



# Rotary

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## **LETTER TO THE COORDINATORS: THANKS**

Dear friends,

Two years as Chairman of the ICC Executive Council. A big thank to the Members of the Board and the Coordinators for the work they have done, not to mention spouses who often participated in the shadows.

During the handover of power in Milan in May 2014, I had set for my mandate several broad guidelines for ICC:

« Continuity to achieving the actions taken by my predecessors »

« Expansion, communication, organization of an Executive Council at the Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston and an Enlarged Executive Council at the Council of Europe, participation in major events of Rotary International, were the keywords Clefs »

### EXPANSION :

The ICC increase in the world was 15% over the last two Rotarian years.

A « Gigantic » work for updating the list of the National Coordinators with the National Sections joined was performed by Bruno Scovazzi.

### COMMUNICATION :

New ICC website created : [www.rotary-icc.org](http://www.rotary-icc.org)

Articles published in several magazines, including for France: Le Rotarien.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL :

Four Executive Councils have been organized.

Milan, May 9 - 10 - 11, 2014, with handover.

Paris, on the sidelines of the UNESCO meeting, on April 3, 2015. We were pleased to welcome Gary HUANG and his wife, and in the evening we organized a dinner in their honor ; we were 98 people.

Evanston, at the headquarters of the Rotary International, October 1 and 2, 2015: it was the first time, there was never been any ICC meeting in the USA before. We had the participation of the RI President RAVINDRAN, the Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair KLINGINSMITH, the RI General Secretary HEWKO.

Strasbourg, at the Council of Europe and at the CIC head office on May 6 and 7, 2016. The theme: « Building the worldwide agreement with Rotary and Inter-Country Committees »; very good participation, since 120 people were present. We celebrated the 65th anniversary of the first ICC, established in 1950 between France and Germany.

Participation to Institutes, in Marrakech, Milan, Birmingham, Antalya.

Partecipation to the RI Presidential Conference on disease prevention and treatment at Cannes, attended by RI President RAVINDRAN, the Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair KLINGINSMITH.

Partecipation to Symposia :

In Tunisia symposium on the theme of Peace « Local democracy tools and the new Tunisian Constitution ».

In Israel and Romania symposia on « Water and sanitation ».

UNESCO Conference in Paris, « Building Peace with Rotary and UNESCO: Inter-Country Committees' Peace Initiatives ». More than 500 people.

ICC Strategic Plan, more meetings in Paris. Before the ICC evolution, it was necessary to propose amendments to the texts governing them and establish internal guidelines. The amendments proposed to the code of policies, the creation of the internal guidelines are proposed to RI Board for review and application.

The internal guidelines will be submitted to the Executive Council after consulting the RI Board.

RI International Conventions: participations in Bangkok, Sao Paulo, Seoul. Booth in the House of Friendship, and Break-out sessions.

In conclusion, two years of construction and compliance of ICC, in the context of the directives of Rotary International and the specificities of Inter-Country Committees, working for Peace and reconciliation of peoples.

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