

# District 1842 Intercountry Committee Egypt

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# Minutes

# Joint Meeting

# Districts 1842 and 2451 on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Hurghada

At the occasion of the District Conference D 2451 Egypt the representatives of the Intercountry Committee Egypt convened for a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Present: DG 2451 Mayan Raslan (for part of the meeting)
PP Soheir Wahib, chair of the Egyptian Section of the Intercountry
Committee, RC Cairo Rhein-Nile
PP Amin Sabri, RC El Shorouk
PP Afaf Estmat, RC Al Maadi, Project Coordinator Water D 2451
DG 1842 Peter Wohlrab
PDAG Frank Müller-Römer, chairman of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee, RC München-Land

# Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introduction
- 2. Report about Projects situated in execution
- 3. Report about projects planned
- 4. Further cooperation
- 5. Miscellaneous

# **1.Welcome and Introduction**

Ms Wahib and Mr. Müller-Römer, as chair persons of the two sections of the Intercountry Committee, welcome the participants of the meeting.



From left to right: PP Afaf Estmat, RC El Maadi Chair of the Egyptian Section and PP Soheir Wahib, RC Rhine Nile, Frank Müller-Römer DG 2451 Mayan Raslan, RC Cairo Royal, DG 1842 Peter Wohlrab, RC Munich-Bogenhausen and PP Amin Sabri, RC Al Shorouk.

# 2. Report about projects situated in execution

The chairman of the German Section reports about the projects presently still in execution:

#### 2.1 Water For Life 1 Beni Suef

It is being handled by the RC El Maadi and the RC München-Land and is just about to be completed. A total of 1.600 houses with appr. 10.000 tenants will be connected to the Public Drinking Water System.

Seven additional clubs from Cairo and six from Munich are participating in the project. It was financed by Rotary (79.000  $\notin$ ) and the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) (236.000  $\notin$ ).

Frank Müller-Römer conveys his thanks to the Egyptian project partners, in particular to the coordinator Afaf Estmat for the excellent cooperation and for her hard work .

Other than just the connection of the houses, all tenants were extensively briefed about physical hygiene by members of the Cairo Rotary Clubs under Afaf Estmat.



Afaf Estmat and her Rotary friends during hygiene instructions

When the project was ready to be completed, a press conference was arranged in Cairo where the journalists were thoroughly briefed about both the project as such and about the remarkable support of the same by the Federal Republic of Germany.



Press conference

2.2 Water Project of the RC Cosmopolitan and the RC Worms-Nibelungen in Beni Suef

This water project of the two clubs was begun in 2015 after some difficulties. Appr. 80 houses in the Beni Suef area were connected.

# 2.3 Water Project Water for Life 2 Sohag:

Under Amin Sabri (RC Al Shorouk) another drinking water project had been initiated and started in 2016 in the area near Sohag. A total of 21 Egyptian clubs are participating. It is coordinated in Germany by the RC München-Land in cooperation with 13 additional clubs in District 1842.

The project has a financial volume of  $369.000 \in$  and aims at connecting 1.200 houses with 8.000 tenants to the Public Drinking water System and the Sewage. The Federal Republic of Germany contributes via BMZ the sum of  $318.000 \in$  which is roughly 85% of the total sum required.

After a lengthy delay caused by the Egyptian Ministry of Finance that allowed itself quite some time before it released the foreign currency, the project has now been started. It is expected to be completed in 2018.

# 2.4 Drinking Water project in Fayoum

As suggested by Soheir Wahib and Amin Sabri, another drinking water project was launched in the Government Fayoum. As a GG Project with a financial volume of appr.  $50.000 \in$ , roughly 300 houses are to be connected to the drinking water system and to the sewage. The project is managed in Egypt by the RC Cairo Royal together with 17 other clubs. In Germany it is again the RC München-Land that is responsible for it, along with three other clubs located in Munich.

The project will start as soon as TRF gives the green light.

# **2.5 Further Projects**

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Rotaract advised that presently with a view to the political situation in Alexandria no further activities are planned, and the current project will not be continued.

A similar report was received from the RC Heidelberg-Brücke. No further activities in Alexandria are planned at this time.

# **3. Future Projects**

The Egyptian Section agreed to continue sending suggestions and proposals for projects to the chairman of the German section also in the future.

# 4. Future Cooperation

DG Wohlrab outlines that under applicable Rotarian rules the chairmanship in Committees, Work Groups etc. will have to be subject to rotation after a period of two times three years.

The Chairman of the German Section, Frank Müller-Römer, came into office during the Rotary Year 2011/2012, which means that he reaches the end of his term at the end of Rotary Year 2016/2017.

The German District responsible for the Egyptian connection appointed PAG Peter Rink to succeed him.

DG Wohlrab states his conviction that the effective and successful cooperation of the two sections will continue also under the new chairman.

He thanks the leaving chairman Frank Müller-Römer for his very successful work during the past years.

# 5. Miscellaneous

Not applicable.

s/Frank Müller-Römer