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### **International Relations Officers Report 4th June 2006.**

It is with pleasure and a certain sense of relief that I present this my 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report; it has been quite a learning curve.

Thanks to Peter Butchart's tireless efforts there have been 2 amazing Tours (he doesn't do things by half) through Scandinavia and as a result he has had inquiries from at least 5 groups from there to help them organise tours coming here but I will leave the Tour Leader to tell you about these.

Tina and I went on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tour and what a wonderful experience of learning, friendship and fellowship it was.

A quick note about the website ([www.41club.org.nz](http://www.41club.org.nz)), there are lots of tour photos on here, plenty of information and it's easy to use.

The application from Perth 41 Club to affiliate with our Association was the first thing that came to my attention this year. They are the only 41 Club in Australia and have been affiliated to the UK but having had little benefit from that, they feel they have far more in common with us.

Tina and I have recently returned from Perth where we had the opportunity to have delightful lunch at a canal side Brasserie with several of their members and wives. We were the first N.Z. 41ers to have met with them. Once again they have the same ideals and friendship values as 41ers everywhere and are looking forward to visiting us soon.

I have had several inquiries from individuals wanting to come here and also one from a German couple asking about the possibility of their daughter being hosted for a year while she attends school.

I will try to keep you all informed as to progress on these.

41 International is now in 19 member countries and has 41 Club contacts in another 16, what a wealth of friends.

Thank you for entrusting me with this rewarding position.

Derek Johns.

"May the hinges of friendship never rust."