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*Why be a **TABLER?***

**BECAUSE EVERYONE SPEAKS  
ABOUT A BETTER WORLD  
BUT  
THE WORLD NEEDS PEOPLE WHO  
MAKE IT HAPPEN**

*#RoundTableInternational*

*#ShapingTheFuture*

## AN HISTORICAL MOMENT FOR THE ROUND TABLE MOVEMENT

As part of #ShapingTheFuture, we have legally formalized the legal structure of Round Table International in Luxembourg on 23 January 2019.

From this day forward RTI has an NGO status under Luxembourg law, in the guise of Round Table International, asbl (association sans but lucratif).

This reinforces and highlights RTI's commitment to its members by way of structure, transparency and accountability.

Founding members of the legal entity are RT Luxembourg, RT Britain & Ireland and RT Germany, represented by Yves Sibenaler (President RT Luxembourg), Richard Holland (President RTBI) and Patrick Lerche-Larsen (National IRO RT Germany). The official founding documents have been signed today witnessed by RTI Vice-President Sebastian Walter (RT Germany) and RTI Secretary Marc Germeshausen (RT Austria).

A special thanks goes to RT Luxembourg, specifically Gilles Walers (International Secretary) and Charles Muller (RTI President 2001-2002) for facilitating the legalities.

This milestone underlines RTI's efforts in professionalizing the global brand, scope for further expansion and a common community service vision.



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#OneWorldOneTable #StandUpForRoundTable #HandsOn #WeilWirDasMachen

**Word from David Costine,  
Chairman of Africa, Middle East and Indian Ocean**



I recently put up the 9 times table at an event, and I had  $9 \times 3 = 26$ . I asked everyone there, if anyone could see anything with it. It did not take long before someone pointed out that  $9 \times 3$  is in fact 27. I thanked them and asked if there was anything else. No-one said anything.

No-one pointed out that the other 9 equations were in fact correct, and there was only 1 error. No-one said, well done on getting 90% of it correct, yet we were quick to point out the thing that was wrong. We have all become accustomed to looking for the flaws in what we are doing, that we have forgotten about all the great things that we are doing.

Round Table over the years has done some magnificent things. Looking at the bonfire displays in the UK, to classrooms being built in India, we often forget about the great

things that Round Table does. All of us are the custodians of Round Table, we must sell Round Table in a positive light to the world, to make other young men want to join our organisation.

From the AMI region, I can tell you that things are looking great. From the numbers that I received for the half year meeting, most of our associations are growing, which is phenomenal news.

I recently got the privilege to attend the Seychelles Regatta. I have never in my life seen a Table event that worked like this. The logistics that has got to go into this event is astronomical. For those of you that do not know what it is, in a nutshell it is a 3 day party that is hosted on the beachfront. Round Table arranges everything from the ice that is used in each drink, right up to the stage and sound for the DJ's to entertain the crowds. Around 50 000 feet come to the event over the 3 days. If there was a bucket list created for Round Table, this event would certainly be on it. To Round Table Seychelles, I take off my hat to you, what an awesome event, well done on its success.

On our expansion side, we have got the chartering of Round Table Nigeria coming up from the 21-24 March 2019. Chartering of a new association does not happen on a daily basis, and this is yet another event that should be on a bucket list. Imagine being able to say that you were at the charter dinner for an association that is now 5000 strong? We never know where a new

association will go, soon its membership could exceed that of the biggest association in Round Table International. Also on the cards is Round Table Rwanda, and Round Table Cameroon, which are both in the final stages of preparing for their charter.

I have always said that the more that you put into Round Table, the more that you will get out. Don't stand by and allow Table to overtake you. Get involved in your Table, your Area, your National board, grab the opportunities that are out there and use them to enrich your life, as well as enriching the lives of others. Make Tomorrow Today.

Hopefully I will see many of you at conferences that are coming up. Together we are #ShapingtheFuture

Yours in Table.

David Costine  
AMI Regional Chairman 2018/2019

**ADOPT. ADAPT. IMPROVE.**

# Inside Round Table Hong Kong

On the weekend of November 10-11, 2018, Round Table Hong Kong (RTHK) organized the 32nd Annual 24 Hour Hong Kong Charity Pedal Kart Grand Prix race. This year's event was attended by close to 1,000 participants who were pedalling or supporting pedalling teams of 43 karts from 18 companies and schools. The event took place in Victoria Park which is a very popular weekend destination for both tourists and locals.

The race is a fundraising event through which RTHK collects funds for charities in Hong Kong and surrounding countries.

The expected amount of funds collected this year is HKD 1,2M (USD 150k). Over the past 32 years RTHK managed to collect over HKD 40M (USD 5M) for charitable purposes. Preparations for the next year's race have already started with interest from more teams to join. The tentative date is November 16-17, 2019.



# Inside Round Table Hungary

Round Table Hungary is currently sitting with 32 members in 3 clubs.

Round Table Hungary is developing long term plans for projects and goals.

These include for next 3 years, working on a new club opening in Veszprém, Hungary.

We have a 3 years strategy and it contains beside many initiatives that the main focus for us is to open new clubs all around Hungary and to strengthen our current clubs.

To get more travel funds for Tablers who wants to go abroad, and to make Round Table Hungary a bigger and more stable association.

We have various Community Service Projects at club level, some highlights of those are project “Maci Akció” in Budapest and in Eger which is actually the biggest project for the year before Christmas.

In 2018 we have collected more than 6000€ that will be spent on equipment for the ER department in Eger hospital.

In Budapest the project goal was to purchase medical equipment for a children hospital in Budapest.

RT3 Eger has a common service project with RT96 Ingolstadt from Germany, and they are helping a lot for other charity projects as well. In each year, we support orphanage in Torockó, Romania where Hungarian children are living.

We also support an orphanage near Eger where the children received gifts for Christmas and the orphanage a gas stove.

Some upcoming events for RT Hungary include:

- Pig slaughter feast 8.-10. February at Balatonfüred (next to Lake Balaton)
- NOMAD AGM #2 – 2019 31. May-2. June at Veszprém

What we can offer is that 99€ ticket price and cheap beers!

Find details [here](#)

# Inside Round Table Iceland



What a year it's been! We made new and precious memories and met new and old friends. From our most eastern part of Iceland to the Viking north to the south coast and beyond over the sea to far places, it's been a blast. It's been a year of friendship and cooperation. We invite you to follow us on Facebook on our official page [here](#) if you are not already doing so.

Our National board for 2018-2019 is as follows: Vignir Halldorsson President, Thormundur Helgason Vice-President, Georg Fannar Haraldsson IRO and Gudjon Sigtryggsson Treasurer. Next year a new position will be added to the national board, the position of Editor which until now has been on an assistant level. Two tablers are battling for the new position so we will have a lively election cycle.

We had our first quarterly council meeting of the year in February. The meeting was held in Kopavogur in the southern part of the country. Next big meeting was our AGM that was held in the northern capital of Akureyri the first weekend of May. This was a side-by-side event with Ladies Circle and also first time that the Old Tablers held their annual meeting at the same weekend and area. So, this was a true tabling event with visitors from Germany, Finland and Denmark. The next council meeting was held in Eskifjordur in October which is a small town in the eastern part. Theme was fishing but the event was also a side-by-side. Now we are preparing our next council meeting in February which will be held in Westman Islands which is of the southern coast of Iceland and the 3rd-5th of May we head again towards the eastern part of the country for our AGM. We will have tablers from Denmark, Finland, Norway, Arabian Gulf and Sri Lanka but we hope of course from other countries as well. It will be a blast.

We are around 250 active members in 16 clubs, 2 clubs are sadly inactive. The main goal and at the same time our biggest challenge this year is to grow and get a better foothold. We have seen a positive trend in the recruitment of new potential tablers but we still have some room to improve. We should be around 280 members in few weeks' time. The average age of our members being inducted this year is around 32 years and quarter of our members are over 42 years of age. So, we foresee challenges to recruit younger members. Two clubs celebrated their 40-year anniversary last year, RT-5 Akureyri and RT-4 Husavik and RT-9 celebrated their 30-year anniversary.

Our clubs had a lot of activities last year. On average meetings are every second week and each meeting filled with either fun activities, lectures or company visits to name a few. Some clubs also hold fixed events every year that is open to all tablers here and abroad. DaRT open in the Westman Islands which is basically a dart competition and the kickoff of their activities, Breaded lamb chop night in the east where the theme is simply eat and be happy and the annual camping weekend, in the northern part, filled with all kinds of activities for tablers and their families. So, there is something for everyone.

We have also been active on the international front sending tablers all around the globe. A lot of clubs participated in their world or euro meetings last year but for the world meeting in Sri Lanka 20 tablers, wives and children joined the world meeting which based on the travel time very good.

We are optimistic for 2019 and the future of tabling in Iceland and the globe in general.







## SOME UPDATES FROM TABLER.WORLD

### TABLER.WORLD | a new milestone for Round Table

Over the past few years our new online platform TABLER.WORLD (TW) has been a constant topic at various RTI and regional meetings. At the 2018 RTI World Meeting in Sri Lanka the Online Vision finally became reality, the first 20 Round Table countries were already online. From that moment, the TW-team has worked together with all 55 associations worldwide to onboard their association structure, board members and Tabler data. As you can imagine, this was quite a daunting task. The TW Team together with the RTI board are very proud to announce that all nations are now represented in TABLER.WORLD, so that RTI will be able to finally shutdown the old, unsecure and totally outdated RTI admin platform by the HYM 2019 in Finland.

### Join as an individual Tabler

A handful of associations have decided not to fully join (yet) at this moment for various and very valid reasons. For them, only the association structure like clubs, regions and national board have been migrated to TW, but no member data. If you're a Tabler from one of these associations, you can nevertheless be part of TABLER.WORLD from today on and sign up individually, for only 5€ per year. Just go to <http://register.roundtable.world> and enter your personal data. Your national IT-Admin will receive your request to join and will verify that you are a regular active Tabler. Once that is done, you will be invited to choose your password and you will be able to #getconnected to Tablers worldwide via TABLER.WORLD.

### Using TABLER.WORLD

Now that all data is migrated, it is time for Tablers to start using TW. You have access to an online directory with data of Tablers from all over the world. In TW every member gets their own public email address that will forward emails to your private (hidden) email address. TW is designed with privacy in mind, so you are in full control of who you share which personal data with at any time.

If you are traveling and want to take part in a meeting or event, the event calendar allows you to see what is happening when and where. Never miss a meeting again, since you will receive invites from TW for the next one. Do you want to review one of the older meeting minutes? Your club / national secretary can upload all the minutes on TW - for safekeeping and for storing knowledge and information - as well as publish news, documents and photo albums on TW for Tablers to see and experience what has been going on lately. But there is a lot more to do and discover. Just log in yourself via: <http://tabler.world/>

Looking for some more information on a certain topic? Check out our online help desk: <http://help.roundtable.world/>

## What's next?

TABLER.WORLD is never done. It's a living ecosystem. The TW team works closely together with the developer of TW to continuously improve the system and to implement new features.

One of the features to be added soon is an online payment module that allows you to pay for international, regional and local events that you have registered for. It also allows the national secretary to invoice membership fees more easily. Stay tuned for the next RTI newsletter where we will share more exciting news and features coming soon on TABLER.WORLD.

Yours in Tabling,

Alexis van Dam, RT Singapore, Online Vision Manager 2018-2019

Damian Jdanoff, RT Germany, RTI TABLER.WORLD Consultant 2018-2019

# What's happening in 2019?

## Round Table International Event Calendar 2019

February 7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> - RTIHYM	Finland	<a href="http://www.rtihym2019.com">www.rtihym2019.com</a>
March 29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> - ASPA	Nepal	<a href="http://www.aspa2019.com">www.aspa2019.com</a>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> - AMI	Durban	<a href="http://www.roundtable.co.za">www.roundtable.co.za</a>
June 27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> - SEM	Monaco	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/rtmc1">www.facebook.com/rtmc1</a>
August 21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> - RTIWM	Romania	<a href="http://www.rtiwm2019.com">www.rtiwm2019.com</a>

### *Keen for 2019?*

**Get registered early**

Round Table International Half Year Meeting 2019  
Levi, Finland  
7th to 10th February 2019  
Register Now

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[www.web.facebook.com/rtihym2019](http://www.web.facebook.com/rtihym2019)

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