write price-reports and analyses about market movements, which are published in print-media but today as well in the Internet. This has of course to be done in a way that the reader gets a clear picture of the market situation and as frequently and quick as possible. A large number of negotiations with various partners were necessary to secure this market transparency.

The consumer should know where the food is coming from, how they are produced and

which special properties they have. We had to develop very thorough identification systems, networks for labeling, cover it with a control system, train the necessary number of collaborators, make their EU-wide data-network possible and to establish recognition-systems for all classification methods, quality programmes, production methods biological or integrated, with or without umbrella or regional brands. For this we have to do our homework on a regional as well as on the federal level in close co-operation with other specialists.

Another part of our work is also the organisation and tutoring of fairs and exhibitions. Because *Public Relation* means to do good things and talk about them. The introduction of new products requires farsighted planning which considers possible changes in the habits of the consumers. A steady observation of demographic developments on a local and international level is integral to detect upcoming megatrends in time. Young people have other shopping habits as old ones, large families buy different food than singles. Fairs are perfect test tracks to simulate those changes.

Another very broad field of action for a VVR is the tutoring of farmers in all marketing questions and the help concerning the challenges of the EU bureaucracy. The same

applies if a corresponding pre-qualification is available, in all legal questions. Despite of more modern marketing-systems this sector is still known for clapping-hand deals. In many cases people neglects the necessity of written confirmations for certain conditions of the deal and in case of a conflict the official in charge as consultant has to find a solution, which satisfies both sides.

In between there is still some time for interesting experiments to serve the scientific aspect of my work. It gives me always a feeling of satisfaction if the results create long-lasting changes and amelioration. I had some good results in the past.

Before entering the EU the focus of my work was the execution of transports the administration of licenses and export refunds. Today the main challenge lies in the profit orientated cross-linking with the new EU-members and the re-establishment of traditional commercial connections.

Being a VVR was always exciting, all the time eventful, it brought me into contact with an incredible amount of people, never ceased to give me new challenges, made me travel in most parts of the world and meant summa summarum a nice and satisfying job-life.

Reader's Forum

No answers and contributions yet, but I am asking for and expecting many for the next issue.

Deadline for contributions, reports, comments and everything else: 28.October 2004

Highlights from Interlaken



a) what a joke it was....

b) Bob Parton and John Hudson

c) an important topic....

d) Alain de la Bretesche



Viehverkehrsreferent – was ist das ?

Ein interessanter Fall für das heitere Berufsrate, keine anzügliche Sache obwohl das Wort Verkehr in diese Richtung deuten könnte, ganz sicher aber eine aus dem üblichen Rahmen fallende Beschäftigung.

Wann immer ich meinen Beruf zu erklären hatte, folgte eine längere Ausführung. Oft beneidete ich andere Freunde, die einfach sagen konnten Arzt, Anwalt, Baumeister und jeder wusste worum es ging. Bei der Erklärung der Worte Vieh +Verkehr +Referat wird es leider sehr kompliziert.

Vorweg ich arbeite in einer Landwirtschaftskammer. Unter Vieh sind grundsätzlich alle Tiergattungen, die gemeinhin als Nutztiere gehalten werden, zu verstehen. Jede Vermarktung sei es zur weiteren Nutzung oder zum Verzehr in lebendem oder geschlachtetem Zustand wird als Viehverkehr bezeichnet. Mein Referat hat nun dafür zu sorgen, dass diese Tätigkeiten, die immer eine Rechtsbeziehung zwischen Erzeuger und Käufer darstellen, in möglichst geordneten Bahnen verlaufen. Um es nicht zu einfach werden zu lassen, ist bei den Käufern zu unterscheiden ob es sich um andere Bauern, einen gewerblichen oder genossenschaftlichen Handel -oder Schlachtbetrieb oder nur um einen Transporteur oder Zwischenhändler handelt.

Als Instrumente gibt es neben dem direkten Geschäftsabschluss verschiedene Formen von Märkten, die als freie Märkte oder in Form von Versteigerungen abgehalten werden. Hier wird wieder unterschieden zwischen Märkten deren Veranstalter eine Gemeinde – meist auf Grund uralter Marktrechte- ist und anderen Märkten die entweder von bäuerlichen Vermarktungsorganisationen oder Zuchtgenossenschaften veranstaltet werden.

Für all diese Varianten galt es Spielregeln zu erarbeiten, welche die Handelskonditionen normierten, Regelungen über Gewährleistungsbestimmungen umfassen und Zahlungsbedingungen fixierten.

Zum geordneten Ablauf zählt dabei die Erstellung von Marktkalendern in denen die

Termine der Abhaltung dieser Veranstaltungen fixiert werden. Dies geschieht etwa ein halbes Jahr vor dem Jahresbeginn, da ja diese Kalender gedruckt und verteilt werden müssen. Dabei ist für die Termine zu beachten ob es sich um Altrechte handelt oder ob man flexibel reagieren kann. Alte Marktregale enthalten so nette Regelungen wie: „ Vieh und Krämermarkt ist am 3. Montag nach Kirchweihsonntag“ oder „ Mittsommermarkt ist zu Laurenzi, der Abtriebsmarkt zu Ägydi“.

Es gilt zu beachten wie viele andere Märkte in der jeweiligen Woche abgehalten werden um nicht zu große Mengen auf einmal verkraften zu müssen. Für Märkte mit hohem Anteil an Schlachtvieh sind Termine in Abstimmungen mit den Hauptschlachttagen zu wählen, Nutztvieh ist dafür auf jene Tage zu verlegen, wo Zeit zur weiteren Verteilung an die Endbezieher ist. Selbstverständlich sind Ferien und Feiertagskollisionen zu vermeiden und das alles soll noch national und international im näheren Umfeld koordiniert werden.

Die Europäische Union (EU) hat dazu noch eine Vielzahl von Kontinent weit geltenden Sonderregelungen erlassen, die teils zur Veterinären Überwachung und Lebensmittelkontrolle, aber auch zur Standardisierung von Handelsusancen dienen. Diese Normen sind jeweils im innerstaatlichen Bereich einzuführen, allenfalls zu ergänzen, jedenfalls zu kontrollieren und in einer benutzerfreundlichen Darstellung zu publizieren bzw. über Kurse und Vorträge den Landwirten nahe zu bringen.

Um keine Langeweile aufkommen zu lassen ändert die EU alle paar Jahre ihr Agrarsystem und es beginnt alles, was gerade angefangen hat einigermaßen als Routine zu laufen, wieder von vorne.

Über alles was auf den Märkten geschieht sind vom Viehverkehrsreferat Markt und Preisberichte zu erstellen, die einerseits an Printmedien gehen aber heute natürlich auch ohne

Zeitverzug ins Internet gestellt werden müssen. Dabei ist darauf zu achten diese Informationen so aufzubereiten, dass der Leser genau jene Informationen erhält, die ihm ein reales Bild des Marktgeschehen übermitteln. Auch hier galt es eine Vielzahl von Detailregelungen, meist in zähen Verhandlungen mit allen Marktpartnern, zu vereinbaren um diese Markttransparenz zu sichern.

Konsumenten müssen wissen woher die Lebensmittel kommen, wie sie erzeugt werden, welche besonderen Eigenschaften vorhanden sind. Es galt also einerseits lückenlose Identifizierungssysteme zu entwickeln, Schnittstellen für die Kennzeichnung zu entwickeln, ein Kontrollsystem darüber zu stützen, die dafür nötigen Mitarbeiter einzuschulen, deren EU weite Datenvernetzung zu ermöglichen und für alle Klassifizierungsmethoden, Qualitätsprogramme, Produktionsmethoden ob Bio oder integriert, mit oder ohne Dach- und Regionalmarken Anerkennungssysteme zu etablieren. Dazu ist es notwendig sowohl die Hausaufgaben auf Landesebene zu machen als auch in Kooperation auf Bundesebene mitzuwirken.

Zum Viehverkehr gehört auch die Organisation und Betreuung von Messen und Ausstellungen. Public Relation heißt ja Gutes zu tun und darüber auch zu reden. Neue Produkte einzuführen erfordert vorausschauende Planung auf mögliche Veränderung im Konsumentenverhalten. Ständige Beachtung der Bevölkerungsentwicklung im In- und Ausland um rechtzeitig Megatrends zu entdecken. Junge Menschen haben ein anderes Konsumverhalten als Senioren, Großfamilien kaufen andere Lebensmittel als Singlehaushalte. Messen sind perfekte Teststrecken um diese Entwicklungen zu simulieren.

Ein weiteres sehr breites Betätigungsfeld für einen Viehverkehrsreferenten liegt natürlich in der Beratung von Bauern in allen Vermarktungsfragen und in der Hilfe bei der Handhabung der EU-Marktordnungsprogramme. Gleiches gilt, falls eine entsprechende Vorqualifikation gegeben ist, im Beistand in viehwirtschaftlichen Rechtsfragen. Trotz Einführung moderner Vermarktungssysteme wird auch heute noch in diesem Sektor viel mit Handschlag gehandelt, man vergisst darauf Zusagen schriftlich fest zu halten und dann muss im Streitfall eben der Referent versuchen doch noch eine für beide Teile tragbare Lösung zu Stande zu bringen.

Manchmal ist sogar noch Zeit da um interessante Versuche zu machen damit auch der wissenschaftliche Aspekt nicht zu kurz kommt. Es erfüllt einen stets mit Befriedigung wenn dabei Ergebnisse herauskommen, die langfristige Veränderungen und Verbesserungen bewirken. Einiges in diese Richtung ist auch bei mir gelungen.

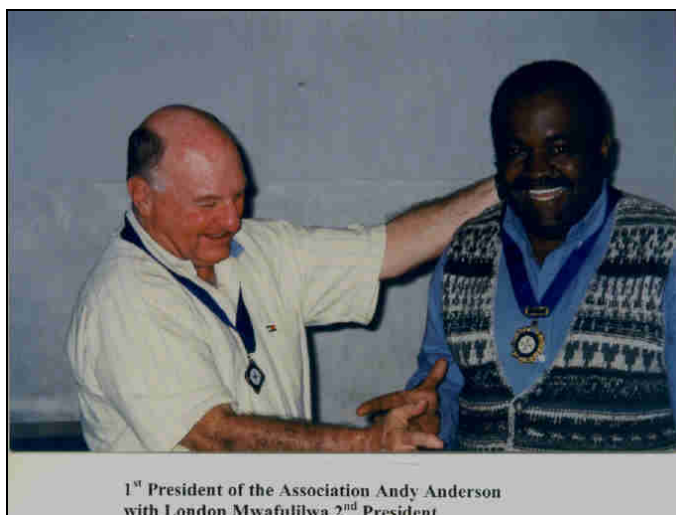
Vor dem EU-Beitritt lag ein Schwergewicht auf der Abwicklung von Exporten, deren Lizenzadministration und der Auszahlen von Exporterstattungen, heute liegt die Hauptherausforderung in der absatztechnischen Vernetzung mit den neu beigetretenen Mitgliedsländern und dem Wiederaufbau alter Handelsbeziehungen.

Viehverkehrsreferent zu sein war für mich immer spannend, stets abwechslungsreich, brachte Kontakte mit unglaublich vielen Menschen, stellte mich laufend vor neue Herausforderungen, führte mich weit in der Welt herum und bedeutet für mich summa summarum ein schönes und befriedigendes Berufsleben.

Volker Zimmermann, Club 41 Graz,
Pastpräsident Club 41 Österreich

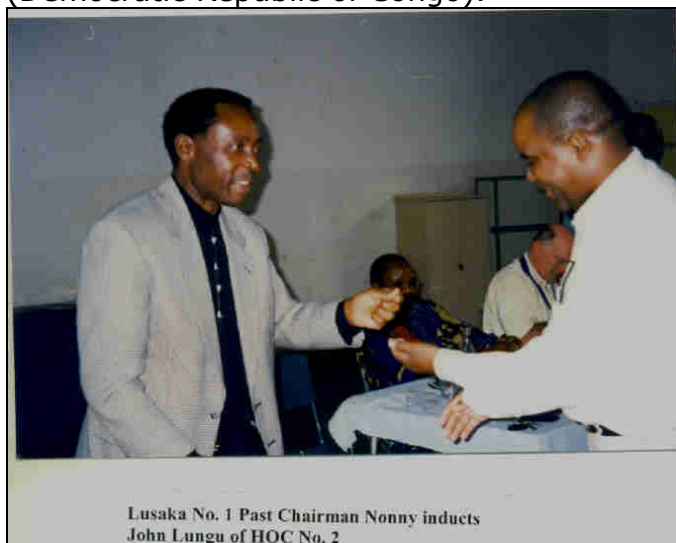
REPORT ON 41 CLUB IN ZAMBIA

41 Club Zambia, the young but dynamic Association of Ex-Round Tablers was formally welcomed to 41 Club International in April 2002 in Brasov Romania. Zambia became the 20th Member of the 41 Club International.



1st President of the Association Andy Anderson with London Mwafuilwa 2nd President

41 Club Zambia is made up of Ex-Tablers and has 3 Clubs with a forth Club in the formative stage. The Association began with the formation of Lusaka 41 Club No. 1 in 1998 followed by Hub of the Copperbelt (HOC) No. 2 in June 2000 and Ndola No. 3 in April 2001. The fourth Club in Chingola is in its formative state while there are strong possibilities of creating interest to form clubs in Livingstone and in Lubumbashi (Democratic Republic of Congo).



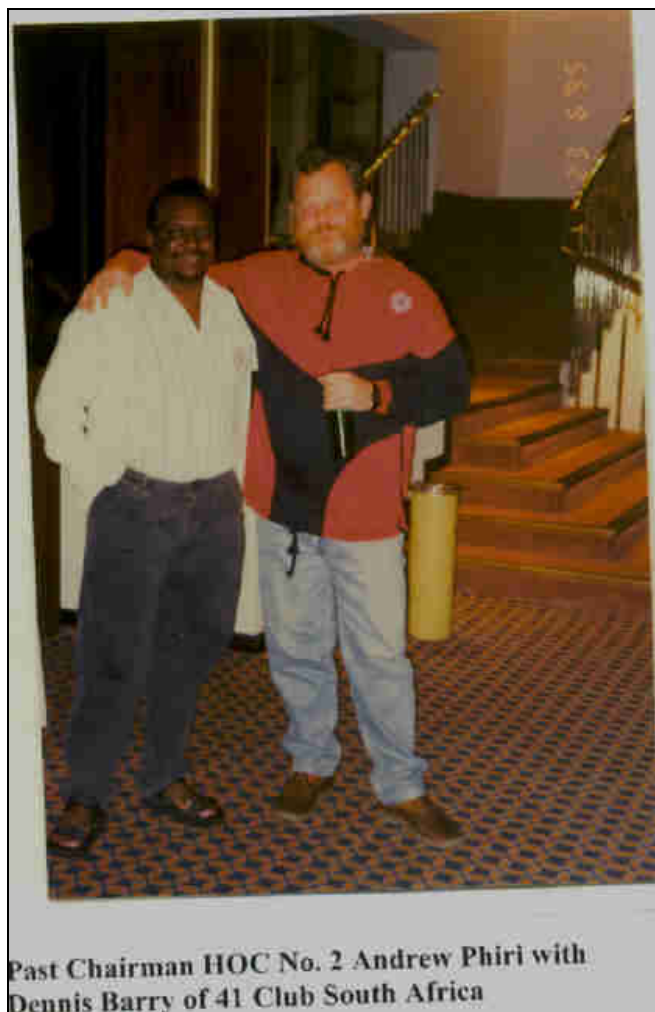
Lusaka No. 1 Past Chairman Nonny inducts John Lungu of HOC No. 2

The main activities of the Clubs are uniting Ex-Round Tablers through friendship and fellowship. This is done through the

individual clubs Monthly Meetings. There are also Fellowship functions organised by the Clubs at their homes as well as other venues. There is a lot of inter-Club Fellowship as well as at National level.

The 41ners from Zambia enjoy travelling and meeting 41ners from other Associations. South Africa is next door to us and therefore the fellowship between these two Associations has been wonderful and a big boost to our International co-operation.

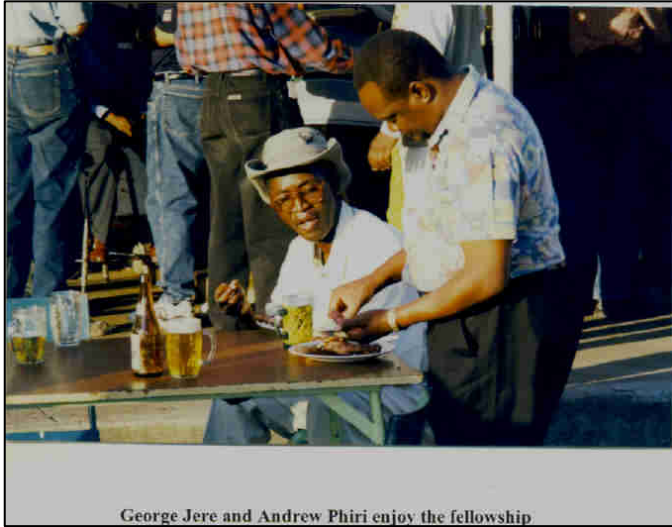
The Annual A.G.M is normally held in the last week of July and this year it will be held from 23rd to 25th July at Nsobe Lodge in Ndola. Nsobe is a Game Lodge and accommodation will be in en-suite tents.



Past Chairman HOC No. 2 Andrew Phiri with Dennis Barry of 41 Club South Africa

A warm welcome awaits 41ners that may wish to visit Zambia. The Country has a lot of places of interest such as the Victoria Falls and countless game reserves. There are

opportunities for good game hunting as well as fishing and of course not forgetting the abundant sunlight



George Jere and Andrew Phiri enjoy the fellowship

The location of 41 Clubs in three different cities provides an atmosphere of great hospitality to 41 Club International Members.



41ners follow proceedings of Chatering HOC No. 2 Club

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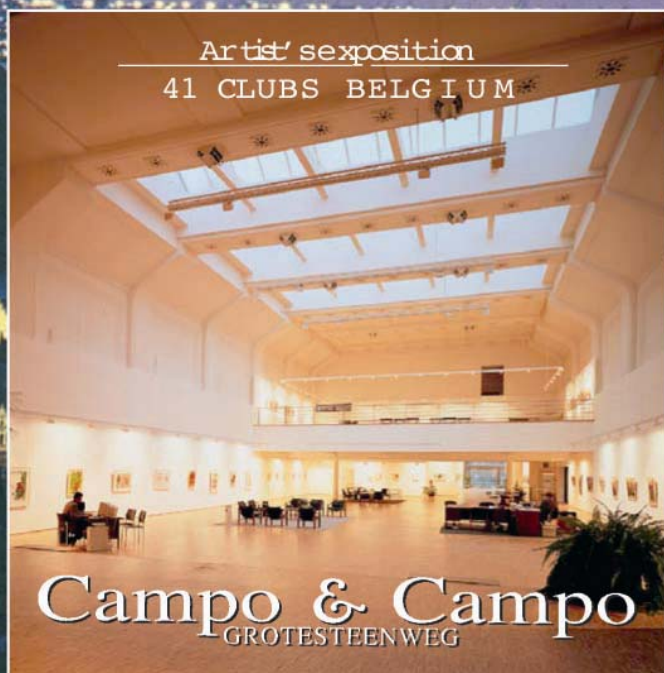
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