



**ROUNDTABLE**  
INTERNATIONAL

**WORLD MEETING 2011**

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**ATLANTIC HOTEL SAIL CITY,  
BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY**

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**Note:**

Kindly use this document for your preparation for the RTI AGM. Delegates to kindly print their own copy of this document for their reference during meeting.



**Notice for the  
ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL  
Councillors' Meeting and Community Service Market 2011**

16 July 2011,

**To the RTI Councillors,**

Notice is hereby given that the Round Table International Councillors' Meeting and Community Service Market 2011 will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 08h30** at the Atlantic Hotel Sail City, Bremerhaven, Germany.

Subject to accommodation, any active Tabler may attend this Meeting, and subject to the consent of the meeting, may speak on any motion or amendment, but may not vote thereon.

Please note that the three minute rule will apply to speakers on any motion.

Dress code: Jacket, long pants, closed shoes and chain of office (if applicable).

**Ross Crichton**  
**RTI Secretary 2010/ 2011**  
***Round Table... Make it Count!***

**Agenda for the  
ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL  
Councillors' Meeting and Community Service Market 2011**

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Aims and Objects of RTI
3. Introduction of delegates
4. Appointment of Minutes Secretary
5. Appointment of RT Germany as facilitator of RTI Travel Bingo Draw
6. RTI Councillors' Annual Reports [3 minutes per member] – These must be provided by not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011
7. Round Table Vision Document 2008 – 2011
  - a. What has been achieved?
  - b. What next?
8. Community Service market
  - a. Community Service as part of RT, the way forward
  - b. Presentations by Associations
9. Proposed RTI Forms, Guidelines and Handbook changes
10. Presentation RTI Online Administration Site
11. Discussions on motions for AGM in order to clarify and shorten discussion during AGM
12. World Membership Committee (WMC) update and the way forward
13. RTI Book – An updated history of RTI all over the world
14. Any Other business
15. Meeting Closure



**Notice for the  
ROUNDTABLE INTERNATIONAL  
Annual General Meeting 2011**

16 July 2011,

**To the RTI Councillors,**

Notice is hereby given that the Round Table International Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 08h30** at the Atlantic Hotel Sail City, Bremerhaven, Germany.

Subject to accommodation, any active Tabler may attend this Meeting, and subject to the consent of the meeting, may speak on any motion or amendment, but may not vote thereon.

Meeting procedures are attached. The three minute rule therein that applies to all speakers on motions and amendments, other than proposers, will also be applied to all other contributions to the meeting EXCEPT for the addresses by candidates wishing to become RTI Officers and candidates wishing to host future RTI Meetings who all have 5 minutes as per the RTI Constitution.

RTI Councillors are required to sign in on arrival in order to obtain their Association Name cards and, where appropriate, their Voting cards and. Each Full Member is entitled to one vote. All motions require a simple majority of the Full Members attending and voting in favour thereof EXCEPT THAT when voting for an RTI Officer or a Full Member to host the next RTI Meeting additional rules apply – see rule 12.6 of the RTI Constitution.

Dress code: Jacket and tie, long pants, closed shoes and chain of office (if applicable).

**Ross Crichton**  
**RTI Secretary 2010/ 2011**  
***Round Table... Make it Count!***

**Agenda for the  
 ROUNDTABLE INTERNATIONAL  
 Annual General Meeting 2011**

**Opening (Master of Ceremony)**

1. Entrance of the Round Table International Board
2. Aims and Objects of Round Table (Convener)
3. Aims and Objects of Round Table International (RT Asia Pacific Chairman-Elect)
4. Welcome by RTIWM 2011 Convener and Welcome by RT Germany President
5. Address by RTI PP Waldo Thöle on behalf of all RTI PPs – 3 min
6. Address by 41 International President - 3 min
7. Address by WOCO Foundation Chairman Petros Stylianides – 3 min
8. Welcome by RTI President Stephen Ganado
9. Special Movie Presentation In Lieu of Annual Reports – 10 min (TBC)

**Meeting**

10. Obituaries, Preliminaries, Apologies and Communications (Secretary)
11. Approval of Notice Convening the AGM (Secretary)
12. Appointment of Minutes Secretary and Sergeant at Arms (President)
13. Approval of observers with right to take the floor (Secretary)
14. Appointment of Tellers and Scrutineers and determination of voting rights (Secretary)
15. Introduction of RTI Councillors and circulation of Attendance list (Secretary)
16. Approval of the Minutes of the RTI AGM 2010 [Dubai, U.A.E.] and matters arising (Secretary)
17. Annual Reports of the RTI Officers 2010 - 2011
  - a. RTI President – Steve Ganado
  - b. RTI Vice President – Stijn De Frene
  - c. EMA Chairman & RTI Community Services Officer – Lars Vestermann
  - d. RT Africa Chairman & RTI Secretary – Ross Crichton
  - e. RT Asia Pacific Chairman & RTI Treasurer – Manoj Kedia
18. Receive and Adopt the Independently Examined RTI Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 (Treasurer)
19. Membership Changes, Current Full and Associate member status (President)
20. Suspension of inactive Associations (if any)
21. Motions Submitted by the RTI Board (Secretary)
22. Presentation and Approval of the RTI Budget for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Vice President)
23. Appointment of the Independent Examiner for the RTI Accounts (President)
24. Information on Future RTI Meetings (President)
  - EMA STM – 3 to 6 November 2011, Greece
  - World IRO's Meeting – 1 to 3 March 2012, Helsingborg, Sweden
  - RT Africa Meeting 2012 – 4 to 6 May, Madagascar
  - EMATM 2012 – 20 to 24 June, Belgium

- RT Asia Pacific 2012 – 12 to 15 July, India
  - RTI World Meeting 2012 – 26 to 30 September, Hyderabad, India
25. Address by the candidates who wish to host the RTI World Meeting 2013 (RT Finland & RT France)
  26. Election of the host of the RTI World Meeting 2013 (President)
  27. Address by the candidates for the office of RTI Vice President 2011/12 (Lars Vondenhoff & Jeroen de Graaf)
  28. Election of the RTI Vice President 2011/12 (President)
  29. Outgoing RTI President's Address - *to be given at the Gala Dinner*
  30. Incoming RTI President's Address - *to be given at the Gala Dinner*
  31. RTI Travel Bingo Draw (Secretary)
  32. Any other business permissible under the RTI Constitution (President)
    - a. RTI Awards - *to be announced at the Gala Dinner*
    - b. Sergeant at Arms

## **Meeting Procedures**

The ruling of the Chairman on a point of order or the admissibility of a personal explanation or on any matter or question before the meeting shall be final, and will not be open to discussion unless challenged forthwith by a member of the meeting. In such an event the decision of the meeting thereon will be final. Such a challenge does not constitute an indication of no confidence in the Chairman.

The Chairman may call the attention of the meeting to continued irrelevance, tedious repetition, unbecoming language or breach of rules, and may direct a person to discontinue speaking.

Any member who speaks should stand and address his remark to the Chair. When the Chairman speaks all the members must be silent and any person standing to speak must resume his seat.

Unless the Chairman decides otherwise a member may only speak once to each motion or amendment except the member proposing who is entitled to the right of reply.

No person will be entitled to speak until called upon to do so by the Chairman, except on a point of order or explanation.

### **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS and AMENDMENTS**

A MOTION is a PROPOSAL moved or submitted at a meeting that some action, described in the proposal, should be taken in respect of any matter within the competence of the meeting. When the motion is agreed or resolved upon it becomes a resolution.

A motion must be proposed by a member at the meeting, and seconded by another member before discussion on it takes place. If the proposed motion does not secure a seconder it cannot be discussed, cannot be put to the meeting and cannot be voted upon.

No motion or amendment may be withdrawn without the consent of the proposer and seconder.

After the motion has been properly proposed and seconded, it will be open for discussion by the meeting. When sufficient discussion has taken place at the discretion of the Chairman, he will put the motion to the meeting; that is, will call upon the members to vote upon it.

Possibly some member may find himself in a dilemma as he agrees with only a portion of the proposal contained in the motion. In that case he may propose an AMENDMENT to the original motion before the Chairman puts the motion to the vote. An amendment is an alteration proposed to be made to the wording of a motion submitted to the meeting for adoption. It seeks by addition, alteration or omission to amend the wording of a motion yet to be voted on.

Any member except the proposer and seconder of the original motion may propose an amendment. An Amendment must be seconded before being discussed. It will be ruled

out of order by the Chairman if it is a direct negative of the original motion (as the proposer could achieve the same result by voting against the motion) or if it is not relevant to the motion under discussion. If it is properly proposed and seconded it will be put to the meeting for discussion and then put to the vote.

When an amendment is under consideration, discussion on the content of the original motion will cease until the matter of the amendment has been resolved.

No second amendment shall be taken into consideration (although it may be foreshadowed) until the first amendment has been disposed of.

If a first amendment is carried it displaces the original motion and becomes itself the SUBSTANTIVE motion for consideration, whereupon any further amendment relating to any portion of the substantive motion may be proposed. If the first amendment is negated, another amendment to the original motion may be proposed.

It is extremely important to realise that an amendment merely has the effect of altering the wording of the original motion to the satisfaction of the meeting and does not affect the principle of the motion.

## **FORMAL MOTIONS**

### **- To Postpone**

If it seems premature to discuss a particular matter and it would be better to discuss it at a larger stage, someone may propose and have seconded, a motion "That consideration of the motion be postponed until....". This is put to the vote after the proposer of the formal motion and the proposer of the original motion has spoken, but no-one else.

### **- That the question be now put: To move closure**

This is known as an "interrupting motion" and is a device used when a member feels that the motion or amendment has been fully discussed. A member may propose "That the question be now put" or "closure", and such motion must be seconded. It will not be put unless the Chairman in his discretion considers that the question has been discussed sufficiently. If he does accept the interrupting motion, only the proposer of the original motion is given the opportunity of exercising his right of reply. The interrupting motion is then put to the vote. If it is successful, the original motion is immediately put to the vote.

### **- That all the words following the word be deleted**

A motion "That all the words following the first be deleted" may be proposed and seconded. It is immediately put to the vote, and if successful prevents any vote being taken or any discussion taking place on the motion.

### **- Point of order of personal explanation, questions, reports**

A point of order is a question raised to indicate a member is dissatisfied with what is being done because it is "out of order", that is, it is not in accordance with the prescribed or customary modes or procedure.

A member may rise on a point of order, or in explanation of a material part of his speech, or some action or matter involving himself. He is entitled to be heard forthwith, but must be succinct in making his point.

Formal questions, providing they are relevant, may be asked in connection with the matter presently being discussed.

#### **- Rights of proposer and seconder**

The proposer of a motion or amendment has the right to commence the discussion on his motion or amendment. He has, too, the right to reply at the close of the debate on the particular question.

After reply the motion or amendment is put to the vote without further debate.

The seconder of a motion or amendment may speak after the proposer or reserve his speech for a later period in the debate.

#### **SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTING SYSTEM**

Where there are more than two valid nominations marked on a ballot paper, each Full Member shall number the candidates in order of preference, as directed by the Chairman of the meeting. Only ballot papers that have been completed correctly will be counted.

If, on the first count, one candidate has a majority of the unspoilt votes, they shall be declared the successful candidate.

However, if no one candidate polls more than 50% of the unspoilt votes, then all the votes cast for the candidate with the least number of votes shall be re-allocated to the remaining candidates in accordance with the indicated second preference.

If, on the second count, there is now a candidate with a majority, they shall be declared the successful candidate.

However, if there is still no majority, the process of transferring votes shall continue until a majority candidate does emerge, and they shall be declared the successful candidate.

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**FOR THE YEAR 2009/10**  
**HELD IN DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**  
**ON FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2010**  
**AT THE JEBEL ALI GOLF RESORT & SPA AT 09H00**

**Opening - Master of Ceremony: St John Cooper, RT Arabian Gulf**

1. Entrance of the Round Table International Board 2009/ 2010 (on AC/DC's *Back in Black*)
2. Aims and Objects of Round Table International - **Read by Stijn de Frene, RT Belgium**
3. Welcome by RT Arabian Gulf President, **Rob Duce**
4. Address by RTI PP **Tom Albrigtsen** on behalf of all Past RTI Presidents. During his address, Tom pledged a donation of EUR 500 from Past International Presidents (PIPS) towards the RTI Newsflash.
5. Address by 41 International Vice President, **Jean-Louis Boileau, Club 41 France**
6. Address by LC International President, **Malin Dahlberg, LC Sweden**
7. Welcome by RTI President, **Rikus Badenhorst, RT Southern Africa**
8. A Special Movie Presentation took place In Lieu of Annual Reports by the RTI Board. The movie, edited by Stijn de Frene, consisted in a compilation of pictures from RTI Officers trips during the year.

The movie is visible on

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6WcYngiS1w&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6WcYngiS1w&feature=player_embedded)

President Rikus then called for a 5 minute coffee break in order to excuse guests who would like to depart on tours.

When reconvening the meeting and before declaring it officially open, President Rikus shared with the audience an interview of Round Table founder, Louis Marchesi, recorded by the BBC shortly before his death in the late 60s.

The interview can be downloaded on

[http://www.rtininternational.org/files/Sounds/Louis\\_Marchesi.mp3](http://www.rtininternational.org/files/Sounds/Louis_Marchesi.mp3)

President Rikus then declared the AGM officially open and asked RT Germany to conduct the RTI Travel Bingo draw and forward the results to the RTI Secretary when concluded in order to make the results known under item 31 on the Agenda.

**9. President Rikus asked RTI Secretary Gilles to handle the **Call to Order, Obituaries, Preliminaries, Apologies and Communications.****

Gilles mentioned that written apologies prior to the AGM were received from past RTI Presidents Waldo Thole, Cees Verweij, T. Ramakrishnan, Gerard O'Herlihy, Patrick Morganti, Simon Cusens, Ravi Khanna and George Psaras. The President of RT Israel Itay Alt also sent a written apology which was read to the audience. The son of our founder, Peter Marchesi, as well as past LCI President Kjersti Irgins also sent apologies.

A Moment silence for Tablers and family members and loved ones who passed away since last AGM was observed

RTI Secretary Gilles reminded everyone to please turn off their mobile and that jackets may be removed. He advised that we will try to end the meeting by 1h30/ 2h00 pm so we can make it for lunch. RTI Councillors are advised to address the meeting through the Chair and kindly avoid one to one discussions. The three minute rule will apply with regards to discussion from the Floor. When addressing the Floor, please state your names and Association first. Coffee is available outside and all are welcome to help themselves. Doors will however be closed when we reach point 20 on the Agenda (motions), and will only be opened after concluding point 22.

President Rikus advised that anyone wishing to address the meeting under AOBs should please pass on a written request to Gilles before we reach this item on the Agenda.

President Rikus mentioned that due to the fact that RTI Councillor from RT Israel was denied a visa to enter the UAE, the President of RT Israel has requested that his Association be represented by Gerald Buffet during the meeting. Article 12.4 of the RTI Constitution does not allow for proxy vote, but given the special circumstances, he asked permission from the Floor to make an exception and allow Gerald to vote for RT Israel. The resolution is adopted unanimously (less one abstention – RT Netherlands) on a proposal from RT Germany, seconded by RT Sri Lanka, and Gerald was given the RT Israel voting card.

Gerald addressed the audience to read out a message from RT Israel, requesting that all motions to be debated and voted today be postponed until the next RTI meeting where a Councilor from RT Israel can attend. President Rikus explained that RTI Constitution provides for a 56-day notice for any motion to be voted on at the AGM, and that this would be the case for this motion as well. The AGM therefore does not have the right to allow this motion. The Floor supported the ruling of the Chairman unanimously (less two abstentions: RT Malta and RT Romania).

At this stage, President Rikus made a detailed statement of facts (**Annex A**) regarding the non-participation of RT Israel to this AGM, highlighting every single event since RT Arabian Gulf presented its winning bid to host the conference in 2008. His address was received with applause from the Floor.

**10. Approval of Notice Convening the AGM**

Upon request from Rikus, Gilles advised that the notice convening this RTI AGM had been circulated along with the meeting procedures in accordance with article 10.6.1 of

the RTI Constitution, 42 days prior to the AGM, and he therefore requested a proposer and seconder for the same. The notice is approved on a proposal from RT Malta, seconded by RT Romania.

### **11.Appointment of Minutes Secretary and Sergeant at Arms**

In accordance with the RTI Officers Handbook, President Rikus requested to appoint the RTI Secretary Gilles as Minutes Secretary for the meeting, which is carried on a proposal from RT Austria, seconded by RT Zambia.

President Rikus then appointed the incoming RTI Officers and Regional Chairmen, Lars Vestermann, Ross Crichton and Manoj Kedia as Sergeant at Arms for the meeting. This was agreed on a proposal from RT Eastern Africa, seconded by RT Norway.

### **12.Approval of observers with right to take the floor**

President Rikus asked for approval for observers to remain present and to address the meeting should they wish to, with the permission of the Chair, which was unanimously agreed.

### **13.Appointment of Tellers and Scrutineers and determination of voting rights**

President Rikus proposed past RTI Presidents Tom Albrigtsen and Arawn Johnson to act as tellers and scrutineers, with the unanimous agreement of the Floor.

He then asked Gilles to deal with the voting procedures and count.

Gilles informed the meeting that according to article 12 of the RTI Constitution, the quorum for all RTI Meetings shall be one half of the 47 Full Member Associations (ie. 24). The number of Full Member Associations represented today by 9.00 this morning, having discharged all their financial obligations, and carrying just one vote each is **32**, which means that we have a quorum.

He further explained that in accordance with article 12.7 of the RTI Constitution, voting shall be carried out on the various proposals by show of cards. Simple Majority of Full Member Associations voting today means **17** or more votes in favour of the proposal, assuming there are no abstentions. Accordingly, Poll Vote of Full Member Associations voting today means **16,671** or more Tablers in favour of the proposal, assuming there are no abstentions.

Voting on amendments to the RTI Constitution, on the admission to, suspension or expulsion from, or reinstatement of, membership, and on the budget, shall only be passed if both the Simple Majority and Poll Vote are in favour (Constitution 12.7.1).

Voting on all other matters shall only be passed if a Simple Majority of Full Member Associations entitled to and voting (excluding abstention) is in favour (Constitution 12.7.2).

He reminded the Floor that the RTI President does have a casting vote.

Gilles informed the Floor that voting by secret ballot is usually reserved for the election of RTI Officers and Full Member Associations presenting a bid to host a RTI Meeting (Constitution 12.6.2). Since only one application was received for both the RTI Vice-President 2010/ 2011 and the RTI AGM 2012, voting by secret ballot will not be required unless RTI Councillors direct otherwise.

#### **14. Introduction of RTI Councillors and circulation of Attendance list**

The attendance register was passed around to be signed and delegates were asked to introduce themselves. The following Associations were represented by their Councillor:

RT Arabian Gulf	Stephen Brown, IRO
RT Central Africa	Medson Kalambule, IRO
RT Eastern Africa	Hiren Mehta, Secretary
RT Madagascar	Alexandre « Bachy » Dupré, IRO
RT Mauritius	Nuvin Deerpalsing, President
RT Seychelles	Ashvin Seeboo, President
RT Southern Africa	Johan Lindeque, Vice-President
RT Zambia	Phasion Chiwara, President
RT Austria	Jochen Kracher, Official Delegate
RT Belgium	Wim Van Den Berghe, IRO
RT Cyprus	Michalis Aristodemou, IRO
RT Denmark	Casper Hansen, Vice-President
RT Estonia	William Vesilind, IRO
RT Finland	Jari Heikka, IRO
RT France	Dominique Lemaire, President
RT Germany	Werner Maier, IRO
RT Great Britain & Ireland	Steve Lord, IRO
RT Hong Kong	Matthew Adams, President
RT Iceland	Njáll Trausti Friðbertsson, President
RT Israel	Gerald Buffet, Official Delegate
RT Italy	Antonio Rovetti, IRO
RT Luxembourg	Kristof Della Siega, IRO
RT Malta	Esprit Borg Barthet, President
RT The Netherlands	Willem Haagmans, IRO
RT Norway	Arnstein Larsen, IRO
RT Romania	Dragos Chirita, IRO
RT Sweden	Marcus Hermansson, IRO
RT Switzerland	Mathias Muller, IRO
RT India	Himanshu Gupta, IRO
RT Nepal	Manoj K. Das, President
RT New Zealand	Steve Mears, President
RT Sri Lanka	Juzar Adamally, President

#### **15. Approval of the Minutes of the RTI AGM 2009 [Alkmaar, Netherlands] and matters arising**

President Rikus informed the meeting that the minutes have been circulated to all RTI Councillors in accordance with article 10.8 of the RTI Constitution and he therefore

invited a proposer and seconder that they could be signed as a true and accurate record of those Meetings.

Proposer: RT Cyprus  
Secunder: RT France

The minutes were voted in favour unanimously by show of cards.

There was no discussion under matters arising.

### **16. Annual Reports of the RTI Officers 2009 – 2010**

President Rikus stressed that the AGM Pack and the September edition of the Newsflash already contained the RTI Officers reports, so he didn't think it was necessary to present these reports verbatim. He however invited each RTI Officer to briefly address the meeting with any highlights or thanks they may have.

Actual reports are annexed to these minutes as follows:

- Annex B** – RTI President Report – Rikus Badenhorst
- Annex C** – RTI Vice-President Report – Steve Ganado
- Annex D** – EMA Chairman & RTI Membership & CS Officer – Daniel Forsberg
- Annex E** – RT Africa Chairman & RTI Secretary – Gilles Debert
- Annex F** – RT Asia Pacific Chairman & RTI Treasurer – Romesh Fonseca

Each RTI Officer briefly addressed the meeting.

### **17. Receive and Adopt the Independently Examined RTI Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

President Rikus requested RTI Treasurer Romesh to stand and present the RTI Account for the year ended 30 June 2010.

Romesh presented the accounts audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Cyprus. During his presentation, he explained the procedure of settling travel claims from Member Associations, and apologised for some of those claims having been unpaid to date.

He closed his presentation by thanking RTI Board Assistant Alex Abela for the book-keeping and PricewaterhouseCoopers for the audit work.

President Rikus then asked for the accounts to be adopted, on a proposal from RT Madagascar, seconded by RT Nepal. The accounts were subsequently adopted by unanimous vote (except one abstention, RT Southern Africa).

### **18. Membership Changes, Current Full and Associate member status**

President Rikus informed the meeting that an application for Full Membership was received from RT Madagascar, within the guidelines of the RTI Constitution, and was duly approved by unanimous vote by the RTI AGM 2009 in Alkmaar. In terms of article 5.5.2 of the RTI Constitution, President Rikus therefore confirmed the full membership

status of this Association. A Membership Certificate will be handed over to the RT Madagascar's Councillor during the Banquet in the evening.

On the other hand, President Rikus mentioned that there are some Associations that have been duly granted full membership to RTI, but with which successive RTI Boards have not been able to communicate over the past 2 years, in spite of exhaustive efforts. He argued that to continue listing these Associations as Full Members in our directory, and to carry them as debtors year on year when we are not sure how much to bill them for capitation fees in the first place, is counterproductive

According to article 5.4.1 of the RTI Constitution, he therefore requested permission to suspend the membership of the following Associations, in view of terminating it by the next RTI AGM, as per article 5.4.2 of the RTI Constitution, should no contact be established with them during the coming year:

**RT Bahamas**  
**RT Bermuda**  
**RT Philippines**  
**RT Poland**

The resolution is adopted unanimously (except one abstention, RT Southern Africa) by the AGM.

## **19. Motions Submitted by the RTI Board**

In order to facilitate the voting procedures, President Rikus asked that the doors now be closed and remained closed under the custody of Sergeants for the duration of item 20 and 21 on the Agenda.

He then requested Vice-President Steve to motivate the motions submitted by the RTI Board.

a- The first motion read as follows:

"To amend **10.3.1.1** and **10.3.1.3** as follows:

10.3.1.1 The Africa Regional Meeting, known as the "INDABA" (replace with "**RT Africa Meeting**") shall take place between April and June

10.3.1.3 The PACART (replace with "**ASPA**") Regional Meeting shall take place in February (replace with "**between January and June**")."

The motivation presented by Steve is that the changing of the names of the Africa and Asia Pacific Regions are consistent with name changes voted in at previous Regional Meetings. The change of the timeline in 10.3.1.3 will bring the ASPA Regional Meeting in line with the remaining two Regions.

The motion is **adopted** unanimously both on Simple Majority (1 abstention) and Poll Vote (1 abstention) without discussion.

b- The second motion read as follows:

As the initial wording wasn't very clear, this motion was re-worded during the Councillors' meeting the day before, thanks to the input of RT Arabian Gulf.

"To insert **10.3.3** as follows:

10.3.3. Notwithstanding the above timelines, Regional Meetings shall take place at least 62 days before the RTI AGM."

The motivation is that this will enable Associations to discuss and debate proposed motions to the RTI AGM on Regional level, with enough time to submit any such motions in time for the 56 day deadline as per 11.1.1.

The motion is **adopted** unanimously both on Simple Majority (1 abstention) and Poll Vote (1 abstention) without discussion.

c- The third motion read as follows:

"To amend **10.3.2.** as follows:

10.3.2. The EMA Region shall also hold a second Regional Meeting, known as the "IRO's Meeting" which shall take place ~~in November~~ (replace with "**not later than February**")"

The motivation presented by Steve is that without removing the option of having the IRO's meeting in November, this change creates an opportunity for the IRO's meeting to become a "World IRO's" meeting in years to come, creating the opportunity to have a World Half Yearly Meeting.

RT Germany argued the choice of November is relevant because of the date at which IROs in the EMA Region are elected. On his right of reply, Steve said that opening up the possibility to hold the EMA IRO Meeting not later than February didn't mean that Councillors need to move it from November if they choose not to.

The motion is **adopted** both on Simple Majority (63% in favour v/s 37% against, with 2 abstentions) and Poll Vote (59% in favour v/s 41% against, with 3,268 abstentions).

d- The forth motion read as follows:

"To insert **13.3.2.1** after **13.3.2**, along with subsections **13.3.2.1.1** and **13.3.2.1.2**:

13.3.2.1 In addition to the annual capitation fee, a Delegate Registration Levy of Euro 200.00 or such other amount as may be determined by the RTI Councillors at the RTI AGM, shall be payable by each Association to the RTI Treasurer on or before the 30th November each year in respect of each such Associations delegate costs at the next following RTI AGM; which total Delegate Registration Levies shall, not later than 90 days prior to the date of that RTI AGM, be paid over by the RTI Treasurer to the Annual General Meeting Conference Committee to be used for the actual funding of that Annual General Meeting Conference, provided that:

13.3.2.1.1 The Delegate Registration Levy paid by an Association shall be deducted from the registration costs of the delegates of each Association who attend the RTI AGM.

13.3.2.1.2 In the event that no delegate of an Association attends the Annual General Meeting of RTI, then the Delegate Registration Levy, paid or payable by that Association, shall be forfeited by such Association and used for the purpose of generally funding the costs of the RTI AGM Conference."

The motivation presented by Steve is that this levy will serve to assist hosting Associations with a start-up budget to negotiate better deals with suppliers and to assist them with marketing expenses in order to attract more attendees to the conference, which should reduce conference costs. It will further motivate more Associations to make an effort to attend the RTI AGM, so as not to lose the benefit of the Delegates Levy already being paid.

The motion is **adopted** both on Simple Majority (87% in favour v/s 13% against, with 1 abstention) and Poll Vote (95% in favour v/s 5% against, with 60 abstentions) without discussion.

## **20. Motions Submitted by Full Members**

- a- The first motion presented by RT Sweden and seconded by RT Netherlands read as follows:

"To insert **10.4.2:**

10.4.2. Each Full Member is entitled to call for "Floor Member equivalent vote", and Each Full Member [excludes abstentions] shall have one vote for each of the active Tablers that they have been invoiced for in their most recent capitation fee. This voting procedure can be applied to any matter that demands voting. The call for this voting procedure supersedes all other voting forms in RTI Constitution. This shall be seconded by three other Full Members."

After having sought confirmation from both Associations that they were bringing and seconding this motion, President Rikus invited the proposer to motivate it.

RT Sweden informed the meeting that they are withdrawing this motion for the sake of unity and RT Netherlands confirmed the withdrawal of their secondment of the motion. This decision was unanimously saluted by the la-la-la song.

- b- The second motion presented by RT Sweden and seconded by RT Netherlands read as follows:

"To insert **10.4.4:**

10.4.4. Any Full Member applying to host an RTI Meeting must assure that all RTI Member countries are granted tourist visa at the time of submitting the application."

After having sought confirmation from both Associations that they were bringing and seconding this motion, President Rikus invited the proposer to motivate it.

RT Sweden presented its motivation whereby it is important that we follow the Aims and Objects of Round Table International and to promote understanding and fellowship. It is equally important that we stay neutral in all political and religious matters. It is for this reason that we propose this Constitutional amendment in order to help our organization to remain neutral no matter the reason, and to hold our RTI World Meeting, RTI AGM in a location who can live up to these objective standards around the world.

RT Great Britain & Ireland brought the following amendment to the original motion, seconded by RT India:

“10.4.4. Any Full Member **Association** applying to host an RTI Meeting must **have explored assure** that all RTI Member **Associations countries have the availability of a are granted Tourist or equivalent** visa at the time of submitting the application.”

President Rikus accepted the amendment as valid and invited its proposer to speak.

RT Great Britain & Ireland said that they are in favour of the original motion, but felt the need to re-write it to make it more practical.

RT Southern Africa asked the question what would happen if countries break diplomatic relations after the submission of the application. RT Great Britain & Ireland replied that this would merely be out of anyone control. RT Southern Africa further argued that what would be the use of such a motion if things end up being out of our control anyway?

With no further discussion or comment from the original proposer of the motion, President Rikus then put the amendment to the vote. A simple majority of 26 Full Member Associations voted in favour, thus converting this amendment into a substantive motion now reading as follows:

“To insert 10.4.4:

10.4.4. Any Full Member Association applying to host an RTI Meeting must have explored that all RTI Member Associations have the availability of a Tourist or equivalent visa at the time of submitting the application.”

RT Sri Lanka brought a further amendment, seconded by RT Zambia:

To complete the article as follows:

“10.4.4. Any Full Member Association applying to host an RTI Meeting must have explored that all RTI Member Associations have the availability of a Tourist or equivalent visa at the time of submitting the application. **If after submitting the application, circumstances change, then the winning bidder has a responsibility to relocate where those conditions are met.**”

President Rikus accepted the amendment as valid and opened up the discussion.

RT India objected that this amendment was now making it very complicated for any Association to bear the consequences of winning a bid and could also prove very unpractical to implement. The point fully supported by RT Arabian Gulf, the hosts of the present RTI AGM, and RT Estonia.

RT Southern Africa pointed out that changing the venue of an RTI Meeting would additionally require a Special General Meeting!

On its right of reply, the original proposer of the motion, RT Sweden, also feel that with such an amendment, this would make the whole article way too complicated to implement.

With no further discussion, President Rikus then put the amendment to the vote. A simple majority of 30 Full Member Associations voted against, thus discarding this second amendment.

The amended motion is subsequently **adopted** both on Simple Majority (93% in favour v/s 7% against, with 5 abstentions) and Poll Vote (96% in favour v/s 4% against, with 1,918 abstentions).

c- The third motion presented by RT Netherlands and seconded by RT Sweden read as follows:

"To amend **5.3.1.5** - delete "[or 18 and 45]" to read:

5.3.1.5. The Member's individual Tables shall be open to men aged between 18 and 40 who shall be prohibited from discussing party politics or sectarian religion."

After having sought confirmation from both Associations that they were bringing and seconding this motion, President Rikus invited the proposer to motivate it.

RT Netherlands explained that this was not their intention to expel all 45-year age rule Associations from RTI, but rather stimulate the need for a project group aiming at bringing everyone back to 40.

RT Great Britain and Ireland then put a formal motion that consideration of the motion be postponed until 2020. This is seconded by RT Belgium.

RT Great Britain and Ireland further argued that the RTI Board can then perfectly set up the project group envisioned by RT Netherlands.

President Rikus asked for a right of reply from RT Netherland, which had nothing to add.

**The formal motion to postpone was subsequently adopted** unanimously both on Simple Majority (4 abstentions) and Poll Vote (2,641 abstentions).

RT Netherlands proposed to help set up the proposed membership and development committee with the help of RT Great Britain, Ireland and Sweden, as well as any interested Associations (no less than 14 Associations mentioned they were interested to take part to this committee). In order to make it practical, President Rikus advised that a

small committee comprising only one or two Associations per Region be set up, and that a foot note will be inserted in the RTI Constitution to that effect:

**"By-Law (as per resolution at RTI AGM, Dubai 2010)**

**Membership & Development Committee**

1. Any motion with regards to age rule is postponed until at least 2020.
2. RT Netherlands shall initiate a Membership and Development Committee immediately following the RTI AGM 2010, and report accordingly to the RTI Board."

RT Great Britain & Ireland informed the meeting that they are withdrawing their notice of resignation from RTI.

- d- The forth motion presented by RT Netherlands and seconded by RT Sweden read as follows:

"To insert **7.4**:

7.4. The RTI officers can give a country a financial penalty to a country that not held themselves to previous AGM registration Price agreements. This penalty will be a benefit for the registration AGM price per Tabler. The RTI President will have the Veto for quantity of this price penalty."

After having sought confirmation from both Associations that they were bringing and seconding this motion, President Rikus invited the proposer to motivate it.

RT Netherlands explained that they want to make it easier for fellow Tablers to travel to an RTI AGM, we have to agree that we have a fixed price, a price that will not be like a stock exchange and will change every month with a higher price. It is too expensive for fellow Tablers to Travel to another country. To get a good and fixed price, we have to give the RTI Board more rights so they can also give a financial penalty to a country which does not hold on their previous agreement. The RTI Board can for example give a penalty to such a country to keep them to the first price.

RT Arabian Gulf said they were initially dead against this motion, but thanks to the changes made to the Application Form to Host a RTI Meeting yesterday, they felt more comfortable with the proposal in its current form.

RT Estonia brought the following amendment, seconded by RT Romania:

"7.4. The RTI **Board** officers can **impose** ~~give a country~~ a financial penalty to **any Association** that has not **stayed within the event pricing guidelines** held themselves to previous AGM registration Price agreements. **This penalty will be calculated as a reduction of registration until the price guidelines are met.** a benefit for the registration AGM price per Tabler. The RTI President will have the Veto for quantity of this price penalty."

Although this is a considerable rewrite of the original motion, President Rikus accepted it on the basis that it did not change the original meaning in a material way, but rather made it clearer.

RT Estonia added that this amendment also helped give an indication on how the proposed penalty is to be calculated, as the case may be.

With no further discussion or comment from the original proposer of the motion, President Rikus then put the amendment to the vote. A simple majority of 28 Full Member Associations voted in favour (2 abstentions), thus converting this amendment into a substantive motion now reading as follows:

“To insert **7.4**:

7.4. The RTI Board can impose a financial penalty to any Association that has not stayed within the event pricing guidelines. This penalty will be calculated as a reduction of registration until the price guidelines are met.”

RT Romania proposed a further amendment, seconded by RT Finland, as follows:

“7.4. The RTI Board can impose a financial penalty to any Association that has not stayed within the event pricing guidelines, **taking into consideration the exchange rate fluctuations between local currency and the Euro**. This penalty will be calculated as a reduction of registration until the price guidelines are met.”

President Rikus accepted the amendment which was voted in favour without discussion by 27 Full Member Associations (5 abstentions), thus converting this second amendment into a substantive motion now reading:

“To insert **7.4**:

7.4. The RTI Board can impose a financial penalty to any Association that has not stayed within the event pricing guidelines, taking into consideration the exchange rate fluctuations between local currency and the Euro. This penalty will be calculated as a reduction of registration until the price guidelines are met.”

The amended motion is subsequently **adopted** both on Simple Majority (unanimous, with 1 abstention) and Poll Vote (unanimous, with 519 abstentions).

With no further motions to be debated, President Rikus allowed the Sergeants to re-open the doors.

## **21. Presentation and Approval of the RTI Budget for the year ended June 30th, 2011**

President Rikus said that the proposed RTI Budget for 2010/ 2011 was circulated 42 days before the AGM as part of the AGM Pack. He called upon Vice-President Steve to present it to the meeting.

With a membership base slightly on the increase (33,798 v/s 33,500 in 2009/ 2010), Steve proposed a capitation unchanged of EUR 1.75/ Tabler per year. The overall income for the year is however going down significantly due to the fact that reserves are being completely used up. Fortunately, since three RTI Officers out of five live in Europe, Steve

observed this allowed for a sharp reduction of travel expenses to various official meetings to be held in Europe.

The two RTI Board meetings between the RTI AGM 2010 and 2011 will be held in Germany (venue for the RTI AGM 2011) and Malta (home to the President). The details of the RTI Officers travel plans were also presented.

The proposed budget can be found in **Annex G**.

President Rikus opened the floor for discussion.

RT Cyprus asked about the need for a EUR 1,700 budget line for the re-development of the RTI website while this site existed already and cost nothing to maintain. Steve replied that the Board wanted to implement changes not possible on the current website platform, as presented during the Councillors meeting yesterday, and that this needed some budgeting.

With no further question, President Rikus put the budget to the vote on a proposal from RT Romania, seconded by RT Madagascar. The RTI Budget for 2010/ 2011 was unanimously approved.

## **22.Appointment of the Independent Auditor for the RTI Accounts**

President Rikus requested Steve to handle the appointment of the independent examiner for the RTI accounts 2010/ 2011.

Steve proposed that Arawn Johnson, past RTI President and a professional accountant, be designated for this role. Arawn accepted the nomination.

The appointment of Arawn Johnson was carried unanimously on a Simple Majority vote, following a proposal from RT Sri Lanka, seconded by RT Malta.

## **23.New Information on Future RTI Meetings**

**EMA IRO's Meeting 2010:** 18 to 21 November 2010, Linz, Austria

A short presentation of the event venue, website (<http://www.iromeeting2010.com/>) and price was delivered by Jochen Kracher.

**RT Africa Meeting 2011:** 13 to 17 April 2011, Rustenburg, South Africa

Johan Lindeque presented the event website (<http://www.artsa2011.co.za/>)

**EMATM 2011:** 22 to 26 June 2011, Brasov, Romania

After having screened a movie explaining the audience what a world without Romania would look like, Dragos Chirita presented some of the event details as well as the web site (<http://www.ematm2011.ro/>)

**RT Asia Pacific 2011:** will be held in Nepal but dates are not confirmed yet due to the fact that a motion voted today now prescribe this meeting must be held 62 days before the RTI AGM 2011 which is end of August 2011.

**RTI World Meeting 2011:** 24 to 28 August 2011, Bremerhaven, Germany

The German delegation stormed the room and distributed Beck's beers around while a promotional movie promoting the RTI AGM 2011 was screened. A website will soon be put online (<http://www.rti2011.org/>) for information and registration. No final pricing for registration and accommodation was however presented.

#### **24.Address by the candidates who wish to host the RTI World Meeting 2012**

Secretary Gilles confirmed that only one valid bid to host the RTI World Meeting 2012 was received before the Constitutional deadline: RT India. The bid was circulated in the AGM Pack.

President Rikus invited the (large) Indian delegation to come and present their bid to the audience.

After having shown a 10-minute long video promoting India, Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad (the host city), and distributing scarves bearing the Indian national colours, Himanshu Gupta made a detailed presentation of his Association's bid.

Considering the proposed registration price of EUR 350 falls outside the pricing guidelines, RT India accepted to reduce it to EUR 293, the maximum allowable for 2010/2011.

#### **25.Election of the host of the RTI World Meeting 2012**

President Rikus advised that although there was only one candidate, article 10.4.2.1 of the RTI Constitution provides that the venue should still get a majority vote.

RT India received the unanimous agreement of the meeting and was elected host for the RTI World Meeting 2012 in Hyderabad.

#### **26.Address by the candidates for the office of RTI Vice President 2010 – 2011**

Secretary Gilles informed the meeting that the only valid nomination received before deadline was for Stijn de Frene, on a proposal from RT Belgium, seconded by RT India. The nomination form, as well as Stijn's motivation, was circulated in the AGM Pack.

President Rikus called on Stijn to make a short address to the meeting.

#### **27.Election of the RTI Vice President 2010 – 2011**

Since Stijn's nomination is valid and was the only one received, President Rikus declared Stijn de Frene elected RTI Vice-President for 2010/ 2011.

He congratulated him on his appointment and advised he uses the coming year to prepare himself for the office of RTI President and enjoy every minute of it.

**28. Outgoing RTI President’s Address**

President Rikus informed he will give his outgoing address during the Gala Dinner in the evening.

**29. Incoming RTI President’s Address**

Vice-President Steve informed he will also give his address during the Gala Dinner.

**30. RTI Travel Bingo Draw**

President Rikus requested RT Germany to conduct the RTI Travel Bingo in the beginning of the meeting, and asked Secretary Gilles to declare the results:

Round Table	Travels To
Austria	Sri Lanka Mauritius
Belgium	Arabian Gulf France
Great Britain & Ireland	Estonia
Central Africa	India
Cyprus	Norway
Denmark	San Marino Nepal
Estonia	Zambia Portugal
Eastern Africa	Finland
Finland	Romania Israel
France	Sri Lanka Finland
Germany	India Seychelles
Hong Kong	Germany
Hungary	Denmark
Iceland	Hungary
India	Austria Romania
Israel	Eastern Africa
Italy	Sweden
Madagascar	Luxembourg Switzerland

Round Table	Travels To
Malta	Mauritius
Mauritius	Iceland Luxembourg
Luxembourg	RTBI New Zealand
Netherlands	Suriname Norway
New Zealand	Madagascar
Norway	Malta Germany
Nepal	Netherlands Estonia
Portugal	WOCO
Romania	Nepal France
San Marino	Cyprus
Seychelles	Austria Italy
Southern Africa	Hong Kong
Suriname	Germany
Sri Lanka	Netherlands Zambia
Switzerland	Central Africa Southern Africa
Sweden	Madagascar
WOCO	Seychelles
Arabian Gulf	Belgium
Zambia	Denmark Belgium

### **31. Any other business permissible under the RTI Constitution**

AOBs were handled by Secretary Gilles as follows:

- RT Austria remitted a EUR 10,000 check to RT Zambia for a joint service project funded under RT Austria 90/10 Service Initiative.
- RT Belgium awarded its Golden Fleece Award and a EUR 3,600 check to RT Mauritius' Second Chance project.
- RT Estonia made a presentation about the upcoming RT Latvia 1 re-charter (program available on [www.roundtable.lv](http://www.roundtable.lv))
- RT Southern Africa mentioned that it will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its 2011 AGM (also the venue for the RT Africa Meeting).
- RT Finland made a movie presentation of its 2011 AGM.
- Gerald Buffet spoke on behalf of RT Israel to thank all delegates for a fruitful and enjoyable meeting.
- Rob Duce, RT Arabian Gulf President, made several announcements with regards to the rest of the week-end program and tours.
- Lars Vestermann reconfirmed the hour and venue of the EMA Regional Meeting to be held the following day Saturday.

On behalf of the RTI Board, President Rikus presented the award for the best contribution to the AGM to William Vesilind, RT Estonia IRO 2009/ 2011.

He then requested the Sergeants to deliver their report. The total amount of AED 570 was remitted to RT Dubai 1, as a donation towards their clinic project in Sri Lanka.

There being no further business, President Rikus declared the meeting closed at 14h30.

Gilles Debert  
RTI Secretary  
12 October 2010

**Award Winners**  
**at the RTI President's Banquet later that Evening**

The **Most Outstanding Association of the year** went to **RT Sweden** for their consistent membership growth over the past few years, continuous work and long term plan, outstanding fellowship events throughout the year and charity work.

The **Round Table Club of the year** went to **Round Table Seychelles 2** for their outstanding annual fundraising activity, their excellent local and international fellowship, and for maintaining constant communications with RT International.

The **Service Project of the year** went to **RT France** for their national **Sails of Hope** project every year, combining service work and great PR for Round Table.

The **Tabler of the Year award** went to **Felix Ratgen from RT Denmark** for his outstanding passion for the movement. IRO of his local Club RT Roedding 99, Felix was previously awarded the RT Denmark Tabler of the Year Trophy and the EMA Tabler of the Year Trophy in 2010! Other nominees were Kapil J. Vyas (RT Bangalore 172, India) and Hans Stechele (RT Heilbronn 71, Germany).

The **Waldo Thole RTI Fellowship and Travel Trophy** went to **RT Mauritius** for their spirit and attending the AGM in Dubai in proportionately the largest number.

## **RTI Officers 2010/ 2011 Reports**

### **RTI President 2010/ 2011 Steve Ganado [RT Malta]**

My dear brothers in Round Table,

#### **Introduction**

How does one begin to describe the experiences, the friendships and the highs and lows of a great Tabling year that we have just been through? To me this has been the journey of a lifetime that I urge all of you to experience. In fact it has been quite a journey for all the RTI Board both literally, when one considers the number of places we have visited during the past months and probably a far greater journey for each of us in our personal and Table growth.

Throughout the year the Board strove to fulfil the goals we set out for ourselves at the beginning of the year:

- Continue building on the Round table International brand – we had done a lot by making our logos uniform and setting out corporate guidelines, but we still needed to make RT a household name in many countries;
- Build on our communication tools to ensure a better information flow between associations worldwide;
- Concentrate on ensuring that the weaker Associations are given the support they need to survive and grow stronger;
- Ensure that all the membership plans prepared by our members are put to work and produce the desired results;
- Continue to work on expanding the Round Table world to new regions and countries;
- Actively pursue new avenues of cooperation with 41 Club International, Ladies Circle and hopefully a unified Past Circlers club;
- Continue the goals set out in the 2009 Vision Document which covered the period up till this Table year.

Like my predecessors, I think the best way to describe the year, is to go over what was done and achieved during specific periods.

#### **October to December 2010**

Compared to past years, our year started quite late since the Dubai AGM was held at the end of September. The first RTI Board Meeting after any AGM is probably the most important, since it sets out the basis of how things are going to work out over the coming months. In some cases it is the first real contact with your fellow board members.

- One of the main decisions the board took was to move the RTI Bank accounts to central Europe. This was done for a variety of reasons, but mainly it was

generally felt that we needed to have more control over the accounts in order to increase our operational efficiency. The transfer was finalised in December when the board met in Belgium to sign off the opening account paperwork before heading to Germany for our 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. I believe many of you have noticed the difference in our ability to respond to Travel Claims and any queries you have had relating to the accounts.

- Other decisions taken involved the progress of the new RTI Website spearheaded by board assistant Stefan Näsman. We also wanted to place more emphasis on Public Relations and Advertising and this job was entrusted to board assistant Daniel Forsberg. The other board assistants were unchanged from the previous year, with Alex Abela as treasury assistant and Dave McKay as Newsflash designer.
- We also wanted to work on getting the RTI shop working well, with a number of ideas proposed for items to be sold and also ways of making it work.

Being a short period till December there was little travelling done except for Lars attending the IRO's meeting in Linz and then the board met again for our second meeting in Bremerhaven, the venue of this year's World Meeting. In the last years it has helped greatly to be able to view the facilities being offered for the next AGM with this board meeting giving us the opportunity to iron out any issues that may arise. To make matters interesting we decided to meet up in Belgium and spend a night at Stijn's house before setting off by car to Germany. This worked out as a perfect team building weekend allowing us the time to get to know each other better. We also had time to have part of the meeting in the car over the 6 hour drive even if Ross had some trouble typing whilst on the move!

### **January to April**

2011 started off in the best way possible; with the charter of three new clubs in the European region. The first was the re-establishment of RT in Latvia, where a large number of Tablers joined in to welcome our new brothers to our association. This charter was followed by the re-charter of Lisbon No. 3 in Portugal. This was a proud moment for Paulo Von Hafe, who had been promising it would happen for a number of years. We are lucky that there is still a strong table spirit in Portugal and therefore his promise bore fruit. Last but not least, there was the charter of RT in Georgia. This is a completely new country for RT so there are good prospects for the future of the region in general. Having mentioned these charters does not mean that there were no other club charters around the world over the past months, but I mention these, since they reflect the situation in countries which were struggling to survive (Portugal), or had closed down all their previous tables (Latvia), and also a foothold into a new country (Georgia). These are all important milestones in achieving one of our objectives for this year which was to expand and to help struggling associations. To show our support and commitment to these causes the board made a point of having at least one of us present at each of these events.

I will leave it up to each board member to tell you about their travels and experiences so I will focus on outlining my personal journey and trips which would not have been so special without the involvement of all the people I met, each of whom I would like to thank individually. Wherever I went, whether on my own or accompanied by my wife Chantal, I was welcomed open heartedly and always felt that I was surrounded by true brothers.

During this period I visited:

- a. Latvia for the Charter of RT 1 Riga;
- b. Portugal for their AGM and Charter of RT 3 Lisbon;
- c. Italy for their Carnival and later for their EGM regarding the Age Rule;
- d. South Africa for the Africa Regional Meeting & ARTSA and also the Owen Frye Pre-tour;
- e. Iceland AGM and Fire & Ice Pre-Tour.

The one meeting where I hoped I would make a difference and it seems I did, was the EGM in Italy, which was convened to vote on changing the age rule from 40 to 45. I had already written to the RT Italy board to try to dissuade them from taking this step especially in the light of the decisions taken at the last world meeting to set up the WMC to tackle exactly this issue. Following a number of conversations with the Past President Marco Bianchini and past IRO Antonio Rovetti, we agreed that I should try to go the EGM to speak to the delegates directly. The event proved that direct contact with Tables and discussing issues face to face has its effect, sufficient opinions were changed and the proposed motion did not pass. Italy therefore still remains at 40. What RT Italy now need, is the support of all of us to visit them and encourage them to visit us, so that their younger members understand that there is a whole RT world out there waiting for them to enjoy and participate in.

An event that shook many of us during this period was the news of the earthquake that hit New Zealand in February. Following contact with our members there it transpired that none of them lived or worked in the vicinity so all were safe. On discussion with the RTI VP Stijn, I decided to offer RT New Zealand an amount of money from the Presidents' Community Services Fund. In accordance with our policy to only donate funds to causes in which we have direct contact we are currently waiting for details of the cause they intend to support.

Another important event for me was welcoming the whole RTI board in my home country for the Southern Tablers Meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> RTI Board Meeting of our year. RT Malta was kind enough to host the board members for the weekend and we had a great and productive meeting on the sister island of Gozo. During the meeting we discussed amongst other things;

- Extensions to other countries, including contacts with Azerbaijan, and the confirmation of the re-charter of RT Monaco.
- Each regional chairman discussed their contacts within their region especially the progress Lars made with contact to RT Poland.
- We confirmed that the new RTI bank account is working very well and travel claims are being paid promptly.
- The Website and Shop were discussed at length due to the lack of visible progress registered on both fronts and it was decided that Stijn would look into alternatives and get back to us in the following days.

### **May to August**

During this period I visited:

- a. ASPAC & Nostalgic Nepal Mass Tour;
- b. RT Zambia AGM;
- c. EMATM in Brasov, Romania;
- d. Monaco – prospective Table

During the month of May I spent most of the time travelling and had the pleasure of attending the ASPA meeting in Nepal together with the Nostalgic Nepal Mass Tour and also the RT Zambia AGM. These two trips gave me the opportunity of meeting a number of Tablers whom I would probably never have met due to the large distances between our countries, actually continents. The best part of these trips however was visiting the community service projects our members are working on in their countries.

In Nepal I had the honour of inaugurating two new schools built through the financial collaboration of European Tablers together with the hard work of local Tablers. This trip was such a tangible example of the difference RT can make in the life of people. The Children at the Ganesh Primary School outside Kathmandu and the Birganj Round Table Bal Mandir School went from make-shift classrooms in which some did not even have school benches, to schools with the basic facilities that we take for granted when it comes to our children. In Zambia I visited their Hearing and Speech Centre which they have been supporting since the early 1970's, longer than any of us have been members! These types of projects are one of the basis of our whole being as an association, and the bringing of people together for such meaningful projects helps to form really strong and long lasting friendships between members from varied parts of the world.

Another important aspect of a number of the trips I made was that I tried to attend the mass tours organised by the hosts. To all those who have not been on an RT trip yet or have only been to a weekend event, I urge you to try and find the time, and money, to go on the mass tours and pre-tours, since not only do you get to see the best parts of the country you are visiting but you also get to feel the real spirit of Tabling and fellowship during those extra days. These last two years I went on the (first) Dodo Mass Tour in Mauritius, the re-loaded Owen Frye Tour in South Africa, the Nostalgic Nepal Mass Tour and the Fire & Ice Tour in Iceland. I can assure you that they were all extremely well organised tours offering excellent value for money and above all offering a taste of those countries that no other normal 'touristy' tour would have given you.

Following many consultations between the board members it was agreed that notwithstanding our best efforts we still did not have the website our members deserved and expected, therefore we decided to rope in professional programmers to put our designs and ideas into the website we have today. We gave them a tight deadline of just over two months to have the site up and running by the EMA meeting. We now have a great website which includes an online shop and a separate administration site. I would like to commend Stijn on an excellent job done in finding the right guys and getting them to give us exactly what we wanted. There is naturally quite a bit of work left to be done but we have made a giant step forward and I am proud this happened during my year as president.

### **This year's achievements**

Before embarking on this journey two years ago my main preoccupation was if I would manage to achieve the goals I set out for my year as RTI President. In the final analysis, it will be up to you members to judge whether I together with my team on the RTI Board have lived up to our goals and your expectations. My aim for the year was to ...make it count. I feel we all did!

We wanted to build on our communication tools – it took us a while to get there but I believe we have succeeded in the end and I am sure the best is still to come under the guidance of Stijn and his board in the coming year.

We wanted to support the weaker associations and continue expanding to new countries and regions – here again, we seem to have done a decent job with the re-establishment of contacts with countries where we had lost touch like Poland, Slovakia and Singapore. We also saw the chartering of the clubs in Latvia, Georgia and Portugal and in the near future we will have Monaco and hopefully Boston in the USA. There have also been quite a few clubs being chartered in India and another two soon to be chartered in Nepal. There is still a lot of work to be done especially in places like East Africa and the Asia Pacific region, so I hope the new Regional Chairmen are prepared for the hard job ahead since the strength of the whole is only as strong as our weakest part!

Another important area in our support to smaller association was our response to Travel Grants. In the past years, grants took quite a while to be processed and paid, this year we found a good system of confirming the claims and processing the payments within days of receiving them. We also looked into claims pending from previous years to see which could be settled and do so where possible. I believe this made a big difference to these countries since they operate on small budgets so it is harder for them to travel often without having these refunds to support them.

Prior to the last AGM I felt that the Vice President needed a more active role during his year, so the job of membership officer was passed onto him. I believe Stijn performed this role with flying colours, managing to establish a number of contacts in various countries and more importantly building a database of contacts in these countries in order to assist future VPs in their job.

Developments were also seen in our relationship with 41Intl. Following a few miscommunications over the earlier months, 41Intl President Jean-Louis Boileau invited us to have a joint board meeting in early August. We suggested we have the meeting at our AGM in Bremerhaven and within a couple of days we had it all organised and I am sure it will bear good fruit especially if it becomes a more regular event.

### **Conclusions**

The one problem most Tablers have when they decide to take on posts on their National Boards or as in my case the International Board, is our personal work tends to suffer. When I started out as Vice President my job then gave me a lot of time on my hands, so it was very easy for me to work practically full time on Round Table. Finally, this February my dream of having my own small business materialised but naturally the timing was far from perfect. Thanks to the support of my partners I somehow managed to make it work managing to juggle both work and table on a daily basis.

Last but by no means least I need to spend some words thanking a number of people who made this experience so special.

Firstly my fellow board members:

**Stijn** – when I got to know you last year I knew you were the best person to be the next RTI President. Not only do you have the passion for Round Table in your blood, you also have a strong vision and an amazing attitude to get things done. Mostly I realised that like me, you saw problems as mere challenges which made the journey more interesting. You were the best VP one could have ever wished for and I can assure that I will give you the same amount of support you gave me. You and Sophie opened your home to me every time I passed through Belgium and made me feel part of the family. All in all I feel that your only downside was your coffee making skills even if it was made in your personalised coffee mugs!

**Ross** – you were such a character throughout this year. You kept us entertained whenever meetings got tedious, but your input was always spot on. The RTI Newsflash is probably the hardest job to keep up due to the need to constantly harass people to provide you with articles and other content. You managed to keep it going throughout the year so thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks also to your wife Dale for her hospitality and for allowing me to 'adopt' your beautiful daughter Taya!

**Lars** – you did a wonderful job in tracking down our 'lost' brothers around Europe and were instrumental in coordinating the meeting timetable to fit the re-scheduled World IRO's meeting. Notwithstanding changing house and work you still managed to do a great job and travel extensively within your region; you also coordinated a fruitful and productive EMA meeting. Thank you.

**Manoj** – there is always the quiet man in a group but once you are let loose, you never know what to expect next! Thank you for your work within your region and especially for your hospitality during my visit to your beautiful country. Apart from the board members, I must also thank:

**Olivier Mascia** and **Yves Lecocq** (both past RT Belgium) for stepping in to give us a great Website;

**Stefan Näsman** (RT Sweden) and **Eric Liljencrantz** (past Tabler RT Sweden) for your support on keeping the website and our emails online and working flawlessly throughout the year;

**Dave McKay** (Inkundla Editor – RT Southern Africa) for his Webpage designs and continued work on the Newsflash;

**Alex Abela** (Past EMA Chairman – RT Malta) for preparing the accounts for yet another year;

**Dragos Chirita** – (RT Romania) for our RTI Banners

**Sachin Tenginkai** – (RT India) for the RTI Pins

**Rob & Claire Duce** – (RTAG Past President) for providing their Presidential Suite whenever passing through Dubai

**Emirates Airlines Malta staff** – for their patience and understanding through all those flights

**RT Malta** – for their support throughout these two years especially when hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting

Next I need to have a special mention to the two people who encouraged (read 'forced') me to put in my nomination for this post; **George Psaras** and **Rikus Badenhorst**, my two predecessors. If it was not for your guidance and encouragement I would never



have taken this step and now that it's over I know would have kicked myself so much if I didn't do it. Thank you my brothers, I will never forget you.

Finally, to the most important person in my life. Chantal, you have been my rock throughout the last years. You encouraged me to live my dream and above all to 'Make it Count...'. From the day we met you knew that RT was a big part of my life but I doubt you expected it to get this far! After this AGM I'm all yours baby, but I promise to put effort into finding a new hobby as you've asked!

Gentlemen, I have Made it Count.....now it's your turn!

**Steve Ganado**  
**RTI President 2010-11**

## **RTI Vice-President 2010/ 2011 Stijn De Frene [RT Belgium]**

Dear fellow brothers in Table,

It has been a honour to serve Round Table International Vice President and acting Membership Officer this year, herewith my report:

### **1. VISITS**

I had to privilege of visiting the following events this year:

- RTI World meeting Dubai
- NTM Vilnius
- RTI Board meeting Bremerhaven
- AGM RT India, Hyderabad
- Charter RT1 Riga, Latvia
- CTM Luxemburg
- RT Portugal and Charter of RT3 Lisbon
- AGM RT Gibraltar
- STM Malta and RTI Board meeting
- AGM RT Bulgaria, Plovdiv
- AGM RT Belgium, Lokeren
- AGM RT France, Marseille
- 41 Intl. World meeting Toulouse, France
- AGM RT Norway, Tromso
- AGM RT The Netherlands
- EMATM Brasov, Romania
- RT Monaco, France

I would like to thank all the associations who welcomed me with me this year. Everywhere, we had great meetings and big parties which creates deeper friendships everywhere in the world. Arriving back home after an event, I always had this same great feeling: **Round Table is Magic!**

### **2. EXTENSION**

As the VP RTI was given the role of Membership officer this year, I took it as a privilege to focus on extension and struggling associations this year.

Round Table thanks his success to our age limit. This age limit is the key for our success. But, our biggest success factor needs also our biggest attention, the back side of the medal: extension and helping the existing associations! This implicates that we must take massive action on each level.

### **THE PAST**

In the past, the membership officer was normally given to the EMA chairman. Since he has the biggest geographical region of RTI, he had no quality time to concentrate seriously on this extension function. No critics towards those great leaders in the past! They did a great job, reason why we are still happy international Tablers today. After one year, I truly believe that giving the membership office to the RTI Vice President was a very important decision.

## THE PRESENT

So this year, as membership officer, it was my duty to work on extension and associations in need. It started on Monday the 4th of October, coming back home from Dubai.

These are some of my experiences and facts on this level:

- In the beginning of the year, I had interested people in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, etc... I asked if some associations were interested to be the mother associations. The guys over there asked for information and help. I had no positive feedback from the floor. A duck was flying over, but I had no arms to shoot it (in a way of speaking). I had similar leads for Tanzania, Uganda, Australia, etc.
- I had some contacts in Spain, but had no leverage to send a professional power presentation, no funds to go over there and meet the guys
- RT Estonia (Latvia) and RT Germany (Georgia) were asking each the complete extension fund budget (4.500 Euros was budgeted for this), but we had no strategy or no guidelines at the beginning of the year to free the complete budget.
- The new RTI website went online just before the EMA in Brasov. As soon as we went online and the 'Join Round Table' menu, the same week, we had people (Mexico, Italy and Phoenix (US)) contacting us to join RT. This underlines the necessity of a good looking professional website which has to be promoted worldwide. But then again, I have to start writing 'What is Round Table' etc. My fingers and head are tired in trying each time to explain again what RT is by E-mail or Skype.  
A professional PowerPoint presentation, answering this question, and a new movie should be online on the website to further improve our image and our conquest for the whole world. In order to assist these type of information and to give a professional image of RT.
- RT Austria is asking funds from RTI, to invite 2 guys to Bremerhaven, who wants to start RT Slovenia. Excellent idea, but can we give table money to non-Tablers while we have struggling associations? Does the floor allow this?
- I went to the embassy of China (in nice jacket and tie, and pride with RT pin of course) a couple of months ago to promote and ask permission for RT Peking, ... with a small old RTI Flyer... Our image?
- We have small associations, struggling, but still alive and motivated, who wants to come to International meetings. They can apply for the flights, but they have no budget for paying the hotel and registration cost. Bringing them to the RTIWM of EMA, can inject them with a new dose of RT-spirit which will return to their home countries with a feeling: "I'm part of a big family and I want to share this with people at home". You need to live Round Table to actually understand what it's all about.
- As Vice President, you prepare your next year and assist the present P wherever you can. This takes a lot of time and during the second period of my VP term when I was preparing next year and attending a lot of AGMs. So I could use assistance to work on the extension and struggling level of RTI. I felt quite alone in a battle with no arms and lacking a lot of time. But then I realised that we have the WMC dreaming in the sky about growing bigger and

younger...

- The WMC or YMCA (Young Membership Creation Association (?)) was born in Dubai, the idea and theory sounded great. Everybody hands in the air to be part of this workgroup. But how on earth could we feed this baby, give it milk to grow and have a reason to exist. The design was made, it was approved in CTM Luxemburg and presented in EMA Brasov. And what do we do with it tomorrow? If we don't give it a meaning or a future, it is a dead born baby. So it needs structure and strategy for the future. In my opinion, it should be the right arm of the RTI VP.

We are all committed to Round Table, we all wear our RT-pin, national jewel or international function with pride. **But I had got a feeling that action was and is missing!**

These experiences taught me that we should take more action on the extension and 'struggling' side.

- I started as a virgin on the international extension-playground: there were no records, no tools, no leads, no guidelines, no strategy. (Due to the fact that the EMA or any other regional chairman had no time to concentrate on this). There was no package from the past, saying: "Mr. VP you have to concentrate on these associations, that's their problem, we have leads in that specific country." In Bremerhaven, we will have a new RTI VP and I defiantly want to push the incoming guy towards a direction, with a strategy and guidelines. This is putting bricks on the existing foundations to create a bigger house for tomorrow. (and not to start over again next year with reinventing foundations). **Because RT has no memory, we need to have a strategy!**
- Therefore I want to have a much bigger fund then the 4.500 Euros that were budgeted this ending year. The +50 cent project was born in my head. It was launched in the January Newsflash and resent again to each national board member in March. The last years, we transferred each time 4.500 Euros from the general fund, (together with the CS president fund, and other general funds to make the years' budget). This could be done, since it was decided in Pattaya, that from 2008 until 2011, we should use these funds. As for today and the new incoming budget, RTI cannot use this fund anymore:
  - o 1. Since the Pattaya-resolution, (1) we're not allowed anymore to use this to finish my budget on this (until 2011 we could use it)
  - o 2. The General fund is really (2) down at the absolute minimum. Fact: If tomorrow we have no income anymore, with the reserves we have today, RTI will survive only for 6 months. Today, we're using the general fund to pay our current invoices since 30% of the associations still need to pay their cap fees. No further comment here.
- So, if WE want to take action, we should have an extra income to support and to fund all these actions:
  - o Risk funds to visit new countries where we have a lead (by new mother associations)
  - o Invite funds to let discover people RT (guided by mother associations)
  - o Help funds to cover more costs for struggling associations (motivated by mother associations)
  - o Extra funds to improve our website to attract new Tablers (what we have today, we improve tomorrow)

- o Image funds to redo flyers, movie, etc...

### **THE FUTURE**

Thinking about tomorrow and with all this information in my head, I'm proposing to create a special and bigger fund to concentrate on the extension & helping level. It falls also completely under the aims & objects RTI number 2.

Accepting this proposal increase, it would mean an income of 10 or 15.000 Euros to take action on all above points.

There could it be, on our RTI account, that amount of money: **Ten or Fifteen Thousand Euros. And what now?**

Questions arise: What's the financial plan? Which actions will we undertake? How much money for this or that fund? It's not budgeted in my national budget? How to defend it at home? What if it isn't successful? Do we need to pay each year? What if there is money left at the end of the year? How do I know if the money is well spent? Who can use the fund?

The above written questions, was the homework I still had to do. I was lucky to have unasked but very welcomed help from 5 associations who came towards me with their thoughts and ideas. This will be the basics for the guidelines how to use the budget (if approved in Bremerhaven).

The key words of this proposal are: transparency, terms of payment, WMC suggestions, etc. Of course, we or the next RTI VP and WMC need to work this out in details. We (=WMC, future RTI VP, mother associations, PRO, national IROs etc...) will take this fund as a holy gift and will try to maximize the result. A result to hand over to the future, a new generation of Tablers which we will induct worldwide.

Will we succeed? Of course! But only if we support this project as a team, then failure will not be an option. Success lays in the actions we take, not only in the words we use.

I hope this explains where the plan comes from and where as a team we can go together in the future. Keep in mind that what we change today shapes our future.

### **3. RTI WEBSITE**

A second major goal of this year and under the responsibility of the RTI VP was the RTI website.

The first step was to promote the official URL, [www.rtinternational.org](http://www.rtinternational.org). After deleting the old one (roundtable.name), which was in fact a mirrored one with the official one, it became clear that many Tablers still used the old one. Upon request from the floor, we decided to buy back the roundtable.name-URL and give a short message with the correct and official website address. This address will be deleted definitely in May 2012.

A second step was to create and publish a new RTI website. Dave McKay from South Africa, also our News Flash designer, made the present lay-out. This lay-out was much appreciated by everybody who visits the website. The lay-out was published in the HTML language by Gregory Vanass (RT Belgium). Thanks to both of you.

The RTI website integrates also the RTI web shop. Although not completely finished yet, we want to be ready with a payment system (PayPal) and new items around the end of August. The incoming RTI PRO will be responsible for the web content and the managing

of the RTI web shop. The idea of the web shop is to create extra income, on a fair profit base of course, in selling regalia. This complies with the RTI-Vision 2008 document.

The RTI website runs Google Analytics in the background. Since the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, we can see how many hits the site has each day and from which countries they are coming from. For your information, each day we have around 70 visits on the website.

I would also like to thank Stefan Näsman and Erik Liljenkrantz for hosting the RTI website and the E-mail server.

#### **4. ADMIN WEBSITE**

Another challenge we launched (or will launch) this year, is the "Admin"-website. This administration website will give an online access to the RTI administration website:

- All national boards with the people holding office
- List of all Tables worldwide with number and e-mail address
- Mass mail function
- Download section for all documents and minutes regarding RTI meetings

This website won't replace the RTI Directories. In the beginning, we will give access to National Board members to update their profiles and the profiles of their clubs.

The official launch of this administration system will be during the RTIWM in Bremerhaven. There will be a board assistant appointed to train and guide all associations worldwide to use this tool. The manual 'how to use the admin' will be ready as well by that time.

I would like to thank Olivier Mascia (Past National President RT Belgium and current active 41ner) for offering this software to Round Table International. This is a great gift which will make us working more professional in the future.

#### **5. RTI TIMELINE 2012 and future timelines**

An important decision was made during the EMA-IROs meeting in November in Linz (Austria) this year. The past RTI board has the idea that the EMA-IROs meeting should get a more international and RTI half-year meeting character. Since this timeline actively interfered with the upcoming year, we gave the challenge to Lars (EMA chairman) to propose the project in Linz. The project was accepted. In doing so, the new philosophy of the IRO's meeting is now:

- World IROs meeting
- Considered as RTI-Half year meeting (6 months after and 6 months before the RTIWM), where we can prepare our homework.
- Extra travel fund will be available for the AC and ASPA region to attend the World IROs meeting

Notice to all national IROs worldwide: the IROs meeting 2012 is organised by RT Sweden in Helsingborg, 1-4 of March 2012. Check RTI website for details.

## **6. THANK YOU**

As written above, we need the past, to build an improved future. Therefore, I wish to thank Rikus Badenhorst, George Psaras and all the Past RTI Presidents. Each time I needed some 'old' knowledge they were there and replied quickly on whatever I needed.

What was supposed to be a calm year before taking office as RTI President next year, turned out to be a very active year. It was great working with Steve and our board. They inspired me to invest myself each day to work with my heart for Round Table. We had a great team, many ideas and so much communication. Thank you Steve for guiding me into the next year. You really made it count! (And I know I can count on you next year as well!)

Twelve months were too short to accomplish everything we dreamed off. However, with this team-connection, I'm sure this group will help each other whenever needed. And please dear Lizzies, ask me anything but never to serve you coffee again.

We all live Round Table with passion. But this passion influences enormously our family and professional life. Thanks to Sophie, my wife, and my 3 boys for letting me living my dream and passion. Without you, this wouldn't be possible.

Dear friends, it's an honour working and living for Round Table International. Each small thing we do for Round Table, (in your own local club, your area or national board), they all have the same importance. Remember that one idea or action can change the future. So all your actions and ideas... make them count!

Yiit,  
Stijn De Frene  
RTI Vice President 2011-2012

**RT Africa Chairman/ RTI Secretary 2010/ 2011**  
**Ross Crichton [RT Southern Africa]**

Dear Lizzies and Fellow Tablers

When one sets out to do something, sets goals for one's self, you are never sure you will achieve them and I suppose as time goes on those goals change and a new end game is envisaged, so maybe you never get there... well I can tell you that when I joined Round Table in 2002, being a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Tabler, I never really imagined that I would end up as Africa Region Chairman.

Once I was here I then tried to picture what this all meant and what I wanted to achieve, however the year is so short and by the time you get into it, the year is over. When I stood for the position my message was clear, quality over quantity, promote the Africa Region and to encourage more Tablers within the Africa Region to travel to other African Associations. With this in mind the "African Region" belt has been made available for purchase to create budget to assist inter area travel.

However, the biggest surprise (although it shouldn't have been), was the incredible friends I made during the year. Firstly my fellow RTI Board members, what an amazing bunch of people you are... I know that we will be lifelong friends after this short year. Secondly, the different characters I've met... the Moet drinking Vampire, the Kaleidoscope Brit (just take a look at his pants and sock choices!), Tabasco, The Sheriff, the Finns in general, and Joe Tabler, you all have a special place in this amazing year of memories.

So what is happening in the Africa Region, well I am happy to report that most of the Associations within this region are in great shape. Yes, there is the constant issue about declining numbers; RT Zambia should be commended here for their 10% growth. However it's the positives I would like to mention, the hospitality of the African Region has got to be some of the best in RTI (no disrespect to other Associations), without singling out any one Association in the African Region, as all showed me the best of the best, you know who you are and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Also the charity projects that the African Region Associations organise are to be acknowledged and respected. You have achieved so much my fellow African Tablers, congratulations and keep flying the flag... make it count!

I would also like to encourage all Joe Tablers from around the world to look at the African Region as a possible destination for your Raids and visits, not only do we have some of the most exotic destinations for our AGMs but we have some amazing projects that you could be a part of or attend.

To the Round Table International community, thank you for this opportunity and friendship. To the members of the Round Table Pool Lizard Association, I salute you!

**Ross Crichton**  
**RT Africa Chairman**  
**RTI Secretary**  
**Round Table... Make it count!**

**RT Asia-Pacific Chairman/ RTI Treasurer 2010/ 2011  
Manoj Kedia [RT Nepal]**

Dear Steve, Stijn, Lars, Ross & Dear fellow Tablers,

I would like to thank my entire board members, family and friends for your continued support towards my work as an ASPA Chairman and RTI treasurer this past year. I would also like to thank for the finest group of elected officials that anyone could hope to work with. To my Board colleagues, you bring a wealth of experience and management oversight to the Round Table Asia Pacific. I thank each of you for your confidence in me this past year to serve you as the Chairman of the Round Table Asia Pacific Region and RTI treasurer. Ever since I was elected, I have tried to serve the Round Table at large and Board Committee in particular to the best of my abilities. Hope I was able to meet your expectations on these.

For RTI Board meeting I had visited Belgium & Bremerhaven in Germany and also attended STM in Malta. In spite of my best efforts, I could not make much contact with RT Hong Kong, RT Singapore & RT Philippines. I see a huge potential in terms of growth and presence of Round Table in this region. Asia Pacific region, though being so huge both in terms of area and population lacks significant presence of Round Table. As such, we need to raise more money for travelling and do honest effort so that we can expand RT in other areas. We had a meeting of ASPAC region where we discussed about the region and opening of RT Australia as it will strengthen RT New Zealand at the RTI meet 2010 in Dubai. We must involve local population instead of only expatriates for strong presence in Australia. All in all in my opinion on tabling has got all the values and bonding which one human being should pass to another.

As far as ASPAC region is concerned RT India is growing leaps and bound with each passing year. 12 new tables have been formed this year & 13<sup>th</sup> is in process. This year we are adding 3 new places for tabling. We are also going to organize golden Jubilee AGM in January 2012.

Round Table Sri Lanka is also doing well and they have 2 national projects "Kids off the Streets" & "Have U Heard" which are underway.

Round Table Nepal continues to thrive and grow from strength to strength. Round Table Nepal under the theme of "FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION" has been working to provide education to more and more children. Under this scheme, we have already supported more than 40 Schools in different parts of Nepal. New School are coming up and to be inaugurated soon. 2 new tables will be chartered soon in near future. This year we had the Asia Pacific regional meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 at Kathmandu. This meeting was attended by Tablers and their spouses from U.K, Belgium, Romania, Cyprus, Italy, Sweden, Malta and, member countries of ASPAC such as India, Sri Lanka and Nepal in huge number. This is the first time we had such a diversified participation in the ASPAC regional AGM. Indeed, it was a life time experience to the all guest who came from quite a long distance to attend this event.

We as Round Tablers will continue to promote fellowship and understanding amongst our peers, we will continue to assist those who are less fortunate than



ourselves and we will continue to dedicate ourselves to the principles found in our constitution – on a daily basis.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Round table Nepal for the support extended to me during my tenure , and to my friends on the Round Table International Board 2010/2011 for extending their support to me throughout the year.

I would specially like to thank our RTI President Steve, Vice President Stijn and RTI book keeper Alex for the help and looking after my job as treasurer, without them it was not possible at all.

I would ultimately like to appreciate the support of my wife Savita and my family. Savita has been my most severe critic as well as my greatest supporter.

**Manoj Kedia**  
**Chairman Asia Pacific Region**  
**Round Table International Treasurer**

**EMA Chairman/ RTI Membership and C.S. Officer 2010/ 2011  
Lars Vestermann [RT Denmark]**

Dear Mr. President, fellow RTI-board members, Honoured Tablers, FRIENDS.

A year ago I stood in Pisa speaking in hope of getting the honour of being your next Chairman of the EMA region.

I was shaking like a leaf and there was nowhere to put down the papers, I felt that everybody in the room was looking more at my shaking papers, than listening to my speech and you may guess how that effected me, I really felt like a Michael Jackson standing there making funny dance moves. I was never THAT nervous before.

This was very important to me and I feared not to make it, as I stood against a very great and competent Tabler I respect so much; Antonio Rovetti, from Round Table Italy. As history will tell, I did make it and I am still humble and SOOO proud, that you gave me the honour of being your regional representative in the RTI board for the year 2010 – 2011.

Thank you.

Standing and winning against a guy like Antonio also just made me feel more obliged to make the best from it, because I know he would. So did I? I'd rather ask the question: Did WE?? I also think I speak for all when I say yes WE did...

It all started the most fantastic place, Dubai, the place where you bring in cooling fans, big as small houses, to try to cool down the guests at an outdoor gala dinner, in the middle of the desert. ☺

At the meeting Saturday morning a felt I really was amongst friends. The spirit of working together was for sure there.

**The 3 Sub-regions:**

Since the EMA region is by far the biggest with 39 associations and about 27.500 members (approximately 80% of RTI). I believe this is not a job for one man only. If you want to succeed, you HAVE to involve the councillors more, since they are your real team for the year.

You need the associations inside the sub-regions to work closer together to agree in which way their sub-region should move, so that they can work against the same goal and grow stronger together, building up bonds and long lasting relationships.

Daniel Forsberg started slowly last year by asking all 3 sub-regions to ADOPT and ADAPT the set of guidelines that have already been working in NTM region for some years now. RT Sweden, RT Belgium and RT Malta were asked to be the custodians of these guidelines and all accepted. This year they were discussed throughout the meetings and really IMPROVED to fit each sub-region in the best way.

Furthermore it was agreed that from now all sub-regional meetings will no longer be chaired by EMA chairman but the local associations National President in cooperation

with the custodians of the guidelines. This is not only to take away some obligations away from EMA chairman and put it into the sub-regions, but for sure also to give back some power to the sub-region it selves in order to take the meeting/sub-region in a certain direction they see best. I truly hope that this will give stability and predictability for all and work out to the best for the sub-regions of course in close cooperation with the EMA regional chairman

One of the first results of this is that now both NTM and CTM region have plans for how to help and assist the smaller associations inside the sub-region. There will also be made side-forums for webmasters, editors etc. to share ideas and experiences. I hope that soon we will see stronger and well organized sub-regions with sets of guidelines and lots of ideas for the future.

All 3 sub-regional meetings were fantastic events. With well arranged tours, meetings and dinners. I am sure the hosts for next year's meetings feel they have a lot to live up to.

#### **IRO meeting:**

EMA chairmen still has two other meetings to chair and make the agenda for; the first is the IROs meeting, and this year it was held in Linz, Austria. After a very good forum Friday where the guidelines were discussed, the main issue for Saturdays' meeting was to change the RTI TIMELINE.

The RTI board see it more valuable for the IRO meeting if it is placed as a half yearly meeting for the RTI councillors not only from EMA but from the entire world. It was decided to move all sub-regional meetings to the fall and RT Sweden will now host the WORLD IROS MEETING in 2012. For EMA this means that you will be able to discuss matters to bring forward IROs meeting at your sub-regionals.

A suggestion for the future is that this will be "opposite" to the RTI AGM, so when AGM is in Europe; IRO will be in Africa or Asia region and vice versa

#### **Extensions:**

This year some of the greatest moments were when we made our own network bigger. RT 1 Riga was re-chartered in Latvia after 2 years of meetings and preparations; RT 3 Porto was also re-chartered in Portugal and RT 1 Old Tbilisi in Georgia. Soon we will see RT Monaco back and also a lot of the countries in the former eastern bloc are starting to move.

#### **EMA Meeting:**

WE BELIEVE YOU CAN FLY....

That was what the Romanians told us and I am sure everyone who was there now know how to. As Regional Chairman I could not have asked for a better host for the annual regional meeting. The dynamo for this meeting, Dragos Chirita, really did a great job promoting this meeting in the country of Dracula.

25 associations were represented for an event that offered "the full package", a spectacular pre-tour; beautiful venues for both meetings and meals; additional forums for WEB, Editor and PRO (hopefully this will grow in the years to come), meetings with substance, serious discussions and exiting elections. What more can you ask for?

Here we finally ended the discussions about the timeline. The future looks like this:

Oct. - STM;  
Nov. - NTM;  
Jan. - CTM;  
Feb. - IROs.

From there on start the regional meetings.

We also decided to welcome RT Georgia into CTM sub-region and propose RT Poland to move back into NTM. RT USA asked where they could belong and had invitations from all 3 Sub-regions which show a lot of care inside the region.

Congratulations to Steve Lord (EMA Chairman elect) and RT Bulgaria (EMA 2013 host)

### **Community service:**

I will start by saying that I am very proud to be a part of an organisation which puts so much effort into helping others who are less fortunate. All over the world local clubs have their own projects and others go across borders.

Some associations are still considered as non service organisations, but when you ask they all have something going on anyway, helping locally, but not feeling a need to shout it out. In some associations the service part has even become what brings Round Table, Past Table, Ladies Circle and Tangent/Agora together around one common course. The most significant project this year was when all IROs came together around the Movember project, by growing a moustache (MO) to promote awareness of prostate cancer.

Thank you to all who spent their time making the world a better place to live for somebody else. This was the most important happening inside EMA region this year.

I also had the pleasure to visit a lot of other meetings and places. These were:

- NTM Vilnius – Lithuania;
- IROs Linz – Austria;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting Bremerhaven – Germany;
- CNR Perigeaux – France;
- CTM – Luxemburg;
- Charter of RT1 Riga – Latvia;
- Visit to RT Poland;
- STM – Malta;
- Charter of RT1 Old Tbilisi – Georgia;
- AGM RTBI;
- AGM RT Sweden;
- EMA Brasov – Romania;

Other matters worth mentioning here are:

RT Italy had a vote if they should change the age rule to 45. Luckily this was turned down, but RT Italy now has to work harder to attract younger members.

RT The Netherlands, RT Sweden and RTBI started the World Membership Committee (WMC) to assist the board with help and ideas how to help the suffering associations not only in EMA but all over. Together we grow stronger and younger.

**Conclusion:**

The EMA Region I am about to hand over is a very complex but strong Region. From stability and predictability written in stone in some associations to the smaller suffering ones, in need of a lot of help to stabilize and move forward.

The good thing is that most of the bigger and stronger associations have opened their eyes and understand that by helping others they are helping themselves by saving the diversity we seek so much inside our own network. The board cannot focus on all smaller ones but if we include the mother associations and a few others we will succeed. Nothing comes from nothing and it takes a lot of energy to keep small as well as bigger running wish and hope all will find that energy inside their association.

Finally I wish to thank the following.

RT Lithuania, RT Luxemburg and RT Malta for hosting fabulous Sub-regional meetings.  
RT Estonia and RT Germany specially Philipp Rosenberg for helping chartering RT Latvia and RT Georgia.

RT Austria for IROs.

RT Romania and specially Dragos and Horia for a fantastic EMA meeting.

RT Denmark, RTBI, RT Germany for supporting me as EMA chairman.

RTI board for a lot of great times and good discussions.

And last but not least my family and wife Rikke for believing in me and being there for me.

This year we all made it count.

See you out there.

**Lars Vestermann**  
**EMA Chairman**  
**RTI Community Service Officer**

## **Motions proposed by the RTI Board**

### **Travel Fund rule amendments**

**A.** *Motivation: A number of small associations do not benefit from the travel fund because they have more than five clubs, but their numbers are still relatively small. In order to encourage more attendance at RTI meetings we are proposing to include a minimum number of Tabler members to the rule, thus widening the availability of the grants.*

13.6.2 Members with 5 or less chartered Tables, as detailed in the most recent invoice for capitation fees, may apply to the RTI Board for a contribution towards the travel costs incurred by their RTI Councillors in attending the RTI World Meeting. The RTI Board may, in its sole discretion, entertain other claims on a case by case basis.

To be revised to read:

13.6.2 Members with 5 or less chartered Tables, *or where there are more than 5 chartered Tables but less than 75 Tabler members in total*, as detailed in the most recent invoice for capitation fees, may apply to the RTI Board for a contribution towards the travel costs incurred by their RTI Councillors in attending the RTI World Meeting. The RTI Board may, at its sole discretion, entertain other claims on a case by case basis.

**B.** *Motivation: Certain associations have problems opening bank accounts in their association name, there are also cases where it may be more practical to have monies deposited directly into their members' accounts. This amendment gives the opportunity for the associations to authorise us to pay the funds directly into the individuals' accounts.*

13.6.5 Any grant authorised shall be paid to the Member's bank account not the bank account of their RTI Councillor.

To be revised to read:

13.6.5 Any grant authorised shall be paid to the Member's bank account not the bank account of their RTI Councillor *or unless specifically authorised in writing by the Member's National Treasurer and President.*

**C.** *Motivation: Following the introduction of the AGM Levy at the 2010 AGM, certain changes to the mechanism of how it is paid were felt necessary in order to provide as straightforward a system as possible.*

- 13.3.2.1 In addition to the annual capitation fee, a Delegate Registration Levy of €200.00 or such other amount as may be determined by the RTI Councillors at the RTI AGM, shall be payable by each Association to the RTI Treasurer on or before the 30th November each year in respect of each such Associations delegate costs at the next following RTI AGM; which total Delegate Registration Levies shall, not later than 90 days prior to the date of that RTI AGM, be paid over by the RTI Treasurer to the Annual General Meeting Conference Committee to be used for the actual funding of that Annual General Meeting Conference, provided that:
- 13.3.2.1.1 The Delegate Registration Levy paid by an Association shall be deducted from the registration costs of the delegates of each Association who attend the RTI AGM.
- 13.3.2.1.2 In the event that no delegate of an Association attends the Annual General Meeting of RTI, then the Delegate Registration Levy, paid or payable by that Association, shall be forfeited by such Association and used for the purpose of generally funding the costs of the RTI AGM Conference.

To be revised to read:

- 13.3.2.1 In addition to the annual capitation fee, a Delegate Registration Levy of €200.00 or such other amount as may be determined by the RTI Councillors at the RTI AGM, shall be payable by each Association to the RTI Treasurer on or before the 30th November each year in respect of each such Associations delegate costs at the next following RTI AGM, *subject to the provision of clause 13.3.2.1.1*, which total Delegate Registration Levies shall, not later than 90 days prior to the date of that RTI AGM, be paid over by the RTI Treasurer to the Annual General Meeting Conference Committee to be used for the actual funding of that Annual General Meeting Conference, provided that:
- 13.3.2.1.1 The Delegate Registration Levy paid by an Association shall be carried forward from year to year as long as that Association attends the RTI AGM.
- 13.3.2.1.2 In the event that no delegate of an Association attends the Annual General Meeting of RTI, then the Delegate Registration Levy, paid or payable by that Association shall be forfeited by such Association *and paid again together with the next annual capitation fee*.
- 13.3.2.1.3 Following the RTI AGM the AGM Conference Committee shall refund the Registration Levies paid to it by the RTI Treasurer so that he can pass them on to the AGM Conference Committee organising the following RTI AGM.



## PROPOSED RTI BUDGET 2010/ 2011

<b>BUDGET FOR RTI FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2012</b>						<b>Budget 2010-11</b>	<b>Budget 2011-12</b>
<b>Income</b>	Regional Chairmen	Board Members	Membership Nos.	Capitation Fee	€ 1.75	€ 1.75	
Capitation Fees			31,500		59,146.50	55,125.00	
Shop Sales/ Advertising/Sponsorship					1,000.00	3,000.00	
Transfers from the General Fund					7,303.50	6,525.00	
Transfers from the Travel Funds					2,400.00	11,000.00	
CS Fund					9,728.00	10,000.00	
Extension Fund - to help & to create (See note below)					4,500.00	10,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>					<b>84,078.00</b>	<b>95,650.00</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>							
* RTI WM 2011 - Bremerhaven, Germany	All Costs/Travel		6/2		9,000.00	10,000.00	
* RTI 2nd BM - India	All Costs/Travel		0/5		3,000.00	5,000.00	
* RTI 3rd BM - Belgium	All Costs/Travel		5/0		3,000.00	3,000.00	
* ASPA 2012 - India	All Costs/Travel	0/1	0/1		1,000.00	1,000.00	
* Africa Region 2012 - Madagascar	All Costs/Travel	0/1	0/1		1,000.00	2,000.00	
* EMATM 2012 - Belgium	All Costs/Travel	0/1	0/1		600.00	300.00	
* EMA 2011 - IROS Meeting - Sweden	All Costs/Travel	0/1	0/1		500.00	1,000.00	
* RTI President Travel	All Costs/Travel				6,000.00	6,000.00	
* RTI VP Travel Travel	All Costs/Travel				1,500.00	1,500.00	
* Other Travel	All Costs/Travel				1,000.00	1,000.00	
* Africa Region Region chairmen	All Costs/Travel				2,500.00	3,000.00	
* ASPA Region Chairman Travel	All Costs/Travel				2,500.00	2,500.00	
* EMA Region Chairman Travel	All Costs/Travel				4,500.00	4,000.00	
* RTI Assistants' Budget	All Costs/Travel		4/0		3,000.00	3,000.00	
* Attendance/hosting LCI/41 Club Int AGM's	All Costs/Travel				700.00	3,000.00	
* Banners/Pins/special awards					2,000.00	2,000.00	
* Gifts					1,150.00	1,150.00	
* Name Bars/Jewels			1		300.00	300.00	
* Admin Costs (Printing/Postage/Stationery/Tel)					600.00	600.00	
* Bank Charges					300.00	300.00	
* Further Website development & enhancement (survey, shop, rti agm)					1,700.00	1,000.00	
* Presidents Service Project Award or CS					9,728.00	10,000.00	
* Extension - payment to mother associations					4,500.00	10,000.00	
* Unforeseen Expenses and Travel needs (contingency reserve)					2,000.00	2,000.00	
<b>SUB-TOTAL :</b>					<b>62,078.00</b>	<b>73,650.00</b>	
* Grants for the RTI WM 2011 Bremerhaven	Travel		28 countries		12,000.00	8,000.00	
* Grants for the RTI RM 2012 - ASPA, India	Travel		4 countries		2,000.00	2,000.00	
* Grants for the RTI RM 2012 - AFRICA, Madagascar	Travel		4 countries		2,000.00	2,000.00	
* Grants for the RTI RM 2012 - EMATM, Brussels	Travel		18 countries		4,000.00	4,000.00	
* Grants for the RTI RM 2012 - EMA IROS, Sweden	Travel		18 countries		2,000.00	6,000.00	
<b>SUB-TOTAL :</b>					<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>					<b>84,078.00</b>	<b>95,650.00</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>					<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

**RTI Officer's trip 2011-2012 Official visits**

	Special Anniversary	Which One?	Charters	AGM & Special Visits	Regional & Sub-Regional Mtgs	RTI Mtgs & Board Meetings	Total
<b>Stijn (Pres.)</b>	RTIndia	60th	Monaco Ivory Coast	New Zealand Cyprus Tunisia LCI Sweden	AR Madagascar IRO Sweden EMA BELGIUM	Bremerhaven India Belgium India	13
		1	2	4	2	4	
<b>(Vice Pr.)</b>				41 Int India RT Poland	IRO Sweden	Bremerhaven India Belgium India	6
<b>Ashvin (Africa)</b>				RTEA	AR Madagascar IRO Sweden	Bremerhaven India Belgium India	7
<b>Steve (EMA)</b>				RT Austria RT ITALY RT Cech Republ	STM Greece NTM Denmark CTM Germany IRO Sweden EMA Belgium	Bremerhaven India Belgium India	11
				2	5	4	
<b>Vivek (Asia Pac.)</b>				RT Thailand RT Singapore	ASPA India IRO Sweden	Bremerhaven India Belgium India	8

## Application to host the RTIWM 2013

Any Full Member wishing to host an RTI Meeting [as defined under rule 10 of the RTI Constitution] shall complete this application form and submit it to the RTI Board at least 56 days before the RTI Meeting at which the application is to be considered.

Please remember to attach a budget and a program to this application form and ensure that cost restrictions are met, where they apply [**see below**]. This form, and its attachments, will be circulated with the notice and agenda and placed on the RTI Website.

<b>NAME OF RTI MEETING</b>	<b>RTI World Meeting - RoundTatouille</b>	
<b>NAME OF FULL MEMBER MAKING BID</b>	<b>Table ronde francaise/RT france</b>	
NAME OF MEETING CONVENER	<b>Alexis Algoud</b>	
TOWN WHERE RTI MEETING WILL BE	<b>Valence</b>	
DATE WHEN RTI MEETING WILL BE	<b>28/08/2013 – 01/09/2013</b>	
COST OF REGISTRATION FOR TABLER	<b>305,00 €</b>	
COST OF REGISTRATION FOR PARTNER	<b>305,00 €</b>	
NAME OF MAIN HOTEL	<b>NOVOTEL VALENCE</b>	
WEBSITE OF MAIN HOTEL	<b><a href="http://www.novotelvalence.com/">http://www.novotelvalence.com/</a></b>	
HOTEL DETAILS:	MAIN HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL
NUMBER OF STARS:	3	1
RACK RATE SINGLE ROOM	100 €	60 €
RACK RATE DOUBLE ROOM	145 €	80 €
RATE OBTAINED SINGLE ROOM	80 €	60 €
RATE OBTAINED DOUBLE ROOM	100 €	80 €
NAME OF CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND	<b>Lyon, 100Km</b>	

DISTANCE FROM MAIN HOTEL IN KM		<b>Marseilles, 200Km</b>		
CONFIRM TRANSPORT TO/FROM AIRPORT INCLUDED IN COST OF REGISTRATION		<b>No</b>		
WHERE TRANSPORT TO/FROM AIRPORT NOT INCLUDED GIVE DETAILS OF TYPE OF TRANSPORT THAT IS AVAILABLE		<b>Train, 30 min from Lyon, 1h from Marseilles, 2h from Paris</b>		
AVERAGE PRICE FOR DRINKS AT MAIN HOTEL		BEER		WINE
		4,00 €		4,00 €
PLEASE LIST BELOW FOR EACH DAY IF MEALS ARE <b>HOT MEALS, SNACKS</b> OR <b>BUFFET</b> AND WHICH TYPE OF <b>DRINKS</b> WILL BE <b>INCLUDED</b> IN COST OF REGISTRATION				
DAY	LUNCH	DRINKS INCL	DINNER	DRINKS INCL
Tuesday				
Wednesday			buffet	x
Thursday	snack	x	Hot meal	x
Friday	buffet	x	buffet	x
Saturday	buffet	x	Hot meal	x
Sunday	snack	x		
NORMAL EXPECTED WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURE				Sunny, 25°C
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN				No

<b>NAME OF RTI MEETING</b>	<b>RTI World Meeting - Feel the spirit of wild Lapland</b>
<b>NAME OF FULL MEMBER MAKING BID</b>	<b>Round Table Suomi-Finland (arranged by RT-97 Rovaniemi)</b>
NAME OF MEETING CONVENER	<b>Pekka Selin</b>
TOWN WHERE RTI MEETING WILL BE	<b>Rovaniemi</b>
DATE WHEN RTI MEETING WILL BE	<b>28.8-1.9.2013</b>
COST OF REGISTRATION FOR TABLER	<b>305€</b>
COST OF REGISTRATION FOR PARTNER	<b>305€</b>
NAME OF MAIN HOTEL	<b>Polar holidays</b>
WEBSITE OF MAIN HOTEL	<b>www.polarholidays.fi</b>

HOTEL DETAILS:	MAIN HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	
NUMBER OF STARS:	3½	3½	
RACK RATE SINGLE ROOM	99€	124€	
RACK RATE DOUBLE ROOM	132€	144€	
RATE OBTAINED SINGLE ROOM	76€	104€	
RATE OBTAINED DOUBLE ROOM	93€	116€	
NAME OF CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND DISTANCE FROM MAIN HOTEL IN KM	<b>Rovaniemi airport 8km (10 min)</b>		
CONFIRM TRANSPORT TO/FROM AIRPORT INCLUDED IN COST OF REGISTRATION	<b>No</b>		
WHERE TRANSPORT TO/FROM AIRPORT NOT INCLUDED GIVE DETAILS OF TYPE OF TRANSPORT THAT IS AVAILABLE	<b>Transport to/from airport 7€/person</b>		
AVERAGE PRICE FOR DRINKS AT MAIN HOTEL	BEER	WINE	VODKA
	€6	€6	€6
PLEASE LIST BELOW FOR EACH DAY IF MEALS ARE <b>HOT MEALS, SNACKS</b> OR <b>BUFFET</b> AND WHICH TYPE OF <b>DRINKS</b> WILL BE <b>INCLUDED</b> IN COST OF REGISTRATION			

DAY	LUNCH	DRINKS INCL	DINNER	DRINKS INCL
Tuesday	-	-	-	-
Wednesday	-	-	Buffet	Soft drinks
Thursday	Buffet	Soft drinks	Buffet	Soft drinks
Friday	Buffet	Soft drinks	Buffet	Soft drinks
Saturday	Buffet	Soft drinks	Hot meal	Soft drinks
Sunday	Brunch			
NORMAL EXPECTED WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURE		+20 sunny		
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN		Santa Claus village, Ranua wild life park		

Notes to the Application Form:-

**1. General Cost Matters**

Any Full Member making a bid should remember to include in their budget the costs of registration and accommodation for 2 RTI Officers [usually the RTI President and the Representative from their Region].

Where reduced costs of registration are offered, they must be available to all.

The Full Member acting as host shall be responsible for all arrangements for the meeting. The profit or loss of the meeting shall be for the account of the host. Accounts shall be made available to the RTI Treasurer by 6 months after the relevant RTI Meeting.

**2. Cost Restrictions for Regional Meetings in both the Africa and EMA Regions**

Maximum costs of registration and accommodation were set in 2002-03 with a 2% increase each year. The 2002-03 base costs [with the 2005-06 equivalent in brackets] are as follows:-

3 day event = 150 [156] EUR

4 day event = 200 [218] EUR

5 day event = 250 [260] EUR

Hotel room = 75 [78] EUR [per person sharing a double room]

**3. Smoking Restrictions**

Please note: as per motion passed at RTI AGM in Pattaya, 2008, that all events both dining & procedural at RTI functions shall be "non smoking". Attendees wishing to smoke must do so outside any event scheduled in the programme. The host Association must guarantee the smoke free events in their bid to host.

## **RTI Board Nomination Form**

Any Full Member wishing to nominate a candidate as an RTI Officer [as defined under rule 6 of the RTI Constitution] shall complete this form, obtain a seconder and submit it to the RTI Board at least 56 days before the RTI Meeting at which the nomination is to be considered.

Please remember to attach a photo and short statement of intent from the candidate [max 300 words]. This form, and its attachments, will be circulated with the notice and agenda and placed on the RTI Website.

<b>NAME OF CANDIDATE</b>	Lars Vondenhoff
<b>NOMINATION FOR WHICH RTI OFFICE<sup>1</sup></b>	RTI Vice President
<b>NAME OF TABLE/ASSOCIATION</b>	RT 80 Eckernfoerde/ Germany
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	07 Jan 1974
<b>DATE DUE TO LEAVE ROUND TABLE<sup>2</sup></b>	AGM Round Table Germany 2014
<b>NAME OF FULL MEMBER PROPOSING</b>	Round Table Germany
<b>NAME OF FULL MEMBER SECONDING</b>	ARTSA
<b>NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD<sup>3</sup></b>	Area Chairman Area 1 Germany (2005/2006) Membership Officer Round Table Germany (2006/2007) Convener CTM 2007 National IRO Round Table Germany (2007 – 2009)
<b>RTI MEETINGS ATTENDED<sup>4</sup></b>	RTI World Meeting (2005/2006/2007/2008/2009) CTM (2006/2007/2008/2009/2010/2011) NTM (2007/2008) IROs Meeting (2007/2008)

<b>CONTACT DETAILS FOR CANDIDATE:-</b>	
<b>HOME ADDRESS</b>	St. Nicolai Str. 29, 24340 Eckernfoerde
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<b>WORK TELEPHONE NO</b>	+ 494351767616
<b>MOBILE TELEPHONE NO</b>	+ 491718124582

<b>NAME OF CANDIDATE</b>	Jeroen de Graaf
<b>NOMINATION FOR WHICH RTI OFFICE<sup>1</sup></b>	RTI Vice President
<b>NAME OF TABLE/ASSOCIATION</b>	RT 86 Amstelland/ The Netherlands
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	13 nov 1973
<b>DATE DUE TO LEAVE ROUND TABLE<sup>2</sup></b>	31 mrt 2014
<b>NAME OF FULL MEMBER PROPOSING</b>	Round Table India
<b>NAME OF FULL MEMBER SECONDING</b>	Round Table RTBI
<b>NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD<sup>3</sup></b>	Treasurer Table 86 2006-2007 Chairman Table 86 2007-2008 Secretary National Service Council 2008-2009 National Vice President 2009-2010 National President 2010-2011 Founder of the international WMC (RTI) together with RTBI and RT Sweden
<b>RTI MEETINGS ATTENDED<sup>4</sup></b>	CTM London 2009 RTI Alkmaar The Netherlands 2009 CTM Liege Belgium 2010 EMA Pisa 2010 RTI Dubai 2010 CTM Luxembourg 2011 EMA Pisa Italy 2011 RTI Germany 2011

<b>CONTACT DETAILS FOR CANDIDATE:-</b>	
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### Statement of intent

Table 86 is my Table in the Netherlands, where I enjoy Tabling with my friends and family. To me Tabling is not only for yourself but you need to share it with the Family and friends. So my wife and two daughters love Tabling as well.

International Tabling gives you an extra vibe and you will find out that International Tabling gives you an extra dimension in Tabling. One of my reasons for bidding for this post is to pass this vibe over to other new Tablers so they can also enjoy International Tabling.

Connection between the associations, open and transparent workflows for the future are steps that are needed next. A clear vision and strategy with efficient procedure and structure will be the basis of the future. Together with my national board team in the Netherlands I managed as National President to do this last year and I would love to do it for RTI. Especially after receiving the Award of Association of the year 2010-2011 EMA that gives us a great boost for the future.

The first step was made in Dubai with the establishment of the WMC. This was done because members are the basis for our future. But we have to be aware of this and to adopt and improve this for the next incoming Tablers.

The New Tabler knows a lot about communication and this is also a specialty of mine which I would like to utilize for the benefit of international Tablers in the already realized international friendship.

As for Service Projects we need a new open medium where all the associations can find out where help is needed.

We need each others' strength and specialty to realize our open goals for the future.

In Tabling with a warm connection.

Jeroen de Graaf

## **RTI World Meeting Travel Fund**

### **[RTI Constitution]**

#### **13.6 RTI World Meeting Travel Fund**

**13.6.1** *The costs incurred by the RTI Councillors in attending any RTI Meeting shall always be the responsibility of the Members.*

**13.6.2** *Members with 5 or less chartered Tables, as detailed in the most recent invoice for capitation fees, may apply to the RTI Board for a contribution towards the travel costs incurred by their RTI Councillors in attending the RTI World Meeting. The RTI Board may, in its sole discretion, entertain other claims on a case by case basis.*

**13.6.3** *No application shall be considered after the RTI AGM and no grant shall be made unless section 1 of the "RTI Expenses Claim Form" has been properly completed and submitted to the RTI Board within 28 days of the RTI AGM.*

**13.6.4** *The RTI Board, in their absolute discretion, shall determine how much to grant to each claimant, taking into account which meetings the RTI Councillor actually attends.*

**13.6.5** *Any grant authorised shall be paid to the Member's bank account not the bank account of their RTI Councillor.*

**13.6.6** *Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, claims submitted by members whose councillor did not attend all of the official meetings, will be entertained only on a pro-rata basis. So as an example, if there are 5 official events, and the claiming member's councillor only attended 4 of the meetings, then only 80% of the value of the total claim will be reimbursed.*

#### **How to Apply for a Grant from the RTI World Meeting Fund?**

Download the **RTI Expenses Claim Form** from the RTI Website [in the Downloads section].

Complete section 1 only of the form [it is a claim for help towards travel costs only NOT accommodation, registration or any other costs!]. Ensure the completed form reaches the RTI Board within 28 days of the relevant RTI Meeting, however, no payment shall be made unless the RTI Treasurer has the original receipts. Please note that claim forms will only be accepted from Members who registered their intention to claim before the end of the relevant RTI Meeting.

The RTI Board shall decide how much each claimant shall receive, if any, bearing in mind the funds available, the total of all the claims made for each RTI Meeting and the meetings and forums actually attended by the RTI Councillors. RTI Councillors are expected to attend ALL meetings and forums so claims will be reduced for non-attendance.

Grants shall be paid once the RTI Board has made its final decision, there are sufficient funds in the RTI bank account and the annual signatories on the account have been updated. There may therefore be some delay between making the claim and receiving the grant.

## **RTI Travel Bingo**

The purpose of this scheme is to encourage visits by active Tablers from one Member to another.

Every effort should be made by the Members taking part to find active Tablers inducted less than 2 years before the date of travel. Also, the active Tablers selected shall not be current members of their National Board and the bingo shall only be open to either Full or Associate Members that have not been suspended.

Members shall decide how many, if any, Tablers they can host at their AGM. This automatically determines how many Tablers they can send to other AGM's.

The draw shall take place during the RTI AGM. However, all RTI Councilors of Members that want to take part, should try to provide details to the RTI Councillor from RT Germany at least 28 days before the AGM.

Members shall only cover the travel costs of the Tablers they send and the accommodation and registration costs of the Tablers they host.