



MAGNA GRAECIA *news*



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friend,

In this first issue as Editor and Chairman of IFMG, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all readers. During my Editorship I intend to write short editorials about our association. If our magazine is to be good and interesting, I beg one of you to decide to take my place as Editor. Meanwhile I should be delighted if anyone wants to contribute with a "Letter to the Editor". Similarly, I would welcome any suggestions about the newsletter or about our Fellowship in general. And now a few words about:

[a] What we have done.

Supported by the WFA General Coordinator Graham Money, the new Rotary International Fellowship (of Friends of) Magna Graecia (IFMG) was officially approved in March 1994. The first message in our magazine must be our sincere and grateful thanks to him and our best wishes for his period of office as General Coordinator of Fellowships! Thank you too to the PDG Ivan N. Kaldor, who illustrated Fellowships to me and guided me in every step, and to PDG Edgar Scherer, Foreign Correspondent for the Italy-Germany Inter-Country Committee, who gave me valuable advice. The inaugural meeting was held in Melfi on April 28th 1995 during our first tour-meeting "The Castles of Emperor Frederick II". Five Governors from three nations were present with officers and members of IFMG (67 including spouses) who mingled with the group of participants (56 from 6 nations). That experience and the international tour-meeting, during which Rotarian friendship was the order of the day, has proved without doubt that the IFMG concept can provide the opportunity for the development of new friendships and for a better understanding of the way of life of other nations. The Fellowship has aroused considerable interest. Consequently, many new members better our

Fellowship and requests for information about IFMG have been received from Rotarians worldwide. This was a wonderful start!

[b] What we aim to do:

- After the success of the first, two further "international tour-meetings" are being planned for 1996 with the same criteria as the first (see details below).
- Members are invited to send suggestions about the organization of the tours.
- Because I am already over-worked, we will need more volunteers to reply to letters and requests for information. For the moment.... sorry for the delay!
- We need someone to design a campaign to publicize our existence to the Rotary Family world-wide, someone who can contribute with reports in the Rotarian press in different countries. Please come forward if you can help in any way.
- We also need money, of course, but the IFMG can count on the permanent backing decided by the Grand Tour Project Foundation: an organisation recently founded by a group of southern Italian Rotarians and of which I am the Founder-President. This Foundation aims to further Southern Italian culture in foreign countries.

I am sure you will appreciate our initiatives and not miss the opportunity to discover, once again, this area which was discovered during the Romantic "Grand Tour d'Italie", when that journey was regarded as a return to the classical world and a return to nature. We look forward to hearing from you and we remain at your disposal for any further information.

"Arrivederci" in Magna Graecia

Giovanni Lazzàra
IFMG Chairman

1996 PROGRAM:

[a] 25-30 April: Tour-meeting: "Frederick II's Castles"

The itinerary was planned with the members of the Fellowship of Magna Graecia in the area (RC Andria-Castelli Svevi, Bari Ovest, Barletta, Melfi, Molfetta, Taranto and Trani). These clubs will help the tour-participants to appreciate the archeological sites and the masterpieces of Norman-Swabian architecture. They will organize special meetings so that participants can taste the food and wine of the region in the warm atmosphere of Rotarian hospitality.

For the six-day (five-night) tour proposed, we have obtained special rates from the Hotel Salsello. The provisional cost of the package, per person, will be Lit. 920.000 in a double room; the supplement for a single room is Lit. 60.000. The price includes accommodation, all meals, transportation by coach during the whole stay and a French-speaking guide.

Herewith you will find a reservation form that should be returned to the Hotel Salsello as soon as possible, together with deposit of Lit 100.000 per room (not returnable if reservation is cancelled). On receipt of the reservation, the Hotel will be able to confirm the cost and we will mail a detailed programme of the itinerary with brochures of the sites to be visited. Please fill in the form in next page and return it by fax to:

Hotel Salsello, via Vito Siciliano 32, I-70052 Bisceglie (BA), Italy
Tel.+80 8755953 Fax +80 8755951.

Payment by personal cheque to: F.lli Sasso snc at the same address.

[b] 20-26 May: Tour-meeting: "Doric Temples and Baroque Monasteries"

The itinerary has been planned with our Fellowship members from the Rotary Clubs of Battipaglia, Cava de' Tirreni, Sala Consilina, Salerno Est and Salerno Valle del Picento who will work together and take part personally in the tour, as in the Frederick II Tour. The itinerary has been chosen to include archaeological and architectural treasures set in breath-takingly beautiful scenery between unspoilt Cilento and the divine Amalfi coast:

- Poseidonia (Paestum for the Romans): with its three Doric temples and the finds in the National Museum, which houses Magna Graecia's most remarkable archeological remains;
- Velia, where Greek genius expressed the most creative work of human the mind;
- Padula, with its immense baroque Charterhouse;
- Maiori, where, when most tourists have left, on free evenings you can appreciate the charm of the Costiera with its peaceful churches and picturesque houses in this small town. Traditionally good food and wine contribute to an unforgettably relaxing atmosphere.

For the seven-day (six-night) two-centre tour proposed, we have obtained special rates from the Hotel Clorinda. The provisional cost of the package - 3 nights at the Hotel Clorinda, Paestum, and 3 nights at the Hotel Pietra di Luna, Maiori - per person, will be Lit.1,080,000 in double room; single room supplement is Lit. 60,000. The price includes accommodation, all meals, coach transport during all excursions and a German-speaking guide. Herewith you will find a reservation form that should be returned only to the Hotel Clorinda as soon as possible, together with a deposit of Lit. 100,000 per room (not returnable if reservation is cancelled). On receipt of the reservation, the Hotel will be able to confirm the cost and we will mail a detailed programme of the itinerary with brochures of the sites to be visited. Please fill in the form on the next page and return it by fax to:

Hotel Clorinda, Via Laura Paestum (SA), Italia
Ftel. : +828 851091 Fax: +828 851588

Payment by personal cheque to: Società Hotel Clorinda at the same address.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

- Please correct and complete your membership form which is included in this letter and return it to me, together with details of when and how you paid your dues which were due July 1st, 1995.
- Membership of IFMG is open to the other Members of the Rotary Family (Rotary, Rotaract, Inner Wheel) and their partners. Please copy and distribute page 4 among them.
- A request for membership must be sent to the Chairman with the annual subscription of 10 US dollars or an equivalent rate in local currency. If you live in Europe, please do not send it by post to me but directly to the account of the Regional Secretary (Magna Graecia Konto 1498518 00 - Deutsche Bank, Stuttgart) and inform me of the payment, when you send me your membership application form. The Regional Section of the Fellowship may add a sum to cover its own administrative costs if necessary.
- New officers will be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 25th May, 1996. Any other member's candidacy will be welcome by fax before 25.2.96.

- All registrations must be sent to the selected Hotel within 15.2.96.

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RESERVATION FORM

☐ Tour [a] ☐ Tour [b]

N°..... Double Room,

N°..... Single Rooms

- If your reservation reaches us when the tour of your first choice is fully booked, please indicate whether you wish us to transfer your reservation to the other tour or not. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Participant

Rotary Club

Address

Country Fax Tel.

Date Participant Signature

OFFICERS' MAIL

After the 1995 Tour-meeting, we received letters of congratulation from the following participants:
Diny & Jac Houben - RC Roermond M/R;
Ralf Gliem - RC Marburg;
Agata & Karl Kraus - RC Ellwangen;
Anneliese & Bertil Dahlgren-RC Stockholm H.;
Burgi & Gerhard Marktl - RC Wien;
Birgit & Volker Schwarz - RC Koblenz D/E;
Ursula & Walter Werner - RC Ellwangen;
Brigitte & Joachim Quack - RC Sylt W.;
Annemarie & Roland Gunter - RC Hamburg B.;
Claus & Heide Schaefer - RC Lübeck;;
A big thank you to you all and ...
..."arrivederci a Paestum!".

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ... Christa Golenhofen and to G.M. for the articles published in 'Der Rotarien'. We are trying desperately to identify G.M.. We hope a member of IFMG can help us: otherwise, we must call Interpol !
- ... Birgit Schwartz for her article. We have forwarded it to 'The Rotarian' but to date it has not been published.
- ... Jacques Houben for the first Letter to the Editor: Tour [b] will be 7 days (6 nights) as he suggested.



MAGNA GRECIA

International Fellowship



Dear Rotarian,

I would like to inform you about a new World Fellowship, Magna Graecia (IFMG). It aims to bring together Rotarians keen on history, heritage and archaeology who are particularly interested in Southern Italy: Magna Graecia.

Members of the Fellowship will receive detailed documentation (both printed matter and videotapes) on the history, art, natural environment and ethnic and social aspects of various sites of Magna Graecia.

A cultural tour with a different chosen theme will be promoted every year with local Rotarians as guides. The tour must have a specific theme because of the complexity of the historical sites in a region which for several millenia has been the cross-road of exchanges between North and South, East and West. Every site reveals traces of the great civilisations which have followed on, one after another, for almost 3,000 years, very often in areas of outstanding beauty.

Nowadays history and nature together in this part of Italy form something which is unique in the Western world. A journey to these shores has always been regarded as a return to the classical world and a return to nature, with the Mediterranean sun, the sea, vegetation and mouth-watering produce.

These considerations justify the Magna Graecia Project, which offers Rotarians cultural tourism for the élite.

The tour, promoted, prepared and guided by Rotarian friends with a common interest in Magna Graecia, could become an annual event in the international Rotary calendar.

Should you decide to join our I.F.M.G., after reading the Fellowship Rule, please fill in the form on the reverse side of this letter, attach a cheque for 10 U.S. \$ to cover your yearly dues and then post both back to us.

This is a request for membership of the International Fellowship of Magna Graecia.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Surname _____ First Name _____

Language spoken _____ Classification _____

R.C. _____ Dist _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Poste Code _____

Date _____

Signature _____

TOUR 1996: "LES CHATEAUX DE FREDERIC II"

Conformément à vos instructions, nous avons modifié l'itinéraire ainsi qu'il suit:

JEUDI 26 AVRIL 1996

Matin: Arrivée à Bisceglie. Installation à l'hôtel. Déjeuner.
Après-midi: Drink de bienvenue. Reçus par les amis du Rotary Club de Trani. Visite de Trani: le bourg ancien, la cathédrale, le port. Shopping. Diner à l'hôtel.

VENDREDI 26 AVRIL 1996

Matin: Reçus par les amis du R.C. de Molfetta. Visite de Molfetta: le bourg ancien, la cathédrale, le port. Déjeuner à l'hôtel.
Après-midi: Visite de Ruvo: le Musée Jatta, le Palais Caputo (le vase de Talos), le Dome. Diner avec les amis du R.C. de Molfetta.

SAMEDI 27 AVRIL 1996

Matin: Reçus par les amis du R.C. de Canosa. Visite de Canosa di Puglia: le Palais Sinesi, la Basilique de St. Leucio. Déjeuner.
Après-midi: Reçus par les amis du R.C. de Barletta. Visite de Barletta: le Chateau Aragonais, la Pinacothèque "De Nittis". Shopping. Diner à l'hôtel.

DIMANCHE 28 AVRIL 1996

Matin et après-midi: Reçus par les amis du R.C. de Melfi. Visite de Venosa (ville natale du poète latin Horace): le chateau, la cathédrale, le site archéologique et l'Eglise de la Trinité. Déjeuner. Retour à l'hôtel et diner avec les amis rotariens.

LUNDI 29 AVRIL 1996

Matin: Reçus par les amis du R.C. de Bari Sud. Visite de Bari: la Basilique et le Trésor de St. Nicolas, le Chateau souabe.
Après-midi: Déjeuner avec les amis du R.C. Andria - Castelli Svevi et visite du Castel del Monte. Diner à l'hôtel.

MARDI 30 AVRIL 1996

Matin: Reçus par les amis du R.C. de Taranto. Visite du Musée de la Magna Graecia à Tarente. Déjeuner.
Après-midi: Visite de Grottaglie, la ville de la céramique. Diner d'adieu à l'hôtel.

MERCREDI 1 MAI 1996

Matin: petit déjeuner, transfert à l'aéroport et départ.

Confirmant les conditions de notre première lettre, le prix pour le séjour est de Lit. 1.050.000 par personne tout compris dans une chambre à deux lits: supplément pour une seule personne dans une chambre à un lit: Lit. 70.000.

Veuillez agréer, Madame, Monsieur, l'expression de nos sentiments distingués.

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Clorinda Hotel

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To: IFMG Organizing Committee
Fax 0828 691296

With reference to the changes agreed on with you, herewith is the definitive programme for the tour-meeting "Doric Temples and Baroque Monasteries" in May 1996:

- Monday 20 May: Arrival at Paestum, check-in and lunch at the Hotel.
Welcome Drink and dinner at the Hotel with the Friends of the Organizing Committee.
- Tuesday 21 May: Day tour in Vallo di Diano with visit to caves at Pertosa and after meeting and lunch with Friends from RC Sala Consilina, the baroque Charterhouse at Padula. Dinner at the Hotel.
- Wednesday 22 May: Visit to Paestum Temples and, after lunch in the Hotel, Paestum Museum.
Meeting and dinner in a characteristic fish restaurant with Friends from RC Battipaglia.
- Thursday 23 May: Visit to the water-buffalo farm and to "mozzarella" cheese factory.
Meeting with Friends from RC Salerno N/E and lunch in a "trattoria" to taste regional gastronomic specialities and local wines.
Transfer to the Hotel Tritone at Praiano (Amalfi Coast)
Dinner at the Hotel.
- Friday 24 May: Visit to Salerno and its Cathedral. Lunch with Friends from RC Salerno Est.
Visit to ceramic factory for shopping.
Dinner in a characteristic "pizzeria" or at the Hotel.
- Saturday 25 May: Visit to Ravello and lunch in panoramic restaurant.
Afternoon drive (or boat-trip if possible) along the Amalfi Coast and stop for shopping in wonderful Positano.
Farewell dinner with Members of Organizing Committee.
- Sunday 26 May: Departure from Praiano.

On receipt of bookings stating arrival and departure times, we will be able to decide the coach departure time, both from Naples airport for the Hotel Clorinda and from the Hotel Tritone for Naples airport.

We confirm all the other conditions of our previous offer.

With best wishes

Hotel Clorinda

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