



District 1842
Intercountry Committee Egypt

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Membership in the German Division of the Intercountry Committee Egypt

During the Rotarian Year 2013/14 the German Section of the Intercountry Committee had the following members:

District	1820	Florian Sauter-Servaes	RC Usingen
	1842	PDG Hans Georg Fick	RC Landshut-Trausnitz Int. Service
	1842	DG Michael Bulla	RC Dorfen
	1842	DG elect Gerhard Zierl	RC München-Harlaching
	1842	PDG Bruno v. Mengden	RC München-Harlaching
	1842	AG Peter Rink	RC Wasserburg
	1841	PDG Ulrich Sprandel	RC Kaufbeuren-Ostallgäu
	1850	PDG Martin Gutsche	RC Oldenburg
	1850	PP Peter Loening ¹	RC Meppen
	1860	Dirk Karl Pilgram	RC Darmstadt
	1860	PDG Robert Zinser	RC Ludwigshafen
Rotaract		Linda Corzilius	RAC Köln
		Maike van Haag	RAC Köln
		Nik Raupp	RAC Köln
Chairman	1842	PAG Frank Müller-Römer	RC München-Land

Meeting of both Sections of the Intercountry Committee Egypt on 12th May 2014 in Cairo, and signing an agreement about the future cooperation of both Sections

¹ Mr. Loening informed the Committee by letter of 1st May 2014 that he, due to other Rotarian activities, regrets not to be able to continue his membership in the Committee.

Members present:

PDG Salem Mashhour, Honorary Chairman, RC Cairo Zamalek
PP SoheirWahib, Chairwoman of the Egyptian Section of the Intercountry Committee,
RC Cairo-Nile
PP Ahmes Gabriel, RC Heliopolis
PP Amir Saba, RC Heliopolis and District Committee Grants
PP Magda Girgis, RC Horus Heliopolis
AhmosHamida

PDAG PP Frank Müller-Römer, RC München-Land

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Agreement on further cooperation
3. Information about existing partnerships of single clubs
4. Report about projects situated in execution
5. Report about planned projects
6. Youth Exchange
7. Miscellaneous

1. Welcome and Introduction

Ms Wahib and the Chairman, in their capacity as front people of both sections, welcome all members present, in particular PDG Salem Mashhour, Honorary Chairman of the Intercountry Committee.

2. Agreement on further cooperation

The agreement (see minutes attached hereto) to continue the present cooperation of both sections of the Intercountry Committee had already been signed by the Governor of District 2451, Yasser Assem and by the chairpeople of both sections during the last meeting (Footnote: The text had been cleared with both the Governor and the Incoming Governor of the Leading District 1842).



Signing of the minutes re. continued cooperation between the two sections of the Intercountry Committee Egypt on 12th May 2014 in Cairo (left: Ms SoheirWahib, Chairwoman of the Egyptian Section; Center: Yasserr Assem, Governor 2013/14 of District 2451; right: Frank Müller-Römer, chairman of the German section)



Center, standing up: Amir Saba,
RC Heliopolis, Chairman District
Committee Grants

3. Information of existing partnerships of single clubs

MsWahib informed the meeting that there are several other partnerships existing between her RC Rhein-Nile over and above the ones listed on the Internet Home Page of the German section (www.rotary.de/la-aegypten). She promises to inform the chair for him to complete the listing on the Home Page.

In his preparation of the visit to Cairo the Chairman of the German Section had asked all German partnership clubs for information about projects planned, if any. Unfortunately, not all clubs responded to his request.

4. Report about projects presently executed

The Chairman of the German Section reported the following project:

MG 79236

Connection of a settlement north of Cairo to the Fresh water System (RC Horus Heliopolis, RC München-Englischer Garten plus three other clubs in München). The project was completed as planned. Tight and careful financial control enabled the carriers to connect 118 houses instead of only 94 as planned.

MG 78511

Literacy Project: In two separate steps of 5 months each, a total of 450 young girls and women were taught in 30 individual classes how to read and to write (RA Heliopolis, RC München-Englischer Garten plus one other Munic club).

GG 141260

Connection of appr.450 houses in the area of Beni Suef (Central Egypt) to the Public Fresh Water System (RA Al Shorouk, Cairo, RC München-Englischer Garten plus two other Munic clubs). So far, appr.220 *houses* have been connected, and less money was spent than planned.

Rotaract advises that due to the political unrest in Alexandria no further activities had been planned since 2012, and an earlier project had not been completed. Similar information came from the RC Heidelberg-Alte Brücke; no further activities in Alexandria have been planned.

Footnote: The Chairman of the German Section, based on his own visit, on his discussions with Egyptian friends and on his visits to project sites, is definitely under the impression that trips to Cairo and also to places outside of cities and towns are presently not dangerous; he feels that tourists in Egypt are safe and sound.

5. Reports about planned projects

RC Worms-Nibelungen

In cooperation with their partner club RC Cairo-Cosmopolitan, a GG Project is presently in the state of preparation. Details will be discussed during the intended visit of Egyptian friends to Worms.

RC Oldenburg

In cooperation with the RC Cairo-Heliopolis, the club has a GG Project in the planning stage (Connection of a settlement north of Cairo to the Fresh Water System). The members of the German Section will be informed about the details by separate letter.

Ms Wahib says she will send the chairman a list of other project proposals. A number of clubs submitted proposals when they were visited by the Chairman of the German section. Several Egyptian clubs are highly interested in projects with fresh water supply as points of gravity.

6. Youth Exchange

The Egyptian members present state the desire of the Egyptian side to intensify the youth exchange (summer camp) between the two countries.

The chairman of the German section refers to a RI resolution concerning a certification program and hands out written explanations. The Egyptian members promise to clarify whether or not District 2451 was pertinently certified. Ms Wahib will report details.

The meeting discussed planning, possible agendas and general organization of RYLA seminars.

7. Miscellaneous

No other subjects were mentioned.

Planning of additional world community projects

Sanitation project Al Adly Village

The Clubs Heliopolis and Oldenburg are presently preparing a Global Grant Project "Installation of a Sewage System in a village north of Cairo" (see <http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten/de/pprojekte/Projektangebote.php>).

By letter of 18th May 2014 with reference to the results of the meeting on 30th November in Berlin, the Chairman of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee Egypt asked the members of the Intercountry Committee to do their best in causing their clubs to sponsor this particular project. Despite reminders, only a few answers came in, all negative and all referring to being preoccupied by other club activities.

“Water for Life”

When he visited Cairo in May 2014, the PP of RC El Tahrir, Nevine Abdelkalek, outlined to him and to the PP of RC Al Shorouk, Amir Sabri, a Global Grant Project for which international partners are sought. This GG Project “Water for Life” strives to connect houses in a settlement near Assiut in Central Egypt to the Public Fresh Water System, and to teach children in particular some facts about hygiene.

The RC El Tahir agreed to act as Primary Host Sponsor, while the RC München-Land will act as Primary International Sponsor. The cost will be appr. 80.000 US\$. An application has been filed with TRF (GG 1523697). Besides 5 other Cairo clubs the club München-Englischer Garten agreed to participate. Discussions with a view to involve other Munic clubs are being held.

Internet Pages of the German Section of Intercountry Committee Egypt

In 2013 the chairman developed the Internet pages for the Committee, modeled after the basic design kept and entertained by the Rotary Publishing Company, and keeps installing periodic changes as required: www.rotary.de/la-aegypten. The pages list a great number of activities undertaken by the Committee and by Rotaract, most of which are mentioned in this present Annual Report.

Future Progress

The Chairman was in touch with all German clubs that formerly had contacts with clubs and/or their members in Egypt, and urged them to reactivate their connections in view of the deplorable situation in Egypt. Unfortunately, the echo was not very encouraging. The Chairman also said that articles which *had appeared* in various editions of the Rotary Magazine (<http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten/de/Berichte.php>) brought no measurable results.

The projects handled by the Districts 1842 and 1850 show that personal engagement is a prerequisite for contacts in Egypt, and for planning and realizing joint projects.

The Chairman reminded all members of the German Section to actively try and involve their clubs and districts in Egyptian projects.

