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***Why be a TABLER?***

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

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## **Welcoming Word from RANIL SAMARAWICKREMA, ASPA Regional Chairman**

Round Table I had heard is a lifestyle and one where the whole family is involved, one where you give a bit and it gives you a whole lot more.

I had heard of some amazing stories of how brothers in Round Table had helped tablers and some fantastic stories, but these were just stories until Round Table started to play a bigger role in my life. Some simple examples that make me want to be more and more involved were where brothers rescued my wife from the earthquake in Nepal, to my mother getting help during a broken train in Austria, to myself been helped during an accident which led to a skull fracture, and of course most recently in Finland where I had an Snowmobile accident and the awesome care I was given by so many tablers and their partners.

These past 6 months have been an extremely rewarding time for me personally. Having taken over the ASPA Regional Chairmanship in my home country of Sri Lanka was the icing on the cake.

The vision for the year was to make the region work closer together and improve fellowship whilst improving the systems on how the region worked. We started by having an ASPA team, this was to enable myself to be more efficient and effective by working closer with the amazing tbalers in the region. We have started an ASPA FaceBook Page, ASPA Newsletter and an ASPA Knowledge program, we will also be having an ASPA Regional fellowship event in July.

My first trip as the RC was to the AGM of Round Table India, where I was in awe of the work and the scale of whats done there. This was followed by my trip to Malaysia for the Inauguration of Round Table Kuala Lumpur. I was unable to visit the Round Table Hong Kong 10 AGM due to visa issues sadly but as always a tabler stepped in and Alexis from Singapore went in my place.

January started with my trip to Phillipines where the hospitality and fellowship was second to none. The growth in Ph is strong and I am sure they will grow strength to strength. 24 hrs later I visited Perth for the Charter of Round Table Australia's club 4 in Perth. This was truly an awesome trip especially to see 5 Round Table Southern Africa Tablers join who are second generation tablers.

The Half Year Meeting in Finland was truly the coolest Half Year Meeting ever where even my hand froze on a snowmobile ☺



A lot of progress has been made in the region with the help of the National Presidents and IROs of the region and we are looking at a multitude of programs including trainings for inter region, twinning and fellowship events between ASPA countries.

The next 6 months we will focus on setting up RT Hanoi and our fellowship event in July. We will also pay special focus to countries that have not

been involved at regional and International level and assist them to take part and enjoy the bigger family that is Round Table. My final words are travel with Round Table, if you can't then host a Tabler if unable then Meet tablers outside of your own club brothers.

Cheers.

ASPA Regional Chairman 2018/2019

RANIL SAMARAWICKREMA



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# Inside Round Table India



## LIVE LIFE, TABLING STYLE



### Change Over Banquet

Every year brings a new Beginning, a new Idea, a new mission - and this year at Round Table India, we believe in living life to the fullest. A galore of activities in these 6 months have kept each one of us motivated to do much more for the movement. While July 2018 saw the mega change over Banquet at Lucknow where the new Team of 2018-2019 took over, ably lead by National President Tr. Dhruv Dalmia, Vice President Tr. Piyush Daga, Secretary Tr. Akshay Dugar, Treasurer Tr. Ashish Gupta and IRO / IPP Tr. Christopher Arvinth. This event was followed by the first National Executive Meeting where the National President shared his vision of new initiatives ably complementing the long term initiative of Freedom Through Education.

### Skill Development

While Freedom Through Education provides infrastructure for students in Schools, they are still in need of skillsets which will help them be employable - with this idea, the concept of Skill Development was born and today we boast of tie-ups with various organizations with the likes of ALT Training institute which provides skill development courses for RT

India supported students free of cost or at subsidized rates.

### Employment Exchange

Further to this, and to complete the cycle of providing a complete secured life to the Underprivileged children, is the concept of Employment Exchange where the alumni of the FTE Schools are given employment opportunities by Tablers - thereby giving them a secured life. Round Table India boasts of providing employment to at least 500 students from the 1000 participants who participated till date in these 8 months since the inception of this idea at the very first mega Employment Exchange carnival that was successfully completed in Kolkata and will be replicated in various parts of the country.

### Army Connect

While we do not stop at this for providing employment opportunities, Round Table India has tied up with the Indian Army where they would educate FTE school children on the opportunities available in Indian Army. The RT India FTE School Children registering for the National Cadet Corps program are eligible for employment in the Indian Army. Round Table India is now also raising funds to support the family of the Jawans who were martyred in the recent terrorist strike in Pulwama.

### Round Table India Week

Furthermore, Round Table India celebrated RTI week from 10-18th November 2018 across India where every Table contributed towards the social causes - the month witnessed unique events like spending a day with the old people who are forgotten at the "Home for the Aged" to organising Blood Donation Camps, to Drawing & Art competitions for FTE School Children, to teaching

them on Hygiene and sensitizing them on Good Touch & Bad Touch. A week long of activities and Round Table India witnessed spectacular action on community service front with projects worth 1 Crore undertaken this week alone.

### **Kerala Relief**

Over Indian Rupees 1.5 Crore was collected towards the relief work for the worst ever floods which hit Kerala. The destruction was massive and people lost lives and livelihood across the state. Over 2 Crore worth relief material was distributed to the severely effected parts of Kerala. While we received support from corporates and donors, Tablers stood up to the times of need and ensured the relief materials reached the deserving people. 21 schools across Kerala are being rehabilitated at an outlay of Rs.1.05 Crores under the Kerala Relief project with support from Cognizant.



### **Karate Tournament represented by RT India supported FTE Schools**

Round Table India supported the 29th National Full Contact Karate Tournament, and children from RT India supported FTE Schools outperformed by winning 5 medals in the 13 to 16 age Kumite Fighting Category. The event had over 450 participants from 22 states and this was not only a proud moment for the children, schools and families but also for the entire movement of Round Table.

### **Fellowship**

While fellowship drives the very essence of this movement, we had our share of fun as well celebrating National Fellowship Day across the country with multiple Tables, as areas or even

within our own Tables. The biggest blockbuster Fellowship events were the Big Boss - Season 2 where Tablers are given tasks they need to survive the weekend with Tablers from across the country.

### **National Fitness Trek**

A National Fitness Trek was organized in the picturesque North Eastern part of India and Tablers from across the country participated to promote fitness, healthy living and fellowship. A 32 Km Trek from Mannaybanjang to Sandhakpu and the experience of each participant was truly priceless – an experience which only Tabling can offer.

### **National AGM**

The 57th National AGM of Round Table India was held at Jaipur on 28-29 September and was a mega highlight of sorts which saw over 60 international delegates from across the World and over 1500 Tablers & Circlers from India attending the AGM - making this one of the biggest we have witnessed in recent times. The food, the parties, the business sessions - it was as grand as it could get and this mesmerised Tablers from across the world. A fruitful National Executive meeting preceding the NAGM which witnessed some healthy discussions on the future of the movement.

### **Corporate Tie Ups**

It is our constant endeavour to have as many useful Corporate Tie Ups for Tablers enabling them to benefit from various brands and outlets in the country and we managed to crack some amazing deals with leading hospitals like Medanta and hotels like the Fern Group to name a few.

### **National Leadership Conclave**

Our annual National Leadership Conclave was held in Bengaluru where candidates from across India were handpicked by the National President for the most coveted program of Round Table India. After a lot of thought process and 37 of the best Tablers & Circlers out of the 4400 Tablers & Circlers 1750 are selected for this exclusive course and the event had some leading guest speakers and motivation gurus like Ian Faria & Charu Sharma - these are the leaders to watch out for in the near future. This year was



unique as RT India extended invites to 1 candidate each from RT Sri Lanka, RT Nepal & RT Singapore - going beyond barriers and also supporting ASPA countries to develop their Training modules.

### Extension

Extension witnessed a high point as we jointly Chartered Gold Coast RT3, Perth RT4 and inaugurated KLRT and are currently working with various countries to extend in many parts of Australia and in Vietnam. With 4373 Tablers at the beginning of the Tabling year, and over 459 new members joining the movement apart from the 4 Chartered Tables in India - The extension process in India has been on a roll.

### Projects

While projects are close to our hearts, we are currently partnering with corporates like P&G, Cognizant, ITC, United India, Oracle for our FTE projects. In the last 8 months we have undertaken FTE projects worth Indian Rupees 24 Crores (29.61 Lakh Euros)

### Unique Initiatives

Book a Smile & Cinepolis came forward for showcasing impacting movies to children, which will help them, bring a positive influence in their lifestyle and thought process. With multiple shows across 40 cities, the children not only experienced watching a movie in neat Cineplex's but also got to learn values from the movies, which were showcased.

### Flight of Fantasy

Flight of Fantasy has been another such dear project for Round Table India where FTE school children from one city are flown to another city for the sheer experience of flying and experience the theme parks - a dream which Round Table converts to reality. This year we have over 45 children flying from Chennai to Bengaluru, over 35 children flying from Baroda to Mumbai and over 30 children from Dibrugarh to Guwahati to live their dream to fly - hopefully some day they will grow up to become pilots & astronauts.

### Awards & Recognitions

Awards are always the icing on the cake and this year we witnessed amazing recognition from Government & private organizations:

- Bharatiya Manavta Vikas Puraskar - Times Now Award for our contribution in the field of Education
- Best CSR Partner by IDF
- Best Community Service Activity for Cleaning & Desilting 4 Kms Veedor Channel in Pondicherry - The award was handed over by Hon'ble Governor LG Dr.Kiran Bedi, IPS.

Best NGO Award by Puducherry Government



### ISO Certification

For the first time ever, Round Table India Trust is ISO 9001:2015 Certified - which adds credibility to the complete process of work undertaken on the projects front.

### Jaffa

To top up the hard work, Round Table India is hosting the biggest Cricketing & Fellowship festival Jaffa where all 16 areas, 41ers and a special International Team lead by International President Majid will be showcasing their cricketing skills. So see you around in India from 28 Feb 2019 to 3 March 2019 for the mega celebrations - Jaffa 2019.

All this and a lot more defined the spectacular 8 months gone by and this is just the tip of the iceberg what we have witnessed - waiting for the action packed next 4 months.

# Inside Round Table Israel



Fellow Tabler's Shalom,  
RT Israel is back!!

As part of our struggle to "stay above the water" - international consciousness on the one hand and in the unrelenting struggle to recruit new members, raise funds for our continued activities and social unity between the three tables on the other hand, we are happy to tell you a little about the work of the Israeli community:

I'm proud to present our three active tables for the year 2018-2019:

RT3 Haifa:

As you probably know Round Table 3 is active in the Haifa district in Israel for the past 40 years. Actually it is celebrating the 40th year of activity this year.

I would like to share with you one of the most exciting and touching projects that RT3 have done for the last few years: "Enosh" is an Israeli organization which aids people with mental disabilities and providing them a frame to rehabilitate heal and enable them leaving full a meaningful life. "Enosh" is operating a local clubhouse near Haifa where people with mental disabilities may participate in afternoon activities, lectures and even just meet. The clubhouse is located at an old one story building with peripheral garden. Unfortunately the garden was very neglected and untreated for many years.

Round Table 3, Haifa took an initiative and rolled up the sleeves. We bought plants, fertilizers, gardening equipment and irrigation system. On one of the weekend the Tabler's came with their families and children and took over the garden. Weeds and wild plants were unrooted. We have planted and renewed the garden together with residents of the clubhouse as per a design donated and planed by a landscape architect. We have even succeeded on installing a complete new irrigation system with the help of a gardener which is friend of one of the Tabler's.

At the end of the day tired but happy we have left the gardening equipment for the clubhouse tenants allowing them keeping the maintenance of the garden. Gardening of the surrounding yard is now one more activity Enosh clubhouse.

This activity of Round Table 3 is not only contributing to one of the less fortunate in the society it also involving our own family and children in the act of giving. Demonstrating how much may be achieved and changed trough such a small action.

RT9 – Ashdod - Purim in Israel is like Halloween, all the children celebrating this holiday for 3 days with a lot of parties and disguise at school and out of.

Unfortunately, not all kids can afford to buy a disguise. For several years RT 9 collecting more than 1500 disguises with the help of the biggest mall in the city of Ashdod. We put a big box in the mall entrance and people in the city can donate disguises for needful kids.

This is the 4th year that RT Ashdod is doing this action. In the same way, RT Ashdod collect bags for school in the month of August



RT5 – Tel Aviv is proud to announce on a Tennis social tournament: an amazing new project in the city "Ramla".

The project attends to held 40 young children from disadvantaged strata in the community. The project including assistance in studies, receiving tools for integration into society, and success in studies combined with sports.

A social meeting twice a week at the "Ramla" Tennis Center, followed by tennis training with a professional instructor, a five-year project!

One of our goals is to take those children's into achievements both – at the community and in sport!

On a personal note, I invite you all to come and visit Israel, one of the most surprising, exciting and beautiful countries in the world - do not hesitate to contact me or any other Tabler, We will be happy to assist you, host you and make your visit a different and special experience!!





# Inside Round Table Italy



## ABOVE AND BEYOND

With a slogan like that it can be only a great and amazing year for our association, full of goals and projects.

At the moment Round Table Italy is around 470 member in 45 clubs, the average age of our member is 35 years old. The main goal is growing up again, and we start from the cities where in the past we had the Clubs.

We focused so much on the social media (please join our Facebook page and Instagram!!!) because we think that's the best way to promote our Association's logo. At the moment we are starting three Clubs, one is RT 44 Benaco, based on the Garda Lake, and the other two in the cities of Arezzo (RT 47) and Lucca (RT 51). These will be re-charted during this year and, best thing, is that we achieved this result with each Tabler's help; the connection between the Members has never been so strong.

Usually during the social year we propose two National Community Service projects, those can be joined by all the clubs in addition at their own one. We prefer to promote active projects instead of fund rising initiatives, we prefer something that can involve the people in our association and give us more visibility in the local area, giving the most precious good of actual era, the time. First project of the year is about the food, and exactly our members went in

the supermarkets and collected food from all the customers. All the food collected (we speak about a national movement) is going to distributed with a network of Associations who will provide to deliver it directly to the families in need. The second one, technically has the same format but the object switch from the food to the medicine, also here our Association will be an important part of a big network.

A lots of event are going to be organized by the clubs, from the wine festival to the beer fest, from the national soccer tournament to the motorbike weekend, and of course, last but not least, the most famous event ever... probably the best and most magic party you can ever attend...the night you will remember for the rest of your lives (it is not a joke)...i am talking about the International Carnival of Round Table Venice.

Venice: a city of myth, love and beauty where, during Carnival, nothing is real and everything is possible.

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.

Close your eyes and imagine: you are walking along the canals through the narrow streets, bridges and courtyards, enveloped in a melody of a bygone era then you let yourself go and embrace the

Carnival's spirit; you can experience the freedom of anonymity behind the mask, feel the precious brocades of Venetian costumes and be inebriated by the seductive scents of eastern spices.

In June, if you want to enjoy Italy during the summer period, we wait for you all at our AGM from the 7th to the 9th in the magnificent city of Treviso.

Don't stop travelling Round Table World!!!.





## **What's happening with round table expansion projects**

We are delighted to be working on numerous expansion projects across the globe.

As per our Aims & Objectives we like to grow our network. We rely on the help of many individuals such as yourself to make it happen!

What can you do?

- Please have a look at this list and advise if you have any friends, business partners or other acquaintances in below countries/cities
- Please send a short introduction e-mail to the corresponding project leader incl. the prospect details
- Please screen your network and advise if there are any other countries where you know somebody – maybe a Tabler moved abroad for work or goes to a foreign country regularly
- Any idea or contact is welcome and should you wish to be part of one of the teams, kindly be in touch.

Thank you for your support ABOVE AND BEYOND

Please see next page of where we are currently expanding to with the contact information of the Tabler who is the primary contact for that project.



Country	City	In charge	Status	Contact
<b>Albania</b>	Tirana	Nico di Prata	looking for prospects	<a href="mailto:albania@rtinternational.org">albania@rtinternational.org</a>
<b>Cameroun</b>	Yaounde, Bamenda, Buea	Kongnso Cyrille	preparing to apply for Charter	<a href="mailto:cameroon@rtinternational.org">cameroon@rtinternational.org</a>
<b>China</b>	Shanghai	Robin Clare- Talbot	looking for prospects, continue contact meetings	<a href="mailto:china@rtinternational.org">china@rtinternational.org</a>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Prague	Christian Fiedler	looking for prospects	<a href="mailto:czechrepublic@rtinternational.org">czechrepublic@rtinternational.org</a>
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## Round Table International Half Year Meeting

COOLEST.MEETING.EVER.

Whilst on our decent approach to Kittilä airport, the captain announced that even though it is considered to be a “hot” day, the temperature on the ground is a crisp minus 25 degrees Celsius.

Everyone who attended the event forgot about the cold using the local saunas as well as by the warmth of the fellowship that was shared. Brothers from all over the world reunited, this time in Finland, for the Round Table International Half Year meeting. The Finnish hospitality ensured that great food and plenty of drinks were always available.

The resort town of Levi was taken over by a contingent of a few hundred Tablers. At night the karaoke bars echoed with the broken English of young gentleman enjoying themselves.

The agenda was absolutely packed. The short days was filled up with snowmobiling, parties, sledding and meetings. The Ice Hotel was a particular highlight to the group who made the journey. We were blessed enough to see the Northern Lights whilst braving the night time cold and the pictures taken was shared far and wide by all.

The main highlights from the half year meeting was as follows:

- Round Table currently boast a total of 30,943 Tablers, across 2,294 clubs in 54 associations.
- There is exceptional growth coming in the next few years in our Round Table family. Round Table Nigeria and Round Table Moldova are due to be chartered before the World Meeting in Romania. There are currently more than 10 other potential associations in the pipeline that could be chartered in the coming years.
- Round Table International was legalised on the 23rd of January in Luxemburg with Round Table Germany, Great Britain and Ireland and Luxemburg being the first members. In the coming months, all other associations will be invited to become full members of this new legalised structure.
- The Online Vision Consultancy was set up with the Foundation to follow soon. This will formalise the legal structures for Tabler.World to run for many years to come.
- Tabler.Worls is growing and all associations have been set up on this platform. There currently are 20,849 Tablers on the system with Ladies Circle and Club 41 International also starting to migrate on.
- RTI is looking into spearheading a world-wide service project and more detail will follow soon on this.

- Associations will be requested to submit proposals in Romania.
- Numerous guidelines and new procedures have been finalised and these will be shared soon.

Looking back, it is clear that our time in Finland passed too quickly. This land of magic and mystery was a winter wonderland filled with amazing adventures and moments shared.

A massive thank you to Julius, Sami, Saku and the other gents from RT 77 Lappeenranta for arranging a meeting that will be etched in all our memories for years to come.

This definitely was the COOLEST.MEETING.EVER.





# What's happening in 2019?

## Round Table International Event Calendar 2019

March 29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> - ASPA	Nepal	<a href="http://www.aspa2019.com">www.aspa2019.com</a>	<a href="mailto:2019aspa@gmail.com">2019aspa@gmail.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>	<a href="mailto:iro@roundtable.co.za">iro@roundtable.co.za</a>
June 27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> - SEM	Malta	<a href="https://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>	<a href="mailto:register@rtiwm2019.com">register@rtiwm2019.com</a>

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Romania

21st to 25th August 2019

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