

### **Summary of discussions of the first day:**

Yesterday we had very good speeches and discussions, I would like to give a short summary regarding the European Meetings and the European Rally and the European Platform:

#### **European Rallye:**

- The date of European Rallyes is for some countries difficult
- To combine the European Rallye with the European Meeting would mean to organize both of them in July or August
- The financial fact is very important, so Marian suggested to do further European Rallyes in cheaper regions
- The majority of the participants would love to have more time in Symposiums, but no sight-seeing program beside
- The question of who will or can organize a European Rallye in the future was not really discussed, but should be discussed in a further Zoom Meeting
- The Northern Countries and GB&I want to participate the European Rallyes

#### **European Meeting:**

In the former European Meeting many strategies were already tried. We had a lot of comments of all participants about the wishes for European Meeting in the future, but we had also a fantastic presentation of European Meetings in the future of Luisa Vinciguerra. Because of the break after her presentation, we didn't discuss it like we should have. But in fact all suggestions which were brought by the participants, were in Louisa's presentation.

- To work in small groups – in advance, in the EM and after
- Results of the small groups will be discussed in the EM
- To include all European Countries (ND-clubs and countries, Countries without a NR)
- Transparency
- Communication
- To get a united Europe for Proposals and candidates for international functions
- To have Hybrid Meetings

- The procedure of who is organizing the next EM – also a good suggestion from Luisa how to do
- If Ems can also be organized by clubs (this is a question if we can have organizers of the accommodation and the organizers of the content – see Louisa’s suggestion about to get a red line into the meetings)
- The simplification of our Constitution was asked for

The role of NR must be strengthening

### **European platform:**

Aneta of Northern Macedonia offered us a free Website with the Administrator Charlotte de Vos

### **Summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY:**

#### **European Clubs should become a laboratory to revitalize IIW – IIW PP Catherine Refabert**

You will receive Catherine’s fully speech in the big Minutes.

The majority of participants agreed with Catherine that we need a Council of Legislation for our constitutional belongings, that we should work together in small groups/cells on every part of IW (Constitution, Editor/Media Manager and so on). Proposals are only a small part of the work of the CC. In our times now it is easy to have Zoom-Meetings which cost 170 Euros for 100 people per year. It is a big wish to simplify our Constitution.

#### **Democracy in IW by Kirsten Moller**

Kirsten explained that the most important part of Inner Wheel are the members, if there are no members, then we would not have clubs, Districts, NGBs and the International Governing Body. We have now 1008.000 members in 104 countries in 3895 clubs. If members want to commit themselves outside the club, which possibilities do they have? All the same? Kirsten asks, if the IIW Governing Body reflects all 104 countries with their members? She shows statistics about the spreading of the functions of IIW Presidents (53), Treasurer (19), Constitution Chairmen (13) in the last 53 years. Only 15 countries can nominate a candidate for the IIW EC. Also she gave a statistic of the spreading of the countries which had BDs in the last 14 years. Only 36 countries out of 104 can nominate a candidate for BD. Kirsten ends her presentation with the sentence:

**“Let’s help Inner Wheel to get the best leaders no matter what country they come from and let’s have an IIW Executive Committee that reflects our worldwide Association!”**

Kirsten’s Presentation was so clear that there was nothing to add by the participants anymore.

### **The Disaster Covid 19 by Mania Papadopoulou Falidas**

We are currently experiencing one of the most disruptive pandemics in modern history. The outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic spread quickly across the globe as well as in Europe of course. Doctors and nurses are dealing daily with patients with feelings of fear and agony in their faces, who in addition to the symptoms of the disease, feel abandoned by their own during these difficult times. They have the daily shadow of death in their mind and only an uncertain hope that they can overcome the danger that is threatening their lives. What do we really need to do? In general, we must communicate by using all the ways and means. We must not remain silent and keep into ourselves. Therefore, COMMUNICATION and OPTIMISM are the keys to keep our mental health in good shape and at the same time this will help the medical community to keep us physically healthy with the proper treatment.

### **Introduction of the Covid 19 Fund by BD Sandra Neretjakovics**

We all received her presentation

### **The Projects of IW Cyprus by NR Tassoula Voskou**

Tassoula is talking of the very hard times in which we are living now. Nevertheless, the clubs and the district try to work for people in need. They have a very close contact to the clubs in the Lebanon and since the terrible explosion they support the St. George Hospital which was destroyed completely. She offers to do the European Meeting in Cyprus in 2022.

### **Constitution – proposals – Amendments – presented by NR Kirsten Moller**

We receive a clear description from Phyllis and Corinne how to fill in the nomination forms and also the templates for Proposals. Very often small details are missing and then the Person or the

There was a huge discussion why the CCC does not help the members in those difficult procedure to bring in candidates or proposals. Most of the members are no English native speakers, so it would be very helpful to know, why proposals were rejected.

The first point – Raising of the Capitation Fee – gets no agreement at all. It’s clearly explained by IIW Past Treasurer Charlotte de Vos, who is observing the financial figures since 20 years. With a reserve of 1.750.000 Pounds/about 1.900.000 Euros we all agree that a raising is not acceptable at the moment. Of course this was brought in before the Covid-time.

We could discuss nearly all Proposals and Amendments, only Proposal 14 and the General Motions A, B, C couldn’t be discussed anymore because of time problems.

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You will receive the details about the discussions later.

**Presentation of the next European Meeting by NR Cinzia Tomatis - Italy**

She introduces the place with a Video film and asks for Saving the Date:

**15<sup>th</sup> European Meeting – RIMINI/ITALY from 9<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**