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## Annual Report 2014/15

### Members of the German Section, Intercountry Committee Egypt

The following persons were committee members in Rotarian year 2014/2015:

District	1820	Florian Sauter-Servaes	RC Usingen
	1841	PDG Ulrich Sprandel	RC Kaufbeuren-Ostallgäu
	1842	PDG Hans Georg Fick	RC Landshut-Trausnitz; DRFCC
	1842	DG Gerhard Zierl	RC München-Harlaching
	1842	PDG Bruno v. Mengden	RC München - Harlaching
	1842	AG Peter Rink	RC Wasserburg
	1850	PDG Martin Gutsche	RC Oldenburg
	1860	Susann Jendricke	RC Worms-Nibelungen <sup>1</sup>
	1860	Dirk Karl Pilgram	RC Darmstadt <sup>2</sup>
	1860	PDG Robert Zinser	RC Ludwigshafen – Rheinschanze
Rotaract		Linda Corzilius	RAC Heilbronn
		Maike van Haag	RAC Köln
		Nik Raupp	RAC Köln
Chairman	1842	PAG Frank Müller-Römer	RC München – Land (2011 – 2014 und 2015 – 2017)

### Joint Session of Districts 1842 and 2451 on 15th June in Cairo

On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 a Joint Session of Districts 1842 and 2451 was held in Cairo. Present were:

District	1842	DG Gerhard Zierl
	1842	PAG Frank Müller-Römer, Chairman of the German Section, Intercountry Committee Egypt

<sup>1</sup> Susann Jendricke: Member since November 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Dirk Karl Pilgram resigned in November 2014.

PDG 2451	Yasser Assem
Incoming DG 2451	Adel Hafez
D 2451	Ms. Soheir Wahib, Chairwoman of the Egyptian Section, Intercountry Committee Egypt
D 2451	Amin Sabri, District Agent Water
D 2451	Ms. Afaf Esmat, RC El Maadi

PDG Assem welcomes the persons present and addresses the activities of the Intercountry Committee in the Rotarian Year 2014/2015. He mentions the agreement between the two sections of the Intercountry Committee dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (see Annual Report 2013/2014) and calls it a most valuable basis for their continuing cooperation. He refers to their individual contacts and the social projects that arose from such contacts. He particularly welcomes the joint projects to connect houses to the Public Supply System of Potable Water which is supported by plans entertained by District 2451 since 2013, that is: to finance the connection of approx. 2.000 houses each and every year.



Incoming DG 2451, Adal Hafez, welcomes Gerhard Zierl and Frank Müller-Römer (from left to right:) Soheir Wahib, Chairwoman of the Egyptian Section, Intercountry Committee Egypt, Frank Müller-Römer, Gerhard Zierl, Adel Hafez, PDG Yasser Assem (hidden), and Amin Sabri

DG Zierl replies. He is grateful for the invitation and refers in particular to the great merits of the Munich clubs in the realization of community service projects in Egypt. He says that projects for the improvement of the potable water situation form the center of their activities. The project started during his visit “Water for a Healthy Life”, which is carried jointly by the RC El Maadi and the RC München-Land has a volume of roughly 360.000 US\$ and will lead to the connection of approx. 1.700 houses in Central Egypt. He mentions that the German federal Republic contributes a considerable financial share.

A discussion followed, which showed the desire of both sections to intensify the cooperation between Egyptian and German Rotary Clubs, and to deepen their relations. All speakers state their regret that invitations extended by Egyptian clubs to German Rotarians found no echo.



DG 1842 Gerhard Zierl  
 thanking for the invitation

The Chairman of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee, Frank Müller-Römer, informs the assembly that the website of the German Section in the internet now also presents an English version of the German texts.

### **Visit to Germany of Ms. Soheir Wahib, Chairwoman of the Egyptian Section of the Intercountry Committee**



Soheir Wahib, and DG 1829 Roeder von Diersburg

During a private stay in Germany in August 2014 Soheir Wahib, Chairwoman of the Egyptian Section, Intercountry Committee Egypt, visited meetings of the RCs Giessen and Giessen-Altes Schloss. She also met with the Governor of District 1820, Peter Frhr. Roeder von Diersburg.

### **Visit of Amin Sabri, RC Al Shorouk (Cairo) to Munich**

On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Mr. Amin Sabri, RC Al Shorouk (Cairo), Agent for Water of District 2451 and member of the Intercountry Committee, met with the President of RC München Englischer Garten, Roger Hamada and with Frank Müller-Römer, RC München Land and Chairman of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee during his stay in Munich.



from left to right: Frank Müller-Römer, Roger Hamada and Amin Sabri

Part of their conversation was a cordial “thank you” expressed by President Hamada to Mr. Sabri and to all members of RC Al Shorouk involved in the planning and realization of the Global Grant Project GG1412160 “Connection of a number of houses in various settlements near Beni Sueif (Central Egypt) to the Public Potable Water Supply System”. He said that their engagement in watching over all phases of the project and their tight control of the finances made it possible to connect a larger number of houses to the system than had originally been planned.

## **Community Service Projects completed in 2014/2015**

**December 2014: RC München Englischer Garten and RC Al Shorouk (Cairo): Successful completion of the Global Grant Project GG1412160 “Connection of Houses in settlements near Beni Sueif (Central Egypt) to the Public Potable Water Supply System”**



In mid December 2014 the RC Al Shorouk (Cairo) successfully completed the GG Project 1412160 “Connection of houses in settlements near Beni Sueif to the Public Potable Water Supply System”.

Due to a careful handling of all financial matters, 452 houses were connected, instead of only 420 as originally planned. Members of RC Al Shorouk discussed details with the local water authority during 6 visits to the site for which they paid out of their own pockets. The Project Agent of RC München Englischer Garten (Primary International Sponsor), Frank Müller-Römer, was also present on the site during one of the discussions with the water authorities. He took notice of the progress of the works and convinced himself of the efficiency of the already completed measures.

On two days lessons for body hygiene (wash hands, cleanliness in general) were offered for the residents profiting from the connection of their houses to the Public Potable Water System. Such courses were held by Rotary club members free of charge. The RC Al Shorouk purchased all utensils required, like soap, substances for disinfection and little gifts for children.

With the successful completion of the project a definite improvement of life circumstances and hygiene for the residents was reached, in particular for the many children living in the houses that were connected. The project will also be counted as an important step to reduce the mortality rate of children.

More details and the Final Report to TRF are listed in [www.rotary.de/la-aegypten](http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten).

**June 2015: The RC München Englischer Garten and RC Heliopolis: Successful completion of the MG Project MG78511, “Promotion of the Education of young Females in Egypt (Literacy)”**



MG Project 78511 “Promotion of the Education of young Females in Egypt (Literacy)” was successfully completed in May 2015. A total of 635 young women and girls were trained in reading, writing and body hygiene in 37 courses with an average of 17 students in each course.

The Final Report was drawn up by RC Heliopolis on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and accepted by the Rotary Foundation (TRF) without any objection.

For further details see under “Projects – Completed Projects” in [www.rotary.de/la-aegypten](http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten).

## **Projects started in 2014/15**

**November 2014: RC München Land and RC El Tahir (Cairo): Application for Global Grant Project GG1523697 submitted to TRF.**

The RC München Land and the RC El Tahir (Cairo) submitted the application for the Global Grant Project GG1523697 “Water for Life” to the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

The project aims at connecting approx. 500 households in three settlements located in District El Quseia near Assiut (Central Egypt) to the Public Potable Water Supply System.

After the intended cooperation with UNICEF Egypt to realize the project “Water for Life” failed, the RC El Tahir withdrew in early 2015 the application formerly submitted by them for Project GG1523697 vis-a-vis the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

The RC El Maadi (Cairo) as Primary Host Sponsor in close cooperation with the RC München Land as Primary international Sponsor filed an application for a substitute project “Beni Sueif Water Project” in February 2015 which aimed at connecting approx. 400 houses located in two settlements near Beni Sueif to the Public Drinking Water Supply System (GG1529052). A total of 8 clubs in Egypt and 7 clubs in Munich subscribed. The project volume amounts to 89.350 US\$. TRF approved the project in May 2015.



Again in close cooperation with the RC München Land, Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst e. V. filed an application in May 2015 with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) for the contribution of development funds to the project “Water for a Healthy Life”. As required private means, the money formerly allotted to Global Grant Project GG 1529052 “Beni Sueif Water Project” (89.350 US\$) was shown in the application. The project now has a total volume of 314.515 € (357.289 US\$). It will lead to the connection of no less than 1.577 households to the Public Potable Water Supply System.



On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 DG 1842 Gerhard Zierl, Frank Müller-Römer, Ms. Afaf Esmat (Responsible Agent for RA El Maadi), PP Abdelaty Kabeel (Project Manager) and Amin Sabri (RC Al Shorouk, Water Agent District 2451, discussed details of the project with Mahmoud Latif, Director of Benisueif Potable Water & Sanitation CO. Main points of the debate were details of the preparation, realization and invoicing of the intended measures

to connect the houses located mainly in the sttlements Al Hibah Village and Al Jafadun Village in the Al Fashn area south of Beni Sueif.



On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the person responsible for the project from RC El Maadi (Cairo), Ms. Afaf Esmat, and the person responsible from RC München Land, Frank Müller-Römer, signed the Project Agreement which marked the start and gave the project the green light.

More details are listed under the register “Projects – current projects” of [www.rotary.de/la-aegypten](http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten).

### **February 2015 Global Grant Project GG1525756 “GG1525756 “Connection of a village near Beni Sueif to the Public Supply System of Potable Water and the Sewage**



In early February 2015 the RC Cairo Cosmopolitan as Primary Host Sponsor and the RC Worms-Nibelungen as Primary International Sponsor filed an application with the Rotary Foundation (TRF) for Global Grant Project GG1525756 “Connection of the village Al Fant near Beni Sueif to the Public Potable Water Supply System and the Sewage”. With a project sum of 39.000 US\$ a total of approx. 80 houses with 500 residents

are to be connected. TRF approved the project.

### **February 2015: New Global Grant Project GG1419389 “Sanitary Project in Al Adly Village, Qualioubia (Delta)”**



Sight of Al Adly Village in Qualioubia north of Cairo has no sewage canal

With the support from RC Oldenburg (District 1850), Mr. Saba, RC Heliopolis (Cairo, initiated a Global Grant Project (GG14193899) aiming to build a sewage system in Al Adly Village near Qualioubia (Delta) for 300 houses with approx. 3.000 residents. Total volume: 72.000 US\$. The Rotary Foundation approved the project which is expected to be complete in September 2015.

## Rotaract

### Rotaract Germany and Rotaract Egypt



<http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten/de/projekte/laufende.projecte.php>

The Alexandria Project which was started in 2001 is continued. N. Raupp, RAC Köln, visited the site in January 2015 and handed over another 5.000 € to the local project team which brings the available funds up to 10.000 €.

#### **RAC Köln and RC Köln Hahnentor**

<http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten/de/proekte/laufende.projekte.php>

The Cologne-Cairo project also keeps going successfully. For continued financing, donations were collected in Köln.

#### **RAC Heilbronn and RC Heilbronn**

<http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten/de/projekte/laufende.projekte.php>

The RAC Heilbronn advises that in view of the present political situation in Alexandria activities have been discontinued since 2012, and that a continuation has not been planned. The project will not be continued.



## **Internet Homepage of the German Section, Intercountry Committee Egypt**

On the basis of an existing model for internet appearances maintained and administrated by Rotary Verlags GmbH, the Chairman developed a home page for the Intercountry Committee and feeds it with relevant news:

[www.rotary.de/la-aegypten](http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten)

That page lists a great number of activities of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee, to which reference is made in this present Annual Report.

With the help of Gerhard Grossmann, PP RC Hanau-Maintal, and Susanne Hormes, RC Bersenbrück-Altkreis, an English language rendition of the German text was produced and put into the net which attracts the attention of the Egyptian Rotary Members in particular. My cordial thanks go to those two “translators” for their continuing efforts and their dedication.

### **Future Procedure**

The Chairman reports that he was in touch with all German clubs that had contacts with Egyptian Rotarians in the past and, in view of the situation prevailing in Egypt, strongly suggested to them to pick up the old connections as best as possible. He is sorry to say that the echo was not very encouraging.

Also, reports about Egypt in various editions of the Rotary Magazine (<http://www.rotary.de/la-aegypten/de/Berichte.php>) brought no visible results.

Experience gained in carrying through the projects initiated by District 1842, 18590 and 1860 and the Rotaract projects definitely shows that continued personal engagement is a prerequisite for effective contacts to Egypt and for planning and realizing joint Community Service projects.

Bearing this in mind, the Chairman repeats his request to all members of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee to actively advertise the cause in their clubs and their districts, and to ask wherever possible for initiations and support of projects in Egypt.

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