



**Dear Ladies,**

in agreement with Elisabeth I am writing the first introduction of this newsletter.

First of all I want to thank Veerle, my predecessor as ACI-Secretary for her color- and artful newsletters during the last two years, being like a club magazine. She did a very great job!

Unfortunately my computer knowledge is not as good as Veerle's. Therefore my newsletters will be more like a notice-board.

At the beginning of each newsletter you will find an index after the introduction of Elisabeth.

So you can choose all information being important or interesting for you at the first glance.

By this means I hope to address also those ladies, whose knowledge in English is basic.

All themes will be found in 7 different rubrics. They are:

1. Dates
2. News and reports from the board
3. Bridges: In her presentation in Cesenatico Elisabeth showed us the variety of bridges all over the world. To have a relation to her motto, I want to beg each of you, to send me photos of bridges from your hometown, journeys or holidays. This rubric will just be for entertainment, to show how fascinating bridges are and to be aware that each bridge is special like we members of Agora are. In this newsletter you will find two bridges, I found during my holidays in Spain and Chile.
4. News and reports from the countries
5. International Service Project
6. The website
7. Miscellaneous

I hope you enjoy this structure. If you have proposals for changes or improvements, please let me know.

Now I pass over to Elisabeth's introduction.

Karen, ACI-Secretary 2011-12

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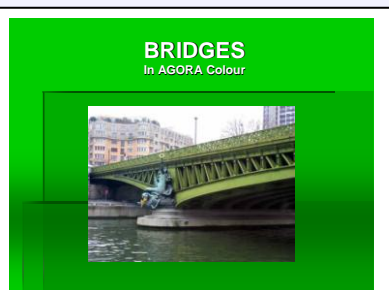
## Dear Ladies & Agora Friends,

we have November.

In the northern hemisphere it is the month of fog, grey and “tristesse” - a bridge from late autumn to winter; although, each season has its very special appeal.

In these dark days we need light and music in our hearts. But how does it succeed?

You will get one of my “BRIDGES” in AGORA colour! I start historically in Paris, in our ACI foundation country France. And now close your eyes and listen to the French rhythm in your ears. Can you imagine more lightness? Do you have a smile on your face and enjoy?



I wish you positive thoughts wherever you stay.  
“BUILDING BRIDGES”

In continued friendship,

Elisabeth Hiller, ACI President 2011-2012

*Walsrode/Germany November 2011*

### To my Board

Karen: Thank you for your idea to present one of my motto bridges in each newsletter.

Veerle: Thank you for all your knowledge and support in my first “steps in front”.

Nikkie: Thank you for steady and quiet presence from the beginning.

Nicole: Thank you, “Miss Money Penny”, for your humour and financial view.

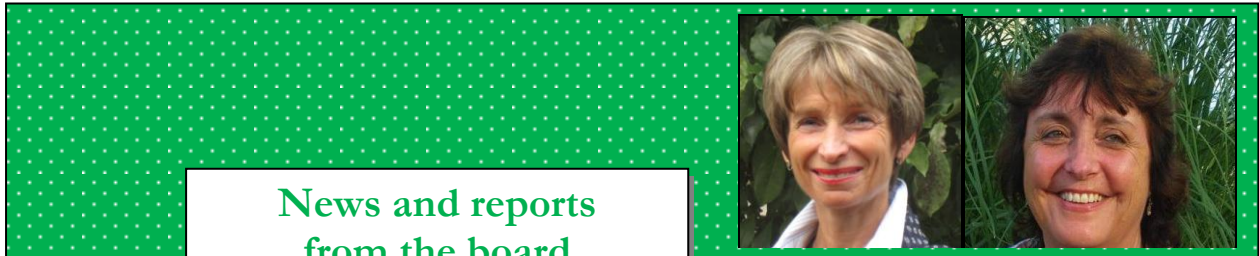
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**Important dates  
(next 3 months)**


**26-11-2011 Charter AC 1 Casablanca, Morocco**  
**03-12-2011 Charter AC 7 Modena, Italy**




**News and reports  
from the board**

*Wishing all members a wonderful*

*National Bandanna Day*



From all four of us, the President's of the National Associations  
Round Table Of Southern Africa \* AGORA Club SA \* 41ers Club SA \* Ladies Circle SA  
Johan Lindeque Pam Schoeman Bruce McKay Sonel Prinsloo



**Nikkie sends this photo about:**

**National Bandanna Day  
in South Africa**

**National Bandana day is where  
you buy a bandana in aid of  
children's cancer and wear it on  
the designated day.**

**"Go 4 clubs 1 vision"**



Nikkie's granddaughter Ryley, born in October

## ACI Conference 2011 in Cesenatico, Italy

30<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### Dear Agora Friends!

Sunshine, delicious food, fantastic wines – FRIENDSHIP, international CIRCLING and a lot of FUN - that's what we experienced this year in Italy!

Agora Club Cesena organized the ACI conference 2011, held in Grand Hotel, a magnificent building with wonderful architectural details from 1929 and situated directly to the seaside.



**THANKS to the Organizing Team!**  
Anna Teresa, Orietta, Livana

### Welcome – 30<sup>th</sup> September

We celebrated the welcome close by in a restaurant ... with never ending food and excellent wines of the region, with lively conversations and laughter.



### AGM – 1<sup>st</sup> October

We had a conference in harmony and tolerance under the guidance of ACI President 2010-2011 Nikkie Grewar from SA.

### Gala Dinner – 1<sup>st</sup> October

The new Board 2011-2012 WELCOMES YOU:

Nikkie IPP (*AC SA*), Nicole T (*AC CH*),  
Elisabeth P (*TC GER*),  
Karen S (*TC GER*), Veerle VP (*AC BE*)







**Surprise!**  
The AGORA Cake

**Tombola!**  
770 (!! ) Euros



**Let's dance!**

The Italians organized a "One Man Musician" who made fantastic PARTY music!  
Impressions see below.



*Livana*

*Danielle*

*Nikkie*

*Elisabetta*

**Résumé**

We all: be Agora + Tangent Ladies, 41ers and friends, enjoyed this terrific weekend of international circling in the spirit of 4Clubs1Vision!

BUILDING BRIDGES  
- In continued friendship

Elisabeth Hiller  
ACI President 2011-2012

Walsrode/Germany, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Photos from the conference can be seen on the following link:**

[https://picasaweb.google.com/dejonge.veerle/AGORAINTERNATIONAL\\_CONFERENCEINCESENATICOITALY?authuser=0&feat=directlin#](https://picasaweb.google.com/dejonge.veerle/AGORAINTERNATIONAL_CONFERENCEINCESENATICOITALY?authuser=0&feat=directlin#)

## HYM 41 Club International in San Vincenzo/Toscany

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011



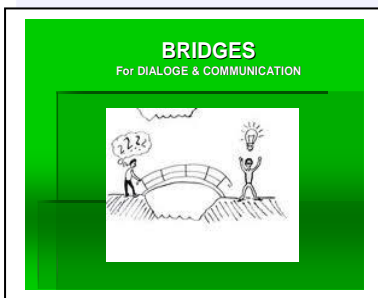
### Greetings from ACI to 41 Club International

Middle of October I attended the 41 Club International HYM and transmitted our best wishes (see photo 2) for good understanding, expenditure between both our associations and more common networking.

The 41ers have the same procedures as we do have: Welcome, Conference, Gala, Farewell Breakfast. I used the possibilities for conversations with the Board, floor members and councillors, as well as with some Tangent ladies from UK.

The Banner Exchange (see photo 3) lasted round about 1 ½ hours because 19 member countries were present.

A last “good bye” (see photo 1) to our individual member Gill Young and 41 Club International Jean-Louis (France), and we returned home from “bella Italia”.



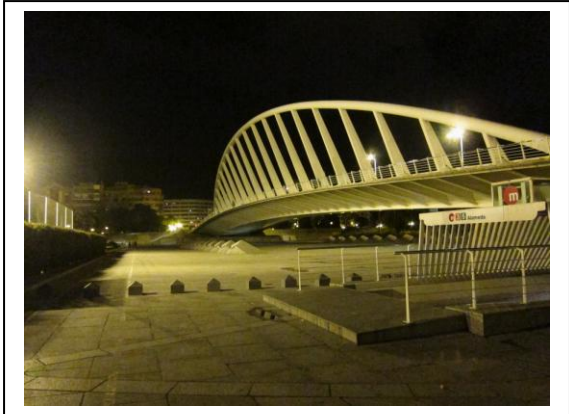
### “BUILDING BRIDGES”

Elisabeth Hiller  
ACI President 2011-2012



# Bridges

Bridges can be like this



Puente Calatrava, Valencia

or this



Hotel with bridge in Chile

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1. AC 1 Casablanca presents its website under <http://www.agoraclubcasa1.com>
2. The ladies from Southend-on-Sea have also been working hard on their website. For photos of the ACI-Conference in Cesenatico and information about the club use the link: <http://www.agoraukno1.org>







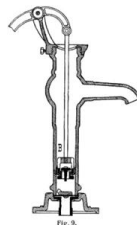
VIVA CON AGUA

## International Service Project

*In Cesenatico our delegates voted for “Viva con agua” as our International Service Project. It has been chosen at the LCI-Conference in Hamburg as the new service project of Ladies’ Circle International as well. LC Germany now is responsible for it. Here you find the text of the official flyer:*

### Why water?

-  Along with the air we breathe water is the most elemental basis to life.
-  Water is life.
-  Water means healthy living - happy
-  This fact is the fundamental action – to enable people an access



living.  
motivation making us take to clean drinking water.

### Where?

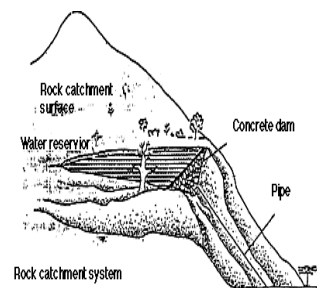
In arid areas in Ethiopia you don’t get more than 2 rainy seasons per year (April and then again only in October). The occasion to catch and save this precious water shouldn’t be wasted because there are hardly any other possibilities to get drinking water.

### How does it work now?

Water is fetched from puddles, dead waters, dirty waterholes or rivers and has to be carried over long distances at times.

### How can we help with LCI?

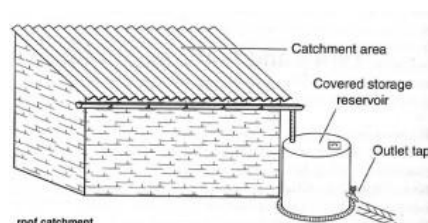
‘Viva con agua’ needs support in constructing water supplies like rock catchments, roof catchments or deep wells.



**Rock catchment** systems retain rainwater and channel it through pipelines into big solid basins. The run-off rain water will be retained and piped into water basins.

Costs for such a system will be about 80.000 Euros. This will provide about 3.000 people in this region with drinking water

**Roof catchments** can be implemented e.g. on roofs of school buildings.



Costs for such a system will be about 15.000 Euros. About 400-600 people will be provided with drinking water



## **Deep wells**

The costs for such a system amount to 7.000 Euros whereas about 600 people will be provided with drinking water

## **Is there a specific project for LCI?**

The plan is to accomplish a complete LCI project – ideally a rock catchment system - in Ethiopia.

## **Who or what is ‘Viva con agua’?**

- VcA is a charitable organisation based in Germany. It is a platform for personal initiative and commitment.
- VcA raises awareness on the issues surrounding access to clean drinking water by organising fundraising events such as concerts, parties, readings, exhibitions and fundraising walks as well as football benefit games and much more.
- The professional achievement of projects is carried out by their partner ‘Deutsche Welthungerhilfe’ - intensely assessed experts.

## **What other projects have been realised so far? Or in other words: do they have experience?**

‘Viva con agua’ initiated several projects in various countries. Apart from projects of water supply they also provided hygiene and sanitation education and the education of caretakers for pump facilities in order to guarantee long term sustainability of the wells and water systems. Projects are in progress or have been realised in following countries: Cuba, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Madagascar, Ruanda, Kenya, Benin, Ethiopia, Cambodia and Tadzikistan

## **What can you do?**

Save water and support ‘Viva con agua’ with your donations.

In case you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask me or any member of the German Board or visit the website [www.vivaconagua.de](http://www.vivaconagua.de)

## **THANK YOU!!!**

Yours in friendship

Linda Rodriguez-Sierra  
President 2011-2012, Ladies’ Circle Germany

## **This can be your contribution:**

The proceeds from the sale of Elisabeth’s presidential pin will go to the International Charity Project 2011-2013: “Viva con Agua”



Please support this project which helps so many people.  
For us clear water is natural!