

Following up last year's Annual General Meeting the new Board held an inquiry concerning the members' thoughts about a new name of our Fellowship. Although the abbreviation ACHAFR is a tongue-breaker here and there with the exception of one national chapter all other chapters voted in favour of continuation of the name, the more so since it is widely known by now and a new name would induce a new marketing campaign with new information material at substantial costs.

Instead the Board opted for a refreshment of our website. With sincere thanks to our previous webmasters Colin Weeks and Hans Schuttenbeld, who have invested great efforts- and so much private time- in keeping the website as actual as possible, a general overhaul of the website has been initiated and a professional webmaster, Mrs Hetty Baas, has been appointed.

Thanks to her splendid work we can now proudly show a contemporary website, providing all necessary information about our Fellowship, its national chapters and their activities and attracting the interest of potential new members worldwide. In addition to its use on the internet, copies of the new site can be made available and used for demonstration and information reasons at local, district and international conventions. Name and activity branding is to be a major task of our Fellowship and it showed.

During the past months new personal members have been acquired in various countries in Europe and across the Atlantic and thanks to their marketing efforts, we may succeed to establish new national chapters.

After being formally installed and legally registered under Dutch law , the new Board was able to open a banking account under our official name. With the new account

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the Treasurer Johannes Zilkens will have a fresh start in his duties.

The Board express sincere thanks to the former Treasurer Ronald Hagestein, who has mastered the financial well-being of our Fellowship for many, many years.

With so many rally's already taking place within the national chapters we are looking forward to the Europe Tour 2016 , which will take us to the magnificent Mille Miglia area of Brescia.

On behalf of the Italian Chapter ARACI, Cristiano Luzzago and his organisation team of Rotary Club Brescia District 2050 provides us under the heading

'A tour you will never forget'

with a magnificent programme, see (www.achafr.eu), showing us not only the beauties of the region but also challenging the driving capabilities of the participating teams and cars. No less than 40 teams will appear at the start on June 10,2016 and chase the Trophy !

Before joining Cristiano's Gala dinner, we will have our Annual General Meeting 2016 on June 11, 2016. The Secretary and myself will reflect on the activities of the past and forthcoming 12 months and the Treasurer will show us the financial results and consequences.

While looking into 2017, representatives of RRAF UK will then warm us up for the Europe Tour 2017 which will take us to Yorkshire in June.

I am confident that we will have a nice stay in Brescia, a fruitful General Meeting and pleasant companionable meetings with so many representatives of different countries, thus reflecting the essence of Rotary and our Fellowship in particular.

Without any doubt we will physically and literally

KEEP ROTARY ROLLING

With finest personal regards

Yours

Matthijs van den Adel