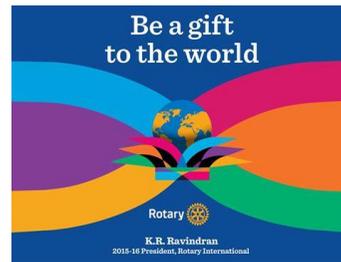




Inter-Country Committees
Comités Inter-Pays



Development of Inter-Country Committees

Geographic and structured

Strasbourg, May 2016

Good morning dear friends,

We gathered here to work together on the:

Geographical and structural development of Inter country comity.

After my presentation we will exchange our views on this 2 issues

I would like to remind you the role of Inter Country Comity:

a) To promote through our actions and investments friendship, peace, and mutual respect.

Why do I put ahead friendship idea before the peace ...idea?
It is because without friendship there is no peace.

b) We are here to help the clubs.
c) We do not promoting projects.

1). Find a contact/Twin club is the role of the coordinator.

2). Find with help of ICC partners actions such "Global grand" or "Simplify grand".

For the time being is it impossible for an Inter Country Comities to do directly actions.
We are not projects makers **but we are facilitators.**

The request should come to a club that has an Inter country comity and can help to fulfil it. And I explain.....

1. With starting to talk about development I mean:

a) Each country should start to develop her own Inter county comity.

*** 90% of the clubs in the world are not aware of ICC.**

- * The comity should bring the action and initiative to the attention of clubs.
- * If the current situation continues we will slowly disappear of the map.
- * The club raise awareness of Inter country comity is the slogan for development.

b) How to organize the work of an Inter Country Comity?

- The national coordinator has a key role and should be motivated as he starts his job.
- It is not recommended to appoint as coordinator by default or because he is the governor's friend. The person should be very motivated to do this role.

- The coordinator should impose the present of Inter Country Comity to the DG but also to the Pets, Assemblies and Conferences.

c) How to develop an ICC

* It is not recommended to rush to sign a charter between 2 countries.

* It is first recommended to learn to know each other. But how?

* 1. By organizing a trip between the two countries

c. An Inter country comity can exist only by having friendship, common interests and common values of Inter Country Comity as friendship, peace and mutual respect.

d. Distance between countries is not more an obstacle for a current contact. It is also possible to realize an ICC meetings on a regular basis by video conference and the easiest way is Skype, as E club do.

+ Do not confuse ICC and Twin club.

+ An Inter Country Comity is composed of several members of different clubs and districts.

+ Do not accept phantom comities. **I explain:**

+ Countries that have more than 10 districts (like USA, UK or Russia and other) have difficulties to function without a Vice president for regional coordinator, and even have several coordinators chosen by federal states. It is not easy, you may ask our friend Kevin from UK and his pilot project.

+ did you know that even a non-Rotarian may be part in an ICC comity? It is evident that the principal roles as President, secretary and financial should be in Rotarians hands.

+ It is also a great opportunity to recruit new members. It is in the hands of the presidents of the comity to work on it.

+ Do not forget that a twin club is a relationship only between 2 clubs, but can be the basis of creation of ICC with several clubs that have contact clubs in the same country.

I think that the best thing to do is to present ourselves in clubs and districts and to get recognition.

+Another very important note coming from our friend international president Ravi is to be considered by being active in the district by demonstrating the beneficial effect of your actions. This will make the difference in the eyes of the DG. It will also benefit the coordinators if they show the result of their actions in the world. We should manifest our activities in public in order to benefit the support of the board of directors, international presidents and also putting in the light of rotary's actions by helping the ICC's to develop itself.

+ Dear coordinators, I give you here important information. Send once in 6 months your report to the executive, also when one of your comity has a worthy action. Send the report also to Evanston where we have a responsible person that follows us, her name is

Kristin Brown, Kristine.brown@rotary.org.

The following point is very important for development

Don't forget that we are not a RI official program but recognized as a PARTNERSHIP of RI (The same as Mercy ship or other partners)

6. The DG and the District

- * To whom belongs ICC in the district? To International comity
- * invite the president of this comity to your meeting and also to the meeting with the coordinator
- * a coordinator is elected for 3 years. That's why he should cultivate good relationship with DG-DGE-DGN and the president of international comity.
- * the DG actually receive (in principle) during the institute a conference over the ICC.
- * hopefully that in San Diego during the formation of new governors we will be able to make a mini conference about ICC.

*not only the clubs do not know ICC but also the DG, I do not want to go into assumption but we better stay positive.

*those are the reasons why the role of the coordinator is so important and it will be profitable to have a past ADG or DG that know good the way to achieve his district.

I come back to the importance of participating in the Pest, Assembly and conferences.
The coordinator should impose himself to the DG-DGE-DGN.

2. Globalisation

- This is a crucial point for the ICC when you see currently the participating countries of Europe takes the course head. It is natural because ICC was created here in Strasbourg.
- Currently Africa, North Africa, North and South America are seekers (Mexico-Argentina among others) and Asia knocks on the door.

- In the level of the executive should the meetings be organized in the countries concerned as I did in February in Mexico with Mexican friends, Americans, Argentines and Chileans?
- There are currently regional coordinators (too little in my opinion) critical not very effective, why?
 - Celia CRUZ GIAY - ARGENTINA
 - Thami Ababou - MOROCCO
 - Mohamed Delawar - EGYPT
 - Yaovi TIGOE – GABON

but without being

- Despite the information and intervention of the Chairman of the Executive Board and Head of Development me:
Why do they not organized an Inter-Regional Meeting TO get to KNOW ICC?

This is what the EXECUTIVE AWAITS THEM WILL ASK THEM to do in order to achieve RESULTS.

— Those are the agenda points that the executive will have to take in his responsibility and quickly but ONLY thanks to your help and advice, each region has a different mentality.

3. Financial aspect

- we are touching a weak link of the ICC organization in all levels, international and for the executive.
- Without fund there is no way forward, we are all volunteers and we put our time to realize our ideas.
- Currently is the district contributions are very low. Of course it also has to do with lack of knowledge of our program and DG clubs

How many committee here present receive money from their district?

This can also be critical with time.

- With the current contributions the Executive has difficulty promoting the ICC. President and Vice-Presidents are struggling to move and to encourage coordinators and committees we are all "VOLUNTARY" and this is our time and also our pocket but understand that it is limited in time.

- So you have to be imaginative and innovative as well as the executive coordinators, how?
 - a) The Italian system is a good example (charge a fee of D)
 - b) Argentina has also innovated (each section contributes ICC)
 - c) We must (it is not prohibited) find sponsors For example:
Join US!

WITH Whom?

Warning do it in an intelligent way.
Not each committee for itself but with nationally coordinator.

⊗ Governmental organizations that have funds to promote peace

⊗ Commercial companies which focus on peace

⊗ Supporters

d) Organize themed celebrations (no need not look far: evening parties of certain country with which you have an ICC) next point is a response to this!

e) Find existing associations (friendly) in the country with which there is an ICC. That is right for your comity! Remember NON ROTARIAN

4. The results anticipated.

⊗ all depends of the Coordinators and its President of Inter-Country Committees

⊗ the result bring you further with enthusiasm

⌘ Do not go too fast

⌘ But mostly collaborate committees and coordinators. Leave the EGO to rate and personal honors and act for the good of the community in friendship and peace.

⌘ Let's use the year theme of the incoming World President John F. Germ framework in which the objectives of the ICC Rotary, in service of the humanity



But most important for Coordinators and Chairmen of Committees Inter-Country that is:

**MOTIVATION
ENTHUSIASM
BELIEVE STRONGLY**