

## IRO Report 2014

Gentlemen

Looking back I see that this is my 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and as it's a biannual position looks like you will have to put up with me for another year at least.

This year has been so much more pleasant without the bickering and arguments on the International scene, one or two adjustments of the rules to allow countries with 3 or less 41 Clubs to join the 41 INTERNATIONAL Association on reduced fees and allowing them a vote once they have 3 Clubs.

Netherlands is coming back to 41 INTERNATIONAL.

Malta has joined as the 21<sup>st</sup> country to do so.

Sri Lanka and Poland have submitted applications to join and Estonia is seriously considering doing so.

There are 41 Clubs in another 16 countries as well so your membership allows you to travel and be welcomed in around 40 countries worldwide, that's a lot of friends and what we are about as 41er's

Carsten Flink, from Denmark is International President for this year.

Makarios Charalambides, from Cyprus is Vice President

Bruce Mckay, from South Africa is Vice President Elect for 2016.

We hosted KK & Vini, Past President 41 INTERNATIONAL before AGM and took them up to Blenheim then back down to Timaru and Oamaru and enjoyed their company.

There have been several inquiries about trips round NZ but only 2 couples from those have come, a lovely couple from India with their Canadian Friends and an English couple who hosted us back in 2001 came for a short stay.

Most of year has been very busy with inquiries for the HYM in Blenheim and helping with the organising of this once in our lifetime's event here in NZ.

It has been a huge task that started after the HYM in San Vincenzo, Italy 2011 when we were asked by our International Consuls if we would consider hosting HYM 2014. The National Exec of that time decided that we would do investigations and became the committee for this. We were officially asked by Carsten Flink, then Vice Pres elect on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, accepted on March 14<sup>th</sup> and well before the AGM in Chennai on 21<sup>st</sup> April knew we had more than enough votes to host this.

The vote was unanimous and we are now looking forward to this.

Thank you all once more, especially the National Executive for your confidence, support and help over the year; it makes this job so well worthwhile.

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