

23rd AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE
MARRAKESH-MOROCCO

3-6th October 2019



BOOKLET
ACI AGM

Saturday 5th October 2019

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
at PALM PLAZA HOTEL
at 09.00 to 13.00

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Words of welcome from the ACI President: Anna Tabone
- Lighting of the candle of friendship
- Reading of the Aims and Objectives
- Words from the Vice Mayor of Marrakesh: Mrs. Awatef Berdai Cherkaoui
- Words From The National President Of AC Morocco: Dounia Taoujni
- National Anthems

2. Introduction of the ACI Board Members

3. Introduction of each country's Councillors

4. Introduction of Past ACI Officers and Guests

5. Speeches by Guests

6. Apologies, greetings and obituaries

7. Statement that the Meeting has been duly convened and that the members form a quorum (ACI rule 8.2)

8. Announcement of the two tellers of the Meeting

9. Confirmation and adoption of the ACI AGM Agenda 2018-2019

10. Confirmation and adoption of the standing orders governing the ACI AGM

11. Combined Report ACI Board

- a. Report ACI President
- b. Report ACI Vice President
- c. Report ACI Immediate Past President
- d. Report ACI Secretary
- e. Report ACI Treasurer
- f. Report ACI Weblady

12. Financial Report ACI Treasurer

- Report of the auditor
- Financials ACI year 2018-2019
- Budgets ACI year 2019-2020
- Capitation fees

13. Report on the International Service Projects

- a. Happy Hearts
- b. Together4Charity
- c. African Bug
- d. Flood Relief
- e. Knitting Project
- f. EFTW

14. Applications for Associate membership and Charter

- AC Nepal

15. Proposal for extension to the rules by the ACI Board

16. Proposal for extension to the rules by AC Countries

17. Presentation of the ACI Conference 2020 by AC The Netherlands

18. Presentations and Voting for the country hosting the ACI Conference in 2021

- AC France

19. Membership Awards

20. Presentation and election of the ACI Officers 2019-2020/21

- International Vice President Chilufya Mwanakatwe AC Zambia
- International Secretary Mihaela Cracana AC Romania

21. Application International Service Project

- Palesa Pads – AC South Africa
- Mobile School – AC Belgium

22. Any other business

23. Calendar ACI year 2019-2020

24. Result and announcement of the voting

25. Speech by Anna Tabone - outgoing President

26. Incoming President's address

27. Date and the place of the next ACI AGM

28. Closure of the Meeting



1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- WORDS OF WELCOME FROM THE ACI PRESIDENT: Anna Tabone
- LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF FRIENDSHIP
 - Dagný Leifsdóttir
 - Letizia Iulli
 - Sue Micallef
- READING OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES – Dounia Taoujni

- To link together all National associations of Agora Club International
- To promote, co-ordinate and develop the friendship which unites them around the motto “Donner et Tolérer”, which means Service and Tolerance in English
- To be non-political and non-sectarian
- To maintain good relations with the organizations in the Round Table Family

- WORDS FROM THE VICE MAYOR OF MARRAKESH: Mrs. Awatef Berdai Cherkaoui
- WORDS FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AC Morocco: Dounia Taoujni

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE ACI BOARD MEMBERS

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|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|
| - Anna Tabone | President | AC Malta |
| - Chris Helsen | Vice President | AC Belgium |
| - Isabelle Seguinot | IPP | AC France |
| - María Erla Hilmarisdóttir | Secretary | AC Iceland |
| - Vandana Deodhar | Treasurer | AC USA |
| - Tone Skretting | Weblady | AC Norway |

3. INTRODUCTION OF THE COUNCILORS OF THE MEMBERS COUNTRIES

FULL MEMBER COUNTRIES		
AC BELGIUM	Marleen Bollen Jill Brees	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC FRANCE	Christiane Fiumana Brigitte Rambeau	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
ACT GERMANY	Linda Rodriguez-Sierra Karen Von Koschitsky	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC ICELAND	Herdís Anna Friðfinnsdóttir Guðbjörg Sigríður Snorradóttir	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC ISRAEL	Ayelet Cohen Marie Jeanne Margalit	National VP 19-20 National IPP 18-19
AC ITALY	Marie Letizia Iulli Emanuela Galaschelli	National IPP 18-19 Member
AC MALTA	Maria Chetcuti Patricia Engerer	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC MOROCCO	Dounia Taoujni Narjisse Kaicer	National President 18-19 National IPP 18-19
AC ROMANIA	Gabriela Abagiu Mihaela Draghici	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC SOUTH AFRICA	Beverly Patterson	National IPP 18-19
AC THE NETHERLANDS	Els Kin-Schellekens Carmen Visser	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC UK	Sandra Smith Debbie Sayer	National President 18-19 National Treasurer 18-19
AC USA	Mirela Luchian Oksana Riska	National President 18-19 National VP 18-19
AC ZAMIA	Dottie Ntengerenji Chilufya Nsofu Mwawnakatwe	National VP 18-19 National IPP 16-17

ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES		
AC AUSTRIA	Gabi Golger-Oberwinkler Silva Fister	Club President 18-19 Club VP 18-19
AC BOTSWANA	Bilkiss Moorad Reason Nyambabi	Club President 18-19 Club VP 18-19
AC MADAGASCAR	Marianne Razafinimanana Dominique Gontare Ralitera	Club President 18-19 Club VP 18-19
AC NORWAY	Anne Brit Maeland Astrid Skilbreid	Club President 18-19 Club VP 18-19
AC SWITZERLAND	Lucienne Boujon	Club President 18-19
AC LUXEMBOURG	Christiane Schaul Maggy Hein	Club President 18-19 Club VP 18-19
AC ZIMBABWE		

Countries in Formation		
AC NEPAL	Samta Dhanawat (in abstensia)	Club President 18-19

4. INTRODUCTION OF PAST ACI OFFICERS AND GUESTS

PAST ACI OFFICERS

ACI President 1997-1998	Anne-Marie Delsaerdt	AC Belgium
ACI President 2002-2003	Corry Zimmer	AC The Netherlands
ACI Secretary 2003-2004 and ACI President 2005-2006	Agnès Veille-Finet	AC France
ACI Treasurer 2007-2008 and ACI President 2009-2010 and HONORARY MEMBER	Daniëlle Gardin	AC Belgium
ACI President 2011-2012	Elisabeth Hiller	ACT Germany
ACI Secretary 2008-2011 and ACI President 2012-2013 and ACI Weblady 2013-2018 and Convener of EFTW 2015-2019 and HONORARY MEMBER	Veerle De Jonge	AC Belgium
ACI President 2017-2018	Ursula Lejeune	ACT Germany
ACI Secretary 1999-2001	Rita Verlinden-Baeck	AC Belgium
ACI Secretary 2011-2013	Karen von Koschitzky	ACT Germany
ACI Secretary 2015-2017	Brigitte Colberg	ACT Germany
ACI Treasurer 2009-2012	Nicole Rüeger	AC Switzerland
ACI Treasurer 2014-2016	Martine Monzo	AC France
ACI Treasurer 2016-2018	Yvonne Houben	AC Belgium

GUESTS

LCI President	Alexandra Bennet	LC GB & I
LCI Imm. Past President	Kenza Sbihi	LC Morocco
TCI Imm. Past President	Paula Farnfield	TC GB & I
41 International President	Luc Trigaux	41 Club Belgium

CANDIDATES FOR THE ACI BOARD

Chilufya Nsofu Mwanakatwe	AC Zambia	Candidate for ACI Vice President
Mihaela Cracana	AC Romania	Candidate for ACI Secretary

5. SPEECHES BY GUESTS

Alexandra Bennet, International President of LCI

Luc Trigaux, International President of Club 41

Paula Farnfield, Imm. Past President of TCI

Representative of Sebastian Walter, International President of Round Table

6. APOLOGIES, GREETINGS AND OBITUARIES


7. STATEMENT THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN DULY CONVENEED AND THAT THE MEMBERS FORM A QUORUM (RULE 8.2)

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TWO TELLERS OF THE MEETING

Sandra Chetcuti from AC Malta - AC Secretary 2014-2019

Yvonne Houben from AC Belgium - ACI Treasurer 2016-2018

9. CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ACI AGM AGENDA 2018-2019

 Voting by show of hands

10. CONFIRMATION OF THE STANDING ORDERS GOVERNING THE ACI AGM



Voting by show of hands

11. COMBINED REPORT ACI BOARD



Voting by show of hands

11.a REPORT ACI PRESIDENT – ANNA TABONE

Where does one start ! It has been an amazing year for Agora International and from a personal perspective, one of the most fulfilling challenging years.

In truth when I put my name forward to be the Vice President of Agora Club International, I was not that aware of how the Int. Board functioned – I went into it blindly and naively, but I knew I will have support. The support was there and the experience precious. And before you know it, it's time to move from VP to President, and here I am writing this final report looking back at this past year !



The year starts with farewells to the old board members Yvonne and Uschi, and welcoming Chris as VP from Belgium, and Vandana as Int. Treasurer from Seattle USA. Also joining us as a supporting role on the board was Tone Skretting from Norway, as the Web Lady to join Isa, María Erla and myself.

My goals for the year was to increase our membership, charter new countries and continue to build on what others did before me, the opportunity to develop further the relationship between the 5 clubs in the Round Table family. I am very happy to say that on all accounts the objectives have been achieved.

My first official trip was shortly after our great AGM in Gent. Together with the newly elected VP Chris, we went to Marrakech to the Club 41 International and Tangent Club International Half Year Meeting (HYM). It was here that the 5 clubs in the RT family met officially and agreed to work together to build on what unites us. This meeting culminated in the 5 Clubs signing a 'Best Practices' Agreement during the LCI AGM in Rotterdam last month.

The next was our Board Meeting in Reykjavik, where we were very well looked after by the Icelandic ladies and they even managed to organize the Northern Lights for us! Now that was an experience that was mind blowing.

Then came the LCI Mid Term Meeting in Kolkata and the EFTW mission in Bangalore. This was a side by side project which was led by Veerle, Ashwini, Aarti so many more of the wonderful ladies of LC Bangalore. What a privilege it was to be part of it. We also managed to cover the costs for eye operations to be carried out on 3 children. What a fulfilling experience, truly you see where a little help makes a big difference. Never was I so proud as to be a circler and an Agora member.

Come April, we had our Board Meeting at Chris Helsen' beautiful home in Genk, Belgium, where we were very well hosted by Chris and her charming husband Martin. Together we prepared for the first ACI Forum event, which took place during the AGM of the TCI and Club 41 Int. A first experience which was very well received by our members and is the perfect opportunity for both Agora and Tangent old friends to come together in an event that is independent of each other, but has the same social programme.

On my return to Oslo our temporary home, I had a few days to pack all our stuff and put in storage, since we would be relocating to the Philippines ! This was not known when I became President of ACI but challenges can be opportunities and so here we are... Travelling to this side of the world has really given us the opportunity to live my motto on a daily basis and for this I feel blessed.

After a couple of weeks in Cebu, I had the honour to travel to Zimbabwe to charter the first club. Thanks to Chido who opened her house and heart to me and for leading a remarkable group of ladies to start an Agora Club. The charter weekend was beautifully organized and included a typical braai and a memorable charter ceremony followed by a very elegant gala dinner that was very well attended.

In the few days I was there it was so good to get to know the ladies personally - they have really warmed my heart and I know I have friends and family in Zim forever!

Back to Cebu to find a place to call home and fly out in a couple of weeks' time to charter Luxembourg. Yet another exciting trip – but on the way I detoured to Malta where I was so happy to be with our daughter in law who had this bundle of joy called Lucy. Needless to say 'grannie annie' was over the moon.

From the airport In Luxembourg, I was picked up and went straight to the welcome party..a great evening all around with the music festival throughout the city. The welcome party was in public square with lots of atmosphere and many Agora ladies from Germany, Belgium, France, Malta and of course Luxembourg. The Charter was very well organized by the President Christiane and her great team – it was a very nice ceremony and was held at the Transport Museum, and the rounded off by a very elegant gala dinner with the most beautiful location below the castle. In this trip I was around for 2 births, the birth of Lucy and the birth of Agora Luxembourg. What a treat.

And then the Lord sent me a message of forced rest.... I broke my foot which kept me out of mischief for 6 – 8 weeks... after which the next trip was the Round Table International World Meeting (RTIWM). This was a first for me to personally address RT AGM – there were over 1200 delegates in Brasov. It was a great opportunity to be with the Presidents of all the Round Table Family, Majid, Luc, Kenza, Nina and the incoming RT President Sebastian. I was very well looked after by my hosts Mihaela and Petru who I am very grateful to. They went through so much trouble and also

invited the Agora Brasov ladies to join us for Sunday lunch. Thank you also to my personal guides Gabi and Sorin for being so kind.

My last leg before our Conference weekend in Marrakech, I joined yet another 1300 ladies to celebrate the 60th anniversary of LCI – a memorable occasion to say the least. It was beautifully organized and quite emotional at times. The AGM was addressed by some remarkable women, former LCI Presidents, ladies who were ahead of their time and to who we are grateful.

It was rewarding to see that we have a future in Agora with some of the ladies that were present wanting to join us in the future, some will join Tangent too but hopefully the ACI Forum event will become a common event to both where old friends can meet again and new friendships created.

In preparing this report I had to look back with a big smile on my face – I have had wonderful experiences, I have learnt so much along the way, appreciated the different cultures and traditions, embraced diversity. I had challenges that were faced and overcome and at the end of the day I hope that I have helped a little to make a big difference to someone out there.

I now look forward to our conference weekend in Marrakech, where my year as Int. President ends. I would like to conclude my report by thanking the lovely boardies, Chris, Isa, Maria Erla, Vandana and Tone for their friendship, support and love, my Agora Malta friends who continuously support and without whom I could not had this opportunity. Finally, to Martin my husband, my dudu, without your support I could not have done this. I love you...

11.b REPORT ACI VICE-PRESIDENT – CHRIS HELSEN

Year report from Chris Helsen, Int. Vice President 2018-2019

My dearest friends,

What a year it has been. Agora all over. In my mind, at my office, my google drive, my mailbox, my house.....

OMG, and this year I was only the vice president. I only start realizing now what is coming on my path.

As I told you last year in Belgium, I jumped in this International Agora life with an open mind and with a lot of enthusiasm. Some of you who were present at the AGM in Belgium, will maybe remember I learned you the flemish word of enthusiasm and eagerness: Goesting

And one year later I still have 'Goesting' to go for it.

There are no textbooks available for this job so I learned a lot by doing.

It was a constant process of thinking creatively, reflecting, doing and evaluating that made this year a learnful experience.

And of course in Agora world and certainly in the board you never walk alone. You are always surrounded by other enthusiastic and experienced members.

And as often it is a process of trial and error.

It was often finding the right balance between creative thinking and traditions, being innovative within the rules but always with one clear goal: donner et tolérer which means service and tolerance,

In the board of Agora International, International means International.



Board Meetings were hosted in Iceland under the Northern Light and in Belgium. We worked a lot but also had a lot of fun.

Imagine our skype meetings:

Anna in the Philippines drinking her wine, Vandana in Seattle having her breakfast and Isabelle, Maria Erla and myself are somewhere in between. But although we were thousand of miles apart we managed to work as a team.



During my travels I got acquainted with a big family. I attended two Mid Term Meetings of Ladies Circle and tried to convince them that after ladies circle they still can continue 'circling'. In Romania our last Eyes For The World, special edition, was a heartwarming experience. Our first forum in Brussel together with the AGM of 41 Int and TCI was a success. Forum 2 is in preparation in Verona in June. I had the opportunity to be in Luxembourg to witness the charter of the first club of the country. And in Norway to witness the charter of the third club. In Rotterdam I was happy to join Ladies Circle 60th anniversary. What a beautiful event.

Wherever I went, I felt the warmth of the clubs and met passionate ladies.

At every meeting I heard the same question: Are you ready for this, are you ready for next year?

And now after a year of growing and getting experience of this amazing board, I can say yes!

I am ready to climb the top!!



Thank you ladies: Anna, Isa, Vandana, Maria Erla and Tone to work with me during this year.

11.c REPORT ACI IMMEDIAT PAST PRESIDENT – ISABELLE SEGUINOT



My dear Agora Friends,

Time is flying so fast... Already 3 years passed since I was elected as the VP during the ACI AGM in Milan and my involvement in the ACI Board finally is arriving to its end... What a great and fabulous experience I will never regret it!

How many countries visited, how many people helped during the EFTW missions I attended, how many smiles and gratitude seen on their faces, how many friends met, how many memories of every moments, laughters and fun shared with you all...

This year, as the ACI IPP, was not the more relaxed year, it was just a different one... A year to learn as a VP, one year to act as a President and one year to help as an IPP.

It began just after our wonderful ACI Conference in Gent, Belgium. Thank you again dearest Veerle De Jonge and all your Conference Committee for having marvellously organised this unforgettable event... What can I say, even that it was a perfect weekend! I will never forget the beautiful colorful Parade, the amazing Welcome Party, the great Aula where the AGM was and your presence to all of you.

During this new year, I went on intending several events in different countries and always took these opportunities to meet Agora friends old and new:

- the BM1 in Reykjavik, Iceland
- the HYM of AC France in Thouars
- the RT France HYM in Avignon
- the LCI MTM South of Europe in Pornichet, France
- the EFTW Mission in Bangalore, India
- the area's meeting of area 4 of AC France in Sète
- the 15th anniversary of LC Morocco and the Solidarity Couscous event of AC Morocco in Marrakech

- the Charter of RT220 Saint Raphael-Frejus, France
- the BM2/3 in Genk, Belgium
- the first ACI Forum in Brussels during the AGM of the 41Club International and TCI AGM
- the Charter of AC3 UK in Southern on Sea
- the Charter of AC1 Luxembourg
- the LCI 60th Conference in Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- the BM4 and the 23rd ACI Conference in Marrakech, Morocco

It was great to work this year with Anna our lovely President, Chris, Vandana and María Erla.

I can only recommend you, if you love Agora, to get involved in the ACI Board. Don't hesitate, do it! You will never regret it!

Lots of Love

Isabelle
ACI IPP 2018-19

11.d REPORT ACI SECRETARY – MARÍA ERLA HILMARSÐÓTTIR

Dear friends,

I was so fortunate to welcome the board to Iceland for the first board meeting after the Annual General meeting in Gent, Belgium. I was very excited to show them our beautiful country. I especially want to thank the Icelandic Agora women for all for their input in making the visit of the ACI board to Iceland so special and memorable.



The board accomplished a lot of work throughout the next year via Skype meetings.

The first Agora Forum took place in Belgium and I got the opportunity to take part in that. During the brainstorming on the event many great ideas emerged, that will only strengthen us and support further growth of the Agora Club worldwide. I encourage you to attend the Agora Forum next year and by that make difference for the Agora future.

I hope that you all enjoyed the newsletters that contained such interesting and lovely articles. The newsletter is such a great way to follow up and be a part of Agora clubs all over. I want to thank you all for sharing your great work.

Anna, Chris, Isabelle, Vandana and Tone thank you all for the support, friendship and for being so great and inspiring.

I'm very thankful for the experience last two years as an ACI Secretary.

Lot of precious memories and friendship made along with experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life !

I am looking forward to meet as most of you in Marrakesh on the 23th Agora Annual General Meeting.

With friendship and love,

María Erla Hilmarsson

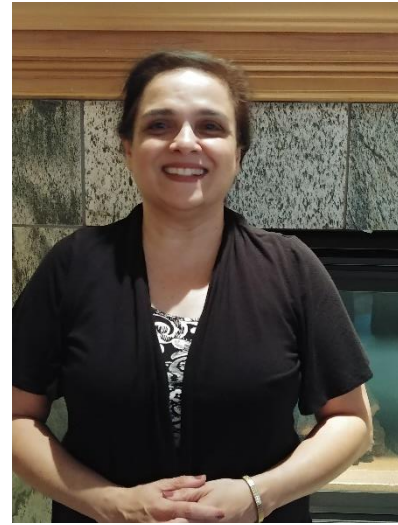
ACI Secretary 2017-2019

11.e REPORT ACI TREASURER – VANDANA DEODHAR

Dear Friends,

I have been the ACI treasurer for one year now! I cannot believe how quickly this time has passed. It has been a very interesting year with my first ACI board meeting in Iceland! What an adventure that was being in such a beautiful diverse country! And best of all we all saw the Northern Lights together!

Of course meeting all of the ladies I would be working with over the next year was the highlight of this trip, and not knowing at that time that it would be my only meeting with them face to face makes my first board meeting in Iceland all the more special and meaningful!



Something we have tried this year that has worked quite well is meeting via Skype. In fact all of the board meetings since Iceland I have attended via Skype from my home in Seattle! It is amazing what we can accomplish this way and allows other board members within Europe to travel to other new countries and events throughout the RoundTable family representing ACI! Even though I attended meetings via Skype I can truly say that with each conference call my connection to the Board has grown and we have gotten to know each other better.

So here I am for the final meeting of the year in Marrakesh! This is also going to be a fantastic adventure with all of you! Although the start of my year on the ACI board was challenging in some ways with the help of all of my Agora friends we made it work! So now I look forward to all we will share together during this ACI AGM in Marrakesh and look forward to another year serving you on the ACI Board.

I hope to see all of you again soon!

Lots of Love

Vandana Deodhar – ACI Treasurer

11.f REPORT ACI WEBLADY – TONE SKRETTING

What a year, so full of new friendship and lovely memories. I was so honored when I was asked to take over the responsibility for the Agora webpage. After the wonderful job both Veerle and Dirk has done over many years, taken care of our precious history, making our webpage an important platform for Agora. And for all to see what a wonderful organization we are.

It is very important for Agora to have a good and updated webpage at all times. And it is an important job to do. And to be honest I did not really know quite what I have said yes to. But I was determined to do a good job. Therefor I started in October to build a whole new webpage, a webpage that is easy to update however computer skills you have.

I am a graphic designer and have my own advertising agency in Norway. I am working on my own, having very busy days. Now the webpage is out and I can easy update it when the board have information and you all lovely members and clubs have an announcement to make. I try my best for distribute that information through our website and also our facebook page. New social platforms are coming all the time and we have to be there.

I have had very good contact with the board and was really looking forward to see them all again here in Marrakech. FRIENDS FOREVER. I have attended some skypemeeting with the rest of the board, and of course we had close contact all this year.

I have not been travelling this year but 3 weeks ago Norway was chartering their 3rd Agora Club and we had a lovely weekend with a visit from our Vice President Chris.

This is my second time in Marrakech, went to the chartering og Agora Club Marrakech and had a lovely time, so I was looking forward to come back.

Looking forward to another year as a weblady, hope I can still do a good job. But it is important that we all contribute to our social platform, so that Agora can continue its good work and increase their membership all over the world.

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12. FINANCIAL REPORT ACI TREASURER VANDANA DEODHAR

Review Report on single profit & loss account and statement of Financial Position

To Agora Club International

I have reviewed the accompanying single profit and loss statement for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 and the statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2019.

The Agora Board Responsibility for the above mention Statements

The Agora board are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these accompanying single profit and loss statement for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 and the statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2019 in accordance with Agora Club International requirements and generally accepted accounting policy and for such internal control the board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of such statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying single profit and loss statement for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 and the statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2019. I conducted my review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400. ISRE 2400 requires me to conclude whether anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with Agora Club International requirements. This Standard also requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of single profit and loss statement and statement of financial position in accordance with ISRE 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these single profit and loss statement and statement of financial position.

Conclusion

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying single profit and loss statement for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 and the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2019 do not give a true and fair view in accordance with Agora Club International requirements and generally accepted accounting policy.

Kópavogur, September 26, 2019.



Palina Arnadottir
State Authorized Public Accountant
Iceland EE-2004-003

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL			
Statement of Financial Position as at 31 August 2019			
<i>(figures in Euros)</i>	2019		2018
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Accounts Receivable	-		-
Petty Cash	14		155
BNP Bank Account	5.034		1.577
BNP Saving Account	36.962		36.926
	42.010		38.658
Receivables	50		0
Current receivables			
Loan to ACI Committee 2018/2019	5.028		5.000
	5.028		5.000
Total assets and receivables	47.087		43.658
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Owners' funds and reserves			
Accumulated surplus	13.916		12.030
Project fund	24.227		25.017
Extension fund	5.807		4.416
Emergency fund	2.636		2.164
	46.587		43.627
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Adv affiliation fee for 19-20	25		
Cap fees for 19-20 pd in advanc	476		32
	501		32
Total Equity, receivables and liabilities	47.087		43.659

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL		
For the period 1 Sept '18 to 31 Aug '19 Statement of Comprehensive Income		
(figures in Euros)	2019	2018
INCOME		
Program income	25665	23256,23
Tombola	2431,1	1720
Lottery income allocated to Emergency fund	-2431	-1720
Pins	1640	1623,44
Shop Income allocated to Emergency fund	-930	-1511
Interest Income	36,26	35,98
	26411,36	23404,65
EXPENSES		
Cost of goods sold	534,07	
AGM expenses		1495,41
Administration expenses	1661,44	1325
Executive Officers' expenses ACI Board	16659,57	8506
Travel and meetings	5670,23	
Representation expenses		11190
Various other expenses		370
	24525,31	22886,41
Operating surplus	1886,05	518,24
Project fund Income statement for period 1 Sept '18 to 31 Aug '19		
(figures in Euros)	2019	2018
Paid in		
EFTW donation	12385,02	13019,3
Paid out		
EFTW Donation paid out	12284,12	21475,06
EFTW related expenses	890,56	0
	13174,68	21475,06
Surplus/(realise)	-789,66	-8455,76

Extension fund Income statement for period 1 Sept '18 to 31 Aug '19		
(figures in Euros)	2019	2018
Paid in		
Benefit ACI Gent/ Malta	1391	2312
Paid out		
Travel Fund 2017-2018		950
Surplus/(realise)	1391	1362
Emergency fund Income statement for period 1 Sept '18 to 31 Aug '19		
(figures in Euros)	2019	2018
Paid in		
Shop	930	1511
Tombola	2431	1720
Other	200	0
	3561	3231
Paid out		
Payments of Travel fund 2017-2018	0	1360
Flood Releif	1829	
Happy hearts home	1260	
Other		0
	3089	1360
Surplus/(realise)	472	1871

Notes to Financial Statements

Total donations of 12385.02 are collected in the current year for the ISP. Total donations paid out were 13174

The amount of 1591.14 includes 695.57 allocated from the Gent conference towards the travel fund. Another 695.57 towards extension support fund. Both amounts are booked in the travel fund

Out of the sale of Presidential pins 1640 an amount of 930 is allocated to the emergency fund

The amount of 2431 from the Tombola profit is allocated towards Emergency Fund

Travel fund is not yet distributed but will be distributed after the AGM.

The net fund surplus is 1073 added to the operating surplus of 1886 brings us to total surplus profit figure of 2960

The amount of 22330 (16660 plus and 5670 includes all the board travel expenses for representation as well as meeting, convention and registration expenses and ISP Convenors travel cost)

The assets mainly consist of the Current and Savings account balances as well as a receivable amount of Loan extended to ACI committee

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL		
Actual 2018-2019 budget 2019-2020		
(figures in Euros)	Budget 2019-2020	Actual 2018-2019
INCOME		
Program income	27432	25665
Tombola		2431,1
Lottery income allocated to Emergency fund		-2431
Pins		1640
Shop Income allocated to Emergency fund		-930
Interest Income		36,26
	27432	26411,36
EXPENSES		
Cost of goods sold (Shop expense)	680	534,07
Administration expenses (includes Name Bars and Banners)	4500	1661,44
Executive Officers' expenses ACI Board and travel, Registration and Representation Expenses	25499	22329
Various other expenses	200	
	30879	24525,31
Operating surplus/Deficit	-3447	1.886
The surplus is unrealistic because some expenses are not included		

13. REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Emergent Needs Fund (Charity Fund)

a. *LCI-ISP 2017-19 HAPPY HEARTS*



Happy Hearts project was coming to an end after 23 months since the project was voted as the Ladies Circle International Project 2017-2019.

Agora Club International had also voted to offer support to this project.

Happy Hearts Project is to build an Interim home for childhood cancer patients and their families during their time in hospital for treatment.

The total amount of funds raised for this project is as follows:-

	€
Ladies Circle International	93,682.84
Ladies Circle Botswana	91,166.90
Total raised as at 30 June 2019	184,849.74

The funds given by Agora Club International were given to LCI during the AGM's of 2018 and 2019.

The groundbreaking was done and the amount raised should cover the costs of the 2 of the 3 buildings originally planned.

b. Together4Charity



EARTHQUAKE 'S REPORT



The Multi functional structure in Arquata was inaugurated in April 2019 in the presence of all the 4 clubs in the Round Table family that contributed to its completion together with the Alpine Corps. Of Italy who worked very hard to complete this building.



c. *The South African Bug – Round Table from South Africa to Romania*

Two Round Table gentlemen from South Africa challenged the difficulties, distances and fatigue to collect funds in aid of the The Boikanyo Foundation Childrens Cancer Charity. They drove their WW Beetle through Africa to reach Romania in time for the RTIWM in August 2019. We thought it was a good cause to sponsor 3 rondels stickers placed on the car on behalf of ACI, symbolising the 3 Agora countries they visited along the route, South Africa, Zambia and Botswana. They were well greeted in Romania during the Round Table World Int. meeting and the funds collected covered operations for 68 children. Well done boys!

The Boikanyo Foundation
In Aid of Paediatric Heart Surgery

The Boikanyo Foundation was initiated by a handful of medical specialists, paediatric cardiothoracic surgeons, businessmen and volunteers from the Round Table. Their main aim was to raise funds in order to perform lifesaving heart surgery on children in the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital.

Due to a lack of adequate facilities and particularly a shortage of intensive care unit nursing sisters who care post-operatively for these small patients, a backlogged waiting list of 300 children had built-up over the previous 12 months. These children all desperately require heart surgery, ranging from relatively simple to more complicated procedures.

In order to address the situation, the surgeons volunteer their theatre services at no charge. However, the consumables used in theatre and the services of intensive care nursing staff who care for the small patients after surgery, still need to be paid for.

Join this epic campaign today!

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Benefitting Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital
A family dedicated to care

d. Sonja Trogir - Flood Relief

When we heard about one of our members in Austria having lost everything when a dam burst, we started an appeal – thank you for your generosity.

e. The knitting Project

Our very generous and kind ladies from Iceland, The Netherlands and Norway, known as the Agora Knitters, continue knitting baby clothing to be distributed in South Africa, Botswana and Romania for premature babies. Thank you, Iceland, Norway, and The Netherlands. We are proud of you! These are very much needed and appreciated.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT EYES FOR THE WORLD



CLOSURE REPORT AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT 2015-2019

Dear President Anna and ACI Boardmembers,

Dear Agora members worldwide,

Dear friends,

This Agora Club International Service Project started with a dream.

A dream of Sandy and myself to bring awareness to the much under-estimated problem of poor eyesight, and how it cripples the future of so many children and young adults, and the day-to-day life of adults and elderly worldwide.

In 2014, our two clubs worked together with “Eyes For The World” (EFTW), an association which developed self-adjustable spectacles.

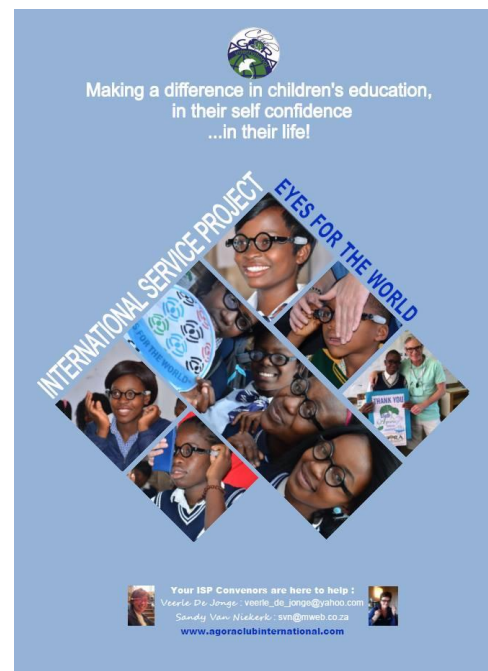
Sandy and I set up a transcontinental project, to which Veerle's Club AC 7 Lokeren in Belgium provided the funding for an EFTW project in Limpopo-South Africa.

Sandy's Club AC1 Amarula and AC Kopano organised eyescreenings in the rural areas around Louis Trichart and Soweto, and handed out the by now well known self adjustable spectacles to hundreds of schoolchildren.

That was the start. And it proved to be such a success, that during the ACI Conference in Brasov in 2015, “Eyes For The World” was voted in as the very first Agora Club International Service Project 2015-2017, which was then extended for another 2 years during the ACI Conference in 2017 in Malta, as the ACI ISP 2017-2019.

Dear friends, today the Agora Club International Service Project “Eyes For the World” has come to an end.

I am sorry not to have my co-convener and dear friend Sandy Van Niekerk here, standing next to me, to tell you how privileged we both have felt to have been able to lead this project for you.



These past 5 years have marked our lives in more than one way.

We were touched by your compassion, by your continued belief in this project, by your commitment to raise the money needed.

During the past 5 years, we have worked with the poorest of the poor, in rural areas, orphanages, with the gypsy communities, in mountain villages and slums, in small field schools and crowded elderly homes, in churches and community centres, even in open fields.

It was not always easy :

- We had to accept the fact that we had no influence over what happened to the glasses after we left. Glasses got lost, were broken, not worn, even sold. Even so, we realised that these glasses were always given UNCONDITIONALLY... *To give without conditions is the true meaning of a gift!*
- It was also painful when we detected children and adults with severe eye problems who could not be helped with our glasses.

But, luckily, since this Agora year 2018-2019 we could use money from the ISP to help with specialised eyecare. Several children and adults had eye operations thanks to this decision. Thanks to the fact we always worked in close collaboration with local ophthalmologists, eye specialists and eye institutes we ensured a good follow-up of both glasses and further specialised eyecare.

During these past 5 years, Sandy and I were

- **inspired** by the dreams and aspirations of the youth
- **humbled** by the gratitude, hope and happiness of the young and old alike
- **in awe** of the selfless dedication of the social workers and Agora members
- **super impressed** by the organisational skills and networking abilities of our Agora ladies

Indeed, the strength of this project was our Agora members' co-operation.

Many of you were actively involved during the projects when you hosted EFTW in your country. Your commitment, your perseverance and hard work in hosting the projects has ensured the success of EFTW in your countries :

That is why I would like the representatives of the following countries, and the local members who were involved in the projects, to stand up and be recognised.

- Project 2014-2015 : Pilot project AC South Africa
- Projects 2015-2016 : AC Morocco
AC Botswana
- Projects 2016-2017 : AC Zambia
AC Madagascar
- Projects 2017-2018 : AC Romania
AC Madagascar
AC Zimbabwe
AC Zambia
- Projects 2018-2019 : LC India (Side by Side project)
AC Romania

Dear friends, this project has made such an immense difference :

- It has given hope where none was available
- It has been a stepping stone to create awareness of a huge problem in eyesight, and the fact that very little is being done about it
- It has given ACI a platform in the public eye
- It was on local and national TV and newspapers
- It has given ACI credibility as a service organisation : we gained respect from our communities and our fellow service organisations
- It has bonded our members across all Agora countries and clubs

Thank you to the past and present ACI Boards for believing in this beautiful service project.

Thank you to the volunteers and observers who joined us in our Missions.

And most of all : **THANK YOU dear Agora members worldwide : YOU have raised 77 877 € for EFTW!**

With this fantastic amount, we have screened over 14 000 people, have given out 2 500 spectacles and this year 2019 sponsored 5 eye-operations.

So many lives have changed.

So many elderly can move around safer in their day-to-day life.

So many children have been given the gift of eyesight and the hope to a better education and a better future!

Sandy and I are very proud of what has been achieved, and we are humbled to have been an instrument in making a difference.

Sandy Van Nickerk

Veerle De Jonge

Conveners ACI ISP 2015-2019



14. APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AND CHARTER

A. AC NEPAL



Motto – ‘*Friendship is strength*’

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To develop spirit of solidarity and friendship.
2. To promote betterment of the community with service and tolerance.
3. To strive for self-development.
4. To be non-political and non-sectarian.
5. To have good relations with Ladies Circle family and Round Table.



Voting by show of hands

The Charter date of AC NEPAL 4th of March 2020.

15. AMENDMENTS PROPOSAL BY THE ACI BOARD 2018-2019

To Introduce:

1.6a Extraordinary General Meeting:

An EGM can be organised either via electronically or similar system where voting can take place virtually or via email where the questions are put to the councillors for their vote.

Explanation: in some cases at the CM/AGM it is not possible to take a vote due to further discussions needed with the National Boards. It is also possible that during the course of the year there are some urgent decisions to be taken which cannot wait till the next AGM.



Voting by show of hands

Rule 1.9

Reads:

The Association is open to women as from the age of 42. Nevertheless, for Past Circlers ACI is open as from the age of 45, this to be in accordance with Ladies' Circle International ('LCI')

Proposed amendment:

The Association is open to women as from the age of 42. Nevertheless, for the Past Circlers, ACI is open as from the age of 45, or any age limit as set by a Ladies Circle country.

Explanation: in some LC countries the age limit is 40



Voting by show of hands

Capitation Fees

7.10 The capitation fee is 12 euro per member per year.

Proposal to replace 12 euro to 15 euro.

Explanation: It is being felt all the more that the members of the board are using their own budget to ensure that Agora is well represented internationally. Flight costs are becoming very much more than in the last years and we are expanding more. We have invested in this but for the future the board members must not feel they can afford to be on the board but do this as a service without financial burden.

We must also consider having the weblady as a member of the board.



Voting by show of hands

16. PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION TO THE RULES BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF AGORA CLUB THE NETHERLANDS

1. The Netherlands

To modify Rule 7.18 of the ACI Rules:

As is today:

7.18 A surplus resulting from an ACI AGM shall be apportioned as follows:
60% to be decided jointly by the National Board of the host country and the host club 20% to the travel fund. Members from Agora Club Member Countries can apply for this travel fund with the travel fund form 20% to the extension support fund to be used by the ACI board to visit new or potential countries

To be modified to:

A surplus resulting from an ACI AGM shall be apportioned as follows:
60% to be decided jointly by the National Board of the host country and the host club. To save the 40% of the profit you ask back from the countries in a special account of ACI and help a country in case of a financial deficit.



Voting by show of hands

To increase the capitation fee with 3 euro and create a special budget for the organisation of the ACI Conference.



Voting by show of hands

17. PRESENTATION OF THE ACI CONFERENCE 2020
BY AC THE NETHERLANDS



18. PRESENTATIONS AND VOTING FOR THE COUNTRY HOSTING THE ACI CONFERENCE IN 2021

A. AC FRANCE



VOTING FOR HOSTING THE AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

YES

NO



Voting by secret ballot

AC FRANCE.....

19. MEMBERSHIP AWARD

FULL MEMBERS COUNTRY	MEMBERS		
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
BELGIUM	417	428	436
FRANCE	497	603	624
GERMANY	410	438	489
ICELAND	90	95	125
ISRAEL	33	35	19
ITALY	89	105	99
MALTA	32	30	36
MOROCCO	36	47	47
ROMANIA AC Brasov 2 16 AC3 8 and	43	44	32
SOUTH AFRICA	19	19	21
ZAMBIA			21
THE NETHERLANDS	84	110	121
USA	23	23	28
UK	25	13	38
Sub-total	1798	1990	2136
ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES	MEMBERS		
AUSTRIA	17	17	17
SWITZERLAND LEMAN	12	12	13
SWITZERLAND LAUSANNE	21	21	24
ZAMBIA	27	24	
NORWAY SANDNES 33/Egesund 13	30	33	46
MADAGASCAR	13	13	14
BOTSWANA	9	8	19
LUXEMBOURG	N/A	N/A	10
ZIMBABWE	N/A	N/A	7
Sub-total	129	128	150
MEMBERS Sub total	1927	2118	2286

To stimulate our countries to develop and grow as an association, a Membership Trophy is awarded to the Full Member Country with the **highest growth of members in percentage**. It is called the “**Danielle Gardin Membership Trophy**”.

The next prize is the **Golden Ginkgo Award** which is attributed to the country with the **highest growth in members**.

To motivate our Associate Member Countries as well, a special award is given to the **Associate Member** country which has shown the highest growth in percentage of members: “**Stronger Through Diversity Membership Trophy**”.

20. PRESENTATION AND ELECTION OF THE ACI OFFICERS 2019-20/21

A. NOMINEE FOR ACI VICE PRESIDENT 2019-2020
AGORA CLUB ZAMBIA NOMINATES
Chilufya Nsofu Mwanakatwe

My name is Chilufya Nsofu Mwanakatwe. My friends call me, Chilu.

I am 55 years old, my birthday is on the 25th, of April, 1964

I have been married to Chisha for 31years and we have three children together. Chisha, is a Past President of 41er Club Zambia.

I am a "retired" Banker, who turned a baking hobby into a small cake business. I also help run our family business.



My love for community service, started with Ladies Circle Zambia, where I was a member from 1991 to 2009 when I was wheeled out. I served as LCZ President in 2005/6

I joined Agora Club Zambia at its inception in 2009.

I served as Association Vice President for 2 years and served as National President in 2015/16 and went on to serve as IPP the following year.

In my year as President, we adopted the ACI - ISP as our National Project and spearheaded the first visit of the EFTW team to Zambia.

I am now ready to offer my services to ACI as Vice President. I hope to help increase Membership and participation in ACI especially from the African countries.

B. NOMINEE FOR ACI SECRETARY 2019-2021
AGORA CLUB ROMANIA NOMINATES MIHAELA CRACANA

Dear agorable ladies,

I am Romanian citizen, 51years old, I am married with my first husband Petru since 28 years, I am a mother of 3 children (adults now) and I live in Sacele, near Brasov (some of you remember the area). I graduated Cibernetics in Bucuresti and I worked in our small company that produces software for management and accounting since forever as manager, but now I have my personal fashion design and tailoring workshop. Also restore antique textiles.



Like 80% of population I am dancing, singing, ice-skating, swimming, skiing and wear high heels, dresses, long hair, I like green colour, and I have a cat and 2 dogs.

After I finished to build our house, I finished my career as baby-sitting, mother-care, driver for school transportation, personal nurse-ing and representative at meetings with parents. I found out that our kids do not need my services any more, and moved from home, the company employees can solve the problems without me as well, my parents can manage themselves their lives and deaths, and my husband keeps diet, I don't have to cook as before. I enrolled to study the School of Arts as fashion designer and next year also folk dance but I graduate those too; now I study iconography on glass. I still remain time for myself. Since I remember I was involved in resolving problems for the others, it is my nature. If there are not I am very creative. When my kids were in school always I was in the committee of parents (on their despair, they asked me why I can't be quiet invisible like other parents). Fortunately I met Agora, it was on 1 March 2014, just before Romania became a full member country.

Since then I participated and I got involved in all kinds of club actions by organising, hosting, home-hosting, sponsorship, attracting sponsors, personal participation and ideas, in contact with all our friends organisations as Ladies Circle, Tangent-Agora, Round Table and Club 41, at

local level, national and international. I practiced intensely all the time the motto donner et tollerer in all it's meanings.

I read all Agora newsletters and also I wrote some.

I am very interested in Agora Club activity and I am happy when something is happening, happier when I can participate, and the happiest if I can get involve.

I love to be in touch with people, to know their actions, to share their experience to the others. I keep always ladies updated with informations about facts and actions that are happening in all the 5 clubs with same vision as national secretary, vice-president than president of my Agora club.

I participated to international Agora club charters (Austria, Israel, Marocco, United Kingdom, Luxembourg), all Agora International Conference (Brasov, Milano, Malta, Gent) all the Romanian AGM-s and I am godmother-ing another Agora club in Romania and one in UK. I participated also to LC actions in my home-town and to the LC MTM in Bucuresti in springtime. I was convenor two times for the ISP Eyes For The World and I get involved in Christmas Parcel Convoi mission in Romania, side by side with RT Romania and Germany and C41 Romania and Old Tablers Germany, and , of course iron-ladies from Agora-Tangent Germany. I personally met people from the big Agora family and I am very pleased of this. Some of them remained friends for lifetime.

I mention also that I can easily use hardware and software of all kind and I have in my house all infrastructure.

I am not a native English speaker but I have studied English in school 11 years and in the university 4 years. I also studied et je parle francais tres bien und Sprechen auch Deutsch, aber nur ein bißchen. Also, I have to confess, I have a very good friend named Google translate who help me if I have vocabulary problems.

If Agora Club International need a secretary like me I'll be very glad to join the ACI border for next 2 years.

Mihaela Cracana

your romanian friend




Voting by secret ballot

ACI BOARD 2019-2020 (2021)			YES	NO
INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT	Chilufya Nsofu Mwanakatwe	AC ZAMBIA		
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY	Mihaela Cracana	AC ROMANIA		

21. APPLICATION INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT – SOUTH AFRICA AND BELGIUM

a. Palesa Pads – Reusable sanitary towels


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Reusable sanitary towels


#KeepAGirlChildInSchool with Palesa Pads

DID YOU KNOW?

Many girls in Africa miss 3-5 days of school each month because they cannot afford sanitary pads.

Palesa Reusable Pads can be used for up to 5 years
- the length of a girl's high school career
- for less than 20% of the cost of disposable pads

We have various kits available, for distribution in less fortunate communities.



While disposable sanitary pads do provide adequate protection the disadvantages far out way this feature.

- ★ Disposable pads take around 500 years to decompose so they are harmful to the environment and contribute to landfill.
- ★ Pads are often flushed down the toilet by girls when no dustbins are available and these clog drains which are costly to repair
- ★ The harmful chemicals in these pads can cause irritation, infections and rashes
- ★ They are also costly, an average of R 2,400 per girl over 5 years
- ★ The ongoing purchase required for disposable pads makes them inaccessible to girls in rural areas who cannot afford these and are often an hour's walk away from a large town where disposable pads would be sold.
- ★ In rural areas where there is no municipal refuse collection services, the pads often end up in communal dumps to hidden away under trees where goats and other animals eat them causing further health complications in the community.

BENEFITS OF USING CLOTH PADS

- ★ Fewer menstrual cramps, infections and skin rashes as cloth pads do not contain chemicals like disposable pads do.
- ★ There are no chemicals to react with the blood so there is no smell of menstruation even when folded up in your bag.
- ★ If cared for correctly, cloth pads may be used for many years saving you so much money.
- ★ They are also environmentally friendly and do not contribute to landfill as with disposable pads. Cloth pads are washed and used again the following month.

100%
ecc
friendly

DID YOU KNOW?

A woman will use around 700 pads every 5 years, all ending up in drains and dustbins which pollutes the environment.

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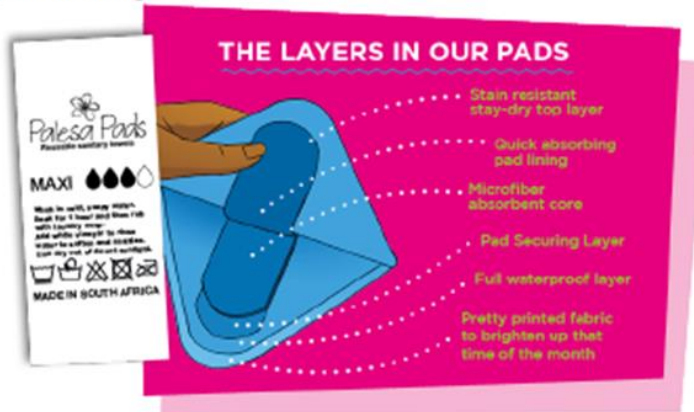
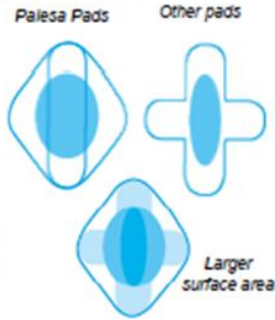


WHY PALESA PADS

The design of Palesa Reusable Sanitary Pads provides maximum protection against leakage.

The shape provides a much larger surface area to absorb blood and protect a girl from having an embarrassing accident.

One pad can be worn for up to 8 hours depending on flow. The pad can be folded neatly and discreetly and taken home to wash with no smell in a girl's school bag.



Each pad also has a satin care label with washing and drying instructions.

Packaging includes detailed graphical and written care instructions as well.

Here are some of the testimonials we have received from our customers and donation recipients.





PADS FOR EVERY GIRL

We have four sizes available to suit each girl's individual flow and time of the month. The pads have a full absorbent and waterproof layer. All that differs is the length and the thickness of the core material.



We also sell Flo Kits which contain everything a girl needs to start her journey through menstruation.

The kit contains 4, 6, 9 or 12 pads plus a bucket and cleaning materials to wash the pads. In our experience of rural African life there is usually not a spare "anything" available, much less a bucket, which is a valuable item in communities where girls are required to fetch water for the household from a communal tap.



A dedicated bucket would be the ideal solution to keeping pads clean and hygienic.

Each pack of pads contains instructions on how to wear the pads and how to wash them.

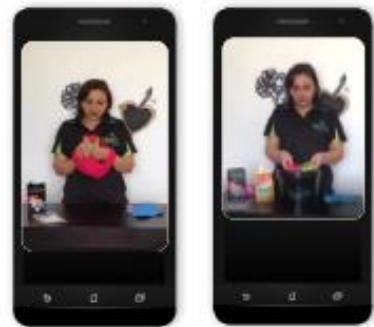
The pad is completely waterproof and folds into its own bag so there is no need for extra wet bags or plastic packets which pollute the environment.

Instructional videos are also available and the files are small enough to send over WhatsApp and upload onto a website or social media platform.

All educational material is currently in English but can be translated into a language of your choice for a minimum order of 5,000 packs.

To wash her pads using the Palesa Pads Flo Kit, a girl will only use between 15 and 20 litres of water per month.

This is only a fraction of water used to wash clothing, so it won't add too much to the burden of fetching water in rural communities. It is really manageable, even for a young girl.





RECOMMENDATION FOR DONATIONS

It is reasonable to expect that a girl would wear one pad for 8 hours meaning that she would need 3 pads per day. We recommend a donation of 6 pads so that a girl has pads to wear while she washes and dries the others. However, a few pads are better than no pads so we do have smaller packs available.

We propose the following packs as options for school girls' donations, particularly in rural areas

3 pads	4 pads	6 pads	6 pads with bucket & cleaning kit
★☆☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★

Many girls do not have decent panties, they are wearing second-hand panties inherited from an older sister or none at all. Loose panties will cause the pad to slip around. Good quality cotton panties are essential for good personal hygiene, so it would be great to include them in any menstrual kit that is provided. We supply panties as well, according to sizing guide.

The fewer pads a girl has the more often she will wash them in a month, this means that they will not last for as many years. This should be considered when deciding on the number of pads to donate.

We also include your branding on the kits at no extra cost where your company's logo may be included to increase awareness of your organisation's participation in the #KeepAGirlChildInSchool program.

FREE COMPANY LOGO FOR 100 KITS OR MORE





HANDOVER AND TRAINING

An added service, we deliver and distribute the pads to the nominated school.

We believe in celebrating womanhood and showing the girls that having their period is nothing to be ashamed of, that's it's a completely natural part of being a woman.

We teach the girls about menstruation and answer any questions they may have.

We also take time to teach the girls how to use the pads and also the importance of washing them correctly.



Our Palesa Pads Handover Parties are not only educational but also fun, we sing and dance and share period stories.

Where possible we include a motivational talk from an inspiring woman, usually a representative of the sponsor.



We also invite the media to record the event and help create awareness for the Initiative and your organisation's involvement and support in getting girls back to school so that they can finish their education and break the cycle of poverty.

We will take photos, video and send these to you as well as posting them on our social media sites to acknowledge your contribution to this amazing cause.





LOCALLY MANUFACTURED

Our factory is based in Germiston, Gauteng, South Africa but we are available to deliver pads throughout Africa. We are committed to bringing you the best quality cloth pads because we believe that

Every Girl deserves to be treated like a Princess



The pads are made by African women helping to create employment in South Africa. We are based in Johannesburg but are available to distribute Palesa Reusable Pads throughout Africa.

GET IN TOUCH TO ARRANGE A FREE DEMO

We receive donation requests daily and have a database of schools and charities for you to choose from to support your vision and goal.

You are also most welcome to recommend your own school or charity to support, these are simply our recommendations based on a known need.

Once you have placed your order and made payment of the full amount, we will put your order into the factory and begin sewing your pads. We will then confirm the first available delivery date that suits you as well as the school. This will depend on the workload in the factory as well as everyone's availability.

We arrange everything with the teachers and the principal and provide our own gear to entertain and educate.

All you need to do is come along with your branded marketing material and clothing and enjoy the day with the girls. Get ready to take lots of selfies 😊. They love it!

We aim to be the leader of the CLOTH PAD REVOLUTION in Africa, join us and be a part of the revolution.

Looking forward to working with you.



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b. Mobile School - Belgium



Proposition for an International service project: MOBILE SCHOOL



The National Board of Agora Club Belgium is desirous to propose a new ISP project “Mobile School”.

☐ **Mobile School** is a Belgian non-profit organization, a Belgian social enterprise that empowers independent local organizations working with street children worldwide with the main objective to boost the self-esteem of and to discover the talents of the children in the street through creative educational games.

☐ It develops educational materials, mobile school carts, for and with street children focussing on the capacity of each child to empower the youth to regain a positive self-esteem.

☐ The mobile school becomes an open and positive meeting place where each child is unconditionally respected and accepted, so that the child can make a conscious decision as a first and crucial step towards sustainable change.

☐ There are currently 54 mobile schools in 28 countries across four continents: Latin America, Asia, Africa (Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Malawi and Ethiopia) and Europe (Germany, Romania, Greece ...).

❓ What is a mobile school?

- The mobile school is an extendable chalkboard on wheels. Educational learning games - the software of the mobile school - can be fixed everywhere. The mobile school can be set up easily and is cleaned up just as quickly. Thanks to its design, it can be used on pavements, squares, parks and slums of the big city. The mobile school is fully weather and theft resistant.
- These chalkboards can be opened and when fully extended, it measures at least six meters long.
- On both sides of these chalkboards can be attached educational games. More than 300 educational games are available to empower and unlock the talents of the street children. Each package has various themes: literacy, creative therapy, health education as well as drug and AIDS prevention.
- The school carts are made in collaboration with students from the technical secondary school in Bilzen in the province of Limburg and sent free of charge to the countries concerned.
- The training of street workers is provided by educational staff from Mobile School.

Provided the materials are properly cared for, the mobile schools can last 7 to 10 years.

Partners

The partners are local independent organizations that have an impact on street children and can make the difference through street work. To be eligible, these organizations must meet a few basic criteria: to be available for a minimum of 10 working hours per week on the pavements and to participate in quarterly evaluations.

The selected organizations receive the mobile school on loan and enjoy support through training and materials. No financial intervention is requested from the partner organizations for the loan of the mobile school, the materials or the training courses.

The collaboration starts with an exploration visit and a training of 5 days where the local street workers are trained in "principles of street work, importance of play and project management".

Mobile School regularly does locally a quality check of the partner organizations. If necessary, they receive extra coaching.

📄 **Target group**

Mobile School focuses primarily on street children:

- 15% live permanently on the street; 25% working children, i.e. children who work on the street and live in the slums or in the city; 58% children from slums; 2% children from street families.

- Age group: 27% is less than 7 years; 53% between 7 and 12 years; 17% between 12 and 18 years; 4% over 18 years

- 55% are girls and 45% boys.

Every mobile school aims to have at least 2,000 contacts with street children every year.

Often the partner organisations achieve at least twice as much contact. Such a school can easily realize at least 14,000 contacts with street children. Practice shows that well-functioning schools even reach 40,000 contacts per year.

📄 **New projects**

To increase its reach and impact, the Mobile School is currently also working on 2 major digital projects:

- In collaboration with Erasmus, they are developing a first version of a mobile app to measure the impact of youth and street work and to follow the cases of the children.

- Their second digital project is the creation of an online platform to freely open their educational materials to projects worldwide.

These two products can ensure that Mobile School can support many more projects than is currently the case with the mobile school alone.

📄 **Financing of Mobile School**

The organization works together with **Streetwize**, an organization that strives to effectively develop talent and leadership in companies that increase the sustainable development under people, organisation and societies, inspired by the strength of street kids. In order to achieve

this goal, StreetwiZe organises activities in three kind of different communities: street kids, school kids and business communities:

1. Street Kids: it brings the mobile school to the street.
2. School Kids: it organises campaigns in schools to build change making skills within the coming generations.
3. Business communities: it sells sound leadership and development programs to companies.

All profits (100%) of StreetwiZe are invested in the work of Mobile School. This guarantee is not only the sustainable growth of Mobile School, but also guarantees a constant flow of fresh inspiration in import and insides of the StreetwiZe clients.

Mobile School receives financial support in the form of gifts.

What can Agora do in Belgium?

- Besides providing financial support, the Agora ladies can invest in time. The non-profit organisation is always looking for people who can support them to bring the various **campaigns** to a successful end. It organises campaigns in the primary and secondary schools to build change making skills within the coming generations.

For example, in recent years the non-profit organisation has organized the “Duw Mee”, or the Music for Life / Viva for Life week. On each 12 April, the non-profit organisation organizes an annual campaign for the international day of the street child. In recent years, the Mobile School has organized among others, a StreetWork, a StreetSleep and a StreetParty. Many people are expected on these days, on which the non-profit organization wants to spread the message from Mobile School, but which also requires a lot of logistical support to make these days a success.

- In addition, it needs volunteers who can participate in two ways: by participating in the volunteer work groups or in the form of an internship.

- Mobile School needs people for the administrative work, translations, the support of the campaigns and development of materials. This requires a slightly greater commitment. The non-profit organization therefore regularly organizes training weekends and information evenings.

❓ What can Agora do at the international level?

- In addition to providing financial support, Agora can invest in time and act as an **ambassador** for the Mobile School and try to inform local projects about Mobile School. Ultimately, every local organization itself must apply to the non-profit organization for a mobile school.
- The Mobile School is not yet in the Agora countries, except Germany and Romania. The local clubs could **inform** local independent organizations of its existence, **advertise** the Mobile School non-profit organization's website and its projects for street children (youth, street workers, school children, schools and teachers).
- The local clubs could **stimulate and maintain** contacts between the non-profit organization and local stakeholder
- The non-profit organisation is always looking for people who can support them to bring the various **campaigns** to a successful end, not only in Europe but also in the emerging and developing world. It wishes to organise campaigns in the schools to build change making skills within the coming generations.
- When the digital products are in a further stage, help can also be given herewith. In principle, these products could be at the service of any organization that wants to set up non-formal activities with children and young people. If the local ambassadors know themselves some games or methodologies, they can be shared via the platform.

More information on www.mobileschool.org





Voting by secret ballot

VOTING FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT		YES	NO
MOBILE SCHOOL	AC BELGIUM		
PALESA PADS	AC SOUTH-AFRICA		

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23. CALENDAR ACI YEAR 2019-2020

DATE OF EVENTS ACI 2019-2020		
DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION
2019		
SEPTEMBER		
28 September – 3 October	Boardmeeting 4	MARRAKECH
OCTOBER		
4 - 6 October	ACI AGM	MARRAKECH
6 October	Old and new board: handover meeting	MARRAKECH
	New board: BM 1	
NOVEMBER		
31 October- 3 November	Half Yearly meeting 41 Int	MALTA
31 October- 3 November	Half Yearly meeting Tangent CI	MALTA
14 November	ACI DAY	
23 November	charter TC 6 Hiede	GERMANY
24 November	SKYPE MEETING	
DECEMBER		
15 December	SKYPE MEETING	
2020		
JANUARY		
19 January	SKYPE MEETING	
24 - 26 January	MTM Middle European and African Region	VIENNA
FEBRUARY		
6 – 9 February	Half year meeting RT international meeting	LUXEMBURG
31 January – 2 February	MTM Nordic Region/south European and Apac	REYKJAVIK
24 - 28 February	BOARDMEETING 2	ZAMBIA
February	INSTALLING NATIONAL BOARD IN BOTSWANAN	BOTSWANA
MARCH		
4 March	AC NEPAL CHARTER	NEPAL
22 March	SKYPE MEETING	
APRIL		
07 April	AGM SWITZELAND	



MAY		
09 May	AGM ICELAND	REYKJAVIK
	AGM ZIMBABWE	HARARE
16 May	AGM SOUTH AFRICA	JOHANNESBURG
	AGM USA	SEATTLE
10 May	SKYPE MEETING	
22 - 24 May	AGM GERMANY, 25 ANNIVERSARY	SCHLESWIG
31 May	SKYPE MEETING	
JUNE		
1 - 5 June	BOARDMEETING 3	VERONA
5-7 June	FORUM 2	VERONA
5-7 June	AGM 41 and TCI	VERONA
	AGM THE NETHERLANDS	
4 June	AGM UK	SOUTHEND ON SEA
	AGM SANDNESS 1 NORWAY	
	AGM ITALY	
	AGM ROMANIA	DUBOVA
	AGM MOROCCO	CASABLANCA
13 June	AGM FRANCE	LILLE
19 June	AGM MALTA	VALETTA
	AGM ZAMBIA	LUSAKA
27 June	AGM BELGIUM	TIENEN
	AGM ISRAEL	
AUGUST		
27 - 30 August	LCI	LAHTI, FINLAND
SEPTEMBER		
2 - 6 September	RTIWM	INDIA, Delhi
OCTOBER		
28 September – 1 October	BOARDMEETING 4	BELGIUM OR THE NETHERLANDS
1 - 4 October	ACI The Hague	THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

- 24. RESULT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE VOTING**
- 25. SPEECH BY ANNA TABONE – OUTGOING PRESIDENT**
- 26. INCOMING PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**
- 27. DATE AND PLACE OF THE ACI AGM 2020**
- 28. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

29. REPORTS OF THE AGORA COUNTRIES 2018-2019

FULL MEMBER COUNTRIES

1. REPORT AGORA CLUB BELGIUM



Dear Agora Ladies,

My president year was characterised by numerous visits to the Belgian clubs, those of the Benelux region and the Side-by-Side family, by the approach to the Belgian Tangent ladies, by the unconditional support to the Foundation Pelicano and in general by tolerance and friendship. A year in which I drove over 15,000 km for Agora, and where I also received some fines for excess speeding. A year in which my topographical knowledge of Belgium has improved and is now even better than that of my Belgian husband.



One of my main objectives was to visit all Agora clubs in Belgium, which I nearly succeeded to do. Unfortunately, my visit to AC 10 Tongeren was cancelled three times, for personal reasons and/or weather conditions. I need to say thank to all clubs, for the warm welcome, the friendliness, the openness, the nice conversations, the fun and the delicious food. The Belgian Agora clubs collected an aggregate amount of **EUR 55.250** distributed to **68** different service projects.

The information meetings with Chimay and Ath were very sympathetic, and led to the intention to set up two new clubs, which will be launched in the autumn of 2019 (on 14 September 2019 and 30 November 2019 respectively). At the end of the calendar year 2019, Agora Club Belgium will count **22** clubs and about 460 members 😊😊.



Two years ago, we divided Belgium into 3 Agora regions, with the objective to have organised one meeting per region per year.

This year AC 13 Namur Val de Meuse, AC 5 Brugge and AC 4 Aarschot organised the regional meetings that were all very successful, original and amusing.

We had frequent contact with the 4C1V and succeeded to be present at all AGM's and mi-AGM's of our side-by-side clubs. One cold evening in November 2018, we distributed food to the less fortunate in Brussels, jointly with the National Board of Ladies Circle Belgium and the representative of the 4V1V in Belgium.



Especially the contacts with the 41 Clubs Belgium were excellent. Mr. President opened his doors to give me a place to sleep during my many Agora trips. However, manu militari, I went to the AGM 41 Club Belgium in Arlon to recuperate the my Bee Buzzy Agora Flag.

I visited as much as possible the surrounding countries and went to the New Years Reception and the AGM of Agora club Netherlands and to the charter meeting of AC ViP Luxembourg.



My president year started with the ACI 2018 held in Ghent in October 2018. A lot has been said and written about this meeting. Together with some Belgian Agora Ladies I accompanied the group at the post tour in Brussels, where a lot of them were very interested to buy Belgian chocolates.

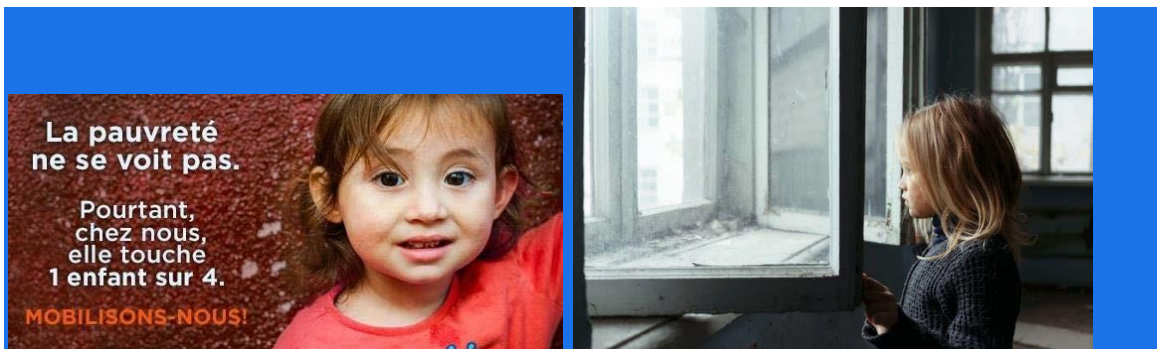
At two occasions we welcomed the International Board in Belgium: in October 2018 in Tongeren and in April 2019 in Genk, where we lived memorable evenings.

At the AGM of Agora Club Belgium some important decisions have been taken: we will proceed with the nomination of regional presidents and will convert our de facto association into a non- governmental organisation.



Moreover, we will propose the project “Mobile School”, a Belgian social enterprise as an International Service Project to the ACI Conference.

Finally, I would like to mention “my” Service Project: Foundation Pelicano, which aims to help less fortunate Belgian children to survive. At the AGM of Agora Club Belgium we could donate an amount of EUR 6,000.



I was able to realize this entire list of activities thanks to “my” Agora Club Arlon, who supported me unconditionally this year, especially with the organization of the AGM last week, as well as to my National Committee whose members were always ready to help me! I am proud that we as a board have tirelessly tried to represent Agora Club Belgium in a positive way everywhere. To my view *“we made a little difference in this Bee Buzzy jaar.”*



Marleen Bollen

President Agora Club Belgium 2018-2019

2. REPORT AGORA CLUB FRANCE



Dear Friends of the Agora Club International

Dear ANNA

My motto for the year 2018/2019 : « **Federate & Gather** »

This is the goal I set myself at important meetings :

The National Committee in Thouars side by side with The Ladies, 150 people attended the meeting.

The National Committee of 41 Regions in Meaux with a National Board meeting and a regional committee.

The Annual General Meeting in Reims organized by Club 41 with the help of AGORA, 200 participants at the AGM.

Three new clubs chartered during my year as President: Saint Denis de la Réunion, Périgueux and Mont Saint Aignan.

I have attended several regional meetings in different cities.

During the month of January, I went to the Ladies MTM in Pornichet, pretty City on the Atlantic coast.

I also attended the TRF and Ladies NRC and the AGM of the Ladies Circle and the French Round Table on the Reunion Island.

Some key dates to remember for the year 2019/2020 :

The second National Committee together with the Ladies in Périgueux on 9/11/2019.

On February 1, 2020, the Club 41 RNC will be held in Blois.

AND ABOVE ALL NOTE: 7 NEWS CLUBS WILL BE CHARTED IN FRANCE IN 2019/2020:

Three news clubs will be chartered on October 12, November 23 and December 2019.

The other four will receive their charter on March 14, April 4, late April and the last one in May 16, 2020.

This year spent with my Friends AGORA has brought me a lot of joy and happiness.

Each new meeting is made under the sign of sharing and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing you in Marrakech.

Christiane FIUMANA 06 64 24 52 98

Présidente Nationale 2018-2019 Club AGORA

France





3. REPORT AGORA CLUB TANGENT GERMANY

05.10.2019

Dear Agora International Board,

Dear National Associations,

Agora Club Tangent Germany chartered 3 clubs in the last year and currently has 11 clubs with 60 members in formation. This year also marked the 20-year anniversary of our club in Berlin. And in 2020 we're going to celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Basically, the year went quite smooth and quiet. We tried to keep the balance and adjust small administrative work like restructuring our website, maintain the app, fix the requirements of GDPR for our APP as well as for our website.

The charter of AC Luxembourg was one of the lovely highlights in June for Our organisation being the godmothers – and the Ladies in Luxembourg did us proud.

Side by side with all 4 clubs was going still stronger this year and we kept on visiting each other AGMs, Half Year Meetings, Board meetings wherever possible and even had the pleasure of the presence of the entire National Board of Old Tablers Germany for our HYM and AGM: The bond is really strong and for the first time we're going to have a joint AGM with Old Tablers Germany next year. Traditionally we hold our AGM with Ladies' Circle to stay in touch closely.

Yours in Friendship

Linda Rodriguez-Sierra

Agora Club Tangent Germany

National President 2018-19



4. REPORT AGORA CLUB ICELAND



Agora Club Iceland flourished and grew this year. We held many board meetings for the National Board of AC Iceland, learned a lot and had lots of fun.

The National Board of Agora Club Iceland working together. We started the year with a presentational meeting with all the chairmen of the clubs to hear how they wanted to see AC Iceland develop in the future.

We attended AGM in Ghent, Belgium. It was a lot of fun and friendships were made.



AGM Ghent, Belgium . Fun and friendships

In November, AC International had a work meeting in Iceland and we had a councilors meeting. We had a wonderful time together.

Three new clubs were chartered into AC Iceland and woman number 100 joined. We are expecting more clubs to join.



Agora 5, Húsavík



Agora 7, Akureyri



Agora 8, Reykjavík

For charity, we knitted items for children; books were given to female prisoners and more. The goal of The National Board of AC Iceland for 2018-2019 was to visit all clubs in Iceland and we achieved that goal.

Herdís Anna Friðfinnsdóttir
National president of Iceland 2018-2019

All for one

5. REPORT AGORA CLUB ISRAEL



Dear friends,

As members of the Agora global family, we are proud to present a summary of activities for the year 2018-2019 of the clubs in Israel.

My motto this year is „Always give without remembering and accept without forgetting" *Deepak Chopra*.

In light of this motto, we, Agora Israel, have been active throughout the year.

This year we established a new group in the city of Rishon LeZion, which already has 8 girls Who began their activities with helping blind people.

We also established a process using a digital questionnaire to locate new volunteers.

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AC Haifa

Over the past year, the Haifa Club put an emphasis on the volunteers' bonding , while maintaining close contact with the Neve Yosef neighborhood living room.

In addition, the sale of the recipe book of the women of the neighborhood continued.

AC Tel Aviv

Summary of Agora Activity Tel Aviv

1. "Dolphin Hostel" in Ashdod - organized for the girls a vacation in Eilat, movie tickets, a fun day in the karting area. Donation of computer monitors. In addition, once a month the group members continue to arrive at the hostel for various activities and workshops (jewelry, card activity, pasta workshop, etc.)
2. "One Heart" Club has monthly activities. One of our volunteers coordinates a Bingo Night. They also distribute gifts on holidays, etc.

3. "Beit Dror" and "The Pink Roof" a shelter for youth from the gay community. Two volunteers arrive every week to cook for the children. Donations of clothing and hygiene products are also given.
4. "Migdalar" pre-military preparatory program for boys who have dropped out of the education system. This year we held an evening premiere of the film "The Champions" raising money for the boys. We organized a leadership workshop for them. The volunteers come once a month to spend time with boys and prepare dinner.

We participated in renovating the kitchen and designing the house.

AC Rishon Le Zion

Finding Volunteers and finding a project for the new group. The first project chosen is to accompany blind people that are members of a blind club in the area. Activities include park and nature walks once a week and finding more volunteers.

Next year we plan to maintain the existing groups and establish two more groups in other cities.

Good luck Appreciation & love

talia

6. REPORT AGORA CLUB ITALY



I have come to the end of my office as National President of Agora Italy.

The presidential term has been a year of great personal enrichment during which I had the opportunity of participating to many events that allowed me to get closer to other Agora members so that I established a brilliant and continuous relationship of friendship and mutual collaboration with many of them.

Last summer I worked on the new Rules and Regulations that were approved by the National Committee.

I attended in the AGM in Gant (Belgium) together with the PP Letizia Iulli and some members of Agora Milano from 5th to 7th October 2018.







I went to the opening of the social year of Agora Milano, then I assisted some convivial evenings of Agora Verona, Agora Rimini, Agora Cesena, Agora Ascoli Piceno e Agora Fermo.



I took part in the “Maial Fest” celebration organized by 41 Ascoli Piceno where I had the opportunity to strengthen friendship with members of Modena, Milano, Ascoli and Fermo. What excitement and emotion on Sunday 14th April- Palm Sunday, when I attended the inauguration of the multipurpose centre in Arquata del Tronto together with the International President Anna Tabone, the Italian PP Letizia Iulli and the President of Agora Ascoli Piceno!!

Despite the pouring rain, the ceremony was very touching. Thank you to all participants for helping this initiative, the Four Clubs One Vision and the Association of the Alpine troops which greatly financed this project.





Agora Vicenza hosted AGM on 1st and 2nd June 2019.





The new National Board has been elected, being Maria Pungetti the National President for the year 2019-2020. I promise I will be always willing to help her out.



Goodbye - see you soon in Marrakech for the next International

AGM. Yours in Friendship and Love

Cristina Calgaro

National President Club Agora Italia 2018-2019

7. REPORT AGORA CLUB LUXEMBOURG



Looking back at the past year of activities of our Agora ViP Club Luxembourg, what stands out are two major events and the friendship and achievements of a great team of outstanding ladies.



The first major event was our participation at the ACI Conference in Ghent. We were happy to meet again with so many former Circlers, get to know new friends and be welcomed as “Agora Club in formation”.

The friendship and achievements of my fellow Agora Club members showed all through our monthly meetings, our participation in Ladies Circle activities in Luxembourg, our social engagement and the planning of our second major event : the Charter ceremony.

Our social engagement ranged from helping at the “Let’s go Gold” charity run of our local Child Cancer Foundation to baking Christmas cookies and selling them at a local Christmas market with LC1, as well as helping at an annual Scouts Charity event in May 2019.

As far as our Charter ceremony goes, that took up most of our regular work at the meetings : designing the banner, pins and the chain of office and putting together the programme of the whole weekend for our national and international guests. I believe the Luxembourg team did a great job and we were happy and proud to welcome everybody in Luxembourg. The participation and support of the ACI President, IPP and Vice President at our Charter weekend was just great !



Happy to be part of the Agora family

Yours in friendship

Christiane Schaul

President Agora ViP Club Luxembourg

8. REPORT AGORA CLUB MALTA

President Report Agora Club Malta 2018 - 2019



My motto during my presidency was ' Together We Care and only Together We can Make it Happen'.

This motto proved to be valid during my Presidential year with an increase of members and funds.

Our commitment to various charities has borne fruit and we supported a number of local are charities and Eyes of the World.

In May, we went to the UK where Agora Club Malta chartered UK Club 3 – Leigh-on-Sea. We were invited to be the International God Mother country and were very pleased to accept this invitation.

We also participated at the Charter in Luxembourg and participated in the Side-by-Side activities organised by Ladies Circle Malta.

Agora Malta celebrated its 5th Anniversary this year which was celebrated on the 21st of June where Ladies Circle and 41ers Club attended.

Thank you.

Yours in Friendship

Marie Chetcuti

9. REPORT AGORA CLUB MOROCCO

National President 2018 - 2019 Agora Club Malta Report Agora club Morocco



Activity Report Agora Morocco 2019

This year has been particularly rich and intense for Agora Morocco. In addition to the tremendous and fantastic progress of the ACI conference organisation committee, we planned organised and successfully managed to set up service projects throughout different Moroccan towns to alleviate the hardships of the people in need.

Let us start first with the national Agora club service project. The national board and the local clubs have agreed on raising funds to provide school bus rides during a whole year to kids living in remote areas





Agora clubs in Morocco have been very dynamic this year.

In In Casablanca, the 3 clubs showed how far they could go to provide well being, comfort and material assistance. Casablanca Agora members went as far as the Marrakech outskirts, a rural area to donate foodstuff baskets at the eve of the fasting month of Ramadan.

Blankets and
to stand in
homeless people



meals were distributed
solidarity with the
in Casablanca.

A medical caravan set off from Casablanca to the village of Sidi Hajjaj a rural area. This medical caravan went to this remote area to deliver diagnostic services and treatment free of charge together

with medicines. Many medical doctors took part to this humanitarian expedition, pneumologists, opthalmologists, gynecologists, dentists, chemists and others they performed hundreds of free consultations and medical examinations to 100adults and 380 children. A complete success of this humanitarian expedition to provide medical care to those who have none.

Another expedition which led Casablanca Agora members to the South of Morocco to Tafraout where foodstuff baskets , clothes and other commodities were donated.An extremely rich experience for the organisers . It gave them the possibility to know people to help them to live the same conditions far from the cosy comfort of urban areas.





As for Marrakech Agora members, they remain faithful to the “couscous solidaire” concept raising funds by preparing with lady circle clubs couscous on Fridays. In addition to these events, they organised cultural activities and events on Saturdays at the Maison Denise Masson. Moreover foodstuff baskets were also donated to the people in need.

As for Agora members in Rabat they organised a beautiful exhibition of fashionable traditional Moroccan clothes designed by our talented agora members Their talent, their effort and their creativity gave birth to a wonderful event named Agora fashion. The funds raised during this event were given to women in need.



How could we put figures and numbers on all this work and these wonderful projects. This work is too valuable because it was done selflessly, with their heart, with dedication and generosity. But it we still have to bring out an estimate then it will probably be over 200 hours if we have to count the conception, the preparation and the execution of the project ,as for the total amount of money raised it is around 25000 euros.

We would like to end up this report with a beautiful picture of the side by side event: “sailing for hope” a french Round Table event that offers a sailing week to kids suffering from cancer namely leukemia , this year the event took place in Corsica.



10. REPORT AGORA CLUB ROMANIA



Dear friends,

AGORA ROMANIA just turned five.

I am the 5th NatPres and guess what? 5 is my destiny number!

Was it auspicious, I wonder?

I followed my motto: **“Work. Love. Share”**

The Conference in Gent gave me first course of action: to carry on the newly voted aim and objective “To maintain good relations with the organizations in the Round Table Family”.

In this regard, I encouraged all our 3clubs to attend events organized by LC, RT, C41.

4 Clubs 1 Vision

♥ AC2&AC3&LC1&RT1, November 17, World Prematurity Day

We offered knitted clothes, pampers, wipes, blankets, baby lotions and all sort of things for children born premature at Maternity Brasov.

♥ AC2 gave a helping hand to German Christmas Parcel Konvoi being involved in distribution of the parcels to remote villages and by offering accommodation to the German team (members of RT, LC, Old Table and AC Tangent)

♥ AC2&LC1&RT1&C41 1 celebrated Christmas in QUATALAGOR

Since 1990 when the first RT was formed in Brasov, a Christmas Party is organized every year for the children. The new clubs, one after another, adopted this tradition.

♥ AC2&AC3 attended AGM C41 Romania, Passation de pouvoir C41 Nr.1 & the 25th Anniversary of C41.

♥ In Craiova, AC4 joined LC8 in a Halloween charity fundraiser for the wonderful project, “A chance to life”, with the aim of procuring an incubator for the benefit of Neonatal Department of Hospital “Filantropia”

♥ Close to my heart, lovely gathering to celebrate the LCI Day, with LC1&AC2&AC3.

♥ It was a great pleasure to be invited to MTM, Middle European Region Ladies’Circle, Bucharest. What a wonderful occasion to meet dear friends or to make new contacts in LCI or Tangent, an opportunity to talk about AGORA ROMANIA.

Service

♥ AC2&AC1 Mission EFTW 2018, Autumn edition: The spectacles distribution has been completed in a remote village of miners, "Mina 1 Mai" and Loredana received her special spectacles.

♥ AC2&ACI Mission EFTW May 6-9th, 2019, Moldova/Transilvania, Romania,. We organised and ran the project in 3 villages, Nicoresti, Rasnov & Valcele, Side By Side with RT1 and C41 1. I must say that this time was more than just handing out spectacles, 30 people were identified having serious eyesight problems and they received the chance to be seen by ophthalmologists and to be treated.

♥ AC3 – “Bouquet of Dreams” - Charitable Ball dedicated to the children with special needs from the Bradet Placement Center, Sacele, Brasov county.

Donations: things and money for Maternal center ‘House of Mothers’ in Sacele, donations in cash for medical treatment.

♥ AC4 Craiova had a great year with big community projects regarding labour and professional reconversion making a big change in the profession and the life of many people in their county. And a cross-border project entitled : New skills for job quality with a specific objective: to encourage the integration of the cross-border area (Bulgaria) in terms of employment and labour mobility.

To summarize: 3300 euro donations, 17 working days, 10 home-hosting days, 300 euro logistical expenses.

In between our activities, we all enjoyed birthday gatherings throughout the year. Unfortunately, we had moments of deep sorrow having lost two members, Gentiana & Marieta, who suffered a premature death.

Time has flown and in June, having guests from LCR, RTR and Club41, we met in Alba Iulia for AGM which was a fruitful one thinking of the amendments of our Regulation in order to follow the international rules and to facilitate further growth of our association.

Along this year I was inspired and guided by Anna, Isabelle, Chris, Maria-Erla, Vandana, Veerle, Carina, Mirela and my husband, Sorin (founder member of RT&C41 Romania). I love you, guys, and I am so thankful for what you did for me!

I want to thank to my board members for all their help and support during this year and to all our members for their commitment.

We wish to our incoming board a very nice and fruitful Agora year 2019-2020!



Gabriela Abagiu

National President AGORA ROMANIA 2018 – 2019

Motto: "Work. Love. Share"

11. REPORT AGORA CLUB SOUTH AFRICA



The ladies from Amarula continue to inspire me greatly.

Last year I started my report with a quote I borrowed from Sandy which said “it’s the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey”.

When we last met as the AC-SA Board in Johannesburg, Laura conveyed a similar sentiment by saying “we must remember that Agora is first of all about friendship”. How refreshing that was, because we can get so lost in all that we think we have to do, forgetting that it’s more about ‘being’ and the love that should propel us to do and be it all.

As my term as President comes to an end, I want to thank you all for the love and respect I have seen from you all. The recognition that made me feel so important without having to prove anything. I feel privileged to continue as past president and Laura, I wish you and your team the very best in the road you’re about to journey in. I have no doubt of the value you’re going to bring because I have worked with and alongside you closely for two full years.

I was able to visit Strelitzia this year, and was delighted to visit at a time when they had a wonderful presentation from Palesa pads, which I’m sure is reported on at this meeting. I was so glad I did! Once again I would like to thank you members of Strelitzia for your pleasurable welcome.

I also visited Kopano, which as you all know I hadn’t fully participated in as a member because of my relocation to Modimolle. As much as I love my new place and have been hoping for a year now to be visited by the ladies [:)], it has been a bit unsettling so far and the ‘relocation’ has seemed to go on forever, bringing an unsettling feeling to my life that continues up to now. Maybe what can bring steadiness is you visiting in the new Agora year, so Madame President Laura I leave that ship to be steered by you!

Friends, I wish you happy deliberations and to the incoming team my best and warmest wishes to you once again.

I hereby move my report for adoption.

With much love and appreciation

Lollo Mofolo - President 2018/19

12. REPORT AGORA CLUB THE NETHERLANDS



Annual report 2018-2019 of the president ACN

On Saturday, August 18, our first board meeting was in Eindhoven at the presidents home. We had beautiful weather and we decided to make it a weekend with a visit to the Van Abbe Museum on Sunday. We started our board year in the following composition.

Els Kin-Schellekens, president

Carmen Visser, vice-president

Corry Zimmer, secretary

Ingrid Beerling, treasurer

Marlies Withagen, past president



We had many agenda items to discuss at our first meeting and the subjects were diverse: the division of tasks, expansion, promotion and PR, the ACI in Gent and in Marrakech in 2019. How do we present ourselves as a candidate for the ACI conference in 2020, which is already a fact, privacy legislation, website and security accounts, annual planning and burden but not least the financial administration. This year's theme was connection and hopefully we will continue this. The ties with Lady Circlers are being strengthened, there is increasing interest in Agora. We improve the promotion of our club and we expand we continue!

Every year we have a meeting with the boards of the local clubs. The increase of the contribution was discussed, but also who is willing to contribute to the organization of the ACI in 2020.

There have been a number of meetings with Ladies'circle, as our board and with individual members such as a joint dinner in Utrecht by both boards.

The thunderbolt was a thunderous lottery that brought a lot of money, that we need for the organization of the ACI conference in The Hague.

We are very glad with the effort of Veronique Stern and Corry Zimmer as the convenors of the ACI conference in 2020.

I look back on a wonderful Agora year in which I enjoyed working with professional and pleasant women and I look forward to the next agora year in which I again put my best foot forward.

13. REPORT AGORA CLUB UNITED KINGDOM

June 2019

NATIONAL BOARD 2018-2019

SANDRA SMITH	NATIONAL PRESIDENT
TRACEY METCALF	NATIONAL IPP
KAREN BAILEY	NATIONAL SECRETARY
DEBBIE SAYER	TREASURER
VACANT	VICE PRESIDENT



NATIONAL BOARD FOR 2019-2020

VACANT	NATIONAL PRESIDENT
SANDRA SMITH	NATIONAL IPP
VACANT	NATIONAL SECRETARY
DEBBIE SAYER	TREASURER
BRENDA DAVEY	VICE PRESIDENT



The UK is pleased to report a successful year of rebuilding of our clubs after the re-structure of last year. We have successfully chartered 2 new Clubs including new members from our sister organisations and independently. We have also worked on how to have closer links with the Agora Independent Members in the UK.

The UK clubs have all been very active and have had a number of joint activities helping to integrate the new clubs, including pottery painting, croquet, bowling and a behind the scenes theatre tour.

Fundraising activities have included charity races, walks, supporting our fellow local Tablers (Colourthon event, fireworks extravaganza and Santa's sleigh).

Some members also regularly partake in a community project to help clean up the local river bank, organised by a 41 Club member.

The NB has also been working to provide helpful guidelines on the NB duties and documentation produced in an effort to encourage members to take up board positions.

This year we have some vacant posts on the board but are positive we have sufficient experience to work successfully and look forward to some members of the newly chartered clubs taking active roles next year.

We are excited to have the new clubs now fully integrated and look forward to enjoying activities and community events with all the clubs.

AGORA UK CLUB 1 Southend on sea

DEBBIE SAYER	PRESIDENT
VACANT	VICE PRESIDENT
DIANA MARDELL	TREASURER
SARAH WIGMORE	SECRETARY

MEMBERS

SANDRA SMITH FLAVIA
DWORKIN FIONA
SAPLER

TRACEY METCALF JO
BERESFORD BRENDA
MARRON WENDY
JACKSON KAREN BAILEY

LESLEY FINCH SUE
MARCH

AGORA CLUB 2 Prittlewell - This is club is not currently active (but an initiative is being followed to start again with a new group of ladies)

AGORA CLUB 3 Leigh on sea

EMMA ALDRIDGE	PRESIDENT
CLARE ROUKE	VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE BEATTIE	TREASURER
SUZANNE SHIRLEY	SECRETARY

MEMBERS

PENNY THACKER
LESLEY PARKS EMMA
HOWE GILL HARVEY

ROSANNA ANDREWS
BRIDGETT DOWDY
AIDEEN SADLER

ALISON BIRD DELIA
WEBSTER

AGORA CLUB 4 Great Waking

NICKY HUSSELBEE	PRESIDENT
KATE WHITE	VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE DEVINE	SECRETARY
CHRISTINE SHIEL	JOINT
SANDRA POTTER	TREASURER

MEMBERS

MERCEDES MANSFIELD
BRENDA DAVEY
MARIA ROSARIABONNOCORSO KIM
FRAMPTON
CAROLE FRENCH LOUISE
WORSFOLD

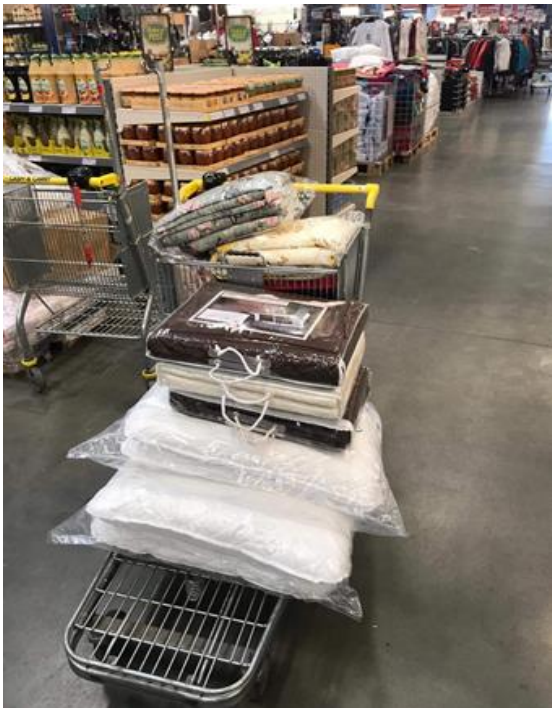
14. REPORT AGORA CLUB USA

USA 2018-2019 Year End Report

Agora Detroit

We held a successful fundraiser for Victoria (cancer patient) exceeded goal of \$10k

We donated Christmas gifts for six orphans.



Agora Detroit is growing!!!

With awareness of Agora in Detroit area we welcomed new members Ana Maria, Erna, Preppi, Voichita, Antoanela and Oana.



Women's Day

We celebrated our special friendships.



Eyes for the World

Mirela represented our group at Agora International Project.



USA AGM via Skype

Welcomed the new national and local boards



Ongoing

We meet monthly in celebration of birthdays.



Agora Club Seattle was on the move to support awareness of health in the Heart Walk and FWCAAT fundraiser against child trafficking.





We wrapped and shared gifts with a group home whose occupants are young disabled adults.



We dressed in costumes for Halloween and Go Red for Women -the American Heart Association's national movement to end heart disease and stroke in women & fundraised for a children's school library.



Meetings, celebrations and friendship bring us together while meaningful causes continue to drive us forward.



Cheers!

Mirela, Monica, Doina, Vandana, Oxana & Kelly

15.REPORT AGORA CLUB ZAMBIA



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018-19



1. Overview

The Agora year 2018-19 was good with a lot of promise for membership growth in the future.

2. Membership

ACZ has 21 paid up members and 2 prospective members.



3. Projects

The EFTW team comprising Dr Koen Van Pottelburg, Sandy van Nierkerk, Chris Helsen, Christine Wernitznig and Carina were in Lusaka from 8-12th July, 2018. In 28 hours of community service we visited one home for the aged, three community schools and a Catholic parish, where 357 people were screened and 250 pairs of glasses worth €5,000.00 were distributed.



With support from Agora club Ghent, Belgium we donated school books and assorted cleaning materials to an Orphanage within Lusaka in the value of \$400.



4. Side by Side (4C1V) activities

We joined Ladies Circle Zambia in toasting to LCZ @ 35 years.

Florence M Kaunda

Agora Club Zambia - President 2018 -2019

16.REPORT AGORA CLUB ZIMBABWE

Agora Club Zimbabwe Report

Chido Musasiwa



Agora Club Zimbabwe spent the better part of the 2018-2019 year preparing for the charter. One which saw the Agora Club establish a footprint in Zimbabwe for the first time. The charter is our biggest milestone and greatest achievement so far. It was a pleasure to welcome our President, sister and friend Anna Tabone to preside over the charter and the gala dinner. A big thank you to other sister friends including Ruth Hungwe for the support and guidance. Over the course of the year we have built a small but dedicated team of members who work tirelessly to achieve our goal of developing communities through service. In addition to the charter, we held a Christmas party for a children's home, treating them to a fair, where they had their faces painted, lunch and fair rides. Clothes donated by ourselves and sisters from the international club were also distributed.



ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES

1. REPORT AGORA CLUB AUSTRIA

Presidents report 2018/19 "We are one"

Gabi Golger-Oberwinkler



- 25.-26.5 2018 – Visiting the side by side AGM of LC and RT Austria
- 5.6.2018 – AGM of Agora Club Spittal
- 9.6.2018 – preparing for the Charity Art Project of Agora Club Spittal
- 21.6.2018 – Charity Art Project, presentation and selling of our art pieces in favour of “Eyes for the world” Agora Club International Service Project
- 23.6.2018 – Visiting the Introdinner of LC 5 Spittal
- 26.6.2018 – Introdinner of Agora Club Spittal @ lake Millstättersee with friends of LC, RT and Club 41
- 28.6.2018 – Visiting the Introdinner of Club 41 Spittal
- 9.8.2018 – nice theatre evening side by side with Club 41 Spittal
- 12.9.2018 – Agora Meeting @ Sonjas’ fishfarm
- 30.9.-7.10.2018 – AGM of Agora Club International @ Gent with a wonderful pretour to the most beautiful places of Belgium
- 30.10.2018 – Devastating flood of the fishfarm of our member Sonja Trojer
- 2.11.2018 – Helping to clean up after the flood
- 9.-10.11.2018 – We took part of the MTM of LC Austria @ Spittal. Nice Welcome Evening with an Agora Night walk through the town. Honoured to hold the 3-Minute-Speech @ the MTM Meeting.
- 21.11.2018 – Side by side project with LC 4 Klagenfurt in favour of the Christmas present project for Rumania.
- 11.12.2018 – Christmas party of Agora Club Spittal
- 21.12.2018 – Handing over of Christmas presents to 3 children who lost their mother
- 17.1.2019 – Side by side curling competition with LC, RT and Club 41
- 8.2.2019 – Visiting the Carnival Party of LC 5 Spittal
- 16.2.2019 – 1. National side by side Meeting with LC, RT and Club 41 Austria @ Hall/Tyrol with the agree of a Memorandum of Understanding! 4 Clubs – 1 Vision!
- 8.4.2019 – Invitation of Rotary Club Spittal for a presentation of Agora Club
- 11.4.2019 – Chartity Classical Concert of Agora Club Spittal @ castle of Porcia in favour of the flood victims.
- 25.-26.5.2019 – we took part of the AGM of LC and RT Austria @ Graz
- 4.6.2019 – AGM of Agora Club Spittal
- 28.6.2019 – Agora Disco Fever – Intro Party with side by side friends and surprise guest Mihaela Cracana!



2. REPORT AGORA CLUB BOTSWANA



Agora Club Botswana Annual Report 2019

When I took on the esteemed role of Agora Club Botswana President in June 2018, I was overwhelmed and nervous. I wondered if I had bitten off more than I could chew but I was determined to bring about change for the better.

Having been a long-term member of Ladies Circle Club in Botswana, I grew accustomed to the immense comradery, united front and many, many friendships. Agoran life helped me overcome the nostalgia I felt from being upgraded as a Circler and subsequently, I found myself surrounded by the most passionate, committed, diligent, compassionate and kind women. Thank you to my wonderful team—for so much more than words can ever express.

Agora Club Botswana had several challenges when I took the reigns. I found that the turnout was low and meeting attendance was skeletal. I then purported to use my influence in a positive way and enhance several aspects of the organisation in Botswana.

Initially, I began working on recruiting new members to improve the number of friends Agora Botswana had. I encouraged fellow members to share their Agora-love with work colleagues, friends and family alike. In a year, our membership grew by 250%. I am eternally grateful for each and every member who stands tall with us everyday.



Next, I focused on streamlining our membership roles with delegation as the heart of my leadership style. I wanted every woman to feel confident and empowered. This was a chance for all women to be

equal—women from all walks of life. Women from diverse cultures, women from different backgrounds and women who were taken for granted. Agora was now their home. I aimed to ensure that Agora provided the foundations for reliable, honest and mutual friendships. For it is in friendship and service that Agora continues to thrive—as stated by our motto “Donner et Tolerer.”

Throughout the year, we continued to have several business breakfasts hosted at our homes which brought a more intimate aspect to our business-like work. Inviting others to our homes allowed us to create a closer bond and accentuate our friendships.



We kicked off the 2018 public events with celebrating Agora Club International day which was a Bollywood/ little black dress themed event which was enjoyable and successful. We experienced a huge turnout from members and friends alike. This event paved the way for further successful events that would follow.

I think what stood out for me during the Bollywood event was seeing fellow Agorians realise their true potential. Once members were delegated tasks, they flourished. Women who did not know what inner strength they had, were suddenly facilitating transformations. This paradigm shift gave me such fulfilment to know that we were living the belief, “empowered women empower others.”



In addition, we hosted members’ birthdays and attended weddings. A shout out to our radiant African bride Ruth Modisane—you were a beautiful bride. We also attended a formal sit-down high tea where we engaged with political figures and activists on mapping the way forward under the banner of “Ending Gender Based Violence.” This taboo topic is so prevalent in Botswana but is often side-lined.

Moreover, Agora Club Botswana was able to obtain a P100 000.00 donation from Capital Bank for our “Eyes for the World” (EFTW) project. His Excellency, Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi, President of Botswana honoured Agora Club Botswana by presenting the cheque personally.



This was by far one of our pivotal

moments. Having been able to achieve such coverage from this partnership, we were suddenly in the spotlight and were able to attract many more potential donors.



On a personal note, I have been a part of the corporate world for more than 20 years and I can vouch for how difficult it is to obtain such partnerships with corporates. Well done to my team for this!



The latter part of 2018 was anchored by our annual event “Carols by candlelight” where five clubs amalgamate and host an event for families and orphans to celebrate the Christmas festivities. This year, 500 people attended. There was ample food, gifts were exchanged and the night was spent singing good ol’ songs. We even had Santa arriving in a convertible with lots of pomp and ceremony. The children were delighted.



In addition, Agora hosted a Christmas dinner at a local Portuguese restaurant which was miraculously transformed into a state-of-the-art venue. The event was undoubtedly one of our best events yet. We managed to fundraise for children and orphans.

Agora then assisted sister club Ladies Circle Botswana in their International Service Project (ISP) Happy Hearts by fund raising for their bricks initiative and attending their social and fund-raising events including their Ladies Circle International Day event.



The 2018-2019 year was not without its challenges, but we achieved what we thought was nearly impossible. I could not have achieved any of these successes without my tireless team who stand by me, every step of the way.

I end off with a token of gratitude: I would like to thank my executive committee who were there for me, supporting me and my vision throughout the year. A

huge thank you!

I also want to thank Agora International President Anna, our IPP Isabelle and Sandy, our God-mother. Your continued support is invaluable to me. Furthermore, I want to thank each one of my Agorans who have contributed to this success, each one of you who take the time to read this, each one of you who stretch down into your pockets to donate and to the Almighty God who continues to shower his blessings on us all.



3. REPORT AGORA CLUB MADAGASCAR

Dear Agora International Board, Dear Agora Friends,



My motto for this year was:

“ The person is a wealth ... to procure his well-being is a treasure”. I had a wonderful year with my board and the members.

How fast a year goes by! days and months seemed to be insufficient in front of many activities I've hoped to realize ☺; nevertheless, it was a richness year.



October 2018: I've had a great pleasure to attend the International Conference in Gent-Belgium with my goddaughter Railovy,

where we've got heart-warming and memorable meetings;

a big THANK YOU to Veerle and Isabelle and her board; a specific THANK YOU to Carla.

14th of November 2018: each ACI DAY, we organize hiking and lunch;

29th of march 2019: 5 years anniversary during a fun evening party which was also a fundraising event;



14th of march 2019: signature of the Memorandum Of Understanding by the Malagasy Quatalagor;

As a tradition, twice a year we gathered for our annual visits to the older 50 women, : in January and for the National Holiday in June: we offered them rice, clothings and blankets.



Monthly meetings with celebrating birthdays; though I had ambition to increase our club, we've got only one member. But we are optimistic to create The second AC Madagascar for the next year.



THANK YOU to my board members Dominique, Jocelyne, Lygie, Domohina and Railovy for their time, their support and their warmy friendship. THANK YOU TOO, MY OTHER SARIAKA FRIENDS!

Ba mamybe
(sweet kisses) ☺
Lots of love,

Landinirina
RAKOTOMALALA
National President
2018-2019



4. REPORTS AGORA CLUB NORWAY

Sandnes

Clubs and membership:

Agora club Norway has chartered two clubs since 2013. Total members are 33 ladies.

(20 in Sandnes, 13 in Egersund)

14. September 2019 we will charter the 3. Club in Norway

Sandnes 03.

Meeting and activities:

We had our monthly meetings in the period September 2018- June 2019, mostly at a restaurant in Sandnes. Total 10 meetings.

We've had speakers at our meetings, and a lot of good friendship, nice food and a lot of fun 😊

International project:

'Eyes of the world'

Charity: A project called Kasper og Uglå. We have been making these cosy things for the local hospital. For the kids that have parents or brothers, sisters with cancer. Just to explain for them what cancer is, and that the kids feel that they are "seen".

International activities:

6 ladies from Agora Sandnes was present at the ACI- conference in Gent in October.

Aina went to India with "Eyes for the World".

Guri went to Brussel to the first ACI side by side.

And in May 2 of us went to England and the chartering of Leigh on sea.

In June 3 members are going to the 5 years Anniversary in Molln Germany.



Warm greetings from all the Ladies of Agora Club Norway 😊

In friendship

Anne Brit Mæland

President Agora 1 Sandnes, Norway



Precidence of ACN-02 Egersund report

We have our monthly meetings in the period September 2018..June 2019. These meetings where mostly held in Egersund at a local hotel. Total 10 meetings.

We have had speakers at our meetings, and a lot of good friendship, nice food a lot of fun.

Below is a more detailed overview of our activities for 2018-19.

Meeting:

- 18.09.18 Meeting with Bingo in in the garden of the vice-president.
- 16.10.18 The shop 'Under Tøyet' and Cafe Mocca restaurant.
- 20.11.18 Christmas baking at Grøne Bråden school.
- 18.12.18 Christmas meeting with games at Grand Hotell Egersund
- 15.01.19 Giuding at Magma Unesco Geopark main office in Egersund
- 19.02.19 Visit to old railwaystation turned shop/cafe Villa Camilla in Sirevåg
- 19.03.19 Visit to the 'Africaroom' of Lasse Damgård in Meydam main office.
- 23.04.19 Trip to Elverhøy og cottage in Hobdalen at the new River park.
- 21.05.19 General Assembly and meeting.
- 18.06.19 Summer meeting with a lot of games and quiz.

Warm greetings from all ladies in Agora Club
Norway – 02 Egersund

Yours in friendship

Euthemia Katsarou

IPP 2018-19



5. REPORT AGORA CLUB SWITZERLAND

a. ASSEMBLEE GENERALE AGORA LEMAN 1 du 15 MAI 2019

Donner , Tolérer, Partager : Bienvenues chères amies à l'assemblée générale de ce jour .

Recueillons nous pour une minute de silence en souvenir de nos amis , en hommage à notre fondatrice et ancienne présidente Sonia.

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Bienvenues à nos amies d' Agora Léman 2

Au nom de nous toutes, nous vous remercions chaleureusement : votre présence , votre soutien, puis votre invitation après le choc du départ de Francois et Sonia Estoppey nous ont soutenues, beaucoup touchées et nous vous en sommes très reconnaissantes .

Chères membres d'Agora Léman 1 , Nous avons toutes été durement éprouvées; pour nous toutes, Sonia était l'amie, la soeur de coeur . Son esprit si enthousiaste, généreux et fort nous a contaminé : toutes vous avez caché le chagrin, guidées par la volonté de reprendre le flambeau et voir perdurer l'action entreprise par Sonia avec vous. Nous retrouver après ces jours affreux n'était pas triste, ces moments ont été forts

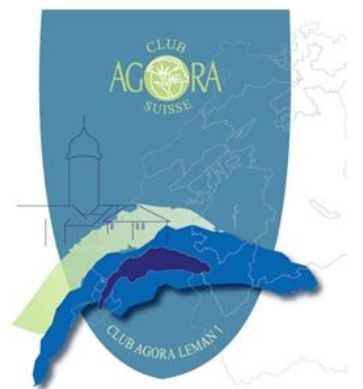
emprunts de sérénité et l'évocation de notre si chère amie était souriante, douce je crois qu'au fond le sourire de Sonia et son humanité était d'évidence parmi nous . Au fond ce n'est pas un hasard si nous sommes toutes « Agoratienne »

Je vous admire et vous remercie, vive Agora Léman 1.

Cette année nous avons organisé quelques rendez vous dont voici un rappel :

le 20 Juin nous avons swingué : Le swing golf en fin d'après midi fut baigné de soleil et de bonne humeur, voir de fous rires. Deux amies d'Agora mais pas encore membres ,sont venues s'ajouter aux participantes, nos comptes de points se sont évaporés pour faire place à la gaité et si nous n'avons pas terminé le parcours faute de lumière (nous avons fatigué le soleil parti se coucher) ,nous avons fait honneur au repas qui s'en est suivi

Le départ de Francois a engendré naturellement le report de notre soirée de soutien, ce n'est qu'un report , vous recevrez dans les mois prochains les instructions pour lancer la soirée soutien à la Fondation Yann Verdina , il nous faudra déployer notre réseau et talents de conviction pour que la soirée accueil le plus de monde et soit un succès pour la Fondation.



Evidemment l'entraide par les invitations des Agora Léman et leurs amies sont aussi profitables pour le but de soutien recherché.

Le 6 Octobre, assemblée générale internationale: Sonia et Catherine sont allées a Gand, je laisse Catherine nous en restituer les lignes essentielles .

Le 9 Octobre, Sonia pour une seule fois, fatiguée, nous a abandonné comment lui en vouloir alors qu'elle a rejoint son tendre époux.

Puis, je l'ai évoqué, Agora Léman 2 nous a adressé un message, ainsi que le programme des activités, pour nous permettre de nous retrouver en attendant de reprendre notre souffle et notre chemin, encore mille fois merci.

Le 7 décembre, soirée Souvenir et Hommage à Sonia et Francois. Fabienne Cacheux et Véronique Thilo ont organisé cette soirée autour d'un repas chez Fabienne . Je les remercient d'avoir osé ce qui nous faisait peur, je crois, mais qui s'est révélé bénéfique car si une photo souvenir témoignait de l'esprit présent sans doute aucun de Sonia , nous retrouver simplement a suffi à nous montrer que nous étions ensemble et donc plus fortes , pas de rire mais beaucoup de tendresse et bienveillance, la sérénité a repris ses droits, merci pour cette initiative salutaire .

Le 9 Janvier, soirée repas et jeux. Christine Dalmaz nous a accueilli autour d'un repas excellent (je vous recommande l'adresse ;-), si l'invitation mentionnait soirée galette des rois, il s'agissait d'avantage d'un festin !

Cela nous a permis de confirmer et d'accueillir Beatrice Mounier qui nous avait déjà rejoint et Brigitte Tézier Gouin . Elle furent mises à l'épreuve puisque nous avons inauguré un nouveau thème : soirée jeux de société. Si le manque de temps ne nous a pas permis de jouer dans les règles du Times up , les rires et la joie ont repris leur titres de noblesse. Marie Anne porte très bien la couronne royale !

Et le 13 Février visite du grand Conseil Vaudois, nous avons rejoint Agora Léman 2 pour une visite guidée par le Président du grand conseil vaudois Marc Olivier Buffat . Il nous a entraîné dans toutes les salles, partageant sa parfaite connaissance historique des lieux, de ses murs et de ses successives constructions, illustrant l'esprit de l'architecte qui en agrandissant l'ensemble a sur mêler l'histoire romaine à la nôtre, contemporaine, en mariant la noblesse des matériaux. Nous avons écouté quelques anecdotes amusantes pour ne pas dire taquines du conseil vaudois. Je reconnais le privilège d'une telle visite car quand un conseil communal prend séance dans ces lieux il ne bénéficie ni d'une visite si complète et encore moins de la présence de son président devenu pour un soir guide courageux dans une assemblée de femmes ! Le repas qui s'en est suivi a été vraiment très sympathique.

Enfin, le 25 Mars soirée Tapping, un outil étonnant pour gérer son stress . Il faut reconnaître qu'après le repas chez et de Véronique, il était difficile de se sentir stressées, mais nous avons profité d'une séance collective de la part d'Hélène Finaud que je remercie pour l'exercice puisque, usuellement, c'est une exercice entre praticien et sujet .

Avril et Pâques et le déménagement de votre présidente, **Mai**, ses w-e prolongés, et l'assemblée générale n'ont pas permis d'organiser d'autres événements, il était prévu une visite des iris au château de Vuillerens mais

Notez, « Savez » the date du 15 Juin, nous nous retrouverons pour une visite de l'Orchidarium selon le temps et le temps restant, un petite halte au château de Prangins où nous rendrons probablement pour une visite et éventuellement un repas nocturne.

Nous vous communiquerons la date de notre première réunion de septembre, de notre événement de soutien à la Fondation Yann Verdina en attendant que le calendrier des mois suivants soit établi .

Je serai ravie de pouvoir accueillir vos suggestions de visites, de soirées , d'escapades...

Merci à toutes pour avoir gardé l'esprit généreux d'Agora Léman¹ et au travers de l'amitié partagée, je vous souhaite à toutes de nombreux moments et une longue vie a Agora Léman ¹ et ²

Francine Truc Brenneisen

Qui a l'honneur de Présider et vous en remercie vivement .

Lausanne 15 Mai 2019

b. REPORT AGORA CLUB 2 LAUSANNE



President's Report 2018/2019- Agora 2 Lausanne, Switzerland

Our Club organised its charity event in December 2018, taking the opportunity of the festive season to prepare Christmas gift bags for 13 local underprivileged single parents or families, while later sharing a homemade picnic.

Several cultural activities were also organised to discover our region. Our two Swiss Clubs joined on a couple of occasions. These were cheerful events and they fostered a common vision of the future.

We also had the pleasure to welcome 3 new members in the Agora 2 Lausanne club over May 2018 and April 2019.

This year was filled with friendship, and also emotional for all of us in Switzerland since we had to bid a last farewell to Sonia Estoppey shortly after the ACI in Ghent.

My warmest thanks go to Agora Club 2 Lausanne and Agora 1 Léman for a very rich time of office.

Lucienne Boujon

President 2018/2019

Agora 2 Lausanne Switzerland



A **LITTLE** HELP MAKES A **BIG** DIFFERENCE

NAME:

COUNTRY: