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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

African Odyssey 2005

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TO ALL MY 41ER FRIENDS:

It is once again our privilege and honour to host the 41er's International AGM in Durban in April 2005.

I would like to invite you all to our beautiful country to join us on any one of the four tours that we have organised.

I wish to assure you that what we learn't during the last tours has been used to ensure that the tours will encompass the very best we have to offer, at prices, which are very affordable.

I will personally see to it that you enjoy your time spent with us. Don't be disappointed. Choose your tour now and make sure your name appears on the list.

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SIYANEMUKELA eTHEKWINI - WE WELCOME YOU TO DURBAN!

The 41er's Association of South Africa is proud and priveleged to be able to host the International AGM in 2005. Join us in Durban next year for a never to be forgotten experience, and share with us the unique blend of African, Indian and Colonial cultures, the stunning beaches, the warm weather and the friendly hospitality.

Durban has world class tourist facilities such as accommodation, conference centres and activities to satisfy all your needs. We have arranged a programme which we know you will enjoy. Also, you can register for one of the pre-tours and travel around our large country, taking in the scienic beauty, the spectacular wildlife, the tourist sites, and meet the people of our wonderful country.

We welcome you to South Africa, the Zulu Kingdom and Durban for fantastic fun, fellowship and friendship under African skies.

BIENVENUE - WILKOMMEN - WELCOME

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Programme for the 41ers World and South African AGM 21 - 24 April 2005 • DURBAN • SOUTH AFRICA

Thursday 21 April 2005

- 12h00 - 17h00 Arrival of International Guests
 Arrival of Tours
 Registration and check in
- 19h00 - 23h00 Meet and Greet
 Welcome Function

Friday 22 April 2005

- Free Day to explore Durban
- 12h00 - 18h00 Registration
 18h30 - 19h30 President's Cocktail Party
 19h00 - Late Melodrama Evening

Saturday 23 April 2005

- 08h00 - 15h00 Ladies Tour The Kingdom - Salt Rock
 09h00 - 09h15 Official opening
 09h15 - 13h00 41ers International AGM
 / 41ers SA AGM
 13h00 - 14h00 Lunch
 14h00 - 17h00 Durban Tour
 14h00 - 15h00 ILO meeting
 19h30 - Late Presidents Banquet

Sunday 24 April 2005

- 09h00 - 11h00 Brunch
 13h00 Return Flights to Jhb International

Cost

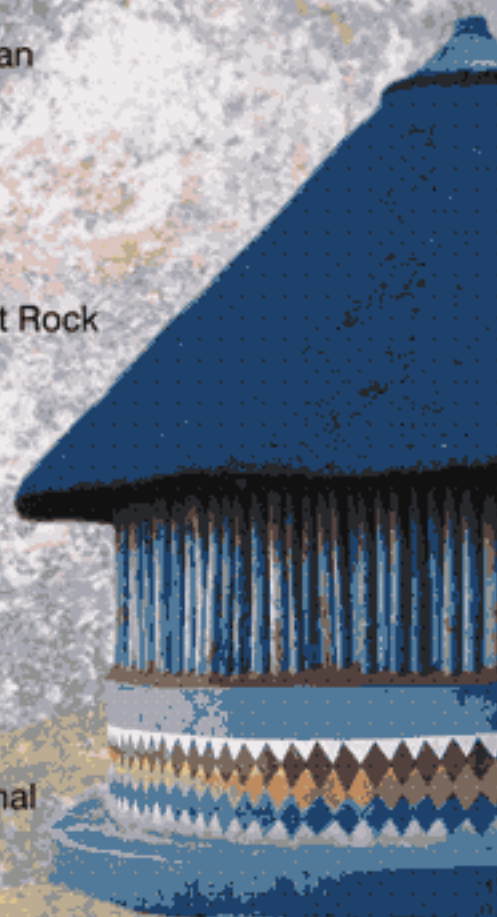
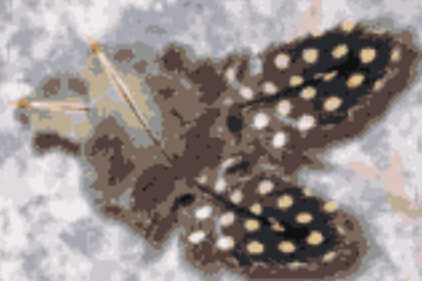
- Thu - Sun 3 Day R 1 100.00 delegate
 Fri - Sun 2 Day R 600.00 delegate
 Ladies Tour R 250.00 delegate

Registration

Accommodation at the Edward

- Single room / per Night R 665.00
 Double room / per Night R 800.00

I would like to explore other
 accommodation.....



TOUR 1 BIKING THROUGH THE VERY BEST OF A BIKER'S PARADISE

Arrive: Monday 11 April 2005
Tour Leaders: John & Sandy Hudson
E-mail: sandy1@pixie.co.za
Cost: R 20 000-00

A 10 day trip through sheer African splendour. From arrival at Johannesburg International, where you will receive your bike and training, through the stark Limpopo Province and fantastic mountain areas of the Eastern Highlands to under the stars in the famous Kruger National Park, down to the World 41er's AGM in Durban.

- 11th April** Arrive Jhb International, accommodation at Gold Reef City. Afternoon bike training. Dinner with Johannesburg 41ers.
- 12th April** After breakfast move through to Pretoria, stopping to see sights, to Polokwane, capital of Limpopo province. An evening with the local 41er club, and the Rhinos.
- 13th April** Drive through Magoebaskloof Mountains to Tzaneen, and on to Lydenburg to overnight.
- 14th April** Over Long Tom Pass, 2 600m above sea level on to Pilgrims Rest to overnight.
- 15th April** Tour around the Eastern Escarpment, to God's Window, Mac Mac Falls etc. Overnight at Graskop, possibly the best area for biking in the world.
- 16th April** Down through the Escarpment to Hazyview, where we leave the bikes and go into Kruger National Park by Bus.
- 17th April** Kruger National Park by Bus.
- 18th April** Afternoon leave the Park. Collect bikes and go up to Badplaas (a hot water spring) to stay the night.
- 19th April** Drive through the mountains, past Swaziland, which is all mountain country to Pongola to overnight.
- 20th April** Visit Chakaland, the home of Chaka, the legendary king of the Zulus, and overnight.
- 21st April** Leave for Durban and the AGM where you will leave your bike.
- 22nd April** You may like to drive down the South Coast and back and then drop your bike in the afternoon.

TOUR 2 THE CAPE TOUR

Arrive: Monday 11 April 2005
Tour Leaders: Waldo & Jenny Thöle
E-mail: waljien@dundeekzn.co.za
Cost: R 15 000-00

A 10 day trip of the fairest Cape of them All. A tour incorporating the famous landmarks of Table Mountain and Robben Island as well as a touch of nostalgia at ARTSA 2005, before flying to Durban for the World AGM.

- 11th April** Arrive Jhb International, accommodation at Gold Reef City. Dinner at Gold Reef City.
- 12th April** A flight to Cape Town, with day one being spent climbing Table Mountain. Accommodation at the Protea Hotel.
- 13th April** A visit to Robben Island and the V & A Waterfront
- 14th April** Spend the day at Cape Point Nature Reserve
- 15th April** Meander through the Wine routes of Stellenbosch
- 16th April** Bus up the Garden Route to Mossel Bay
- 17th April** Visit Cango Caves and stay over in Oudtshoorn.
- 18th April** Visit ostrich farm and wildlife. Overnight and cruise on lagoon to the heads.
- 19th April** Overnight on the Knysna Lagoon.
- 20th April** In P.E. visit and view Addo Elephant Park.
- 21st April** From P.E. fly out to the Durban AGM in the morning.

Tour 3 *The Full South Africa*

Arrive: Thursday, 7 April 2005
Tour Leaders: Orrie & Vanessa Baragwanath
E-mail: van@imagnet.co.za
Cost: R 17 000-00

A 14 day trip through South African hospitality. Catch the Kruger Park by luxury bus, Jet down to Cape Town, with Table Mountain and Robben Island tour included, bus trip up the magical Garden Route to Port Elizabeth before flying to the World 41er's AGM.

- 7th April** Arrive Jhb International. Accommodation at Gold Reef City and entertainment by Johannesburg 41ers.
- 8th April** After breakfast move through to Pretoria, stopping to see the sights, to Polokwane, capital of Limpopo province. An evening with the local 41er club.
- 9th April** Travel down the escarpment through Tzaneen to the Kruger National Park (KNP).
- 10th April** KNP
- 11th April** KNP
- 12th April** Drive up to Sabie and overnight. Drive through Long Tom Pass, one of the highest passes in South Africa, at 2600m, on to Johannesburg.
- 14th April** A flight to Cape Town, with day one to be spent climbing Table Mountain, accommodation at The Protea Hotel.
- 15th April** Spend the day on a visit to Robben Island and the V & A Waterfront
- 16th April** Climb the Cape point in the Cape Point Nature Reserve
- 17th April** Meander through the Wine Routes of Stellenbosch
- 18th April** Bus up the Garden Route to Mossel Bay
- 19th April** Visit the Cango Caves and overnight at Oudtshoorn.
- 20th April** Travel to Knysna. Afternoon Sunset Cruise to the heads.
- 21st April** Visit Addo Elephant Park. Overnight in P.E. Fly to Durban that evening.

Tour 4 *Namibia Exploration*

Arrive: Monday 10 April 2005
Tour Leaders: John & Sandy Anderson
E-mail: anderson@claudereid.co.za
Cost: R 25 000-00

Visit the stark natural habitat of the Namib, from Swakopmund beaches to the middle of the desert. Meet the people with the greatest mixture of heritage in Africa, from early Koi settlers to German immigrants. The People of Namibia will spoil you from arrival, until your return one day.

- 10th April** Tour will meet in Windhoek and be accommodated at the Windhoek Country Club Resort.
- 11th April** The tour commences with a drive down to the Sesriem/Sossusvlei where we will be accommodated in the Sossusvlei Lodge.
- 12th April** Tour visits Sossusvlei, accommodated in the Sossusvlei Lodge.
- 13th April** Drive to Swakopmund via Walvis Bay, accommodated in the Swakopmund Hotel.
- 14th April** Stay on in Swakopmund and visit local attractions, including Namib Naukluft Park.
- 15th April** Travel up the coast via Cape Cross, see seals at the Cape Cross Seal Colony, Uis and Omaruru to Epako Game Lodge. To be accommodated at Epako Lodge.
- 16th April** Spend day in the game park at Epako, which will include a game drive.
- 17th April** Drive to Twyfelfontein Lodge and through the Twyfelfontein Ephemeral Dry River Drive and Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings where we will spend the night.
- 18th April** Drive via Petrified Forest to Etosha Game Park - Okakuejo where we will spend the night at the Etosha National Park Rest Camps.
- 19th April** Visit Etosha Game Park. Accommodation will be in the rest camps.
- 20th April** Drive back to Windhoek Country Club again.
- 21st April** All tour participants fly out of Windhoek to Durban.

EDITORIAL

Dear friends and interested readers!

It may take some time getting all National IROs used to handle the new medium "COURIER on CD". Since the majority of our associations (and readers?) prefer this medium in order to save the costs for distribution of printed matter there seems to be no other choice. Anyway – as long as IROs and their cooperating Webmasters put the contents into their national website it will work just fine.

The opportunities and advantages however are manifold. It is possible

- to make excerpts for printed distribution at least for those without access to the internet
- to add national news to it on the national website
- to translate parts or everything into other languages
- to delete parts of lesser interest for the respective association before putting it online and so on.

This issue contains some articles with no connection to Extabler's matters but seemed to be of common interest. Globalisation and its impact is a topic which is of importance to all of us. The same is true for the European Union: its fate and its educational programs are topics I picked. I hope you'll find them as interesting as I did and I'm desperately waiting for some of your comments in our "Reader's Forum", which is once again – sad enough – still empty in this issue. I owe special thanks to the President of the Academic Forum for Foreign Policy for allowing to take the articles mentioned above from their magazine "Global View".

Once again I thank those few friends who have written articles and reports for our magazine this time.

Once again I urge fellow readers to follow up.

Once again I ask presidents, IROs and secretaries to find friends in their clubs and/or associations – willing to contribute and to send me whatever is on their mind.

The more I get, the more you get to read. If it is necessary to publish a third issue per year we'll find a way to do that without additional cost.

In friendship and tolerance!

Your Editor

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41 International

Minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting Held at the Corinthia Hotel Antwerp, Belgium on Saturday 2nd October 2004

1. The meeting started at 09h19 with Alain de la Bretesche, International President, welcoming all attendees.
2. The President presented John Hudson, Vice-President, Michael Dalbo Pedersen, Immediate Past President and John Bellwood, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Past Presidents Peter Poech (1982/83), Tero Lindell (1998/99) and Michael Pedersen (2003/04), delegates from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Switzerland and Zambia and other attendees were welcomed. Indian Ocean had been unable to send a delegate.
4. Hubert Braeckmans, the President of 41 Club Belgium, was unable to be present as he was presiding at his own Association AGM. Michael Leenders, the Immediate Past President of 41 Club Belgium, welcomed all to Antwerp.
5. Apologies for absence were received from Past President Beat Berger, Past President Sammy Sampath, Sir Andy Chande KBE (Dar es Salaam), Martin Young (Great Britain), and Tom Rowling and Peter Phillips (New Zealand).
6. The minutes of the AGM held in Arras, France on 5th June 2004 had been circulated. The meeting authorized the President to sign the minutes as a true record.
7. There was one matter arising after the signing of the minutes. Michael Pedersen stated that the Board had considered and discussed new Rule 12 (b) regarding modifications to the Rules. The Rule means that a Rule change will take over one year to achieve. The Board intends to propose that Rule 12 (b) be replaced with a rule along the lines of – “immediately after the deadline of 1st February for the receipt of motions under Rule 12 (a), the Secretary will circulate to all Associations any proposed motion including a modification or addition to the Rules so that each Association is given adequate time to consider any proposals prior to the International AGM”.



Lier Clocktower

8. Rule 12 (b) had been proposed by Germany and approved at the AGM in Arras, France in June 2004. Germany said that any proposals by the International Board would have to be considered by their own Association.



Busy Delegates

In any event, any proposal to modify the

Rules of 41 International now comes within Rule 12 (b) and cannot therefore be decided until the Annual General Meeting in May 2006.

9. The Secretary reported that he had received many letters, phone calls and emails. He hoped that they had all been answered quickly and accurately.
10. Brief reports were received from the President, the Vice-President and the Immediate Past President. They will be hosting the Afternoon Workshops on FAMEX, YAP and development/extension respectively.
11. The Secretary reported that reports/communications had been received from Michael Pedersen on his visits to Norway and Romania, from John Hudson on his visits to Zambia and South Africa, from Renato Bonfini (Webmaster) on the website, from Jugnu Uberoi on YAP in India, from Sammy Sampath on Famex, from Peter Poech (Archivist and Directory Editor) on the Directory and archives, from Peter Phillips (New Zealand) on the expansion of 41 Club in New Zealand and the NZ website, from Eric Miller (Great Britain) who is compiling a "directory" listing the Presidents of all Associations over the years, from Beat Berger giving details of the Annual General Meeting in Switzerland from Friday 22nd October to Sunday 24th October 2004, from Ulver Oswald regarding YAP in the minutes of the



Menneken Piss – Dressed Up

AGM in Arras in June 2004, and from Her Majesty the Queen (allegedly).

12. The Secretary stated that he hoped to issue the minutes of this meeting to the IROs before the end of the month.

13. The Treasurer reported that his job had been made difficult since being appointed at the AGM in Arras because his predecessor had declined, in spite of a number of requests, to transfer the funds of 41 International to his control. The funds had still not been handed over, almost four months later. Furthermore, no bank account under the Treasurer's control had been opened in the absence of written authority from the President. He was



Antwerp Townhall

therefore unable to send out fee notices until mid-September when a new bank account had been established. The notices invite the Associations to complete their own details of the number of clubs in their Association.

14. The Treasurer further reported that South Africa and Zambia had made payments in advance of their fees for 2004/05 and Cyprus had paid yesterday. He was aware that there might be some amounts outstanding from last year but had been reluctant to contact the relevant Associations because of a lack of information from the previous Treasurer.
15. The Treasurer referred to the Income and Expenditure Account circulated with the notice of the Half Yearly Meeting and the minutes which contained an income and expenditure account for 2003/04, the budget for 2004/05, receipts and payments to 31st August 2004 for the current year and a forecast of income and expenditure for 2005/06.
16. The Treasurer stated that the Half Yearly Meeting had three items of business in regard to finance –
 - a. Audited accounts for 2003/04 shall be presented (Rule 10 (g))
 - b. A report shall be given detailing the receipts and payments to date and their comparison with the previously agreed budget (Rule 10 (f))
 - c. The International Council shall approve a budget in Euros for the financial period commencing at the following Annual General Meeting. (Rule 10 (b))
17. The accounts for 2003/04 had been drafted but cannot be confirmed because funds, bank statements and other information were still awaited from the previous Treasurer. Jean-Marie de Backer, the auditor, had therefore been unable to complete his audit although the records such as they are have been brought to Antwerp for Jean-Marie's examination.

It was agreed that audited accounts for 2003/04 would be included in the agenda for the AGM in 2005.

18. The statement of receipts and payments to 31st August 2004 included no receipts because fee notices had not been issued. The forecast for 2005/06 had been prepared in the absence of a proper budget. A budget could not be prepared until the income and expenditure account for 2003/04 had been confirmed and audited. It was agreed that the budget for 2005/06 will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting in April 2005.
19. The Secretary introduced item 12 on the agenda: NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS. He explained that this new item to some extent took the place of the separate meeting of IROs and gave all attendees at the HYM the opportunity to find out what is happening in other Associations.
 - a. AUSTRIA announced that their next AGM will be in Steyr from 17th-19th June 2005. They have 3 new clubs and the 2007 AGM will be in Graz.
 - b. BELGIUM are celebrating their 30th anniversary and they have 67 clubs. Another club is being formed in the near future. There is a rally on 18th June 2005 in Waterloo to celebrate the 190th anniversary of the battle.
 - c. CYPRUS are chartering a club in Greece and are hosting the International Half Yearly Meeting in October 2005. The AGM is in Nicosia from 9th-12th June 2005. They are working with Mentor in providing drugs units for children, which have initially been purchased from the UK. The cost for three units has been €70,000 each.
 - d. DENMARK has 1 new club and many new members. Ex Table Denmark have celebrated their 25th jubilee and their next AGM is from 8th-10th April 2005 in Svendborg.
 - e. FINLAND has 1,434 members over 67 clubs. 2 additional clubs are joining the Association during the next 6 months. The AGM is in Kauniainen from 4th-6th March 2005. A National Directory was handed to the Secretary.
 - f. FRANCE are holding their 2005 AGM in Nantes from 17th-19th June, the same dates as Austria. They are looking to extend their links into Europe and the Middle East and arranging twinnings and charters. They will be in Denmark for the Region 3 meeting later in October and are hosting a European gathering in Grenoble in November to which all are most welcome.
 - g. GERMANY are showing good development and have added 5 clubs since Arras, with 2 more in the pipeline. The 2005 AGM is in Karlsruhe from 2nd-5th June and the 2006 AGM is in Dortmund from 19th-21st May.
 - h. GREAT BRITAIN has some 22,000 members spread over 905 clubs. There have been some closures but 9 additional clubs are in the pipeline. The next AGM is in Bournemouth from 7th-10th April 2005 when subjects for discussion are expected to be "open membership", the cost of conferences and the future of the magazine. A Diamond Jubilee luncheon is being held in Birmingham on 21st May 2005 with overseas visitors being entertained at Stratford upon Avon (in Region 8) on the Friday and Saturday nights.
 - i. INDIA has about 70 active clubs and has been pleased to participate in the Young Ambassadors Programme, in association with New Zealand and Germany.

- j. INDIAN OCEAN were not represented in News from the Associations but Michael Pedersen reported, after a recent visit to that Association, that Indian Ocean was active and lively; he had much appreciated his visit.
- k. ISRAEL has 4 clubs only and they are looking to attract more recruits from Round Table. The AGM is in Tel Aviv from 17th-19th March 2005.
- l. ITALY are chartering Modena at a Half Yearly Meeting on 12th November 2004 and they are also chartering Palomo. The AGM is in Mantova from 20th-22nd May 2005.
- m. NETHERLANDS has seen a reduction in numbers. Membership has reduced from 800 to 500 and clubs have reduced from 50 to 30. Jan Ooms is the new Chairman. They have a national sports event each year.
- n. NEW ZEALAND are hosting a tour from the UK in February/March 2005. There have been YAP visits from India to New Zealand and New Zealand have sent some visitors to India. A group is visiting Apex in Australia and two tours are being organized to Scandinavia in July/September 2005. A national website has recently been published.
- o. NORWAY has been increasing its membership with 4 new clubs, with 2 more in the pipeline. The Annual General Meeting is being held over the last weekend of May 2005, when they are joining with Round Table. They are considering dividing Norway into regions in view of the considerable area of the country.
- p. ROMANIA had enjoyed the company of Michael Pedersen at their recent AGM in Campulung Muscel. They wish to elect to pay one half of the basic fee following the International AGM in Brasov.
- q. SOUTH AFRICA have reinstated Waldo Thöle as President for a further 6 months. His term of office will end in Durban in April 2005, where the International AGM is being hosted. Waldo's successor will also be in office for 18 months. They have had YAP visitors from Italy. They have 1 new club (Lugellas) and they are looking forward to hosting the International AGM in April 2005.
- r. SWITZERLAND has a new young Board. Maurice Brun is the only link with the previous Board. They are looking at ways of extending their activities and invite everybody to their AGM in Zurich from 22nd-24th October 2004.
- s. ZAMBIA is a very young Association and they now have their fourth President. They were encouraged to form an Association by Luc Desmet, a former International President. They expect to extend into neighbouring countries and look forward to hosting the 2007 International HYM in Livingstone.

[At this juncture (11h00) the HYM took a coffee break and resumed at 11h25]

20. Peter Poech gave a report on the compilation of the 2004/05 International Directory. There are certain corrections and updates to attend to and Peter hopes to send an update to all IROs by the end of October. Invoices for the Directory are being sent to the various Associations.

21. Peter Poech referred to the possibility of transferring past copies of *Courier* to CD. The cost would be €1.500 and Peter seeks thirty individuals, Clubs or Associations who are willing to pay €50 each.

22. Renato Bonfini presented his written report on the website and drew the meeting's attention to the paragraph which read, "...as one can see, all important pages are now "databased" so that they can be easily updated without the need for outside technical help and

without the necessity of downloading and re-inserting the content of the pages. (Consequence: without fees!!)." In answer to a question regarding spam, Renato said that there is nothing which the International Webmaster can do; the pc user must arrange his own spam filter through the service provider.

23. Dieter Straka reported on the September 2004 issue of *Courier*, which had been produced and distributed as a CD instead of as printed copy. Distribution of printed copies had been too expensive for many Associations, who are being charged the same amount as for the printed version. There will be no further copies of the printed magazine which will now be on CD only twice each year. The copy date for the next issue is 31st October 2004.

24. The Young Ambassadors Exchange Programme (YAP) and the Family Exchange Programme (FAMEX) were carried forward to the afternoon workshops.

25. OTD – 41 Club Germany confirmed Uwe Kerstan as their candidate for International Vice-President 2005/06 and 41 Club Austria nominated Dieter Straka as their candidate for International Vice-President 2006/07.

26. Future meetings were announced as follows –

AGM	23 rd April 2005	–	Durban, South Africa
HYM	8 th October 2005	–	Limassol, Cyprus
AGM	20 th May 2006	–	Dortmund, Germany
HYM	October 2006	–	Southend-on-Sea, Great Britain
AGM	June? 2007	–	Graz, Austria
HYM	October? 2007	–	Livingstone, Zambia
HYM	2008	–	Mauritius

27. South Africa gave a presentation of the pre-conference tours and the AGM in Durban, South Africa from 21st to 24th April 2005. They would appreciate having registrations by the end of November 2004.

28. Cyprus presented the arrangements for the Half Yearly Meeting from 6th to 9th October 2005 in Limassol.

29. Offers to host the Vice-Presidency in 2007/08 will be on the agenda for the AGM in April 2005 and there was no requirement to invite offers now. If any Association wished, however, to indicate now that they were proposing to offer to host at the AGM, they were welcome to do so. Great Britain gave an indication.

30. Any other business included the gratitude of 41 International to Michel Leenders, Jean-Marie de Backer, Hubert Braeckmans, Belgium 41 Club and the Corinthia Hotel for the detailed and successful arrangements for the Half Yearly Meeting, a request that hotel registration should include a choice of a smoking or non-smoking bedroom, improved directions to find the hotel, the inclusion of wives'/partners' names in the Directory, words of thanks from the President to the Secretary and a skiing meeting to be held by 41 Club Norway from 4th to 6th February 2005.

31. The President announced that workshops covering development and extension, YAP and FAMEX will commence after lunch.

32. The meeting closed at 12h27.

John Bellwood
10/04

Remember Arras







41 International Calender

Dates Country Event Location

March 05

5	Finland	AGM	Kauniainen – Gramkulla
12	Netherlands	AGM	Steenbergen

April 05

9	Great Britain	AGM	Bournemouth, Hampshire
9	Denmark	AGM	Marstal, Aeroe
23	International	AGM	Durban, South Africa
23	South Africa	AGM	Durban
30	Indian Ocean	AGM	Port Louis, Mauritius

May 05

21	Italy	AGM	Mantova
21	Great Britain	Diamond Jubilee Lunch	Birmingham
28	Norway	AGM	Voss

June 05

4	Germany	AGM	Karlsruhe
4	New Zealand	AGM	Motueko
11	Cyprus	AGM	Nicosia
18	Belgium	Battle Anniversary	Waterloo
18	Austria	AGM	STEYR
18	France	AGM	Nantes
19	New Zealand	First Tour starts (ends 31 July)	Scandinavia/Baltic

July 05

	Zambia	AGM	Livingstone
31	New Zealand	First Tour ends	Scandinavia/Baltic

August 05

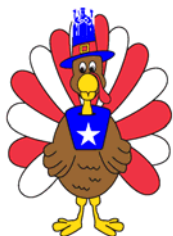
25	New Zealand	Second Tour starts (ends 06 October)	Scandinavia/Baltic
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September 05

	India	AGM	Calcutta
22	Romania	AGM	Suceava

October 05

6	New Zealand	Second Tour ends	Scandinavia/Baltic
8	International	HYM	Limassol, Cyprus
8	Belgium	AGM	Brussels



The "RT New York 1-2-3 Event"

November 24th, 2004 to November 28th, 2004

Dear Fellow Tablers, 41-Old Club members and Ladies Circlers,

On behalf of Round Table One New York, we would like to thank each and every one of you for taking the time and effort to join us in New York and making "RT New York 1-2-3 Event" a success. Your participation, fellowship, friendship and desire to ensure the survival of Tabling in USA are applauded and well appreciated. A lot of effort went into the planning of this Thanksgiving weekend, and we are extremely pleased that the events not only brought us closer and strengthened our bonds, but also provided you with an educational insight into Harlem during the walking tour and Manhattan via the boat ride.

As we look ahead to the planning of future events, we would very much appreciate your feedback, and on ways we could better serve our guests here in New York City.

On a different note, you have noticed that the Tables in the USA are struggling. We need all your assistance not only to revive the Tables but to add Tables east of the Mississippi. Although the responsibility lies with us to attract local Americans to ensure stability, we would also appreciate it if you could reach out to some of the contacts you may have in the USA alerting them to our presence. Also, if you were to publish a note in your local Table magazine for other Tablers to pursue a contact with us we would be immensely grateful.

Attached is the participation list of all members. Use this to keep in contact with new friends made and those old friendships renewed. Some of you have indicated that you will be publishing an article in your Table magazine. Please send Irfan Ahmad 10 copies of your Table magazine with the article. They will be distributed to the various Tables in USA and Canada. His mailing address is given below.

We would also like to consolidate all pictures taken at the event, and make them available for viewing by everyone. We would appreciate if you could copy all pictures on a CD, and mail it to Irfan Ahmad as well.

Again, thank you for your support and your love.

Yours in International Tabling,

Michael Nagykery
President & Co-Convener, RT1NY

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Global Governance: Global Compact as Touchstone for Reforming the System of International Governance

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The process of globalization has unleashed the powers of market economy and technology in an unprecedented and at least partially irreversible manner requiring us to think beyond searching to merely adjust traditional institutions to a new international environment.

In order to sustainably promote democracy and prosperity on a worldwide scale it is indispensable to develop a framework of global governance capable of preventing market failures and fostering participatory decision- making.

Global Compact (GC) has been designed to act as harbinger of global governance. Being the foremost international body specifically created to meet the challenges of globalization, the initiative presents a revolutionary approach to reform the international political and economic system. Transcending traditional international policy- making, the project redefines governance as decision- making by means of a multi- layered network of political, economic and social actors.



Global Compact Logo

However, Global Compact can only be considered a first step on the way to transform the intergovernmental United Nations into a multi- stakeholder platform, bringing together regional, national and supranational governments, international labor, financial and trade organizations as well as businesses and civil society organizations (CSOs). Ultimately, successful implementation of the new system of global governance (Governance meaning the way in which common affairs are organized. Global in the sense of transnational, with regional, national as well as international implications.) will be depending on reinvigorating transparency, accountability and democracy throughout international decision- making procedures.

The case for Global Compact

The impetus behind the arguably most innovative reinvention of the United Nations has

clearly been the fact that global social progress and human rights have not developed as successfully as has economic and financial globalization. Indeed, the deepening gap between the economic and the human side of globalization is threatening the system of international governance as a whole. While an ever looser regulatory framework has allowed markets to grow internationally, the same is not true for the social component. Yet, a sustainable system requires a balanced development of both the social and the business pillar. The UN felt that its position as beacon of the international system called for a concerted effort to meet the challenges of the 21st century. As a result, the GC has been designed in order to promote the integration of the social, political and economic aspects of globalization and thus to consolidate the United Nation's leadership in global governance.

Redefining sovereignty

As domestic and international politics are no longer separable, the traditional notions of national interest and state sovereignty have to be redefined. Be it environmental, social or economic

legislation, increasingly national policy choices directly or indirectly affect neighboring countries as well as the most remote corners of the globe. Consequently, the collective interest of humankind turns out to be the total of national interests and vice versa. Since its inception the UN has been acting as an intergovernmental organization (IGO), authorized by the consensus of sovereign governments. Therefore, the United Nations like most governmental bodies legislates and regulates within the scope of its mandate. However, the GC is seriously calling into question the traditional conception of international relations based on state sovereignty.

Multi- stakeholder network

Indeed, the Global Compact will neither be a regulator nor a legislator. Even though it eventually might incorporate legislative and regulative functions, the project aims far beyond a traditional comprehension of government. In essence, the GC is a partnership or network rather than an IGO, albeit its being intertwined with the intergovernmental structure of the UN. By integrating manifold public, business and civil society stakeholders the initiative presents the first example of a truly global public- private partnership. As a result, governance of the Global Compact will be shared by a diversity of participating governments, UN agencies, labor organizations, business and CSOs. Pivotal in this respect is the fact that being a voluntary initiative the project does not rely on UN funding.

Promoter of global governance

At the heart of Kofi Annans legacy the Global Compact has called for establishing a multi-stakeholder platform with governments, businesses, labor and civil society actors in order to identify corporate social responsibility as means to resolving the social dilemma that has arisen with globalization. In a first step the GC applies a learning approach to identify best corporate practices when human rights, labor and environmental issues from the local to the international level are at stake. Secondly, the initiative fosters dialogues between its stakeholders to tackle central policy dilemmas, for instance labor standards within international corporations. Thirdly, Global Compact is intended to support development by means of partnership projects.

Yet, the general focus of the GC is broader. The underlying objective is not to add yet another agency to the already high number of UN bodies. Rather, Global Compact has to be seen as an experiment to establish a "trisectional network" (The Trilateral Commission: "Democracy Deficit" in the Global Economy; Task Force Report # 57, 2003) by integrating public, civil society and corporate governance. Provided Annans legacy endures, the initiative will only be the first step in doing away with traditional intergovernmental governance. It would then be the advent of the first integrated instrument of global governance.

The future of global governance

In the long run, however, the impact of the GC and thus the future of the UN will decisively depend on legitimacy. Hitherto, the United Nations has drawn their legitimization from its Member States, specifically from democracies. As the legitimizing function of the nation state is decreasing the future challenge for the UN will be to develop pragmatic strategies in order to increase its democratic accountability. Yet, democratic rules and procedures that fit into the frame of nation- states can not simply be applied internationally. Indeed, an international system of democratic governance needs flexible and decentralized legal and institutional structures to pave the way for accountable democratic global governance. Obviously, the United Nations, and more specifically the GC, have yet way to go.

The Global Compact by virtue of its nature as a multi- stakeholder platform enjoys an important source of democratic legitimization by means of inclusion of CSOs and is hence predestined to serve as role model for the reform of international organizations. In terms of transparency and direct accountability the GC -as well as pretty much every other international body- still presents significant potential for improvement.

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The Ten Principles

The Global Compact's ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption enjoy universal consensus and are derived from:

- [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- [The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work](#)
- [The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development](#)
- [The United Nations Convention Against Corruption](#)

The Global Compact asks companies to embrace, support and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment, and anti-corruption:

Human Rights

- [Principle 1](#): Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- [Principle 2](#): make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour Standards

- [Principle 3](#): Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- [Principle 4](#): the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- [Principle 5](#): the effective abolition of child labour; and
- [Principle 6](#): the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

- [Principle 7](#): Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- [Principle 8](#): undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- [Principle 9](#): encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

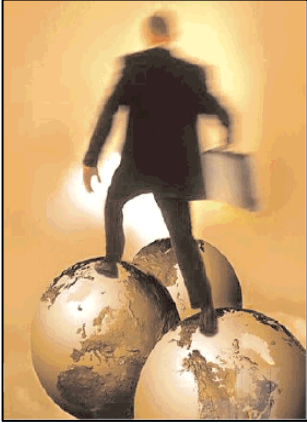
Anti-Corruption

- [Principle 10](#): Businesses should work against all forms of corruption, including extortion and bribery

An Elder Challenges Outsourcing's Orthodoxy

Steve Lohr

([New York Times](#), September 9, 2004)



Advances in communication and transportation technology, combined with free-market ideology, have given goods, services, and capital unprecedented mobility. Northern countries want to open world markets to their goods and take advantage of abundant, cheap labor in the South, policies often supported by Southern elites. They use international financial institutions and regional trade agreements to compel poor countries to "integrate" by reducing tariffs, privatizing state enterprises, and relaxing environmental and labor standards. The results have enlarged profits for investors but offered pittance to laborers, provoking a strong backlash from civil society. This article analyzes economic globalization, and examines how it might be resisted or regulated in order to promote sustainable development.

At 89, Paul A. Samuelson, the Nobel Prize-winning economist and professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, still seems to have plenty of intellectual edge and the ability to antagonize and amuse.

His dissent from the mainstream economic consensus about outsourcing and globalization will appear later this month in a distinguished journal, cloaked in clever phrases and theoretical equations, but clearly aimed at the orthodoxy within his profession: Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve; N. Gregory Mankiw, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers; and Jagdish N. Bhagwati, a leading international economist and professor at Columbia University. These heavyweights, among others, are perpetrators of what Mr. Samuelson terms "the popular polemical untruth."

Popular among economists, that is. That untruth, Mr. Samuelson asserts in an article for the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, is the assumption that the laws of economics dictate that the American economy will benefit in the long run from all forms of international trade, including the outsourcing abroad of call-center and software programming jobs. Sure, Mr. Samuelson writes, the mainstream economists acknowledge that some people will gain and others will suffer in the short term, but they quickly add that "the gains of the American winners are big enough to more than compensate for the losers." That assumption, so widely shared by economists, is "only an innuendo," Mr. Samuelson writes. "For it is dead wrong about necessary surplus of winnings over losings." Trade, in other words, may not always work to the advantage of the American economy, according to Mr. Samuelson.

In an interview last week, Mr. Samuelson said he wrote the article to "set the record straight" because "the mainstream defenses of globalization were much too simple a statement of the problem." Mr. Samuelson, who calls himself a "centrist Democrat," said his analysis did not come with a recipe of policy steps, and he emphasized that it was not meant as a justification for protectionist measures. Up to now, he said, the gains to America have outweighed the losses from trade, but that outcome is not necessarily guaranteed in the future.

In his article, Mr. Samuelson begins by noting the unease many Americans feel about their jobs and wages these days, especially as the economies of China and India emerge on the strength of their low wages, increasingly skilled workers and rising technological prowess. "This is a hot issue now, and in the coming decade, it will not go away," he writes. The essay is Mr. Samuelson's effort to contribute economic nuance to the policy debate over outsourcing and trade. The *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, a quarterly published by the American Economic Association, has a modest circulation of 21,000 but it is influential in the field.

Indeed, Mr. Bhagwati and two colleagues, Arvind Panagariya, an economics professor at Columbia, and T. N. Srinivasan, a professor of economics at Yale University, have already submitted an article to the journal that is partly a response to Mr. Samuelson. Theirs is titled "The Muddles Over Outsourcing." The Samuelson critique carries added weight given the stature of the author. "He invented so many of the economic models that everyone uses," noted Timothy Taylor, managing editor of the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

For generations of undergraduates, starting in 1948, the study of economics has meant a Samuelson textbook, now in its 18th edition, with William Nordhaus, a Yale economist, as a co-author since the 12th edition. Because he has taught at M.I.T. for six decades, the elite ranks of the economics profession are filled with Mr. Samuelson's former students, including Mr. Bhagwati and Mr. Mankiw. According to Mr. Samuelson, a low-wage nation that is rapidly improving its technology, like India or China, has the potential to change the terms of trade with America in fields like call-center services or computer programming in ways that reduce per-capita income in the United States. "The new labor-market-clearing real wage has been lowered by this version of dynamic fair free trade," Mr. Samuelson writes.

But doesn't purchasing cheaper call-center or programming services from abroad reduce input costs for various industries, delivering a net benefit to the economy? Not necessarily, Mr. Samuelson replied. To put things in simplified terms, he explained in the interview, "being able to purchase groceries 20 percent cheaper at Wal-Mart does not necessarily make up for the wage losses." The global spread of lower-cost computing and Internet communications breaks down the old geographic boundaries between labor markets, he noted, and could accelerate the pressure on wages across large swaths of the service economy. "If you don't believe that changes the average wages in America, then you believe in the tooth fairy," Mr. Samuelson said.

His article, Mr. Samuelson added, is not a refutation of David Ricardo's 1817 theory of comparative advantage, the Magna Carta of international economics that says free trade allows economies to benefit from the efficiencies of global specialization. Mr. Samuelson said he was merely "interpreting fully and correctly Ricardoian comparative advantage theory." That interpretation, he insists, includes some "important qualifications" to the arguments of globalization's cheerleaders. Those qualifications are not new to Mr. Samuelson. He noted that in a different context, he touched on similar matters as far back as 1972 in a lecture he delivered shortly after he won his Nobel Prize, titled "International Trade for a Rich Country."

For his part, Mr. Bhagwati does not dispute the model that Mr. Samuelson presents in his article. "Paul is a great economist and a terrific theorist," he said. "And in markets like information technology services, where America has a big advantage, it is true that if skills build up abroad, that narrows our competitive advantage and our exports will be hit."

But Mr. Bhagwati, the author of "In Defense of Globalization" (Oxford University Press, 2004), says he doubts whether the Samuelson model applies broadly to the economy. "Paul and I disagree only on the realistic aspects of this," he said. The magnified concern, Mr. Bhagwati said, is that China will take away most of American manufacturing and India will take away the high-technology services business. Looking at the small number of jobs actually sent abroad, and based on his own knowledge of developing nations, he concludes that outsourcing worries are greatly exaggerated. As an example, Mr. Bhagwati pointed to the often-repeated estimates that, because of the Internet, as many as 300 million well-educated workers, mostly from India and China, could now enter the global work force and compete with Americans for skilled jobs.

In their paper, Mr. Bhagwati and his co-authors write that such an assessment of the education systems of India and China "almost borders on the ludicrous." In an interview, Mr. Bhagwati said, "You have a lot of people, but that doesn't mean they are qualified. That sort of thinking is really generalizing based on the kind of Indian and Chinese people who manage to make it to Silicon Valley." The Samuelson model, Mr. Bhagwati said, yields net economic losses only when foreign nations are closing the innovation gap with the United States. "But we can change the

terms of trade by moving up the technology ladder," he said. "The U.S. is a reasonably flexible, dynamic, innovative society. That's why I'm optimistic." The policy implications, he added, include increased investment in science, research and education. And Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Bhagwati agree that the way to buffer the adjustment for the workers who lose in the global competition is with wage insurance programs. "You need more temporary protection for the losers," Mr. Samuelson said. "My belief is that every good cause is worth some inefficiency."

Account of my WOCO 2004 journey to Nepal

by Erich von Murnböck, RT-Austria Vice-President 2004/2005

The WOCO took place at Nepal this year. It was a big adventure, especially for me, because I had never been to Asia until then.

The cultural differences and the possibility to meet friends from all over the world provided the appeal of this meeting. You can also feel the spirit of the same thought in peoples mind. For those who don't know the abbreviation - WOCO is an umbrella organisation. The members of the WOCO are recruited out of Round Table International, APEX, Active 20-30 and Lady Circle Sweden. The largest part of the WOCO members consists of Round Table.

Most of you know that Nepal is the homeland of the Yeti – what we know from Reinhold Messner. The mountains are the highest of the world and especially trekking-tourists will find their El Dorado here. This year we had as usual a pre- and a past-tour. Traditionally the tours are organized by the association, which organizes the WOCO. This year Martin Uitz, a past president of RTA, managed most of the tours. Some Austrian tablers will know him from many



AGMs and the presentation of our Nepalese service project. Because of the fact that Martin is working at Bhutan, a neighbour country of Nepal, he knows this part of the world very well.

One of the pre-tours leaded through Bhutan, the past-tours have been a special tribute to our sportive mountaineers. They had a wonderful journey touring the countryside and the possibility to watch the

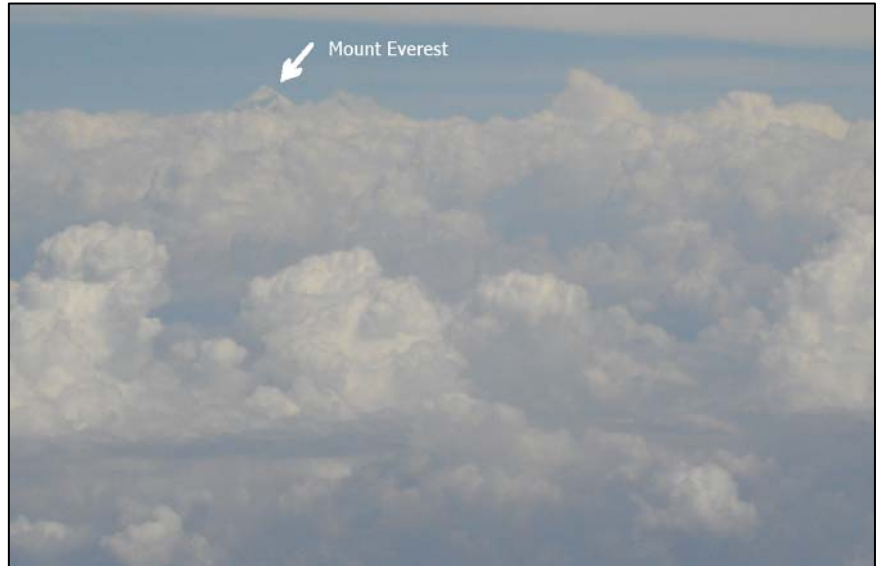
Austrian delegation with the president of RT Nepal

inherent beauty of the country (I am talking about the mountains... not the girls).

Next year, the WOCO will take place in Costa Rica. Some nice pre-tours are already organized, and some will follow. Due to the fact, that I have not been at one of the tours, I unfortunately cannot give you a report about them. If you are interested, contact Norbert Zach, our national IRO, who attended both tours.

One interesting thing is to watch the traffic. You feel like this is the country with the most horns. Everyone blows his horn all the time. You can hardly imagine it, if you have not been there. Furthermore there are apparently no rules of the road existing. Just one – drive left!

Many tablers ask me today, why I was going to Nepal for just one week. That means 2 times travelling over 24 hours and spending quite much money for it. Sometimes I asked myself, but after the experience at Nepal I can say, that all pains of the journey were worth the trouble.



Shortly before the arrival at Kathmandu, I looked for Mount Everest. As you can see at this picture, I found it. It is a little bit hard to discover, but I think you will get it by the characteristic form of the roof of the world.

The plains of the country are very fertile. The last month of the monsoon is one of the reasons, that the lowland is very fructuous and green. It rained nearly every day, but it lasted only for about one hour. The weather was very cloudy, which you can see in some of the pictures. The humidity was high and the temperature was about 28° Celsius.

What you can see out of the plane are many plants for the production of red-bricks. It is a big industry and most of the buildings are made of them. Some roads in the villages are also plastered with bricks.

The first impressions were not very amusing, because on the way to the hotel you see the poverty in the streets. It culminates in the experience with the locked hotel, which gives the impression that you are jailed. Sad enough this is a common thing in countries like Nepal, where the difference between rich and poor is that significant, like in India.

Most of the people are unemployed, about two third or more and also the amount of people not



able to read exceeds 70 percent of the whole population. The mentioned



difference we could see at the hotel Shanri La and Hyatt, which has been the conference hotel. If you watch it isolated, it is a usual 4 star hotel. But in the environment of Kathmandu it stands out. The garden was perfectly trimmed and you have lots of staff attending the guests.

The first evening was coming and we met with other tablers and members of Active 20-30 and APEX. Here you can see a picture with our IRO Norbert Zach and John Messina from Malta. As you can see, he is also a Tabler in-and-out. This picture is really from Nepal and not from Mardi Gras!



The first excursion lead us through some circumjacent villages. Life here is just more simple than in Kathmandu. Mostly there is just one place, where people can fetch fresh water. Laundry is done here and drinking water is fetched. The majority of the residents are handicraft workers, producing traditional jewellery or metal pots, or yarning. The food is mostly the same. Rice and chili. There is nothing more to eat for everyday. The next picture shows chilis drying in the sun. As you can see, it was sometimes a challenge to walk between the rice mats.

At night we had another very nice time at the home-parties with 10 to 20 people attending. About twelve Nepalese tablers organized a very warm and beautiful evening

for us. Exactly this day was a special day – a holiday because it was Krishnas birthday. This is like Christmas in our part of the world. The speciality of my home party was the traditional food, we got. In the hotel, Nepalese food is also served, but it is not cooked in the very traditional way. At the home-party it was natively cooked.

The meeting point in the evening was the same as every day. The theme party at this day was "mad-hatters". So everyone tried to put on the maddest hat (not had ☺). Look at the picture.

Another trip led us to the „Nepal Refugee Camp“. Women have the assurance, that they get good money paid and the camp is producing carpets. This means first of all making the yarn, dye it and get as final result a handwoven carpet. These carpets can be bought there and they are even sold in the internet. The benefit is, that the whole added value stays in



the camp and the women earn the profit, because there are no fees or expenses, perhaps for brokerage.



The next visit we made, was a Nepalese service-project called "Disabled New Life Centre". It is also supported by Rotary and Lions. Here live the poorest children, not only disabled, but also orphaned. See here again a picture.



Right now a new accommodation is planned, because of the catastrophic state of this building as you can see. But at the moment it is the only possibility for these children to survive and have the chance to go to school. As mentioned the rate of analphabets is very

high, and with some education the children get the chance to stand on their own feet.

We had some more visits to school-projects from Round Table Nepal and Round Table Germany during the following days. All together there are 11 schools in their common project. People gave us a very warm welcome every time we visited the schools. Everybody took the trouble to make a big show for us.

At the picture on the right side you can see the mayor of one district of Kathmandu. He guided us through the ancient parts of the city, after we visited the school. We were dressed in traditional clothing, as you can see at the picture. That was very comfortable, because it was hot. The Nepalese suits you can see



on the picture, are very cheap. They cost only about 10 usd!



Some words are to say about the bombings in Kathmandu. They have been the reason, why from 500 registered visitors at last only 189 did come to the WOCO. We in Austria heard about the bombings and that it is very dangerous to go to Nepal. Every tabler of Nepal told us, that it is safe to go to Nepal. Everyone of those, who travelled to the WOCO, trusted the opinion of the local tablers. And as far as we could see, there was no reason not to come to Nepal. Once we were at the place where an assault had taken place. There was a small black mark on the asphalt, nearly no damage. The reason is, that only the Maoists and forces of the king fight against each other. The Maoists do not want to harm civilians or tourists, because they need the support of parts of the population.

The visit of the ancient parts of the capital was very nice. We saw very old temples, nice houses, small alleys and backyards.

Afterwards we came all together and could see local handicraft, local foods and could taste them.

A very brilliant night was the galadiner Saturday evening. Next year the WOCO is arranged by members of Active 20-30 Costa Rica. The big banner was exchanged, and this was a great closing ceremony for a big adventure and a wonderful experience.

Many thanks at this place again to all Nepalesian tablers, who made this event possible. For everyone, who is reading these lines – congratulation! You passed a very hard test, here are my apologies for the bad English!!!

Yours in Table,
Erich "Murphy" von Maurnböck

Reisebericht WOCO 2004 – Nepal

von Erich von Maurnböck, RTA Vizepräsident 2004/2005

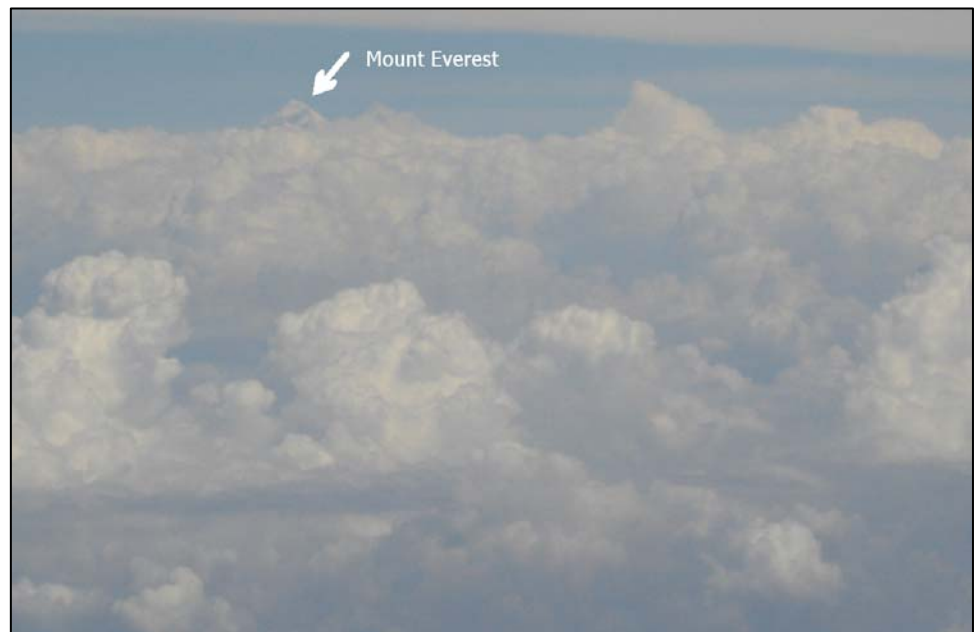




Das heurige nepalesische WOCO ist vor allem für einen Tabler wie mich, der bis dato nicht über den Tellerrand Europas hinausgeschaut hat, ein herausragendes Ereignis. Nicht nur wegen der kulturellen Fremdheit im positiven Sinn und des Aufeinandertreffens vieler verschiedener Nationen. Es ist vor allem deshalb einzigartig, weil sich Menschen treffen, die sich im Sinne einer gleichen Sache einfach Nahe sind, und das spürt man. Aber alles der Reihe nach. Ein Hinweis noch an dieser Stelle, ich werde ein paar Erläuterungen auch für „Neulinge“ anbringen, denn wenn ich hier mit „Fachausdrücken“ um mich werfe, wird das kein Jungtabler lesen können. Dieser Bericht erfolgt weiters auch nicht immer chronologisch, sondern eher themenbezogen. Hier gleich einmal die erste Information: Beim WOCO treffen hauptsächlich Tabler, Mitglieder von APEX und Active 20-30 zusammen. Das WOCO ist

eine Dachorganisation, darunter eben oben genannte Organisationen. Meist sind es viele dutzend Nationen, was den Reiz dieser Veranstaltung ausmacht. Wo kann man sonst so viele „Freunde“ aus so unterschiedlichen Windrichtungen treffen?

Viele werden wissen, dass Nepal die Heimat der höchsten Berge der Welt und des Yeti ist (wie wir zumindest von Reinhold Messner hörten). Die Berge sind vor allem für Trekkingtouristen ein Eldorado und so gab es auch bei diesem WOCO wieder Pre- und Pasttours. Diese werden traditioneller Weise vom veranstaltenden Land organisiert – diesmal jedoch durch fast hundertprozentigen Einsatz unseres Altpräsidenten Martin Uitz. Martin, der an sich schon durch „unser“ RT-Nepal Projekt vielen ein Begriff sein dürfte, ist in dieser Gegend beruflich sehr viel unterwegs.



Eine Pretour führte beispielsweise durch Bhutan, einen Nachbarstaat von Nepal, und die Pasttours waren speziell für unsere sportlichen „Berg“-Freunde ausgelegt. Trekker unter sich haben ein oder zwei Wochen, je nach Wunsch, die Schönheiten des Landes (nein, hier sind die Berge gemeint) aus nächster Nähe genießen können.



Diese Touren gibt es quasi bei jedem WOCO, nächstes Jahr in Chile sind auch ein paar tolle Touren bereits geplant und noch weitere in Planung (Stichwort Andenbahn...). Leider kann ich an dieser Stelle nicht von den nepalischen Touren berichten, da mir beruflich nur der Besuch der einen WOCO Woche möglich war. Interessierte können aber Infos von Norbert Zach einholen, der beide Touren gemacht hat.

Weiters ist es das Land der meisten Hupen. Das Gefühl wird einem zumindest vermittelt, wenn man durch die Stadt fährt. Wer nicht dort war, dem kann man es kaum beschreiben. Einfach gesagt: Jeder hupt. Und immer. Weiters scheint es

keine Straßenverkehrsordnung zu geben. Es gibt nur eine Regel, und die heißt „grundsätzlich links fahren“.

Viele fragen mich heute (und auch damals), warum ich mir das „antue“, in einer Woche zwei Mal über 24 Stunden im oder rund um ein Flugzeug unterwegs zu sein. Bis zum WOCO hab ich mich das auch ein paar Mal gefragt, heute kann ich aber sagen, dass es sich trotz



der Strapazen ausgezahlt hat.

Als Einstimmung seht ihr daher einmal die riesige österreichische Delegation und den nepalesischen Präsidenten. An den fröhlichen Gesichtern kann man die Stimmung gut ablesen!

Die ersten Stunden werde ich hier auslassen, denn Flughafenatmosphäre ist an dieser Stelle nicht berichtenswert. Wer darüber etwas wissen will – im Kino läuft grad „Terminal“ mit Tom Hanks. Da gibt's 2 Stunden nur Flughafen. Also beginne ich kurz vor der Landung in Kathmandu. Meine erste Suche galt dem Mount Everest. Da ich auf der richtigen Seite und am Fenster saß

und genug Zeit hatte, hab ich ihn schlussendlich auch gefunden. Zwar etwas in Wolken gehüllt, aber wenn man sich anstrengt, kann man die charakteristische Form des „Daches der Welt“ gut erkennen. Beeindruckend so etwas einmal live gesehen zu haben.

Das (Flach-)Land ist generell sehr fruchtbar, der auslaufende Monsun trägt



seinen Teil zur üppigen grünen Vegetation bei. Es hat fast jeden Tag geregnet, allerdings nur kurz. Doch wie man auch am ersten Bild sieht, ist es immer bewölkt gewesen. Aus der Luft ist im Landeanflug aber klar geworden, wie grün hier alles ist. Im nächsten Bild ist eine Ziegelfabrik zu sehen. Ziegel sind ein sehr verbreiteter Rohstoff und es werden zum Teil sogar Strassen daraus gemacht. Die Brennereien gibt es in dieser Gegend, wie Sand am Meer.

Ein wenig Ernüchterung dann durch die ersten Eindrücke in der Stadt. Obwohl es bereits bekannt war, dass Nepal ein armes Land ist, so ist der Grad der Armut hier doch sehr hoch. Wer schon in Indien war, kann das vielleicht abschätzen. Auch dort herrscht in großen Teilen schlimmste Armut. In Nepal ist ein Großteil der Bevölkerung arbeitslos und viele sind Analphabeten. Ein krasser Widerspruch dazu ist unser Hotel, das Shangri La, in dem viele österreichische und deutsche Tabler übernachten haben, sowie das Hyatt (unser Tagungshotel). Für unsere Verhältnisse ein „normales“ Hotel, sticht es aber aus der Umgebung stark hervor. Die Gartenanlage perfekt gepflegt und viel Personal, das sich um einen kümmert.

Der erste Abend nähert sich und es beginnt das kennen lernen der anderen Tabler, aber auch Mitglieder von Active 20-30 oder APEX. Motto für diesen Abend ist „70er Jahre“. Zum Beweis ein Foto unseres IRO Norbert Zach mit John Messina aus Malta. Wie man am Foto erkennen kann, ein Tabler durch und durch – und das Foto ist wirklich aus Nepal und nicht von Mardi Gras!



Der erste Ausflug führte uns in ein paar umliegende Dörfer. Hier ist das Leben noch einfacher als in Kathmandu. Es gibt meist nur eine zentrale Wasserstelle. Es wird Wäsche gewaschen und das Trinkwasser geholt. Die meisten Menschen gehen einer sehr einfachen Handarbeit nach, wie der Herstellung von traditionellem Schmuck und Gefäßen aus Metall, oder auch das Spinnen und Weben von Garn. Viele arbeiten mitten auf der Straße, da es in den Häusern an Beleuchtung mangelt und es viel zu warm bzw. schwül ist.

Auf dem Speiseplan steht meist Reis. Da es sonst nicht viel gibt, wird er mit Chilischoten gekocht. Diese sieht man oft zum Trocknen auf Reismatten ausgelegt. Es kann durchaus eine Herausforderung sein, sich zwischen den vielen aufgelegten Matten durch zu schlängeln.



Ein sehr schöner Abend war auch die Home-Party bei einem der nepalesischen Tabler. Genau an diesem Tag war auch ein hoher Feiertag, denn Krishna hatte Geburtstag – ich vermute es ist vergleichbar mit Weihnachten bei uns, obwohl es sehr viele Götter im hinduistischen Glauben gibt. Uns wurde aber erzählt, dies sei ein besonderer Tag. Wie bei Home-Partys üblich, werden die Besucher zusammen gelost und kennen sich daher meist nicht. Das ist auch gut so, denn es verhindert die übliche Gruppenbildung und man lernt so in kurzer Zeit viele neue Leute kennen. Wir hatten das besondere Glück, dass wir ein traditionelles Essen bekommen haben. Im Hotel ist alles leider ein wenig „verwestlicht“. Danach war der übliche Treffpunkt wieder die Disco im Hyatt, wo heute die „Mad-Hatters“ angesagt waren. Ein Bild sagt mehr als tausend Worte!

Ein weiterer Weg führte ins „Nepal Refugee Camp“. Hier haben Frauen die Möglichkeit, vom Spinnen des Garns bis zum Knüpfen des Teppichs alles in einem Betrieb zu machen. Der Vorteil ist, dass die gesamte Wertschöpfung den Frauen bleibt und nicht durch Zwischenhändler „aufgefressen“ wird. Man kann die Teppiche vor Ort und sogar über das Internet kaufen und auch Sonderanfertigungen machen lassen! Die Technik schreitet auch hier voran!

Weiter geht es zu einem Sozialprojekt des Round Table Nepal. Es ist das „Disabled New Life Centre“, welches auch von Rotary und Lions unterstützt wird. Dabei wird den ärmsten Kindern geholfen. Jenen, die mit einer Behinderung leben müssen und zusätzlich noch Waisen sind (hier im Bild). Momentan ist eine neue Unterkunft in Planung, da die Zustände hier katastrophal sind. Trotzdem ist es die einzige Möglichkeit, dass diese armen Kinder überhaupt eine Bleibe haben und einen Zugang zur Schule haben.

An den folgenden Tagen sind wir auch noch in ein paar Schulen gewesen, die ebenfalls durch den Round Table Nepal gemeinsam mit dem Round Table Deutschland finanziert wurden. Bisher sind es 11 Schulen. Der Empfang war jedes Mal überwältigend und es war deutlich zu sehen, dass sich die Kinder und auch die Lehrer viel Mühe gemacht haben um ein Programm für uns zu machen.





Auf dem Bild rechts in der Mitte ist der Bürgermeister eines Stadtteils von Kathmandu zu erkennen. Er führte uns nach dem Besuch der Schule durch die Altstadt. Wie am Foto zu erkennen ist, haben wir dazu die traditionelle nepalesische Tracht

angezogen. Sehr angenehm bei den Temperaturen, da sie aus sehr leichtem Stoff besteht! Um einen Eindruck vom Preisgefüge zu bekommen – dieser Anzug hat 10 Euro gekostet (ohne Sakko).

Einer der schönsten Ausflüge brachte uns durch die Innenstadt von Kathmandu. Diese Altstadt zeichnet sich durch sehr viele Tempel, alte und gut erhaltene Häuser sowie verwinkelte Gassen und Hinterhöfe aus. Mit einem Guide wurden wir in Gruppen durch die Stadt geführt und haben tolle Eindrücke sammeln können, die „normale“ Touristen vielleicht nicht so haben.

Nach diesem Erlebnis sammelten sich alle Gruppen wieder und es gab zum Abschluss noch regionale Handarbeiten zu sehen, bzw. kulinarische Spezialitäten zu sehen und zu kosten.

Ein paar Worte zum Bombenterror, weshalb in den letzten Tagen von 500 Anmeldungen nur 189 (!) gekommen sind. Die Medien haben uns weismachen wollen, dass es in Nepal im Moment sehr gefährlich ist, da es ständig Bombenanschläge etc. gibt. Alle angereisten haben in dem Fall auf die ansässigen Tabler vertraut und es war auch absolut nichts von Gefahr zu bemerken. Einmal wurden wir an den Ort eines Anschlags geholt und konnten uns von einem kleinen schwarzen Fleck am Asphalt überzeugen, der keinen großen Schaden hinterlassen hat. Hintergrund ist, dass es in dem Kampf nur zwischen dem (nicht allseits beliebten) König auf der einen Seite und den Maoisten auf der anderen Seite zu Reibereien kommt. Aber auch alle, die dort waren haben einhellig gesagt, dass die Entscheidung zu Hause zu bleiben ebenfalls zu respektieren ist, auch wenn es für den Veranstalter bitter war.



Das WOCO an sich hatte wie jede Sitzung Höhen und Tiefen. Ein Höhepunkt war eindeutig Adrian, der Sergeant at Arms aus Südafrika. Er wurde jedoch gnadenlos von einer jungen Dame in den Schatten gestellt, welche bereits am Vortag unter den ledigen Tablern für äußerste Verwirrung gesorgt hatte. Es war der ungarische Beitrag zu einem gemeinsamen Europa, bzw. die Überbringerin der ungarischen Bewerbung für die Ausrichtung des WOCO 2007. Nebenbei ist sie amtierende Miss Europe. Zum Beweis auch hier ein Foto. Und spart euch die Anrufe, ich hab keine Telefonnummer von ihr!



Man beachte am Tisch des Sergeant at Arms – der ist links unten im Bild – die Utensilien zur Bestrafung vorlauter Tabler (Rohe Eier, Tabasco, Wodka...)! Also achtet darauf beim WOCO immer laut Dresscode gekleidet zu sein und nicht zu schwätzen.

Den Abschluss bildete natürlich das Galadiner Samstagabend, bei dem die WOCO Fahne (die aus Stoff) feierlich übergeben wurde. Etwaige Überlegungen einiger Herren zur Entwendung selbiger Fahne in Zukunft (ich kenne da einen Kandidaten aus Vorarlberg) möchte ich hier gleich im Keim ersticken. Die Ausmaße (8x10m) sind derart gigantisch, dass selbst ungeschulten Jungtablern das Fehlen derselben auffallen würde. Außerdem sind die Reisekosten für so ein „Trumm“ gewaltig. Daher ist die Fahne dann auch ohne „Zwischenfälle“ den neuen Besitzern aus Costa Rica überreicht worden.

Ich möchte an dieser Stelle den nepalesischen Tablern nochmals für die Ausrichtung des WOCO danken. Ich hoffe alle Leser sind bis zu diesem Satz vorgedrungen und sind nicht vorher eingeschlafen. Den Bericht über die Heimreise möchte ich euch ersparen (ich will auch nicht noch mal drüber nachdenken ;-)

Hoffentlich sehen wir uns mal bei einem der nächsten WOCOs,

Yours in Table,

Erich „Murphy „ von Maurnböck
RTA Vizepräsident 2004/2005

60 years of 41 Club

The **National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs** takes great pleasure in inviting our International friends to join us in celebrating our Diamond Jubilee or; **"60 years of 41 Club."**

The Diamond Jubilee celebration will commence with a service of Thanksgiving at Birmingham Cathedral, conducted by one of our own National Councillors, The Reverend Malcolm Lockey. Malcolm also serves on our National Executive.

We then move to the Birmingham International Convention Centre (ICC) where we will have lunch along with 500 other 41ers from all around Britain and Ireland. As one of our guests of honour we have invited **John Hudson** who will be 41 International President at that time. Also from 41 International we can guarantee **John Bellwood**, the International Treasurer and Secretary.

During the lunch a local brass will play for our entertainment. This is usually accompanied by lots of singing and standing on chairs – it doesn't matter if you don't know the words, the atmosphere alone will be enough to get you in the party spirit.

Birmingham is very easy to get to via the Birmingham International Airport and there is ample, reasonably priced, accommodation for your stay. If you require further details please contact **Martin Young**. Alternatively you might like to take advantage of our International Programme which will be based in the delightful town of Stratford-upon-Avon, where there is also ample accommodation. If you want to bring your Ladies, Stratford is an ideal place to leave them for the day as there are many places of historic interest to visit as well as lots of shops! Friday evening will be a very casual affair where you will get the chance to visit some local pubs and sample "Flowers Bitter" which is a local brew that goes back to the days of William Shakespeare. On Saturday you will be taken by coach to Birmingham for the celebrations and returned to Stratford at the end of the celebrations. In the evening, Stratford-upon-Avon will host a BBQ at the prestigious Stratford-upon-Avon Boat Club on the banks of the River Avon.

Martin Young

International Officer
international@41club.org

Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Luncheon



Saturday 21st May 2005
The International Convention Centre
Broad Street Birmingham

12:00 for 12:30pm

Cost £41.00

- Come and celebrate this major milestone in the history of 41 Club - *The 60th Anniversary*.
- Commencing at 11:00am, the day starts with a short service of Thanksgiving at Birmingham Cathedral, conducted by our own National Councillor for Region 4, The Reverend Malcolm Lockey.
- The Luncheon will take place in the modern surroundings of the International Convention Centre in Birmingham City Centre – 12:00 for 12:30pm. Expect to finish at 5:00pm.
- Our guest speaker will be Sir John Stevens, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.
- Luncheon will be accompanied by a brass band along with singing and joyous revelry.
- There will be many 41 Club celebrities, both past and present.
- Dress will be jacket & tie; jewels and gongs will be worn with pride.
- Special International Programme
- Pin Badges available at £2:50 each
- Limited places available so -

BOOK NOW

Book Now. Send your **LUNCH** registrations to the address shown on the booking form. Bookings will be acknowledged and details will be provided. Contact Nick Barter for participation in the International Programme.

International Programme

There is lots of accommodation of all categories available throughout the city of Birmingham (details on request from IRO, Martin Young) but arrangements are being made to host International visitors in the delightful town on **Stratford-up-Avon**, Shakespeare's Birthplace, where there is ample accommodation. Friday night will be an informal get together with Stratford-upon-Avon 41 Club when you can enjoy a relaxed pint (beer) in one of the many pubs around the town. Saturday you will be taken by coach to Birmingham for the celebration and returned to Stratford-upon-Avon for the evening where we will enjoy a BBQ at the prestigious Stratford-upon-Avon Boat Club on the banks of the River Avon. Contact Nick who will give you accommodation guidance and booking details. Payment on the day please - £25:00.

Details from and book in with

Nick Barter – nickbarter@freeserve.co.uk - 00 44 (0)1789 268927

Martin Young, - international@41Club.org

(Remember: Lunch bookings to **Frank Weetman** – International programme bookings to **Nick Barter**)

The National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs

Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Luncheon

Booking Form

Saturday 21 May 2005

Hall 4, The International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham

12:00 for 12:30pm, Cost £41.00 per ticket



Primary Contact Details.	
Primary Contact Name:	
41 Club/ Country:	
Position Held:	
Address:	
Telephone(H):	
Telephone(B):	
Email:	

No.	Members in the Group (Tables will be arranged in 10s)	Tick for Lunch	Tick for Thanksgiving	Dietary Requirements?	Lunch @ £41 per person
1.					£
2.					£
3.					£
4.					£
	Totals				£

Please send me _____ Diamond Jubilee Pin Badges @ £2:50 each (Please enclose a sturdy stamped self addressed envelope – many thanks)	£
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Please supply Credit Card details or make Sterling cheques payable to: "41 Club Jubilee Lunch"	Total Enclosed	£
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Please send/Email completed <u>Lunch</u> booking forms with full remittance to:	Frank Weetman 7 Holly Hill Road, Shenstone, Lichfield, Staffs, WS14 0JF. Telephone: 01543 480 668. Email: djl.reg@41club.org
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Further booking forms available from:
WWW.41club.org

Booking Reference	Payment Received	Badges Sent	Confirmation Sent

AGM 2004 in Zürich

Gedankensplitter zum Projekt „Fit4Future!“



Liebe Freunde



Ulver Oswald, Beat Berger and Michael Ellendorfer

Wenn wir über Club 41 und Round Table nachdenken, kommen wir nicht umhin, uns auch über die gesellschaftlichen Veränderungen und deren Konsequenzen Gedanken zu machen. Denn unsere Organisation ist nicht nur ein „Produkt“ im engeren Sinne, sondern dahinter stehen Menschen mit ihren individuellen Bedürfnissen, Wünschen, Erwartungen, Werthaltungen. Und diese sind bekanntlich vielschichtig. Wir glauben, dass die Werte der Zukunft sich vermehrt auf Menschen, Ideen und Informationen konzentrieren

werden. Unsere Chance! Gleichzeitig verschwindet aber die Distanz, und in unserer Zeit hat jeder – Gross oder Klein – Zugriff auf den globalen Markt.

Auch wir von Club 41 und RT gehören zu den zahlreichen Clubs und Organisationen, die andere Menschen für ihre Ideen und Ziele begeistern möchten. Unser „Kunde“ wird aber dasjenige Produkt wählen, welches am besten seinen Bedürfnissen entspricht. Die Bedürfnisse und Ansprüche unserer Gesellschaft haben sich seit der Gründung unserer Organisation stetig weiter entwickelt. Bei Club 41 und Round Table blieben hingegen sowohl Inhalte als auch Strukturen praktisch unverändert. Wir fragen uns: Ist das negativ? Besteht Handlungsbedarf?



discussing friends

Liebe Freunde. **Der heutige Zustand von Club 41 fordert uns heraus, zwingt uns zum Handeln.**

Wir müssen überlegen, wie wir Club 41 unserer Zeit anpassen, ohne Bewährtes einfach über Bord zu werfen. Konservative und zukunftsorientierte

Haltungen führen zu unversöhnlichen Gegensätzen, wenn sich ihre Anhänger auf ihren Positionen versteifen. Im Dialog hingegen können diese entgegen gesetzten Kräfte eine positive Bewegung auslösen, die eine zeitgemässe und tragfähige Weiterentwicklung von Club 41 und seinen Partnerorganisationen gewährleistet.

Uns fit machen für die Zukunft! Unsere Arbeit im Projekt „Fit4Future!“, zusammen mit RT, soll in diesem Sinne verstanden werden. Wir fordern euch deshalb zum offenen Gespräch und zur konstruktiven, zukunftsgerichteten Mitarbeit auf. Versuchen wir, für unsere Probleme eine Lösung zu finden, unsere Organisation bedürfnisgerecht weiter zu entwickeln. So bleiben wir auch in Zukunft attraktiv und können langfristig überleben

Zürich, AGM 2004

Das Comité Stratégique: Hanspeter Baeschlin (Aarau),
Beat Berger (Zürich 31)
Maurice Brun (Lausanne),
Marc Gilgen (Burgdorf)



international greetings

Zusammenfassung der Präsentation zum Projekt „Fit4Future“

1. Ausgangslage

AGM 2003 Interlaken. Bildung einer Arbeitsgruppe („Comité Stratégique“) aufgrund von Problemen (Desinteresse, Mitgliederschwund, usw.) innerhalb Club 41 Suisse. Auftrag an die Arbeitsgruppe:

- Erstellen einer **Situationsanalyse** von Club 41 Suisse.
- Entwurf einer neuen **Charta (Vision)**, Formulierung von Handlungsrichtlinien.
- Definieren von **Aktionsfeldern** zuhanden BN, Vorschlag für weiteres Vorgehen.

2. Problemanalyse

- Individualisierung der Gesellschaft. Allgemeines Desinteresse. Fehlendes Engagement.
- Wenig Zeit für RT; bis mind. 25-30 Studium/Ausbildung, dann Karriere, Familie.
- Flexibilität und Wahlmöglichkeiten in der Arbeitszeit-/Freizeitgestaltung → Prioritäten-Konflikt.
- Tischgründungen vernachlässigt. **39 Clubs Round Table → nur 24 offizielle Clubs 41!?**
- Grosses qualitatives Gefälle innerhalb von Club 41 Suisse (Aktivitäten, Präsenz, Kultur, usw.).
- Tische leben mehrheitlich lokal isoliert. Es besteht kaum eine nationale Identität.
- Kritische Einstellung zur nationalen Organisation. Nicht angeschlossene Clubs. Austritte.
- Kein aktiver Austausch zwischen den Partnerorganisationen Club 41 / Round Table.
- Es fehlt an Nachwuchs innerhalb Round Table; somit langfristig auch im Club 41!
- Mangelnde Attraktivität für potentielle Mitglieder (Club 41 = „nur“ ein Freundschaftsclub?).

3. Projekt „Fit4Future!“

Die Arbeitsgruppe schlägt das **Projekt „Fit4Future!“** vor. Das Projekt ist vor allem

- (a) eine Reaktion auf starke Erosionstendenzen innerhalb des Club 41.
- (b) eine kritische Auseinandersetzung mit dem Soll-/Ist-Zustand.
- (c) Ausgangspunkt für die **gemeinsame Weiterentwicklung** unserer Organisation(en).
- (d) ein mittelfristiges Projekt (2004-2006) mit **Arbeitssitzungen OT/RT (Feb - Mai 05)**

4. Fragestellung

- Gibt es eine gemeinsame Vision RT / Club 41 (LC, Agora)?
- Können und wollen wir das langfristige Überleben unserer Organisation sicherstellen? Wie?
- Wie können wir gemeinsam mit Round Table unseren Nachwuchs (= unsere Zukunft) fördern?
- Auf welchen Werten und Inhalten bauen wir langfristig auf?

➔ **Kurz: Welchen Club 41 wollen wir / wollt ihr in Zukunft?**

5. Terminplanung

- AGM 2004 in Zürich → Lancierung Projekt Fit4Future!
- Oktober/November 2004 → Publikation im Tabler / Internet, Übersetzung.
- Februar - Mai 2005 → Regionale Workshops mit OT/RT (LC und Agora wo vorhanden).
- AGM 2005 → Schlussfolgerung, Anträge und Beschluss der Massnahmen.
- Jahr 2005/2006 → Umsetzung der Beschlüsse



Left: President's banner exchange

Top: Esther, Gerhard and Christine

Is it the Thankless Fate of the EU to Disappoint?

(Article from Global View, Nr. II/2004, by Dr. Philipp J. Marboe; Pictures EUPR)

Recently, there has been good news for Europe - or, to be more precise, for its organised epicentre, the EU. First, after years of negotiations, the enlargement to the complementary eastern part of the continent (and two southern islands) marked a historic homecoming. Secondly, the embarrassing accident of the non-adoption of the European Constitution belongs to the past, a breakthrough in this issue seems within reach.

Continuous failure to reach its people

Nevertheless, the great enthusiasm provoked in 1989 when the iron curtain crumbled did not exist anymore, neither among the "new" Europeans nor the "old" ones. Instead, polls across the continent reveal lukewarm identification both with the EU itself and the enlargement, sometimes the "pros" barely assuring a narrow majority.(1) Moreover, the first elections to the European Parliament in the "unified Europe" in June will bring a further decline in the turnout. In fact, not more than a third of voters say they "definitely" intend to make use of their democratic right and cast their vote.(2) Asking for the reason, you will often hear a very human sentiment: disillusion. And disillusion often causes disinterest and mistrust. The EU, though, has been claiming, for years now, to want to be nearer to its people, even wishing to be a "Union of citizens". Since any signs of estrangement between the EU and its people must be qualified as worrying, it is worth taking a closer look. What it shows is that the main source of disillusion are unfulfilled expectations. In this point Europe, the EU, is right in the hearts and minds of the people: they all want something "from Europe" and wish to be heard. What they want are classical functions of a state: to "help" them, to protect their interests.

No success in key issues

So, is this the case? If polls are to be believed, the two main concerns of Europeans are (un)employment and security.(3) On both accounts Europeans are not satisfied. How, possibly, could it be otherwise? In 2004, growth in the EU will, for the fourth consecutive year, be too weak to create jobs.(4) Unemployment is approaching record highs. Regarding security - domestic security more than ever linked with international security -, Europeans seem to have resigned to the often observed inefficiency of the EU. At this point, ineluctably, the US comes into play. Not in the sense of posing the simple question "for or against", but rather as the power that sets the pace.



It is the US that has declared and is now fighting the war on terrorism with all the consequences we witness today. It is the US where growth and creation of jobs happen. By comparison, the Old continent indeed looks poor. The Iraq war brought Europe a shameful division. In 2000, the EU proudly announced the Lisbon-goals of becoming the most dynamic economic region by 2010. Meanwhile, there is discrete silence since this seems far out of reach.

Too diverse to be a global player

What makes these frustrations - understandable as they are - interesting is that they highlight the limits of the EU. Limits that many Europeans may find hard

to accept. In fact, there are unshakeable facts that seem to determine what the EU will possibly never be: a real global player. The EU consists of states that have their specific political and social orientations which have become, over decades and centuries, nothing less than part of their identity and culture. To enumerate some of them: Atlantists, Euro-centrists and neutral states; federal or centralised states; states with strong protectionism and interventionism (still; despite "Brussels"); with a strong welfare system (financed by high taxes); with mighty or weak trade unions (and respective workers' rights). These differences are deeply rooted and therefore trying to overcome them will be hard and a matter of long-time processes. For example, even the European constitution, proposed by the Convent after more than fifteen long months of preparations, offers no solution to such an essential point as how far the European integration should go.

This question - a federal state or a confederation of nations -, though, has accompanied Europe from the very beginning. The remarkable endurance in this discussion proves the longing of many Europeans for having a strong Europe, a Europe that can achieve something. Certainly, Europe has accomplished a lot, just think of the common market and the euro.

But Europe lacks economical leadership. Contrary to the US, the EU has no common strategy, neither in economy (the strong euro alone is not enough, as shown by the different "interpretations" of the Stability and Growth Pact and the unequal status of reforms in the individual member states) nor in foreign policy.

Consequently, only the US can act quickly and effectively. When it comes to creating jobs by deficit spending, sustained by a flexible interest rate policy of the Federal Reserve, or, furthermore, attracting the best brains worldwide which guarantees innovation and therefore growth and jobs. Europe is not able to do so. It has not even found a formula, yet, to concentrate its efforts in research and development. In foreign and security policy it lacks the constitutional unity to act fast and coherently. Europe can, consequently, only be what it is nowadays: a "soft power" that favours dialogue and long-term measures.

The member states are in control whereas Europe has no common identity



European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

The possibilities of the EU to distinguish itself are indeed limited. Being a specific construction erected by and partly "above" the member states, it is definitely the latter that are in control. For the EU, this makes it practically impossible to create something "warm, non bureaucratic", and, particularly, identity-building. The difficulty to create a real and living European consciousness, though, seems to be one of the main reasons why many Europeans consider "Brussels" so far away. To a certain extent, the member states contribute to this. There are few political leaders who can resist the temptation to deplore in their home countries Europe's failures while blocking any strengthening of Europe in favour of purely national or electoral interests.

Additionally, handicapped by "my country first"-style coverage in certain mass media, Europe, therefore, is made responsible for "all the bad things" and seldom praised for the good ones.

All this is widely known and often said. But what can be done about it? Maybe, aware of European history, to lower one's short-time expectations while not forgetting what has been accomplished so far. Moreover, it should be recognized what Europe stands for today. Things that form, though many people still might not realize it, already a kind of European identity: respect of civil and human rights (including the refusal of the death penalty) and the rule of (international) law; preference of multilateralism and peaceful resolution of conflicts; commitment to social solidarity; variety of cultures and languages.

All this is "our" Europe, something that makes Europe different from others and should incite Europe not to look always at others but to have confidence in itself. Of course, things could be better. But disillusion and resignation are the wrong allies to face reality and the challenges of the future. After all, we Europeans all together "are" Europe. Participating, therefore, in what could be a better Europe, is something everybody can and should do, and this begins with voting. Generally, we Europeans should abstain from our traditional scepticism, identify with the special way of the Old Continent and contribute with optimism and joy to its future.

Footnotes

(1) In Austria, recently, only 24% of the population declare to have profited personally from EU-membership; 46% affirm to have suffered disadvantages. See STANDARD-Umfrage: Nur jeder Vierte sieht Vorteil in der EU, <http://derstandard.at>.

(2) See <http://www.eupolitix.com/EN/News/200405/83619d15-87ee-40d7-97ce-b10522ee78e7.htm>. These figures have to be seen in context with the fact that the level of voting participation fell from almost two-thirds (63%) of the electorate in the first direct elections in 1979 to just under half (49,2%) in 1999, its historical nadir.

(3) See http://europa.eu.int/comm/public_opinion/archives/eb/eb60/eb60_rapport_standard_en.pdf.

(4) The level growth must therefore reach is 2%. After 2,8% in 2000, growth in the EU reached 1,6% in 2001, 1% in 2002 and 0,5% in 2003. For 2004, 1,7% is forecasted. See http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/data=shop/printcatalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&service=free_downloads; http://europa.eu.int/comm/lisbon_strategy/pdf/statistical_annex_en.pdf.

Charter Club 41 Gmunden

Over the past years friendship wasn't quite the same as it used to be in Round Table times: Family, Children, some service clubs – but not quite as exciting as RT. These were some of the factors that led to the decision to found the Club 41 Gmunden.

After 1 year of intense preparation and many hours of discussion it finally took place on September 11th 2004: The great Charter of Club 41. On a beautiful late summer day surrounded by the gorgeous



***Volker Zimmermann and Peter Dibelka –
backbones of RT and 41***

landscape of the Traunsee lake about 100 people came together to celebrate the founding, together



with the 23 new members. Michael Schneditz, the new "Past President" was the Master of Ceremony and introduced the Austrian C 41 President Dieter Straka who then passed the Presidential necklace on to Tschisi Kassmannhuber

Following this glorious ceremony the Presidents of other C 41 clubs briefly expressed their congratulations and best regards. The performances of RT 36 Gmunden and C 41 Ried were also very delighting because there were none. So the members of C 41 Gmunden had all time they needed for singing "G'stanzln" about their rough and severe life as men in this world. The musical and culinary surroundings did their part in making the rest of the evening a joy for all of the attendants as well as keeping up the good mood until late at night. Finally everyone was sure that the founding of a C 41 in Gmunden was a good decision and absolutely necessary!

Peter Dibelka with wife Eva and sister-in-law Gerlinde Pinter



***National and Club presidents having fun
at the charter***

Beer and Health

What our grandparents already knew is meanwhile proven by more than 3000 studies. The moderate consumption of alcohol specially beer is healthy.

The Holy Hildegard von Bingen, a German nun (1089-1179) already mentioned that one beer is better than none, two beers are better than one beer but four beers are not double that good than two beers.

Before I carry on telling you about the healthy and pleasant aspects of beer, I want to bring one point out of discussion. Beer contains alcohol. Alcoholic Drinks are not suitable to solve your problems. A constant alcohol consumption on a higher level may lead into alcohol dependence.

One 0,5 ltr bottle of the most common "Lager beer" type contains ca. 5 vol. % (25 ml) alcohol. Alcohol reduced "Light beer" contains ca. 3 vol. % (15 ml) alcohol and "alcohol free" beer contains a maximum of 0,5 vol. % (2,5 ml) alcohol.

A moderate consumption is defined at 20 to 40 g /day.

That's equals one to two beers , e.g. one at lunch and one at dinner.



Average-content of Vitamins
per liter beer

B1 Thiamin	0,029 mg
B2 Riboflavin	0,336 mg
B3 Panthothensäure	1,490 mg
B6 Pyridoxin	7,738 mg
PP Niacin	0,619 mg
H Biotin	0,146 mg

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Beer is brewed from malt. In the more than 5000 years long history of beer, different kind of corn has been used for malt production and different herbs have been used to bitter the beer even some poisoning ones. To protect the people against those habits, the Bavarian Duke Wilhelm IV. enacted 1516 the "German Purity Law". Only Barley, Hops and Water may be used for brewing beer. The beer we drink today, is still based on this law.

The first step in beer production is transferring the starch of the barley grain into malt sugar. Those long structured malt sugar molecules have to be cut down into smaller fractions. The tools therefore are ferments. They are already in the malt

grains and start their work, when water is added to the grinded malt. This process is called mashing. Different types of enzymes are involved each with its own optimum working temperature.

The produced malt extract, called wort has to be boiled to deactivate the enzymes. At this stage the hop is added to bitter the beer. When leaving the brew house, the wort has to be cooled down to around 10° C and the yeast cells (15 millions per millilitre of *sacharomyces carlsbegensis*) are added to start the alcoholic fermentation. The malt sugar, part of the wort is transferred into alcohol and carbon dioxide. To prepare the beer for a longer shelf life, it has to be filtered before bottling, keging or canning.

The flavour giving components are not very stable, so higher temperature, light and oxygen promote the flavour-change from tasting fresh to tasting aged.

In our modern times we are surrounded by "engineered and designed" food, full of additives and modifications, to ensure an easy, cheap production, easy handling and long shelf life for the mega outlets, and convenience for the consumer.

The fact, that only valuable barley, pure natural hops and clean pure water are the basics of our beer, makes it something special in this environment.

Because of its contents of valuable components compared with the low percentage of alcohol beer can be an ideal add-on to your daily food supply.

The contents of Beer



**Other Components
per Ltr Beer**

Water	920 g
Alcohol	40 g
Carbohydrats	28 g
Proteins	5 g
Carbon Dioxide	5 g
No fat	
No Cholesterine	

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Beer consists of 93% water and has a low alcohol content (average 5% by volume). It contains no cholesterol and no fats. It does however contain proteins, minerals and vitamins, which accounts for its place in a healthy, balanced diet.

Beer is also rich in soluble fibres that originate the cell walls of the malted barley. One litre of beer contains on average 20% of the recommended daily amount of fibre. Besides a healthy passage through the intestines, this means slower digestion and better fibre absorption, and reduces the cholesterol content and the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

The constituents of the hop have a number of beneficial properties for the health of the moderate drinker. Hops have a soothing effect on the body and sharpen the appetite. Hops also contain active components that provide protection against cancer of hormonal origin and have anti-inflammatory properties that can have a curative effect in numerous complaints.

Yeast provides the body with essential B vitamins such as B1, B6 and folic acid. It is a vegetable micro-organism with nutritional value and has a favourable effect on the intestinal flora.

Compared with other alcoholic beverages, beer contains more proteins and vitamin B.

Folic acid is often taken in insufficient quantities, mainly due to insufficient consumption of fruit and vegetables. Folic acid helps to keep homocysteine levels low, thus preventing cardiovascular diseases. Studies in Wales and the Czech Republic show that there is a connection between beer consumption, a high level of folic acid and a low homocysteine content. (European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, 2001, 55).



**Vitamins in beer and percentage of
recommended daily intake (per litre).**

B1 (thiamine)	40%
B2 (riboflavin)	14%
Niacin	13%
B6 (Pyridoxin)	17%
Biotin	17%
Pantothenic acid	8%
Folic acid	10-45% depending on the type of beer

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Beer has a balanced minerals profile. It contains large amounts of potassium and small amounts of sodium, the perfect balance for low blood pressure. It contains a little calcium and a lot of magnesium, which explains the protective effect against gallstones and kidney stones. Finally,

beer is also a source of silicon – which plays an important part in making strong bones and in combating osteoporosis.

Beer is also a source of anti-oxidants that can help to prevent cancer. These anti-oxidants originate in malt and hops. Beer contains half as many anti-oxidants as red wine. The body absorbs more anti-oxidants from beer than from wine. Because the molecules are smaller.

Beer also cuts a good figure as regards the number of calories. A 25 cl glass of beer has 103 calories, which is less than the same quantity of apple juice, milk or yogurt.

Harvard University has recently adjusted the American food pyramid to reflect the more accurately the latest scientific findings. Lifestyle elements such as physical exercise and weight control were taken into account. Moderate alcohol consumption was also added.

Last but not least – what about the beer belly ?

The idea that beer makes people fat probably has its origin in lifestyle and eating habits that are often coupled with beer drinking. Drinking beer increases the appetite and alcohol also relaxes control over our eating behaviour. Heavy beer drinkers generally go for fatty calorific food (snacks, chips, sausages, nuts, etc) and generally do little exercise. Research has also shown that the bodies of people who drink a lot of beer burn less fat. The body is probably inclined to burn the alcohol first. The excess fat has to go somewhere and is accumulated above the abdominal muscles. The result is well known.

The so-called beer belly is not a direct effect of high beer consumption, but rather the unhealthy diet and lifestyle coupled with it, in combination with reduced fat combustion by the body. It is thus better to have beer as a component of the diet rather than a stimulant consumed separately from meals (beer already has this image).

One of the sources for this article was the Belgium website www.bierengezondheid.be. So if you are interested in more information just search the web.

Enjoy your next beer and keep Paracelsus words in mind : Everything is poison and not ; only the dose makes the poison.

Average content of Minerals per liter beer

Calcium	35 mg
Chloride	174 mg
Ferrum	0,12 mg
Calium	518 mg
Magnesium	98 mg
Mangan	0,16 mg
Natrium	33 mg
Phosphor	319 mg
Sulfat	168 mg
Zink	0,06mg

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How many calories ?

Water	0 kcal
Beer 0,3 ltr	132 kcal
Orange Juice 0,3 ltr	145 kcal
Fruit Joghurt 300g	300 kcal
Champaign 0,3 ltr	255 kcal
Vine red/white 0,3 ltr	235 kcal

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25th CHESTNUT FESTIVAL MERAN



This year, between November 5th to the 7th 2004 was celebrated the 25th Chestnut Festival, organized from Club 41 Meran/Merano in South Tyrol – Italy. Since Round Table periods this festival became a must for the members of Meran/Merano. Every year, many international friends joined this feast and this year it was the biggest feast ever made regarding the numbers of visitors which reached the impressive number of 170, most welcome friends from Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and England. For the first time we had also two charming lady guests from Agorà Vicenza, having friends from Agorà, Round Table and Club 41 International with us.

The feast started on Friday afternoon, November 5th 2004 with the arrival of most of the guests to the Hotel Kreuzwirt in Naturns/Naturno, a bigger village, situated 10 km east of the town Meran/Merano. The number of guests who arrived was so big, that another four hotels had to be booked in the rear of the Kreuzwirt Hotel to be able to accommodate in comfort all the arrived friends.

At 20:00 o'clock the „Get together evening“ in the Hotel Kreuzwirt with dishes of the Italian and local Tyrolean kitchen was started. This evening gave the opportunity to our international friends to get to know each other or to meet old friends again. The music was supplied from the reduced big band of Club 41 Meran/Merano“ with the band leader and drummer Paolo Bonagura. There was wine in abundance, because South Tyrol is a wine country and the guest made a lot of use, so that the evening/night ended in a „humid“and joyful atmosphere.

Nevertheless, that most of the guests went to bed very late, a greater number got up quite early to take the opportunity to visit with tour guide the nearby church Prokulus, which is the oldest church of South Tyrol from the 8th century with most wonderful frescos to be admired. After this cultural program, other friends arrived to Naturn/Naturno to join the already big number of guests.

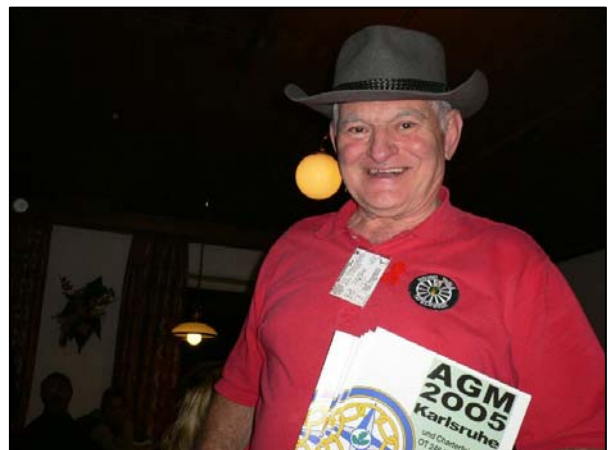




As the number of visitors where that big, two different groups had to be organized. So group A left by bus the hotel Kreuzwirt at 11:00 o'clock to reach the hiking area and group B left one our later with private cars. The hike along the old irrigation system Waalweg (a trail along a little kind of creek) brought the good hiker through the wonderful autumn changing colour forest to the castle Juval, which belongs to the world famous Himalaya mountain climber Reinhold Messner, who created a nice museum with a collection of old Tibetan and Nepalese artefacts to visit.

After this all the visitors where happy to reach the nearby typical Tyrolean cottage/restaurant to consume the Hungarian goulash with Tyrolean dumplings with good wine and Schnapps.

Finally the group went back to the cars and reached the different hotels in the later afternoon. After a little rest, all the peoples had to reach the Wiedenplatzer Keller located near the village Naturns, where was celebrated the Chestnut Festival with lots of most wonderful Tyrolean food, much wine and Schnapps/liquors. How wonderful to see so many friends together with fun and in friendship and this is the since of the Chestnut Festival to bring many international friends together to spent a wonderful weekend at the south of the Alps.



On Sunday, 07 November 2004 we had the Tyrolean brunch with white sausages and other specialities and a large breakfast to give much

energy to the guests to be well equipped to start the way back home. How sorrow to say good bye to all the old and new friends, but with the intention to meet again on the 26th Chestnut Festival on the first or second weekend of November 2005 (after we have met again in...ah...in...?? oh yes, in Bob Parton's !!Karlsruhe!!



This was Modena



Not even this statue by Gironcoli in Klagenfurt could stop us – we wanted to go to Modena.

What actually was it - this "Modena"?

Besides the Charter of a new Club 41 and the Italian HYM - it was also Culinaries



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delicious treats in the market-hall



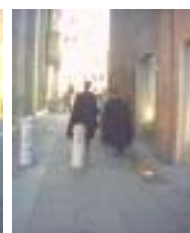
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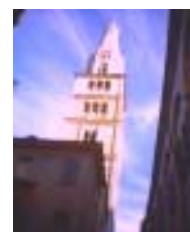
or as it was in the monarchy



Meeting up with friends



and a **City Walk** around the cathedral



All this was Modena 2004



Das war Modena



Selbst der Gironcoli in Klagenfurt konnte uns nicht aufhalten– wir wollten nach Modena.

Was war das – Modena?

Kulinarisches



an der Theke des Café del Orologio oder
Köstlichkeiten in der Markthalle

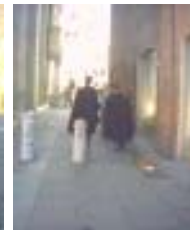


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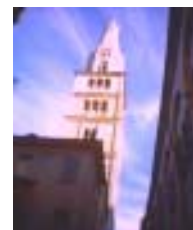
oder wie in der Monarchie



Treffen mit Freunden



und ein Stadtrundgang um den Dom



Das alles war Modena 2004





Charter ceremony



Speeches



The cathedral



The club chain



Modena's cathedral



Different details of Modena's cathedral

About Erasmus, Leonardo & Other Guys

The EU's Education Policy at a Glance

(Article from Global View, Nr. 11/2004, by Christine Roedlach; Picture EUPR)

Alongside the media, institutions of education are the state's main instruments for the socialisation of citizens. Educational reforms are therefore one of the most effective methods at the State's disposal for changing perspectives and opinions. This was the thinking behind the European Commission's White Book on education and training in 1995, the main purpose of which was to rally all Europeans behind the aim of lifelong learning and creating the knowledge society.



The existing EU programmes in education are based on articles 149 and 150 of the EU Treaty which define the role of education systems. Although Member States are still responsible themselves what they are doing in education and vocational training, the EU has a Treaty based mandate aims to intensify their cooperation through common actions.

The Implementation is voluntary

The joint programmes in education began in the 70s and were amplified in the 80s and 90s by Erasmus, Comett, Youth for Europe, Lingua, Petra, Force and Eurotecnet. It was in 1995 that all these programmes were restructured under the names Socrates for education, Leonardo da Vinci for vocational training and Youth for Europe for all youth programmes. Accordingly, in 1995 the new programmes Comenius, which deals with schools, Erasmus (which deals with higher education), Lingua, the language programme, and actions to support Minerva, the cooperation in open and distance learning and new methodologies an Grundtvig, the adult education programme; were brought together under the same heading roof - called Socrates.

The Vocational training's offensive

Initially, the Leonardo da Vinci - Programme started parallel with the restructured Socrates programmes. The idea behind it was synergising the effect of the programmes Comett, Petra, Force, Lingua and Eurotecnet programmes - Leonardo should become one of the main instruments to realise the strategies of lifelong learning and combine education and vocational training with employment policy. Actions like Youth for Europe, the European Voluntary Service and other Youth initiatives favour intercultural dialogues and exchanges all over the continents. Moreover, also the CIS-states, the Balkans and Mediterranean countries are included in the Youth programme. Through these exchange possibilities, volunteer work and the respective initiatives young people have the chance to learn a lot from each other. New contacts, friends, cultures and countries offer a lot to learn. These experiences help to prevent stereotypes and prejudices, encourage to social integration and active participation as well as to realise the 'ideal of Europe'.



Towards a knowledge society

Besides of that, also several actions, agreements, the recognition of diplomas and other important exchange possibilities have also been implemented. An exception is the Tempus programme, which was for the former eastern European countries and was then replaced by Erasmus. It still exists, however, in some eastern and Mediterranean countries and has some fruitful cooperation and technology transfer between countries. In October 2002 there were one million Erasmus students. In the same time around 15 000 schools took part in multilateral cooperation and around 1 200 translational cooperations were founded between institutions and organisations. Since 1989 the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is spread all over the countries and enables mobility in education. The year of lifelong learning in 1996 played another important role and made the citizen more sensible for that theme. To summarise, the experiences gained through the cooperation and programmes were essential for the development of eLearning, the Bologna process on vocational training or the Lisbon goal; to become the most competitive and knowledge based society by 2010.

Christine Rödlach

Charter celebration club 41 / Linz 42. on 11/27/2004

„Cozy. Official. And absolutely sincere.“

On a Saturday in Linz. The sky was drab gray. The breakfast coffee black. The mood relaxed. This is the big advantage when one founds an old table club. Due to our ripe old ages no nervousness arose. Quite simply we were glad to see old friends and celebrate the occasion. The new art gallery in Linz, the Lentos, directly on the Danube with a view to the "Pöstlingberg", formed a distinguished setting.

At the door near the registration table came the first delighted "hellos". Some of our dear friends we had not seen for quite some time which made the reunion all the nicer.

The official charter act began around noon, perhaps a little bit unusually. A man wearing only his swimming trunks showed off his muscles, then dove into the water again and again with unbelievable acrobatic skill, even more amazing in reverse.

All this happened on the big screen to the amusement of our guests. As our moderator came on stage it was clear to all present that he not only looked good in a swimming suit. With this cheerful begin a dry and stiff celebration was ruled out.

Andreas Strohhammer of RT 42 charmingly led us through the program. The humorous mood proved contagious, as the greeting messages of our godparent table representatives became passionate appeals to friendship. Gerhard Dragovits, from club 41 Ybbs-Wieselburg reaped a great applause for his introduction: „What is Club41? - freedom!“. Our Passauer friends brought us back down to earth with their high-percentage toast.

Dieter Straka, our national president, had the honor of mentioning the virtues of Round Table which in light of the cheerful mood he brought up with a wink. We were also honored by the presence of Franz Dobusch, mayor of Linz, who managed to come in spite of his overbooked schedule. He reminded us in his own charming way of our social responsibility as members of Club 41.

The greetings of the other table representatives in attendance stimulated the mood. Hurry on stage, hurry off stage, on again, off again...

Then the charter act really came to life. It was a very nice feeling for us all to be accepted into Club 41 with so much heartfelt warmth.

At the buffet the first how-do-you-do's were exchanged, setting the stage for deeper friendships. The remaining afternoon was left up to individual tastes. Some were spoiled culturally with a guided tour of the Lentos. Some used the opportunity to get to know the city of Linz, while some went back to rest up for the evening's festivities.

The evening at "Spatzenbauer" began "with a toast on the terrace overlooking the illuminated skyline of Linz. Afterwards there was more to eat, to drink and to be merry about inside.

"Dr. Perzlmeier" allowed himself to christen us with beer. (Very nice, thanks a lot!) Then we have exuded the smell of the big, wide world. Afterwards the usual philosophical discussions were taken up in full circumference.

The "quite normal insanity", actually, the best prescription against depression and boredom, became the motto of this evening. Some people's eyes were bigger than their stomachs. Almost everyone drank more than they had thirst for.

All in all it was a warm and friendly evening. The last of the philosophers, by then also the best of friends, went home (were carried off) around three o'clock in the morning.



The museum Lentos at night seen from the Danube River

It was a charter celebration just as we had imagined. „Cozy. Official. And absolutely sincere.“

It is a good feeling to have found a new table home in which so many of the "right people" are present and we are looking forward to the coming years. We would like to thank those who have welcomed us with so much heartfelt warmth.

It is nice to be a member of Club 41.

Charterfeier Club 41 / Linz 42. am 27.11.2004

„Gemütlich. Offiziell. Und absolut echt.“

An einem Samstag in Linz. Der Himmel war mittelgrau. Der Frühstückskaffee schwarz. Die Stimmung locker und entspannt. Das ist der große Vorteil, wenn man einen 41er Club gründet. Bedingt durch unsere „Altersreife“ kam keine Nervosität auf. Wir haben uns ganz einfach auf unsere Freunde gefreut, die mit uns feiern wollten. Die neue Linzer Galerie, das Lentos, direkt an der Donau mit Blick auf den Pöstlingberg, bildete dazu einen würdigen Rahmen.

Beim Welcome und der Registrierung gab's die ersten erfreuten „Hallos“. Einige unserer lieben Freunde hatten wir ja schon eine ganze Weile nicht mehr gesehen. Umso schöner war das Wiedersehen.

So gegen Mittag wurde es ernst. Der offizielle Charterakt begann. Vielleicht ein bisschen unüblich. Ein bis auf seine Badehose entblößter Mann ließ seine Muskeln spielen, sprang immer

und immer wieder ins Wasser. Teilweise mit unglaublicher, akrobatischer Geschicklichkeit. Verblüffend waren die Sprünge aus dem Wasser zurück aufs Trockene.

All das spielte sich auf der großen Leinwand zur Freude unserer Gäste ab. Als unser Moderator die Bühne betrat war dann allen Freunden klar, dass er nicht nur im Anzug eine gute Figur machte.

Mit diesem heiteren Einstieg war es dann auch nicht mehr möglich einen trockenen und steifen Charterakt zu feiern.

Souverän und charmant führte uns Andreas Strohhammer von RT 42 durchs Programm. Von der launigen Stimmung angesteckt, waren die Grußbotschaften unserer Patentischvertreter leidenschaftliche Freundschaftsappelle. Gerhard Dragovits, von Club 41 Ybbs-Wieselburg erntete für seine Einleitung: „Was ist Club41? – Freiheit!“, großen Applaus. Unsere Passauer Freunde brachten uns mit ihrer „hochprozentigen“ Einlage wieder auf irdischen Boden zurück. Dieter Straka, unser nationaler Präsident, hatte natürlich die Pflicht, die Tugenden von Round Table zu erwähnen, die er angesichts der heiteren Stimmung mit einem Augenzwinkern vorbrachte. Eine besondere Ehre war die Anwesenheit unseres Linzer Bürgermeisters Franz Dobusch. Trotz eines übervollen Terminkalenders beehrte er unsere Charterfeier. Er erinnerte uns in seiner charmanten Art an unsere soziale Verantwortung.

Die Grußnoten der weiteren anwesenden Tischvertreter brachten unseren neu gegründeten Tisch ziemlich in Bewegung. Hinsetzen, rauf auf die Bühne, runter von der Bühne, hinsetzen, rauf auf die...Der Charterakt war dann ausgesprochen schwungvoll. Es war für uns alle ein schönes Gefühl mit so viel Herzlichkeit in die große Gemeinschaft von Club 41 aufgenommen zu werden.

Beim anschließenden Buffet wurden die ersten Kontakte angebahnt, die tiefere Freundschaften erahnen ließen. Die gut aussehenden südlichen Vertreter von Club 41 aus der Steiermark und Kärnten verströmten mediterrane Lebensfreude. Und die restlichen, auch sehr gut aussehenden Freunde haben uns in ihre Mitte aufgenommen als würden wir uns schon Jahrzehnte kennen.



Das Lentor bei Nacht

Der restliche Nachmittag gehörte der Individualgestaltung. Einige wurden kulturell verwöhnt mit kompetenten und kunstsinnigen Führungen durchs Linzer Lentos. Einige nutzten die Möglichkeit die Linzer City kennen zu lernen. Einige haben sich zurückgezogen um sich auf unseren Charterabend in Ruhe vorzubereiten. Und einige hatten Durst, tranken noch etliche Seiterl Bier und haben sich so auf den Charterabend eingestimmt.

Der Abend beim Spatzenbauer begann mit einer „Stehbegrüßung“ auf der Terrasse mit einem Blick über das nächtlich beleuchtete Linz. Anschließend gabs beim Spatzenbauer drinnen Deftiges, Festliches und noch mehr Heiteres. „Dr. Perzl“ ließ es sich nicht nehmen jeden von uns mit Bier zu taufen. Danach haben wir den Duft der großen, weiten Welt verströmt. Die angekündigten philosophischen Gespräche wurden dann in vollem Umfang aufgenommen.

„Ganz normaler Wahnsinn“, eigentlich das beste Rezept gegen Depression und Langeweile wurde zum tragenden Konzept dieses Abends. Einige haben mehr gegessen als sie Hunger hatten. Fast alle haben mehr getrunken als sie Durst hatten. Und eigentlich alle haben an diesem Abend festgestellt, dass sie hervorragende Philosophen sind. Wärme, Herzlichkeit und

viel, sehr viel Gefühl ist an diesem schönen Abend getauscht worden. Die letzten Philosophen, die dann auch schon Freunde waren, sind gegen drei Uhr in der Früh nach Hause gegangen.

Es war eine Charterfeier wie wir sie uns gewünscht haben. „Gemütlich. Offiziell. Und absolut echt.“ Mit dem guten Gefühl eine neue Vereinsheimat gefunden zu haben, in der so viele „richtige Menschen“ dabei sind, freuen wir uns auf unsere nächsten Jahre. Und danken allen, die uns mit so viel Herzlichkeit aufgenommen haben. Es ist schön Mitglied beim Club 41 zu sein.

Gibraltar 41 Club

Following the retirement of a number of Tablers in Gibraltar, after having attained the age of 40, it was decided to form a 41 Club in Gibraltar.

A number of meetings were held in 1990 and because of the small number of members involved (12 in total), it was decided to affiliate ourselves to the National Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. After some correspondence with their IRO, their National President together with their Vice President and Secretary visited Gibraltar, and the club was chartered on 28 January 1991.

Although the club is somewhat autonomous, because we are overseas, we nevertheless form part of the National structure and as such belong to their Region 20, which is overseen by their IRO.



Our Club with International (now Past-) President Michael Dalbo Pedersen

The current membership stands at 7 at present with an extra 2 'overseas' members who are also members of UK clubs. These members travel often to Gibraltar and join us for important celebrations.

However, over the next few years we shall be joined by a few more members when they retire from Table at the new age of 45 years. Our membership is only open to ex-tablers who have retired from table under the age rule, so that we depend on the local table for members.

We dedicate ourselves mostly to organising social events, but work very closely with table and support their functions and fund raising activities. We also have an agreement whereby the table president is a de-facto member of our club, and our chairman is a de-facto member of

table. This ensures close co-operation between both clubs, thereby keeping each other updated with what is happening.

In 1993 there were a number of British Expatriates in Mallorca (Spain), Costa Blanca (Spain) and the Algarve (Portugal), who had set up overseas clubs affiliated to the National Association, and they had decided to create a Mediterranean Cluster. A cluster meeting would be held once a year and would be hosted by each club in turn. In 1995, we were invited to the cluster meeting held in the Algarve, and there we bid to hold the cluster meeting in Gibraltar in 1996. The cluster was renamed 'Iberian Cluster' in 1996 and now includes the four clubs plus 41 Club Costa del Sol (Spain) and hopefully 41 Club Nerja (Spain) which will be chartered on the 28 October 2004. The composition of these clubs has changed from having solely British expatriate to now including German and Scandinavian members, thereby adding to the diversity of the club.



Our club sometimes attends the National AGM in the UK and this year we made our way to Edinburgh. This was preceded by a pre-conference tour of Scotland, which proved to be an excellent event. Here we met with representatives from Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Austria and 41 Club International President Michel Dalbo Pedersen.

We have just returned from this year's Iberian Cluster meeting in the Algarve, which has been a tremendous success. Next year's cluster will be hosted by us during the weekend of the 14 – 16 October 2005

Although we are a very small club we do attend a number of functions and have a varied social life, which we share with Gibraltar Round Table.

Douglas Ferro
Club Contact
18 October 2004

Report from 41 Norway

This is a short story about 41 Norway. After some troublesome years with a decline in member clubs and members are we happy to say that the national organisation is growing again.

Today 41 Norway consists of 27 clubs and 423 members.

Most clubs are situated in the south east of Norway, but we do also have clubs all along the coast as far north as Tromsø.

Most clubs are very satisfied with developing and enhancing their friendship within the club itself. Many clubs have about 5-6 meetings a year, many in private homes. In several towns there is a limit between 15 and 20 members in each club and therefor there are more than one ex-table club i many towns. Most clubs have a special happening during the year and often neighbour clubs are invited.

Many of our clubs have good relations with old nr. clubs in Europe and are active international on a bilateral level.

The last four years our AGM have been poorly visited by our members, but we hope to turn this around this year. Our AGM will be held in the mountain town Voss 27th- 29th of may 2005, not to

far from Bergen. This club year we arrange the AGM together with Round Table and Ladies Circle. It is of course open to visitors from abroad.

In co-operation with RT we also arrange several activities which are open to all past tablers. As for instance RTNM, which is an annual parallel slalom competition and ski weekend in Norway's largest ski resort in Trysil. (<http://www.trysil.com>) Next time is 4th - 6th of February 2005. Any one who would be interested in participating can contact stoemner@online.no.

We are also looking forward to receive past table friends from New Zealand in July and August next summer as they are on a Scandinavian tour.

I hope to see many of you in a near future, either here or somewhere in Europe.

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

20-22 May 2005

A.G.M. 2005 e 10° Anniversario Club 41 Mantova - Italy

20th MAY 2005

From 2.00 to 8.00 P.M. - registration at Class Hotel (near Mantova Nord tollbooth on the A22)
Dalle 14.00 alle 20.00 - registrazione presso il Class Hotel (vicino al Casello Mantova Nord A22)

At 8.30 P.M. - Home Party (candlelight) in the most famous Gonzaga country Villa.
Alle 20,30 - Home Party (al lume di candela) presso la più famosa villa Gonzaghesca di campagna.

21st MAY 2005

From 8.00 to 10.00 A.M. - registration at Class Hotel (near Mantova Nord tollbooth on the A22)
Dalle 8.00 alle 10.00 - registrazione presso il Class Hotel (vicino al Casello Mantova Nord A22)

At 10.30 A.M. - Morning meeting (for Presidents at the Class Hotel)

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

At 9.30 A.M. – for people who don't participate at the meeting, a tour in Palazzo Te (Gonzaga's summer palace) and a walk round the town, visiting other monuments of great interest (Houses of Mantegna, Giulio Romano and Churches)

Alle 9,30 - per i non partecipanti ai lavori, visita guidata a Palazzo Te e camminata per la città.

At 1.00 P.M. - Light Lunch in a typical Mantuan restaurant.

Alle 13,00 - Colazione presso un tipico ristorante mantovano.

Afternoon Free until 5.30 P.M. Shopping or other guided visits.

Pomeriggio libero fino alle 17,30 per shopping o altre visite con accompagnatore.

At 8.30 P.M. - Grand Gala (Black tie) at Villa Vecelli Cavriani in Mozzecane, town near Mantova.

Alle 20,30 - Gran Gala (Cravatta scura) a Villa Vecelli Cavriani a Mozzecane (Tra Mantova e Verona).

22nd MAY 2005

At 9.30 A.M. - Farewell in an old Gonzaga's Tavern in the historical centre of Mantova.

Alle 9,30 - Farewell in una vecchia taverna Gonzaghesca nel centro storico di Mantova.

Registration Form

The registration will be confirmed after the payment of € 50,00 per person.

Payment:

Registration fee – to be sent within 31 st March 2005	€ 50,00
1) Friday 20 th May 2005 - Home party,	€ 30,00
2) Saturday 21 st May 2005 - Guided visit at Palazzo Te and dinner	€ 30,00
3) Gran Gala at Palazzo Vecelli Cavriani – Mozzecane	€ 70,00
4) Sunday 22 nd May 2005 - Farewell	€ 20,00
-- Full program (hotel not included)	€ 150,00
Total amount (Hotel not included)	€,...
Deduct registration fee. -- € 50,00	
Settlement per person	€,...

Payment must be effected before 20th April 2005

Payments must be effected on:

Bank: Banco Popolare di Verona e Novara

Ag: Sede di Mantova

C/C Number 7543 In the name of Luigi Rotteglia

ABI 05188 CAB 11501

Motive of the payment: AGM 2005 – Mantova

(Please state: Surname, Name, advance or settlement and the number of the participants)

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Signature Date

Send form 1 and 2 by FAX to Num. 0039-376-318419

E-mail to: luigirotteglia@tele2.it
rancatimario@libero.it

Enclose a copy of the payment (Advance payment and/or settlement)

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Conventioned Hotels, to book and pay directly:

ClassHotel, double room B&B	€ 75,00 (57,00 Single)
Hotel Abacus, double room B&B	€ 86,00 (43,00 Single)

Hotel Abacus ****:

Strada Martorelli, 92/94

46047 Porto Mantovano (Mn)

Tel. 0376 399142

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ClassHotel Mantova ***

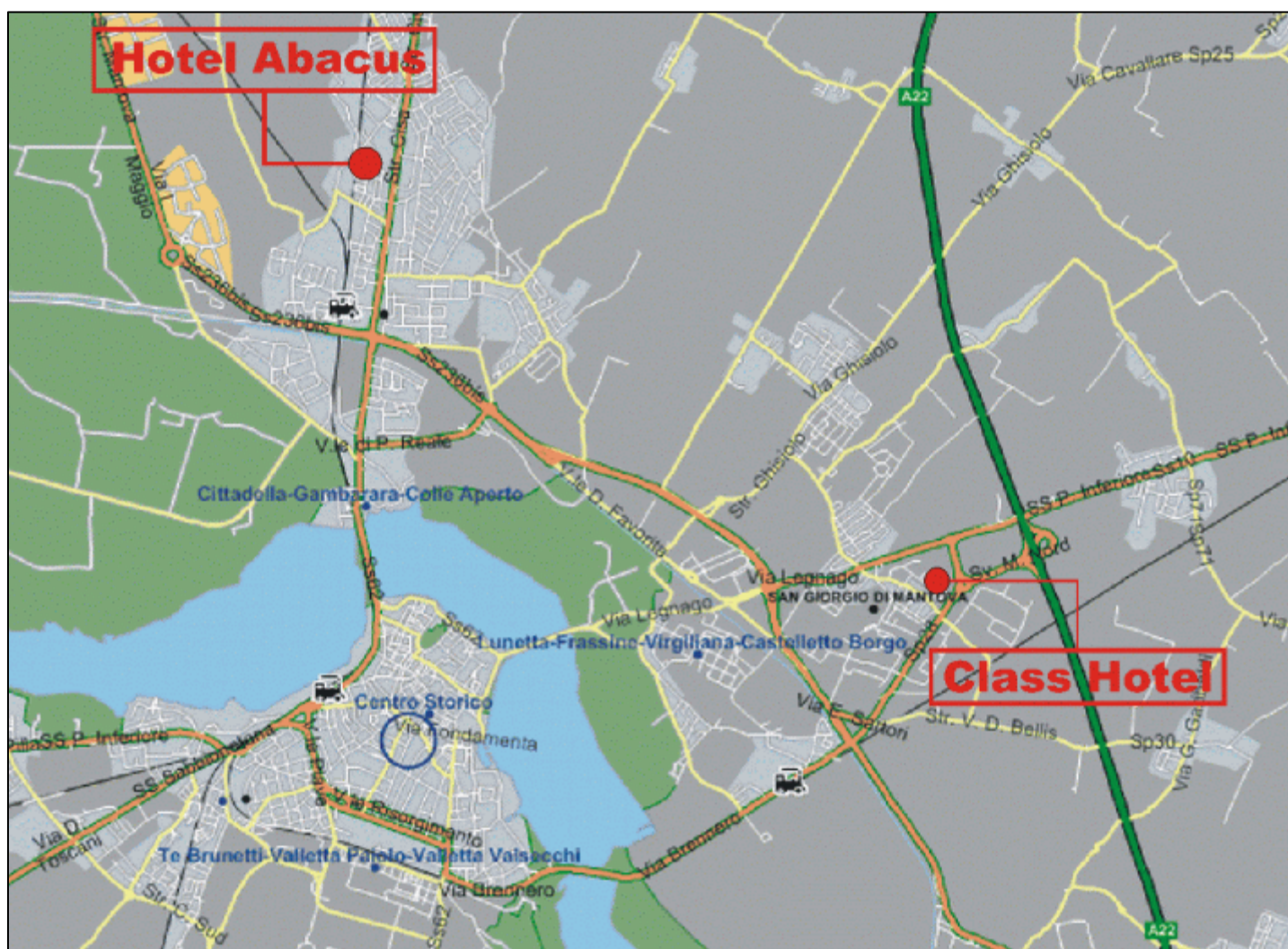
Via Bachelet, 18

46030 S. Giorgio di Mantova (Mn)

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Hotel Abacus wants a credit card number when booking.

Pleas, present yourself as a member of the 41 Club.

You can find other Hotels, not conventioned, on the APT (Provincial Agency for Tourism) web-site:

<http://www.aptmantova.it/>

Wolfgang Rösel&

12th PAST PRESIDENT'S MEETING

in Arbon on Lake Constance, Switzerland

23rd to 26th September 2004

Information for those who are not familiar with the History of Ex-Tablers-Clubs: The biennial meeting of the national and international Past Presidents is neither an event of a separate organisation of Ex-Tablers nor an AGM of Past Presidents. This private party is not aided by financial support of national or international organisations of Ex-Tablers or 41 Clubs. All the participants travel and enjoy themselves on their own pocket. The PPMs were held 1982 in Lausanne (CH), 1984 Strasbourg (F), 1986 Oostende (B), 1988 Rüdesheim on Rhine (D), 1990 Stratford upon Avon (GB), 1992 Paterswalde (NL), 1994 Vernon (F), 1996 Graz (A), 1998 Ferrara (I), 2000 Aix en Provence (F), 2002 Inari (FIN) and 2004 in Arbon (CH). The main reason for the PPMs is the maintenance of the bonds of amicable relationship with true Ex-Tablers and the culture of Ex-Tablers lifestyle.

The Swiss Ex-Tablers Hanspeter Baeschlin (Aarau) and Urs Scheuermann (St.Gallen) had arranged the 12th PPM under the motto „Friendship“ in the picturesque town of Arbon which has its roots in the period of Roman settlement on the Lake Constance. The perfectly well planned programme brought the participants by coach to the Bregenzer Wald in Austria where they visited the museum and the church with paintings of the famous Angelica Kauffmann in the village of Schwarzenberg. After lunch with the famous „Kässpätzle“ and a visite of a distillery one dined fine fish in an heritage restaurant situated in the delta of the river Rhine in Vorarlberg. But before dinner they visited the well known „Festspielhaus“ at Bregenz with the enormous sea-stage on the Lake Constance and the impressive stage machinery.

On the next day in Switzerland a guided tour in a cheese-diary in the mountains showed how to manufacture the famous Appenzeller-Cheese. The following highlight of the excursion was also the highest point 2502 meters over sea-level: the mount „Säntis“, climbed by cableway through the clouds which brought the first snow of the year. On the top waited a white cloth of two inches of snow and a temperature of minus 4 degrees Celsius.

The business meeting lasted for about twenty minutes. The present nineteen Past Presidents from 41 INTERNATIONAL and eight National Ex-Tablers organisations decided unanimously to meet again in the 41st week of October in 2006 from Thursday to Sunday in the northern part of Germany. Herbert Kaiser, President of OLD TABLERS DEUTSCHLAND in 1992/93 and 1998/99, Archivist of OTD, former editor of the OTD-Depesche, Honorary Member of OTD and member of the SOCIETY of EX-TABLERS will organize the 13rd PPM near Bremen. This area has excellent travel connections by air, sea, motorway and train.

The following PPM in 2008 will take place in Great Britain. Gordon Macnab from Ex-Tabler's-Club Sutton Coldfield, a Scotsman, President of the Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland in 2000/01 and SET-member will take care for a fine programme in the green hills of the British Islands with a touch of heritage.

It seems the Past Presidents will be invited for 2010 to Rimini in Italy as it was told in the late evening at the President's Dinner.

All the former Presidents and their wives enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the meeting, the interesting excursions by coach and nobody missed dance music and formal dress. Thanks again to Hanspeter and Urs, especially also to Jaqueline Baeschlin for her simultaneous translation into English and French. Though the weather was rainy and stormy nobody felt unpleasant because there was time enough for personal conversation and relaxing. Some gentlemen were pleased that there were even no shopping galleries but well assorted drinks at the bar in a comfortable lobby.

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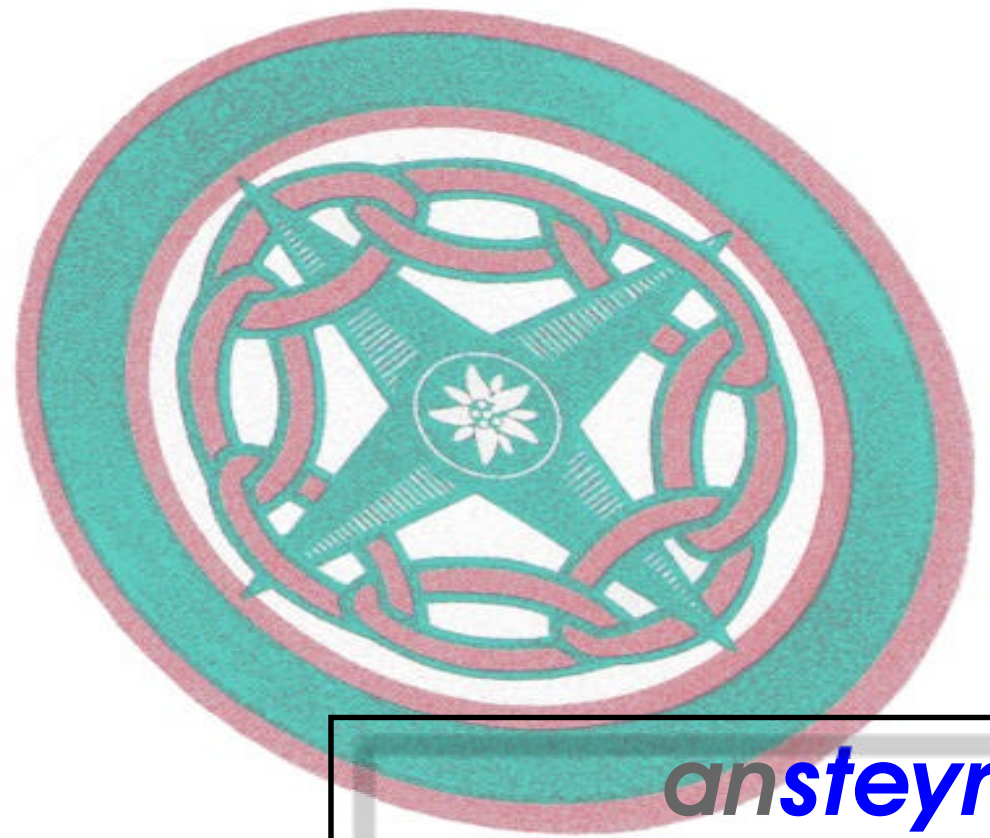
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27. AGM

CLUB 41

Austria



17. - 19. Juni 2005

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Tradition und Moderne erleben in Steyr und Umgebung,

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in freundschaftlicher Betreuung!
Club 41 Steyr freut sich auf Deine Teilnahme

DAS PROGRAMM

Freitag	17. 06. 2005
ab 16 h	Welcome im Hotel Mader
ab 18.30 h	halbstündiger Shuttlebus zur Furtmühle (Spezialitätenrestaurant)
ab 23.30 h	Rücktransport zum Hotel Mader (Halbstundentakt)
Samstag	18. 06. 2005
9.30 h	27. AGM Club 41 in der Fachhochschule Steyr (10 Gehminuten)
10 h	für Damen und Nicht-Delegierte Altstadtführung (Foto Safari) Besichtigung BMW Motorenwerk
12.30 h	Mittagessen in der Fachhochschule Steyr (mit Ausblick auf die Drei-Flüsse-Stadt)



Nachmittag zur freien Verfügung (Möglichkeit zur Besichtigung Stift Garsten oder Stift St. Florian)

19 h	Präsidentenempfang und Banner Exchange im Pavillion Schl. Lamberg
19.30 h	Gala Abend im Schloss Lamberg (5 Gehminuten vom Hotel Mader)

Sonntag	19. 06. 2005
ab 10 h	Farewell Party im Gastgarten/Terrasse im Schwechaterhof (3 Gehminuten vom Hotel Mader)

DAS HOTEL

Treffpunkt und Tagungshotel für den AGM '05

Hotel Mader**** im Zentrum Steyr

Stadtplatz 36 - 4400 STEYR

Tel ++43 7252 / 53358

Fax ++43 7252 / 53358-6

e-Mail: mader@mader.at

Bitte Zimmerreservierungen direkt mit dem Hotel Mader unter Kennwort 'Club 41' abwickeln.

Einzelzimmer € 59,41 pro Person

Doppelzimmer € 46,41 pro Person

Das Angebot

o Gesamtprogramm	41 + 90 €
o Samstag ganztägig	41 + 60 €
o Samstag Abend - Gala only	41 + 40 €
o Freitag Abend/Samstag Mittag	41 + 30 €
o Samstag Mittag only	41 €
o Freitag Abend	41 €

27th AGM

CLUB 41

Austria



17 - 19 June 2005

Steer a Course for

STEYR

Experience the old and the new in
Steyr and its surroundings

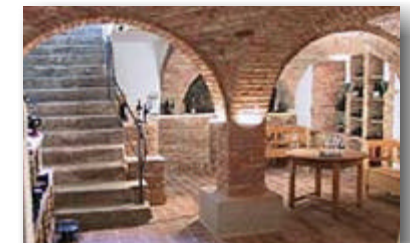
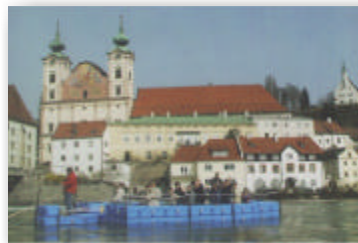
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Club 41 Steyr looks forward to seeing you

THE PROGRAM

Friday	17. 06. 2005
From 16	Welcome reception at Hotel Mader
From 18:30	Half hour shuttle bus journey to Furtmühle (speciality restaurant)
From 23:30	Return transport to Hotel Mader (shuttle bus every half hour)
Saturday	18. 06. 2005
9:30	27th AGM Club 41 at Steyr Technical College (10 minutes walk)
10:00	For ladies and non-delegates - tour of the old townw (photo safari) Visit to BWM factory
12:30	Lunch at Steyr Technical College (with view onto the 'Town of 2 Rivers')



Afternoon free (opportunity to visit the Garsten or
St. Florian baroque churches)

19:00	President's reception and banner ex- change in the pavillion of Lamberg
19:30	Gala evening at Lamberg Castle (5 minutes walk from Hotel Mader)

Sunday	19. 06. 2005
From 10:00	Farewell party in the guest garden/on the terrace of Schwechaterhof (3 minutes to walk from Hotel Mader)

THE HOTEL

Meeting point and conference hotel for the
'05 AGM

Hotel Mader** in the centre Steyr**

Stadtplatz 36 - 4400 STEYR

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e-Mail: mader@mader.at

Please deal with the hotel Mader directly when
booking rooms quoting the reference 'Club 41'

Single room € 59.41 per person

Double room € 46.41 per person

Options

o Entire program	41 + 90 €
o Saturday, whole day	41 + 60 €
o Saturday evening - Gala only	41 + 40 €
o Friday evening/Saturday lunch	41 + 30 €
o Saturday lunch only	41 €
o Friday evening	41 €