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Inter Country Committees

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Introduction:

- Joined Rotary in 2002
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What we will talk about ?

- What is an ICC
- How have all started
- Purpose & benefits of ICCs
- How to start an ICC
- ICCs in USA
- What can you do

What is an ICC ?



- Agreement between two countries in Rotary
- Country based activity for bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using programs and initiatives fitting into the RI strategic Plan.



Inter Country Committees (ICCs)

- Formal framework for strategic, long term relationship
- Opportunity for Rotarians in both countries to get to **know each other**, to develop long term working relationships, and to assist each other with information about their respective countries / **cultures**.
- Source of knowledge and expertise
- Ambassadors of **Peace**

How all Started



After World War II, on May 23, 1950 in Strasbourg, at the conference of Rotary district 70 the governors Robert Haussman (RC Stuttgart, Germany) and Roger Coutant (RC Lille, France) officially create the first Inter-Country Committee between France and Germany.



ICCs Roles in Rotary



- Increase international understanding and goodwill by encouraging Rotarians to learn about the other country & its culture, to visit each others countries and homes
- Create friendships by encouraging clubs and districts to link with clubs and districts in other countries by jointly participating in different international partnerships and projects
- Help & facilitate Rotary projects & program

ICCs Value Added



• "Know-how" build up through longer term commitment

- Combine efforts and project "know-how" of Rotarians, their Clubs and their Districts – who all have real interest in the other country
- Facilitate Rotary activities with the other country by finding reliable partners





- Focus on long term relations between Rotarians, clubs of two countries
- Common activities and service projects
- Special focus on Team Building Projects & Peace Projects
- Network of Twin Clubs

ICC – how it works ?



- networks of Rotarians & Rotaracters, clubs, districts in two or more countries working together on a national level
- ICCs are formed with the **approval of District Governors**
- facilitate international home visits, strengthen friendships, and promote service that transcends club, district, and national borders

How to start an ICC



- National committees in each country the two committees form the ICC
- Committees elected for 3 years
- Each Committee
 - coordinator
 - minimum 2 members
- Committees Roles
 - meet at least once a year alternating countries
 - evaluate and prioritize projects and activities
 - develop a long term plan that both parties agrees on
 - keep a project log



Multi Countries Districts

- An ICC is formed between two countries
- Example District 2241 Romania & Republic of Moldova
- The ICC is USA Romania started in 2003
- We are looking at starting an ICC USA Rep of Moldova



Multi District Countries

- Large countries that have many districts
 - Examples: France, Germany, Italy etc...
 - They include all the Country Districts in the ICC
 - ICC France Romania
- Very Large countries that have many districts
 - Examples: USA 141 Districts
 - Include several Country Districts: some District have US Clubs & Canada Clubs and some Districts have US Clubs & Mexico Clubs

ICCs in USA



 Started in 2003 when the first ICC was chartered in Anaheim, California at the DGEs training

USA - Romania



USA: 10 ICCs

- 1. Romania
- 2. France
- 3. Russia
- 4. Austria & Germany
- 5. Lebanon
- 6. Mexico
- 7. Egypt
- 8. India
- 9. Nigeria
 10.Honduras





Los Angeles Convention 2008 ICC USA - Romania





USA Team visit to Romania 2007





Project: Books for Schools



US Rotarians visit RC Bucharest - 2007



- We met with Rotary Clubs
- We visited Projects
- We attended Rotary Galas
- We had seen parts of the country
- We had a chance to experience the culture of Romania
- Build friendships across the World





New ICC In Works



What can you do?



- With what country do you a have a relationship or an interest
- Join an existing ICC
- Start a new ICC





•Questions?





