



## Link to the Past and bridge to the Future

Hello Friends,

I am glad to report that further progress has been made in our efforts to **strengthen our link to the past and build a bridge to the future.**

The Board of 41 INTERNATIONAL sat across a round table and established clear understanding with Round Table International (RTI) board on our relationship and combined working for the future. Vital issues have been discussed threadbare and a **memorandum of understanding** drafted, to be signed by 41 INTERNATIONAL and RTI at Limassol, Cyprus. The details of the outcome of the meeting will be presented by Vice President Elect Engelbert Friedsam at the AGM in Cyprus.

This can be considered as a ground breaking achievement that will provide the right direction for both the Organizations.

The strategic working group consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President and Vice President Elect has toiled hard to consolidate the thoughts of all member countries and drafted an action plan that will also be presented at the AGM.

Sid  
Secretary, 41 INTERNATIONAL

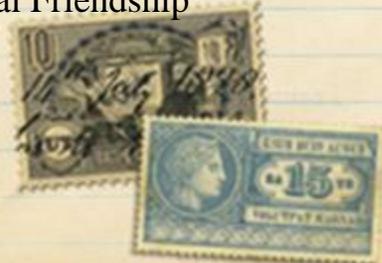


**Hello and Farewell.....as 41 International President.**

**Dear 41ers, Ex-Tablers, Old-Tablers or just Tablers, because "Once a Tabler always a Tabler"**

Before I started as 41 Int. President I have been thinking a lot, believe it or not.....:-) I am sure you want to read more of my article, please go to the new edition of The Hinge and be surprised, get inspiration from a lot of interesting articles from our magazine. Yours in International Friendship

**Carsten Flink**  
**41 International**  
**President 2014-15**



**YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT WELLCOMES YOU  
TO THE 39TH 41 INTERNATIONAL AGM**



Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you all to the 39th 41 International AGM in Limassol, Cyprus. Thank you for being here to celebrate this important historical event of our Organization and 41 CLUB Cyprus.

Welcome to the all-year-round island where there's always a new world to discover. Cyprus lies at the crossroads of three continents, where East meets West and a new experience awaits you under the sun every day. Where Championship Golf courses, inviting beaches, and breathtaking mountain trails lie around luxurious hotels.

Enjoy the island's beauty, the sun, the sea, the culture, the food and drinks, discover, coasts and beaches, cities, regions and routes and experience sports and leisure, rural and nature, golf, and cruises.

I am extremely honored and very proud to become your next President and thank you for this. We will start implementation of our future strategic direction policy in a new era of our Organization, starting with signing the Site by Site MOU with RTI.

I will work under a team spirit with my board and you and with your help, your understanding and tolerance; we will maintain and strengthen the bond of international friendship which unites all ex-Tablers, for the growth and improvement of our Organization.

My Follow 41ers,

By working together and by standing together we will be stronger, we can achieve more and we will lead 41 International to a better future.

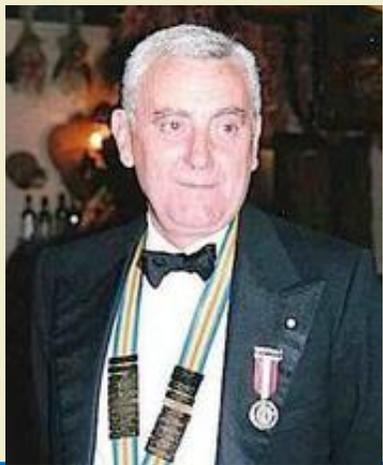
I hope you have a pleasant stay and enjoy Cyprus. And do not forget fun, enjoy fellowship and make new friends.

May the hinges of friendship never rust.

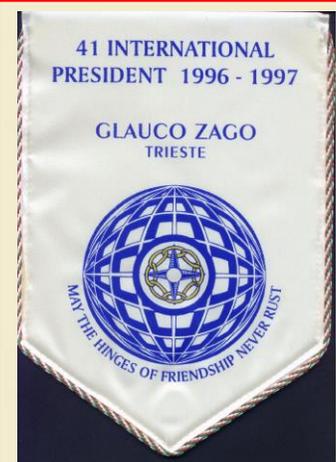
Thank you

**Makarios Charalambides**

**41 International Incoming President 2015 – 2016**



**Torch Bearers of  
41 INTERNATIONAL  
Glauco Zago  
(Italy)  
President  
1996-97**



After about 20 years of my nomination, it is very difficult to say something new about 41 World, but I am sure that the values inside the Round Table and 41 Club are always on. Friendship and International contacts are inside all of us. My life in RT and 41 has been really very important for me and my family. It is more than 40 years I am in this context and it is always a pleasure to take active part in the club's life. My only regret is that I cannot travel like 20 years ago, so I cannot meet again my old friends around the World. The memories of those meetings are very well carved in my mind as wonderful moments of a warm friendship and a deep knowledge of the friendly life.

I wish to all Tablers and 41ers to go around the world and take part in the active life of their clubs: the Friendship and the acquaintance of other lifestyles is a deep part of me and my personal behavior.

Meet, people, meet! Help everybody to meet for a better mutual understanding!

**-Glauco Zago**



Guy Mercier handing over the presidency for 1996/97 to Glauco Zago at the AGM of 41-INTERNATIONAL in Trieste/Italy, May 1996

## Rendezvous in Riga, LATVIA

It was minus 2 degrees when I landed at Riga, Latvia with my wife Lakshmi. For an Indian coming from a region of three seasons-hot, hotter and hottest, it was an amazing experience. We were kept comfortable by the warmth of the Ex-Tablers of Riga. **Guntis Osmucnieks** and his lovely wife Dr.Sandra, who happened to be an Eye Doctor like me, treated us like family and spent lot of time with us. In the evening we met many of the 41ers of Riga at dinner. It was interesting to learn about their Nation's struggle for independence and the spirit of Tabling prevailing among the members. At the request of the 41 INTERNATIONAL Board and suggestion of the 41ers of Riga, 41er **Maris Janis Oga** has assumed the responsibility of functioning as the Ambassador of Latvia to 41 INTERNATIONAL. He will be the person for regular communication between the two organisations. Already Maris has provided an excellent article about Latvia Tabling movement, which will find its place in the next issue of THE HINGE.

The significance of the **three stars** in the logo of 41 Riga, Latvia is outlined below:

The Freedom Monument has been through tough times of Latvia and still standing tall. It is a memorial that honours soldiers who were killed during the Latvian War of Independence (1918–1920). Latvians call the girl, who is holding three stars, Milda. It used to be a common name for the girls, but now it's symbolizing a patriotic person. The three stars are representing three historic districts of Riga- Courland (Kurzeme), Livland (Vidzeme), Lettgallen(Latgale).

Throughout the centuries these regions were part of different countries and had different history although they were always inhabited by the same people: the German nobility in the countryside and merchants in the towns, Latvian serfs and farmers in the countryside and free Latvians in towns.

In the 19th century during the national awakening idea was born that all lands where Latvians were living belonged together and that this land should be called Latvia. The unity of these three regions symbolizes Latvia itself. However in Soviet occupation time the symbolism had to be changed. Milda turned into the Mother Russia, and three stars were the symbol for the three Baltic countries; Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. No excitement can match the thrill of getting to know like-minded Ex-tablers in different parts of the World. I hope to enhance our relationship with 41 members of Riga in the years to come.

**Sid, Secretary, 41 INTERNATIONAL**



41 Riga, Latvia



Maris Janis Oga- Ambassador to 41 International



Host Guntis and Dr.Sandra



## Birmingham -2015

- Birmingham means home (ham) of the people (ing) of the tribal leader Birm or Beorma.
- Birmingham is home to **Cadbury's Chocolate**. George and his brother Richard Cadbury moved their successful chocolate manufacturing business from Bull Street, Birmingham to Bournville in 1879.

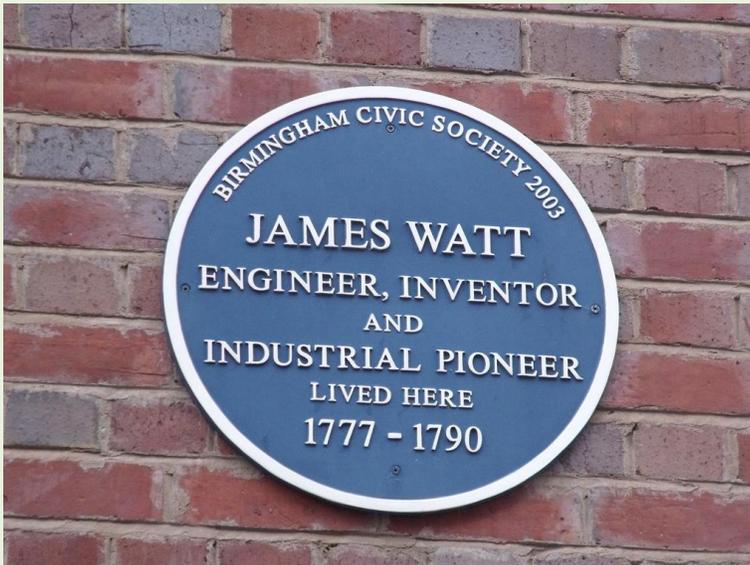


- **Victoria Square** hosts one of the largest fountains in Europe, with a flow of 3,000 gallons per minute, it is officially known as 'The River'
- Alec Issigonis was one of the most colourful car designers of modern times. He went on to design the world famous, Birmingham- made '**Mini**', which started production in 1959 at Long Bridge, Birmingham and is still in production today.



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- Two miles from Birmingham city centre is one of the biggest motorway junctions in Europe: Gravelly Hill Interchange, known as **'Spaghetti Junction'** to millions of motorists.
- James **Watt**, who lived in Birmingham 1775-1819, developed the steam engine. Through it, the firm Boulton and Watt sold the industrial revolution to the world. Watt also invented the letter copying machine, forerunner of the photocopier. His name stays in our vocabulary through the light bulb measurement - 60 Watts, 40 Watts, etc.



**"Knotty"**



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**A slice of History**

30 YEARS OF 41 CLUB Cyprus  
 Charter of 41 CLUB Cyprus was on 4/7/1986 in Nicosia by ex –Tablers Evripides Neocleous, John Syrimis, Neo Argyrou, Emilios Michaelides, Savvas Makris, Pantelis Pantelides, Marios Pegasiou, Andreas Solonos, Akis Zittis, Louis Loizou and Andreas Ioannou.

The first Chairman was Evripides Neocleous and Vice Chairman Neo Argyrou.

In 1988 41 CLUB Cyprus became an Association and member of 41 International.

Today 41 CLUB Cyprus has 7 CLUBS in all major cities of Cyprus and 125 Members.

**Charter Document of 41 CLUB Cyprus  
 4/7/1986**

