



## Main RTI Events

**RTI Half Yearly Meeting**  
Hungary, 18-21 February 2016

**Round Table Day**  
Worldwide, 14 March 2016

**Africa Meeting**  
Kenya, 21-24 April 2016

**ASPA Meeting**  
Sri Lanka, 27-29 May 2016

**EMA Meeting**  
Tunisia, 14-17 July 2016

**RTI World Meeting**  
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4 types of packages (including a combination of the following: Welcome Dinner on Thursday, Carnival Ball – with or without transportation from the event's hotel – on Friday and Banner Exchange dinner on Saturday) plus 2 optional events (that will take place on Friday and Saturday morning, respectively).

International Carnival Round Table Venice  
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Dear friends, prepare yourself for one of the most incredible events of the year, organized by Round Table Italy in the magnificent and magic city of Venice, where an euphoric mist descends to blur the outlines of things and to create an atmosphere of wonder and mystery. The city morphs into a world of costumes, tricks, dances and romantic encounters. Four days of fairy tale from Thursday the fourth to Sunday the seventh of February 2016 with the following appointments:

**Thursday 2016/02/04:**

- Registration & Welcome dinner Italian style

**Friday 2016/02/05:**

- Wine and food tour. A journey in the dishes and wines of one of the most important region of Italy
- Gala dinner and Carnival ball in the historical Palace Pisani Moretta. You will live a magic moment during the boat trip to Palace Pisani Moretta along the famous Canal Grande, which crosses all the historical parts of Venice, to jump into the atmosphere of a romantic dinner in rooms all lighted only by candles. In the last year the event has been attended by 390 guests from 16 different countries.

**Saturday 2016/02/06:**

- Discovering a particular Venice. A city of myth, love and beauty where, during Carnival, nothing is real and everything is possible;
- Goodbye dinner with banner exchange. A moment to share our emotions together and to bring with us something of this experience all life long.

**Sunday 2016/02/07:**

- Wake up from the dream and breakfast until 12:00 o'clock;

Don't wait, live the moment because the time is now, RT Italy will be proud to welcome you in Venice. Book your dream at: [www.carnivalrtvenice.it](http://www.carnivalrtvenice.it)



# AFRICA REGION MEETING 2016

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For the 28th consecutive year, The Association of Round Tables in Hong Kong Charitable Foundation is organising the Hong Kong 24 Hour Pedal Kart Charity Grand Prix, which will take place in Victoria Park on 14 and 15 November 2015.

Over 600 team participants will compete in this 24-hour pedal kart race, a unique event worldwide that attracts thousands of spectators every year, who enjoy the excitement of the race, and the fun of the kids entertainment - bouncy castle, clown performances... in a family friendly environment.

This event is the result of the union of the 3 active tables in Hong Kong, 7, 9 and 10, plus the amazing effort of many helping hands, especially Ladies Circle, who assist with coordination of critical activities before and during the weekend, as well as other partners that provide their kind support to make this unique event happen. For the competing organisations, their team members, supporting colleagues and volunteers, the pedal kart competition not only represents months of training, preparation, planning and coordination but the race also helps foster precious teamwork and healthy competition. By participating in this race, everyone understands that their effort and donations will be destined to a good cause.

Throughout the years, this event has provided us with the resources to contribute to a variety of charitable causes, primarily in Hong Kong but also in other places in need across Asia. We invite you all to follow our facebook group to find out more about the causes we support and to stay in touch.

Back to the event... The best way to get the feel for it is to experience it live but for now, we invite you to watch last year's highlights. However, we welcome our fellow tablers around the world to come and take part in this event in any capacity. Extra hands are always well received and, who knows, maybe we could have a RTI team participating in the race some day?

YIT,

Pablo Cot Gonzalez  
Chairman, The Association of Round Tables in Hong Kong Charitable Foundation, and Hong Kong Round Table 10

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## PK's MESSAGE

**"HAPPINESS"** - "Happiness is a state of mind" - a state of positive and pleasant frame, emotions of contentment to intense joy. All that we do in our life is to make us happy. Some people look out for happiness while some amazing people create happiness for themselves by spreading happiness among others.

One of the surest ways to happiness is to be in service of mankind and the needy. To be in the right place at the right time with the right purpose is all that matters and we tablers know to do this best.

My heart fills with happiness pride and gratification every time I compile newflash to know and let everyone know that tablers across the world are so much involved in various projects towards service to mankind. Lets keep the momentum rolling to make the world a better place to live in.

There are many facets around us requiring our involvement and attention. So dear tablers come up with novel and exciting ventures of community service. We would feature it on our newflash .It shall trigger mass thinking.

We together can and will make a difference.  
Lets be reason of happiness.... Lets be someone 'sunshine....  
As quoted by Mahatma Gandhi....

**"The best way to find oneself is to lose oneself in the service of others"**

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## ONE AFRICA - A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Dear friends

The Africa Region is looking at implementing its 'One Africa' vision which had been outlined at the ARM in Visby. 10 initiatives have been earmarked for the coming 10 months and they are as follows:

**I. World Membership Committee in Africa**  
RTCA to split into 3 new associations, namely RT Botswana, RT Malawi and RT Zimbabwe. The matter is a delicate one and warrants the attention of RTI. In this spirit, the support of the WMC has been secured to help with the soft landing of RTCA, the preservation of its memories and the chartering of the new associations.

RTEA was on the brink of collapse after having been one of Africa's strongest associations. It has been a focus association for 2 years now and it was decided that it remain a focus association. One of the best ways to support this courageous association is to attend their ARM meeting in Mombassa.

**II. Africa Region Affiliate member status**  
RT France has historically shared very strong links with Africa Region both linguistically and culturally. In terms of geography, RT France's 22nd region, Reunion





island is closest to the region. The plan is to contemplate greater opportunities of working together to improve fellowship, expand the movement within the continent and increase international traveling between Africa Region and RT France with the help of its 22nd region.

### III. Code of Conduct

Even though most associations worldwide had adopted the RTI code of conduct, it is not the case for Africa. The objective is to get the RTI code of conduct adopted as an addendum in the constitutions of all the Africa Region associations where it is not already the case. Even though it is considered as a universal document, associations will also be provided with the opportunity to adopt, adapt and improve on the document should they wish to localise it.

### IV. A Festival for Africa

Unlike EMA and ASPA, Africa Region does not yet have an international tabling event. The objective is for each Africa Region association to look into the possibility to host a prestigious international event, outside their AGM. The RT Seychelles Regatta is well-placed to raise their flag high.

### V. Vision document

The Africa Region associations will be updating their strategic vision document with new goals until 2017. They will be doing so with the experience of the past and bringing in their ideas for the future.

### VI. Memorandum of Understanding with 41 Club and Ladies Circle

One day, we will all be graduating from Round Table and we want the future of the greater movement to be as intense and exciting as it was when we were tablers. The MOU reinforces this link between past and future and brothers and sisters in ways which had never been explored before. The target is clear - all associations of Africa Region will have signed MOUs with their respective 41 Club and/or Ladies Circle by the next RTI WM.

### VII. Geographical alignment with RTI Regions

African members feel that the tie has come to re-brand Africa Region to Africa-Middle East-Indian Ocean (AMI) to reflect its

current membership and position the region for future expansion beyond its shores.

### VIII. Enhance and establish good relations with Rotaract in Africa

Look into the opportunity to recruit members from Rotaract prior to them joining the Rotary. With a retirement age of 32 at the Rotaract, opportunities exist to recruit members from this service club. A greater understanding of what the Round Table movement is about will improve the Round Table recruitment targets and will strengthen the recruitment base of 41 Club and Ladies Circle.

### IX. Participate in a worldwide blood donation effort to mark Round Table Day

All associations of Africa Region should encourage their local tablers to each contribute 1 pint towards an RTI blood donation campaign over the next 5 months; The cut-off dates will be 13 March when the figures will be communicated to the Regional Chairmen. RTI will then communicate the outcome internationally on 14 March 2016

### X. Participate in Numbers Meeting

Numbers meetings are the purest form of international tabling in that it is a framework for Joe Tabler to travel the world and meet an old friend for the first time. The target is for at least 2 Africa Region Associations to participate in international Numbers meetings to promote worldwide fellowship amongst their members.

So this is our detailed strategy for Africa. It is a plan underpinned by some simple tabling values and one which will require talent and effort. Yet, as our associations gear up for their Half Yearly meetings, the young members of our region will get together round the table, adopt methods that have proved so sound in the past, adapt them to the changing needs of the times and wherever possible, improve them.

If you wish to join us in our endeavour - please join us and together we'll shaping Africa's future.

Yours in Tabling  
**Irshad Paurobally**  
**Africa Region Chairman and**  
**RTI Secretary 2015/16**



## ASPA CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Fellow Tablers,

Greetings from the ASPA region! Yes it's still sunny and warm in the region, so if you fancy some sun

& fun do join us, there is plenty of activities to choose from .

Amongst the several community service projects that are being carried out in the ASPA region, I have selected one from Bangalore in India to highlight.

BTLC 122 and BTRT 222 launched project initiative 'SAHARA' (simply means support) to commemorate "THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD". The aim of the project was to financially adopt (sponsor) an orphan girl child for a year and look after her requirements as they may arise during the course of 1 year.

The phenomenal response received from Friends in Tabling and Circling was overwhelming that not only were we able to adopt every girl child but all the boy children at the orphanage. They were able to adopt 48 Children for 1 year. This is really great work guys, it's definitely "earning your tomorrow"! Keep it up!

The highlight for November is the Pedal Kart event in Hong Kong (13-15 Nov). Keep an eye on their website for updates as well <http://roundtablehongkong.org/>



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44 karts signed up for the 2015 event. This is fantastic! Charitable Donations - They have appointed Cornerstone again to support the book keeping efforts. Team shirts are through Tsunami - doing a great deal for Race Officials and will make a Charitable Donation as well. They expect to use Kerry's 9-5 catering again & they give a Charitable Donation linked to the amount of business they generate. Managers briefing Tuesday 10th November at 6.30pm at the offices of DTZ Cushman and Wakefield, 16F Jardine House, Central. Also Tuesday 1st Dec will be the awards. Put both in your diary.

That's it for this edition, Stay tuned for more from the fastest growing region in Tabling!

YIT,  
 Ibrahim Saleem  
 ASPA Region Chairman & RTI Treasurer 2015/16



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Tablers,

Time flies but so do us! This Tabling season has had a heck of a start. So many amazing events going on around the world and too little time to visit them all, no matter how much one would love to do so. Keep the invitations coming, and especially keep updating your events in the website and in this News Flash. Someday someone from some unexpected place will make it into your event. International Tabling at its best!

Behind the scenes the RTI board, board assistants and the working groups are busy. Directory, strategy, online vision, WMC, News Flash, regional meetings, technology quick fixes, economical issues,

supporting, guiding, answering questions, online meetings... And we love every second of it. We are looking forward to show you some of the results in February in the RTI Half Year Meeting in Eger, Hungary. Looking forward to see you all there, working and partying like real Tablers do!

I have explained the World Membership Committee on the pages of this News Flash. One of my main responsibilities as the RTI Vice President is to lead the WMC. It's a challenging job but also very rewarding one; I get to feel the pulse of the Round Table in different parts of the globe. I get to work with a group of motivated and skilled Tablers who have a big heart for our organisation. They use their scarce hours to help our organization to extend. They work hard to help the struggling associations to survive and rediscover the path to growth. You, my fellow Tabler, can also do your part in your region by being active and keeping your eyes open for any new opportunities for the RT to grow.

Finally I would like to congratulate once more Round Table Denmark for its 75 amazing years of Tabling. What a party we had in Copenhagen with 850 Tablers! Once more, big thanks my Danish brothers for the unforgettable weekend.

Let's keep the party rolling, brothers!  
 From Finland with love,

YiiT

**Kaj Kostlander**  
 RTI Vice President 2015/16







## AN ACCOUNT OF RTSL MEMBERS OF THE RTIWM 2015: A MOMENT OF GLORY FOR TABLING IN SRI LANKA

It was a year that Sri Lanka had been waiting for. Tabling in Sri Lanka can be summarized as 6 tables, less than 100 tablers but each of them with a larger than life will & cheer at heart to contribute to tabling and making a difference in any way they could.

Altaf was taking over the mantle of this great organization. Therefore 20+ tablers made their way to Scandinavia. Travel began from 10th of August onwards. They were heading over to Visby in Numbers. Just to make sure the "La La" was strong enough for this moment which is truly a crowning one in Sri Lankan tabling history.

Most of the RTSL contingent spent one night in Stockholm (for most it was the 11th) and were met by tablers from Stockholm.

The next day the team was on its way to Visby. They shared the ferry with most of the other tablers and no sooner the ferry sounded its departure horn, the party started on the Sun Deck. Spirits both human & liquid were at a very high level. New friendships being created, old friendships re-kindled. There were tablers from South Africa, Netherlands, Sweden and many more other nations, all aboard the Gotland bound ferry.

Upon arrival we were ushered to the hotels and the Kneipbynn resort.

The next few nights were simply magical. The pink party was an awesome way to welcome us. One would even envy the 2 new tablers from Sweden who were inducted that day. What an occasion to be inducted at.

The next day was the Water park day for non-delegates and also a chance to get a glimpse of the World Meeting taking place. Members rising up and stating their club status, concerns was indeed a good moment for any new tabler who would have been at his first world meeting. As for the Sri Lankan delegation, seeing Altaf on the chair, with every second inching closer to being crowned the President, was very exciting.

One could not forget the White Beach party filled with fun and also the Visby castle show we witnessed. Afterwards the after party at the Visby Strand provided yet another amazing opportunity for tablers and circlers as well as 41ers & Tangents to bond with each other. Every moment as one which was not to be missed.

The 3rd day was once again back to meetings in the morning, one of the great abilities of a tabler indeed. (Party All Night and get to serious Business in the meetings with the occasional Laaaaaaa encore) Some of the non-delegates went on the Gotland Tour and enjoyed the

Swedish hospitality of the tablers and some delicious meals as well with a view of the old city walls. The Nations Night was a highlight of the RTIWM 2015 with so many tablers enjoying the delicacies & alcohol from each other's tables. The Arrack from the Sri Lankan table was quite a popular hit as well. The party at the club house was simply fantastic (though everyone kept sneaking out to try the remains of the beef & pork prepared by the Estonians)

The next day's meeting was attended by all the RTSL members as Altaf gave a presentation along with presentations of other future events as well. It was a close fight for the RTIWM 2017 and congratulations to Estonia on their win. Kaj's appointment as RTI VP was also hailed by the audience. Something personally Kaj told me was "Tabling is for everyone. Rich /Poor, Introverts/Extroverts, Those who love alcohol / those who hate it etc..." Well we all wish Kaj the best of luck in his future journey.





The banner exchange time saw the Sri Lankan contingent exchanging gifts, pleasantries and of course banners & pins. In the evening it was time for the ladies & gentleman to put on their best suits. The RTI official reception was the one containing the moment we were all waiting. Altaf Jevunjee from Sri Lanka took over the mantle and gave his official speech upon being crowned with the jewels by JT. His message was simple: Tomorrow's Success is Not Guaranteed. It must be worked for & earned today.

The Gala Night was simply stunning. A delicious 3 course meal followed by the party was a cherry on top for the bonding that was taking place over several weeks. It was as if Abba was alive in the room. The DJ music kept the guests to their beat and on their feet as the final round of wishes began closer to 2AM.

The next morning scrumptious bunch was enjoyed by all the Sri Lankans as we bid good-bye to other fellow tablers since many of us stayed for one extra day to witness the beautiful soothing sunset of Visby for one more time. Some tablers including RTSL president made a trip to Copenhagen for further tabling and networking with some amazing tabling friends. The next day as we took off to Colombo with the new president of RTI, there was quite a good self-awareness of the situation among the large RTSL contingent making its way back home. The situation as summarized by everybody was: The journey to make a difference had just begun.

Team RTSL

## ALL IN A HEARTBEAT



There once was a loving family that had quite a surprise, unexpectedly there was another addition coming. They quickly made arrangements to welcome the new baby and waited excitedly for the little one...

### Broken hearted

Lenny Gabriel was born and the first indication that something was wrong came when his parents noticed that he was wheezing instead of breathing and one side of his chest remained permanently smaller. Initially the doctors felt that he would recover by his sixth month but his mother and father felt that there needed to be tests done and they pushed to make it happen. The doctors discovered that he had holes and malformed valves in his heart. Imagine the pain of parents who had had their worst fears confirmed! They pushed every day and

made frequent visits to the hospital until finally Lenny was added to a list of those that needed surgery that was at that time unavailable in Seychelles, but the condition was that Lenny would have to go with a nurse instead of his parents. Their baby alone for 3-6 months?, his parents quickly started looking for help elsewhere because when your baby son is on a list chances are he dies before he gets the surgery.

### Patched up heart

It was then that his father found an amazing group that funded his first surgery. With his son hanging on to life Lenny's father petitioned the Seychelles Round Table and Lenny was saved. Mr Pardiwalla gave them the contact details for the South African branch of the group and they organised everything. At 18 months only Lenny was taken to South Africa and the family lived at a Tabler's house. He was hospitalised immediately and the surgery was fast-tracked as the father of the chairman of Round Table South Africa was actually at the Children Red Cross Hospital where the first heart transplant was performed. Surgery required that Lenny's back be sliced open to access his heart resulting in his first massive scar, despite having seen only one year of life. Thankfully, the hole was closed and an artificial valve was placed. The family was relieved and all that was needed was that Lenny live a careful life to increase his chances of living past six... that was all they gave him. Essentially he was a dead man walking. One of the worst fears was that he had also lost brain function but then Lenny did something that proved that he was fine in that department. His mother and father would bribe him with smarties each time they needed to sneak out to leave but a few days after, when he was given the smarties, Lenny said no and looked them in the eye.

### Fragile at heart

Lenny remembers that his siblings were always being told to treat him with kid gloves, he was not to be tired out, no excitement and a whole other list of nos. He credits his older brothers' inability to understand this concept for his extremely happy childhood, one of his favourite memories is of being pushed around in a cart and having the time of his life, he regrets the eventual trashing that brother received but he





loved that his brothers kept on doing it anyway. And judging from all the stories, he had a VERY happy childhood! The first time I've seen such ineptitude producing such positive results... his brothers could have killed him, but he would have died happy.

### **Their hearts sinking**

When he was six years old, Lenny was still alive and kicking and did not seem to be about to drop dead but to be safe the whole family went on holiday to Singapore, on the agenda, other than fun, was a visit to the National University Hospital that was working on (at the time) a breakthrough valve. His father took him to the hospital and the holiday turned into a nightmare! The doctor was surprised that Lenny was still alive since his artificial valve was failing, he was immediately hospitalised and his father had to make the decision whether Lenny was to be used as a guinea pig for the new technology. At that point a few of the other children on the list had already died and Lenny's father was determined that his son would NOT be following them. A man of action, his dad said yes, and surgery was done the next day.... just in the nick of time.

### **And their hearts soared**

The surgery was successful but it took Lenny four days to come out of the ensuing coma. Lenny remembers seeing his mother and wondering why she looked so sad. At six years old he had not understood that he had almost died, AGAIN! But once he woke up, tests were carried out and jubilation! , the artificial valve was not only successful but it was expected to adjust to the pressure changes that would result as he grew up and for once the prognosis was LIFE! It took a while but finally after six years, Lenny's parents had their son. He was expected back at 18 just to check that the valve had really 'grown with him' but that was it. Lenny went back home with new parts and ANOTHER massive scar down his chest.

### **An end that warms the heart**

Lenny went for his final check-up at 16 because his parents did not want him to go during his 'A' level years. He was hospitalised and



gave him the confidence that the doctor was on top of things. He left the hospital with a clean bill of health and two smaller scars on his lower abdomen.

### **Light of heart**

I have never interviewed someone who had faced death so many times and triumphed. Lenny does not even seem to consider this as any particular achievement. He even jokes about how the scariest thing about his ordeal was that when he had his last check up at seventeen. He spent a mortifying number of minutes trying to hide an erection from his very pretty nurse when after settling him in; she told him that she would be coming to shave off his pubic hair for the surgery. He remembers that despite being told to get a good night's sleep, he ended up not sleeping as he wondered what he was going to do. He guffawed, "You can imagine my relief when a male nurse turned up." Who else thinks that his nurse had seen the erection and sent someone else?

he got to experience his first 'awake' procedure... on his birthday! He credits his doctor (who was still a student) from preventing him from running away. The staff sang happy birthday then he was cut open. Lenny says, "There's nothing like watching your own blood gushing out from your own body to freak you out!!!!" The doctor would explain what he was doing and why, and Lenny says that it

### **Hearts of gold**

When Lenny returned from University, he found out about how the Seychelles Round Table had saved his life. He immediately joined them. Now, all Lenny wants to do is give other Seychellois the opportunity he received. The Seychelles Round Table is a group of young men between the ages of 18-40 years that work tirelessly to shore up money that they then use to fund many charitable projects. While their big donations, such the wheelchairs recently given to the Seychelles Hospital, are in the public eye, the multitude of Seychellois that they have sent for treatment, they have never divulged. The whole country seems to be under the impression that the Round Table hosts the Regatta then hands over the money to some worthy cause but in actual fact these men work continuously throughout the year. They give up family time, energy and their own money. They even rope their nearest and dearest into helping them in countless activities that are all aimed at giving back to the community. They are a fellowship of men that believe that charity brings them closer to each other. They are the Seychelles' quiet heroes!

### **From the bottom of my heart**

Lenny feels thankful that there are men willing to keep the Round Table alive. He is thankful that there are still men that are capable of empathising with the world. He is thankful that despite all the sacrifices there are still men that believe in helping others out. He is thankful that when the going gets tough, these men rally and never let you down.



## GREETINGS FROM THE SUNNY SKIES AND TROPICAL BEACHES OF THE SEYCHELLES ISLANDS!

2015 has been indeed a special year for our club, especially these past few months as we witnessed a significant increase of inducted members whom each profession and background has brought added value to the group. We also experienced an increase of fun-charitable activities organized by RT Seychelles to promote fellowship amongst its members whilst aiding the less fortunate. RT Seychelles was recently awarded the prestigious 'Club of the Year' award during the Round Table International (RTI) World Meeting which took place last August in Visby, Sweden. This marks the second time that RT Seychelles received this esteemed recognition.

As for the month of September, the dedicated Tablers of RT Seychelles managed to pull off yet another successful Regatta - the largest annual fund-raising event in Seychelles. In fact, this year's Regatta, which marks the 42nd edition of its existence, was poised as one of the best in recent years according to some honouree Tablers. Perhaps another person who

could testify on the grand success of this year's Regatta is the President of Round Table International, Altaf Jeevunjee who witnessed firsthand how over 45,000 visitors (more than half the population of Seychelles) descended upon the usual Regatta iconic site in Beau Vallon beach to be part of the three-day festival. Both locals and tourists were being entertained by all the activities which included numerous sports competitions, live performances by local artists as well as fairground games.

Prior to the anticipated Regatta weekend, RT Seychelles managed to pull off one of their 'rabbits out of the magic hat', whereby Mr Jeevunjee had the pleasure of meeting the President of the Republic of Seychelles, James Michel during an official courtesy call at the State House.

Alike every year, the proceeds generated by the Regatta goes towards grand scale projects of which the local community benefits from, be it educational or health related. Past causes funded by RT Seychelles thru the Regatta proceeds included the donations of various cancer detecting machines, renovation of schools for disabled children, drug awareness campaigns, purchase of ambulances, to name but a few. Last year's proceeds went into the procurement of much needed diagnostic equipment and training sessions for the nurses of the Oncology Unit so as to improve the quality service at the general hospital. With

this year's proceeds, RT Seychelles has decided to take on a particular challenge and kick-start a five-year vaccination programme against pneumonia with the aim to eradicate this disease in Seychelles. This in itself represents a prosperous future and a healthier society for our beloved small island nation.

Nevertheless, the road is still long and this year's Regatta proceeds could only cover 20 per cent out of the total amount (150,000euros) needed to guarantee that the five-year vaccination programme is delivered as planned. Thus the reason we kindly request the support of any RT club across the globe who would like to join us on the noble quest.

Meanwhile with this article, RT Seychelles would like to take this opportunity to thank all those international Tablers who over the years, had helped us in one way or another make the Regatta, one of the most popular fund-raising event in the RTI calendar.

For more info, visit our official Facebook page: Seychelles Round Table

VIVA Round Table!!

**Abison De Giorgio**  
Treasurer of RTS No. 2 (2015-2016)







## A WORD OF THANKS FROM RTBI

With close to 500 Tablers (no partners) in attendance, the September National Sporting Weekend is RTBI's largest event. With this Area v Area sporting competition being a complete success, RTBI would like to thank our International friends who made up the official 'International Team' for the second year running.

The gathering started in the Thursday night as Tablers drifted in from far and wide to Norwich, the spiritual home of Round Table. In 1927, Norwich, saw the first ever meeting of Round Table and it was very poignant that NSW attendees were given a guided tour of Suckling House, including the actual room where it all started. A surprise guest was waiting for us, Peter Marchesi, son of Louis, who spoke about Round Table and answered questions. It was a great start to the weekend.

A tour and some sports on the Friday was followed by white collar boxing event. With over 1000+ people screaming it was a great night. This was compounded by the fact that two Tablers (and best friends) were boxing each other in the final bout.

Saturday is the main NSW event!

With around 16 different sports to choose from Tablers gathered in their Area teams. All Tablers will have their own experiences but most Tablers do not actually mind who won and simply concentrate on the fun and fellowship that make this a unique Tabling experience. The Saturday night gala dinner and award ceremony was a truly amazing event. The noise levels were amazing, the award ceremony was fun but most of all Tablers Tabled including meeting old friends for the first time! It was a bunch of Ordinary Guys Doing Extraordinary Things!!

If you wish to participate in the 2016 NSW simply check out the website via [www.rtbievents.co.uk](http://www.rtbievents.co.uk) and follow the links (A staggered payments system is available)

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## WHAT IS WMC?

Do you have an idea where to establish a new table? Or maybe you have networks in a new country where Round Table could expand to?

One of the ultimate goals for RT International is to grow stronger and younger. In order to reach this, all RT associations need to get more systematic and strategic in their work. This means planning for the future and securing continuation when national boards change every year. For this purpose RTI is asking all associations to make a strategy document.

In order to grow stronger and younger, we also need to expand. We need to found new tables and new associations. Membership and extension issues are under the responsibility of the RTI Vice President. For me this is a motivating challenge but obviously one man can do only so much in such a large organization. Therefore WMC, World Membership Committee, has been founded.

WMC is a small working group established to assist the Vice President in helping the struggling associations, and to support the establishment of new tables and new associations worldwide. WMC is first and foremost a working group. It is not a bureaucratic establishment but rather a think tank working to find ways to find solutions in all expansion issues.

The group consists of six members, representatives from each region or sub region. The representatives are replaced every two years. In 2015-2016 the group consists of the representatives from the following associations:

**EMA Region:** RT Sweden, RTBI, RT Netherlands, RT Belgium

**ASPA Region:** RT India

**Africa Region:** RT South Africa

Each year the WMC will select six focus associations, two from each region, to receive targeted support from selected mother associations.

In addition the WMC will analyze and determine where they can provide help by giving information, strategy tools and advice. The WMC will also gather information about potential new countries where Round Table could be extended to, and supports extension efforts made by existing associations.

I alone cannot expand Round Table, and even the WMC is too small to do it, but together with all the tablers we can make a difference. The WMC is here to support you to take the step towards starting a new table or reaching to a new country. So next time you have an idea about new table or even better, have a contact to a possible new country, do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail [vicepresident@rtinternational.org](mailto:vicepresident@rtinternational.org).

Yours in tabling expansion,

**Kaj Kostlander**  
RTI Vice President 2015/16





## 75 YEARS ANNIVERSARY – ROUND TABLE DENMARK

The 2nd October 2015 at one of the largest football stadiums (soccer) in Denmark, 800 tablers were gathered for Round Table Denmark 75 years anniversary. It was an amazing evening, that all tablers who were there will remember.

Denmark, and set the National Board. This happened in October 1940. The "Party Committee" consist of 6 tablers national wide, planned this fantastic event.

The President of Round Table Denmark John "Støjborg" Ryborg's motto is **TABLING TOGETHER**. So we all did that in the bar, before "Støjborg" welcomed us all.

The evening was a really great program, were many traditional elements from Danish Table meets was to be done. 3 minutes, is item of every RT meeting in Denmark. The tabler responsible for this, can speak freely about any subject he wants. Simon Hertzum RT 71, spoke about a quit entertaining New Year's eve.

Letters was next. The tabler responsible for this item, takes headlines from the minutes of 10 Round Table meetings. Dennis Buchleitner RT 71 did this in a very poetry way.

The Compere of the evening was a Danish celebrity known as Master Fatman (He is not small). He led us thru the evening in a great humorous way.

Great food, some good drinks and the ground base was built for fantastic tabling and a party to remember.

Tablers from England and Sweden, was on stage to speech for us all. Then it was time for auction. A famous Danish Artist – Kristian Hornsleth – had painted 2 fantastic pictures, which were sold on auction. The Large picture did go for 10.000 EUR. The other painting was won the lottery. Maybe some of you have noticed we made jubilee coins for our anniversary. These were also on auction (online) and 130 coins was sold. (highest price for one coin was 504 EUR).

A Danish comedian named "Dolph" was on stage also. The pictures with the blue animal speaks for it selves. After Party was at Club ZEN in Central Copenhagen. The 3rd Octber there was post tour for Danish tablers and the International guests. Thanks to all the greetings to us, and thanks to our International guests for participating.

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**Anders Gøthe**  
**National Editor Round Table Denmark.**







## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Tablers,

### RTI Directory

The RTI Directory for 2015-16 is now ready for print and will be out to tablers by the end of Oct. Please place your orders with RT Malta as soon as possible.

the RTI World Meeting in Visby, was achieved.

### RT Seychelles – the Regatta

This is the only Round Table event I know of a national scale.

The RT Seychelles Regatta is organized by 17 tablers. This number is staggering, because of the scale of the event organized. The event is over 3 days and attracts over 35,000 people. There are 17 corporate sponsors, 117 stalls of various kinds, 40 food stalls, 10 sporting events and a Miss Regatta beauty pageant. RT Seychelles sold 92,000 lottery tickets and raised Euro 40,000 for their vaccination campaign which is looking to completely eradicate a strain of Pneumonia from Seychelles.

The Regatta is 5 months in the planning and takes a huge amount of effort from these tablers. As I mentioned before this event is national, everyone in Seychelles knows of Round Table. From the shopkeepers we visited to the President of the country Round Table is a household name.

It was a great honour meeting the President of Seychelles – James A Michelle along with the RT Seychelles board, led by Tabler Shanti.

We spent 30 mins discussing with President Michelle the role of Round Table Internationally, as well as what Round Table does in Seychelles. A topic he was very familiar with and he promised to continue the governments already tremendous support of the Round Table Regatta.

The one thing this event lacked was international tabling! It would have been a great opportunity for tablers to spend 3 days helping out our brothers from Seychelles by volunteering time and effort to this great cause. Seychelles is also a beautiful country worth a holiday, and the Regatta is a huge 3 day party which tablers will thoroughly enjoy. Please go along next year and support our brothers, its for charity and you will have a great time. I personally intend to.

Once again, I would like to thank every single tabler in Seychelles for the tremendous effort they make in the name of tabling. I was more proud than usual, that weekend to be called a tabler!

Yours in tabling

**Altaf Jeevunjee**  
RTI president 2015-16

