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Dearest Agora friends,

Before summer recess, it is  
high time to make plans to join your Agora friends at the  
**AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> of October 2013**  
In the beautiful South of France ...



Come and join us in under the Mediterranean sun

For

**FRIENDSHIP**  
**FANTASTIC MEETINGS**  
**FABULOUS VENUES**  
**FRENCH CUISINE**  
**FASCINATING NATURE**  
And  
**FUN FUN FUN !!!**

The Ladies from AC 39 Hyères are preparing  
an unforgettable weekend for us!

**ALL INFO and REGISTRATIONFORMS :**  
<http://www.agoroclubinternational.com/>



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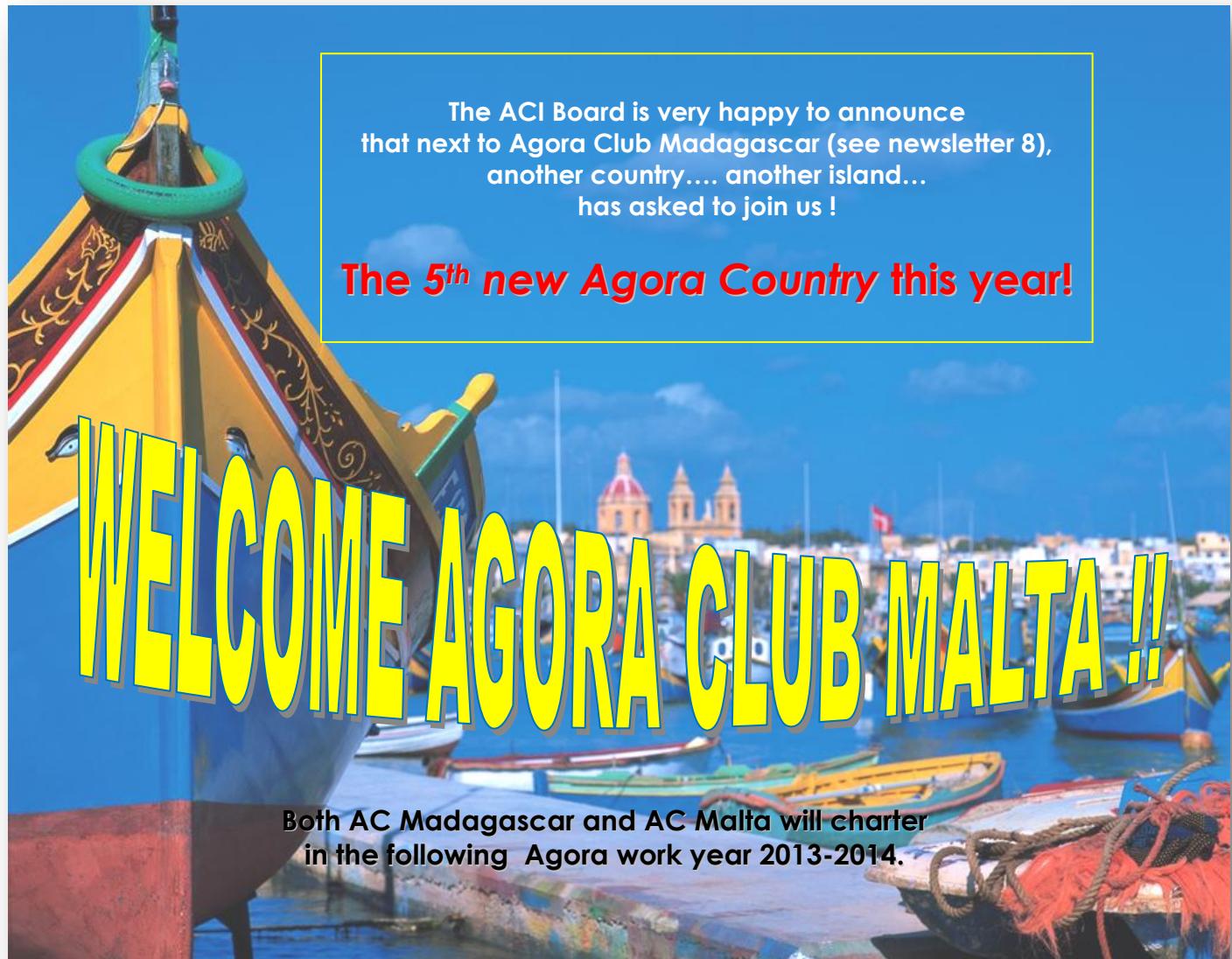
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Next 3 months

- 21.-24. August LCI AGM in Lusaka, Zambia  
28. August-01. September RTI AGM in Valence, France  
21. September Charter AC 7 Tours, France



Maybe  
some of you  
remember  
these Maltese faces  
from LC times.....

**Ladies' Circle and AC Tangent Germany celebrate their AGM together**

*by Elisabeth*



**AGM  
2013  
Norden/  
GERMANY**



**The Welcome Venue**

- an old Castle -



**Ladies' Circle & AC Tangent Germany**

Both Mrs. Presidents

Eva & Veronika

welcome the delegates and guests.



**What a view**

... out of the  
meeting room!!



**The first ISP team in ACI at work**

- the ladies sell a lot of items with the  
specially designed logo;

even champagne (!! ) in doses ☺

**The Highlight of two Years' Work**

The ISP Team gained

**10.000,00 Euro**

within the last two years' period!



**The New German Team 2013-2014**

Petra, Manuela, Brigitte,

**President Barbara**

Uschi, Claudine, Veronika, Elisabeth (not on picture: Luise)



**Take your hat**

and meet you in Bielefeld 2014  
from 09.-11<sup>th</sup> May

## Boardmeeting 4 at Veerle's house in Lokeren Belgium ( by Karen)

This is how our boardmeeting started, followed by a lot of work.



In between we were spoiled by our host Veerle with Belgian chocolates and we had the chance to visit the best chocolate shop around to take lots and lots of chocolate boxes home.



Another highlight was the excellent food and warm atmosphere in Carine's restaurant.



We also enjoyed the company of Veerle's lovely family.



Now we are well prepared for the rest of the year



... and these are the ACI Board's shirts for the next year.





Dear Ladies around the world,

as you know, your ACI Conference will be hosted by Agora France and especially in the South of France, in Hyères, between Marseille and Nice.

We organise for you :

-**On Thursday 10th October** : City tour in Nice organised by the members of Agora Nice

-**On Friday 11th October** : Visit and wine tasting in Galoupet Vineyard (for every body)... after the councillors will have their lunch & meeting in Plein Sud Hotel and the partners and guests will go to Saint Tropez for lunch and a city tour.

In the evening it will time for a kind welcome party and dinner.

-**On Saturday 12th Ocotber**: Agora members and guests will attend the 17th ACI Conference in Galoupet Vineyard. The partners will visit Galoupet's vineyards in 4x4 and taste the wine (the same as Friday morning), or they could play golf (if you are interested, please tell us when you will send your registration form).The lunch will be at the same place.

In the evening we will have our Gala dinner in Galoupet Vineyard.

**Before you leave we could go to Porquerolles Island to walk & eat on the Beach.**

If you would like to visit Paris, Lyon or other towns it is possible... just tell us ! We will give you the right contact.

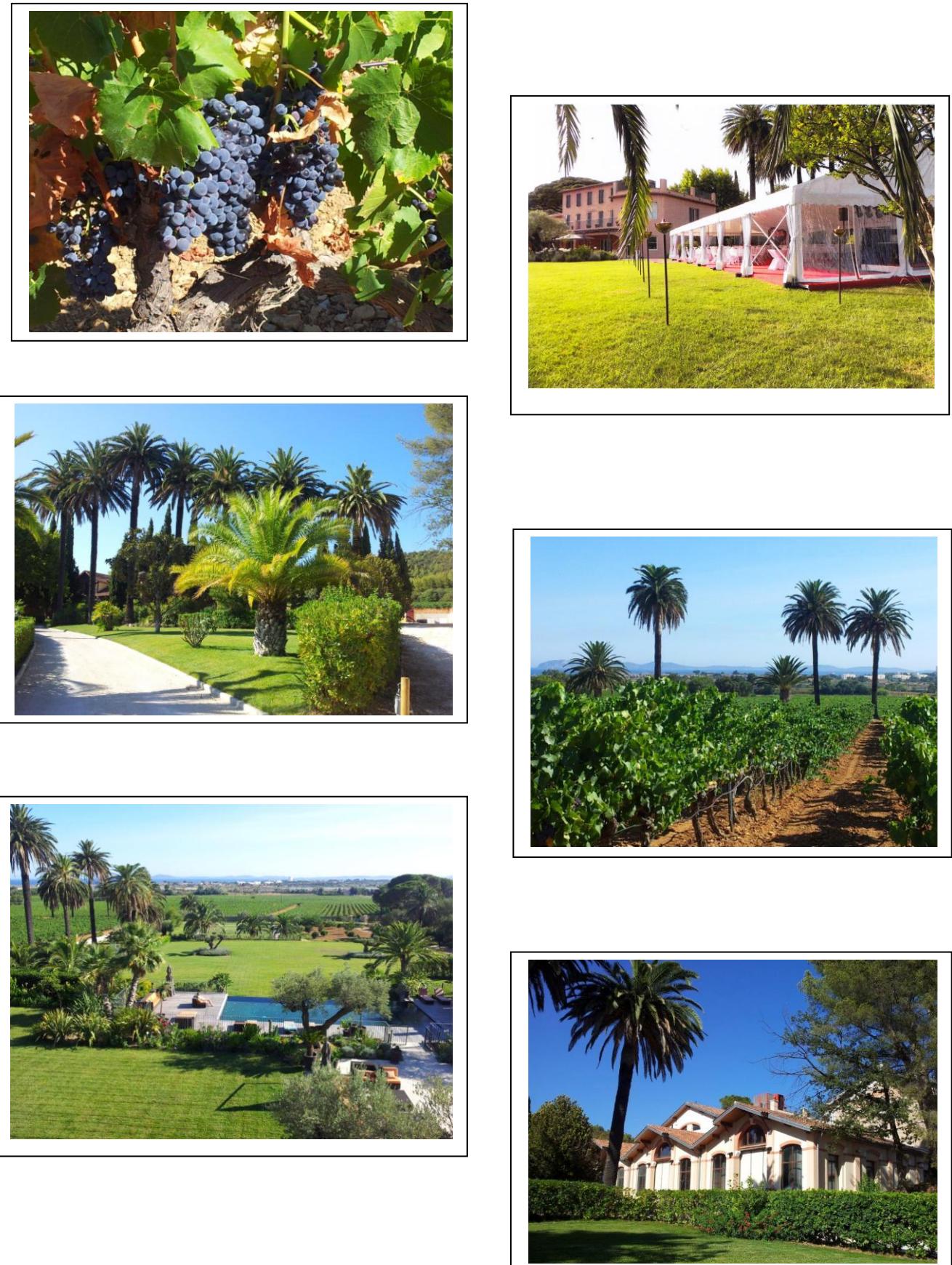
Then, the only thing you have to do to help us to organise you an amazing conference, is to send us as soon as possible your registration form :-)

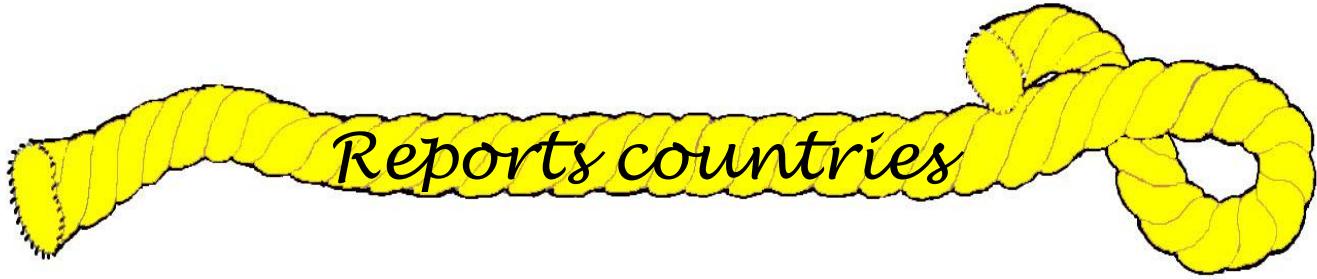
We would like that your stay in France will be unforgettable... Please come as many as possible... and ENJOY your stay in France !

The members of Agora 39 Hyères are waiting for you !

*Isabelle,      Conference Convenor 2013, [isabelle.seguinot@libertysurf.fr](mailto:isabelle.seguinot@libertysurf.fr)*

## Impressions of Galoupet Vineyard





## **Agora UK Charity Endeavours**

*We in Agora UK 1 have completed a number of charity events over the last 18 months from family BBQ's, Quiz nights, coffee and cake mornings, raffles to silly fines at our AGM (small fines for doing silly things throughout the Agora year – needless to say with our group of ladies this usually raises quite a few £s and a large amount of laughter!)*

*But here I'm going to tell you about an event we take on annually and are about to undertake for the third year - the "Colourthon Sunlight". An amazing event, based in Southend-on-sea, that provides great opportunity for local and national charities to raise funds for their causes without any effort to organise the fundraising event itself. All the organising and set up, manpower etc. is done for them by the Colourthon team.*

***The Sunlight event is part of the overall "Colourthon" events which takes place on the first Saturday of July and is a charity walk organised by a committee on behalf of Southend Round Table 106. I, as representative, for Agora Club sit on the committee and have responsibility for organising the Sunlight event including marketing, route, event setup, resources, liaison and balloons.***

***The "Colourthon" events are a platform for anyone to walk and raise valuable sponsorship for any registered charity of their choice. There are 3 events the Moonlight a 26 mile night-time walk, the Twilight a 10K evening walk and the Sunlight a time restricted event in the afternoon largely aimed at under 16 year olds, where walkers complete as many laps of a 0.25 mile circuit as possible within the 2 hour time limit.***

***The events are called Colourthon as the idea is for everyone taking part to wear bright clothes/accessories whilst undertaking the walk, with the aim of not only having fun at the event but "brightening peoples lives" through the sponsorship they raise.***

***Last year the Sunlight event had over 80 walkers take part and raised just over £2000 for the pledged charities. This money goes directly to the charities and the charities are responsible for collecting the sponsorship monies themselves. They receive information from the Colourthon team about walkers that are raising money for them.***

***But one of the best things about the Sunlight event is the atmosphere, enthusiasm and joy of the children and adults that take part – this is not something easily described but is extra special to be a part of!!***

**Here are some pictures to show you what a fun and colourful event it is!!**



*Here are some of the Agora Club  
Stewards, helping run the event*



*A number of the Agora ladies also help to steward the evening events  
(Moonlight and Twilight)and some even take part to raise funds for their  
chosen charity.*



**Agora member Sheila Smerdon, Ladies Circler Jo Rushman  
and Agora member Julia Hyde, who walked the half marathon last year**

# CHARTER AGORA CLUB ICELAND

It all began for real last year when our dear Veerle de Jonge visited Iceland in 2012 to give us the final push to start formally Agora Club in Iceland. We made 2 meetings; one up north in Akureyri nad one in Reykjavik to start up the clubs. During the winter of 2012-2013 we worked hard to get our clubs into actions with monthly meetings with exciting different program each month.

Already on 9. and 10. May 2013 our international guests arrived, and we used the opportunity to take them to the Blue Lagoon as it is on the way from the airport into Reykjavik. For them the Blue Lagoon was a very welcomed surprise as it was not on our official program.

## THE HOMEPARTY

First item on the program was the homeparty where local Agoras met the international guests and we made a lot of new friends immediately.



Our homeparty host with friends

## THE CHARTER

On 11th. May we had the big charter event; when two Agora clubs were chartered in Iceland. 28 excited Icelandic Agora members, husbands, international guests and local circle friends were gathered late Saturday afternoon at a restaurant in downtown Reykjavik.

The charter took place in two sessions; first we had our International president Veerle and our godmother Agora Belgium President Karin to charter Agora Club Iceland and the 8 present members of Agora club 1 Akureyri.



Then Veerle, Karin and Agusta the president of Agora club 1 to charter the big group of 20 to Agora club 2 Reykjavik-Keflavik.



After a lot of nice speeches, gifts, kisses, phot and a celebration drink, we moved up to the next floor for our dinner. The world famous special-tasty icelandic lamb even got nice compliments from people who normally don't eat lamb.

After dinner we danced for hours untill our feets hurt as h\*ll.



Having all the guests from Belgium, Germany, Norway and UK really made our charter so much more festive and charming. Thank you all for taking part in our fantastic charter.

We are all looking so much forward to work and play with you and all our present and future Agora sisters in the future.

# **Charter Agora Club Norway**

What a year!!! ..... and ..... all ended up in a great Charter weekend in the end of May 2013.

16 Norwegian Agora Ladies where ready and excited to welcome guests arriving near and far – a total of 11 international guests where honoring us with their participation ☺ (from Belgium, Germany, Iceland and UK).

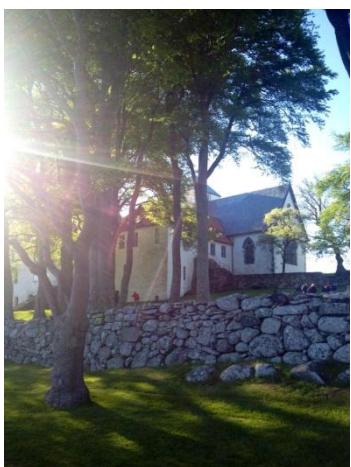
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we had a pre-tour to the Pulpit Rock, great experience and the guests attending this event will probably never forget it. A lot of exercise and fresh air, and we were rewarded with a view and sight that was breathtaking.



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (day time), was the time for taking in the nature and landscape of the "Mountain and Farmers land" in the area – doing a Pink Picnic. Good stories about Norwegian Trolls where told, and of course very true ;-)



Friday 24th (evening), was the time to visit the sea and islands in the area. A Home party at the island of Mosterøy, for a private sightseeing at the Monastery Utstein Kloster (Norway's only preserved medieval monastery) and seafood feast.



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May (daytime) - Time to explore the city of Sandnes. A visit to the Vitenfabrikken, a museum filled with scientific fun facts and amazing things to do. The city walk ended up for a delicious lunch at Charles&De (Agora Norway's main meeting place).



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Charter of Agora Club No. 1 – Rogaland S, Norway and Gala Dinner at Øster Bar in Sandnes. AC Norway had the privilege of having two Godmother countries; Belgium and Iceland - both Presidents where attending the Charter ☺ The master of protocol, Tone did an excellent job guiding us thru the ceremony and we all felt this special moment of making Agora history.





Gala dinner was served after the official Charter, in between dinner and coffee and cakes – we had prepared a special ceremony for those attending the tour to the Pulpit Rock – a personalized official Diploma to certify that they had really been there!

In all parties you need to dance after the coffee and cakes – so it was time for “Hora Loca” – the mad hour.



*Hugs and kisses from Norway  
Aina Hodnefjell Østerhus  
President Agora Club No. 01 Rogaland S*

Dear Friends,

on the 27th April another club was born: **AGORA MAUBEUGE 48**. The charter took place in an old house called: "La Maison Folies". This house was built at the same time as the city walls raised by the famous architect. VAUBAN.

A lot of personalities were present.

During the toast and drink two artists: a harpist and a violoncellist played beautiful music. What an exceptional atmosphere!

The gala dinner took place in a gastronomic restaurant. The guest danced late in the night.



#### AGORA MAUBEUGE 48:

Anne Marie MOREAU, The president of the club and the MEMBERS  
With Lydie VERDIER and Dominique GOMBERT

In June the AGM took place in CLERMONT- FERRAND.

The city is situated in AUVERGNE where there are a lot of extinct volcanoes:

The most famous: the highest "Le PUY de SANCY", Le PUY DE DOME. ...

The new National Board is:

Dominique GOMBERT: National President 2013-2014

Florence LHERITIER: National Vice President

Marie JULLIN: National Secretary

Happy holidays to everybody, Relaxing, friends, sun and conviviality are my warmest wishes for you all during this summer.

Don't forget our meeting in October in Hyères, we wait for you with joy and sparkle.

We are expecting you very numerous!

WARM GREETINGS !

Yours in continued friendship

Marie-France HUBER, Past President 2012-2013, Club AGORA France

# **AGORA CLUB Brasov Nr. 3**

## **THE CLUB**

Agora nr.3 is the second club which is set up in the heart of Romania, in Brasov, after Agora Club International model, bringing together ten ladies willing to allocate from their time in the service of good social actions. Led by motto "Donner ET TOLERER" Agora club no. 3 is intended to be an active presence in everyday existence alongside the other civic organizations in the Community, and wants to develop relations of friendship and collaboration both with the great family Agora International clubs as well as with Ladies' Circle, Round Table, C41, Agora in the country.



### **DORA GRIGORI - President**

I am a young and restless retired Teacher with a wonderful family whom I devoted almost all my time. This young club makes all the difference. That completes my joy and satisfactions making me enjoy myself, not being worried And keep me always happy.



### **LOUANNA NEGUT - Secretary**



Constructor - Engineer –  
Rigorous  
Without compromise  
Manager in distribution,  
Sales Consultant in retail,  
Administrator.  
Now I am looking up to a  
new challenge while dedicating  
my time to AGORA events.

I am Sorana Georgia,  
My most important quality  
is that I am Titus' mother.

### **SORANA GEORGIA**

Besides, I have a great passion: my job. I work in retail for 22 years. During this time I was entrepreneur and also executive. I worked in Metro Maronnaud, Spar and in my own company. Now I am CEO Billa Romania. Another passion is any activity in benefit of community service..



### **GABRIELA VOINEA**



I like to travel, to meet new people, to see them happy. This is why I get involved in humanitarian activities in Agora club spirit! And ... by the way... I am a pharmacist!

### **NORA ALBUTIU**



My name is Liliana Negru, my profession is chartered accountant and judiciary. I have a degree in public law and public institutions. I am open, sociable, equable and calculated. I think my friends from the Club Agora 3 have found these qualities and therefore have entrusted me with the position of treasurer. Principle that I try to follow, is to be in harmony with everything around me.

### **LILIANA NEGRU – The Treasurer**



### **SORINA BARBU - Vice President**

When I first opened my eyes to the beauties of the world, I remained voiceless with astonishment. Then I watched around for a long time, and much later I learned that good can be seen only through your heart. And since then I keep on recovering, amazed by the kindness of people, the magic of friendship and the joy that your dedication can bring to those around:

### **MIHAELA CATAVEI**

Economist and GRANNY;  
I give with passion:  
LOVE to my grandchildren  
TIME to my family  
KNOWLEDGE to my job  
CARING to my benefits



### **LUMINITA DOLCAN**



YOUNG spirit, juggling between balance sheets and family, cherishing friends, friendship and charitable actions.

S – strong women  
I – inspired by life  
M – modern and motivated  
O – oriented to the family  
N – navigator through banking strategy  
A – Agora – new provocation



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Agora Club Morocco Board 2013-14



President Lamia and her team

Agora Club Belgium Board 2013-14



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Dear ladies,  
thank you for your contributions to this page!!  
Karen