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## Morocco Invites 'March' to Morocco

Dear Fellow Member,  
Ex-Tablers of 41 MOROCCO invite 41ers all over the World for a week of

### MOROCCAN EXTRAVAGANZA

The dates are: 12-19 March 2015  
Event : Discover Morocco

Summary of Programme

\*Friendship Week\* in **Marrakech**

- 1- Everyone Check his flight to Marrakech for 12 march 2015
- 2-Programme:  
Hôtel Kenzi Farah 5\*: 130 euros/  
Double/ day in half pension  
90 euros / single / day in half pension
- 3-Events:  
a- visit ESSAOUIRA with lunch (sea Atlantic): 45 euros/ person. 170 kms from Marrakech  
b- Moroccan dinner Palace : 40 euros with wine - Marrakech night  
c- Dinner Gala: 50 euros / person - in thé hôtel Kenzi Farah  
d- Day in Mountain atlas ( Ouirgane) with lunch : 40 euros / person.  
e- Golf tournament 41 on Sunday  
15 march: green fee : 50 euros

Best regards

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*HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015*



Dear Member of  
41 INTERNATIONAL,  
The International Board and Managers  
wish you and your family a very  
Happy and healthy New Year 2015.

Yours in Friendship,

**Carsten Flink**  
**Christoph Haenssler**  
**Makarios Charalambides**  
**John Livingston**  
**Engelbert Friedsam**  
**Sid, Erik and Andy Waite**



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## Ten Interesting Facts about Mauritius

1. The **seven coloured earth** is one of the well-known attractions in Mauritius. It Consists of different coloured sand dunes, mainly, red, brown, violet, green, purple, blue, and yellow
2. The giant **Aldabra tortoise** is the biggest in the world - you can see these rare and amazing creatures in the flesh at top wildlife park, La Vanille Réserve des Mascareignes in the south of the island. There are 1000 tortoises there and they weigh on average 250kg
3. The legendary **dodo bird** was found only in Mauritius before it became extinct.
4. Though the **people** of Mauritius look like Indians and wear Indian attire, they do not speak the language. The language spoken by people of Mauritius is a form of broken French known as 'Creole'.
5. Mauritius is an island created by underwater volcanic eruptions. The first people to set foot on it were the **Portuguese**.
6. **Mark Twain** has been quoted as saying, "You gather the idea that Mauritius was made first, and then heaven, and that heaven was copied after Mauritius."
7. '**Sega**' is the folk dance of Mauritius and has its origins in Africa. Recently, Reggae is being used as the background music for the dance form. This has given birth to the fusion music called 'Seggae'.
8. While many countries consider it polite to receive **gifts** with both hands, Mauritians prefer to receive things with the right hand only.
9. The top money earner for the economy of Mauritius is **sugarcane**, which is planted on 90% of the country's arable land.
10. The name of Mauritius is a derivation from the name of **Maurice de Nassau**, a prince of the Orange principality; a former feudal state of Provence. During the Dutch period, the island was named Mauritius in 1598 to honour Prince Maurits van Nassau.



In Mauritius, you can find this particular, if not, rare shell, labelled as 'Venus comb murex'. The scientific name is Murex pecten.

They are marine gastropod mollusks in the family Muricidae, the rock snails or murex snails.

The shell of this Indo-Pacific species has a very long siphonal canal, and numerous spines; native to Indo-Pacific region.

Remember that Mauritius is located in the Indian Ocean!

The shell has over one hundred spines, which provide protection from predation, and prevents the snail from sinking in the soft mud.

It is a pride to use the 'Venus Comb Murex' to associate our Club 41 Mauritius Indian Ocean with such rare shell specially found in Mauritius and in only a few other islands in the Indo-Pacific region.

—**John Ng, President.**





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Strategic Direction  
Meeting in process.



After a long meeting it is time for Gluhwein at Hanau Christmas Market mulled wine stand, organized and run by Hanau Service Clubs, including Old Tablers 74 Hanau, for charity purposes.



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## What's in a Logo?

### NEW ZEALAND

The figure in the centre of our logo is the nationwide New Zealand Icon; the "Silver Fern" which is used by mainly sports but also many Kiwi's as our unofficial flag (Black flag with a silver fern on it). We have not had it there for very long, maybe 5 years and I put it in so we had something other than the N's & Z's at the base of the compass points to identify our logo.

The Silver Fern is a tree fern that can grow 4 or 5 m high with the tops of the fronds the usual green colour but the underside is white /silver colour, it is not that common but is rather beautiful.

Of course we had to do it in black so that it shows on our logo.

**Derek Johns**

IRO, New Zealand



### BELGIUM

It is the Golden Fleece.

In a nutshell it tells the story of Jason, a young hero of Greece and how he managed to gather a group of the best young heroes of his time (including legendary Hercules and Perseus and a few other semi-gods, nothing less!) to embark on a quest that seemed impossible. They sailed on a ship called the Argo, became friends and took the name of Argonauts. Eventually they accomplished their impossible mission, i.e. finding and bringing back the legendary Golden Fleece from Colchis to Greece.

However, our emblem refers to the Order of the Golden Fleece, which dates back to the Renaissance, a time when the cities of future Belgium strived and flourished. A time when Flanders (now a part of Belgium) was the cultural and trading core of the western world.

It is an order of chivalry founded in Bruges, Belgium by the Duke of Burgundy, Philip III (also known as Philip-the-Good) in 1430.

The duke had founded the order to honour and exalt the noble order of knighthood, and also ...to do honour to old knights; ...so that those who are at present still capable and strong of body and do each day the deeds pertaining to chivalry shall have cause to continue from good to better; and .. So that those knights and gentlemen who shall see worn the order ... should honour those who wear it, and be encouraged to employ themselves in noble deeds..."

Through Emperor Charles V (Habsburg), it grew to become one of the most prestigious orders in Europe, a symbol of peace and unity throughout his empire covering most of Europe. The order was later divided into Austrian and Spanish branches.

When Round Table Belgium was created in 1950, the founders asked permission to use the symbol for the new association whose goals were noble and reminiscent of old chivalry. They wanted to find a symbol that combined all the following features: being native to Belgium, being historically and internationally prestigious while being a symbol of fellowship and solidarity within its members at the same time. They found one – the Golden Fleece.

**Luc Trigaux, IRO, Belgium**



**SWEDEN**

Three Crowns (Swedish: Tre Kronor) is a national emblem of Sweden, present in the Coat of Arms of Sweden, and composed by three yellow or gilded coronets ordered two above and one below, placed on a blue background.

The origin of the Three Crowns symbol has been much debated throughout history and various more or less well-founded theories have attempted to shed some light on the matter.



Jan Karlsson, IRO

One of several, earlier, traditional explanations have suggested Albrekt of Mecklenburg (1338–1412), who ruled Sweden 1364-89, brought the symbol from Germany as a sign of his reign of Sweden, Finland and Mecklenburg. Apart from the fact that Finland was not regarded as a country in its own right at the time, this theory has, however, been refuted by later research, namely, the announcement in 1982 of the discovery of a frieze in Avignon in southern France, estimated to date back to 1336. The frieze was painted for an international congress led by the Pope and contains the symbols of all participant countries, including Sweden. This discovery suggests the symbol was introduced no later than by Albert's predecessor Magnus Eriksson (1316–74).

**DENMARK**

In the top you have three broken lines. They are to symbolize a wave and three waves are the symbols of the three seas we have around the Danish coastline, the North Sea - The Kattegat and The Baltic Sea.

-Ulrik Hyldgaard

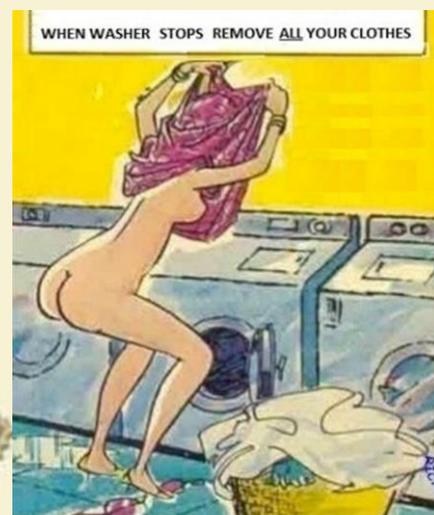
**INDIA**

The figure in the centre is the "Ashoka Chakra" the wheel of the law of dharma. Truth or satva.

Dharma or virtue ought to be the controlling principle of those who work under this banner. Again, the wheel denotes motion. There is death in stagnation. There is life in movement. India should no more resist change, it must move and go forward. The wheel represents the dynamism of a peaceful change.

**"International Nominations, Resolutions 2015"****Final reminder**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2015:** Last date for sending Resolutions to change 41 INTERNATIONAL Rules, Nominations for Vice-President 2017-18, Nominations for Treasurer 2015-18, and International Archivist.



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