



We are glad to send you this second edition of our news-letter, bringing you our latest news. For more information or queries, please contact your nearest Regional Officer (see below). Non-members, please see page 4. Please read on and distribute to Rotarians.

TO ALL MEMBERS:

Dear Friends,

Despite the difficulties involved in setting up a new Fellowship, we are satisfied with the results obtained so far. Our greatest satisfaction is that, in merely three years, we have been able to pinpoint some operative criteria which have gained the appreciation of the "Friends of Magna Graecia". This encourages us to persevere in and increase our commitment. However, we ask for our members' *collaboration* on the following matters, and, confident of their assistance, we thank them for this:

1. The Officers - Old and New

Our regulations state that officers are renewed every three years. Nominations for the following offices should therefore be sent to the Secretary Franco Clemente (Fax +81 764 5552) by 30th November 1996:

a) offices vacant because of expiry of mandate: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Regional Co-ordinator for Germany;

b) newly-created offices: Regional Officers for the Netherlands, Belgium-Luxembourg, Spain-Portugal, Great Britain, Scandinavia, South America, North America and Oceania.

The officers in this second group (b) are essential for spreading the news about our Fellowship which has been launched with few members. And we invite these few members to collaborate to this end.

2. Fellowships and Marketing - How to get Rotarians Involved

The imminent nomination of our new officers will give us new energy to extend our Fellowship. Under their guidance, all non-Italian members should be involved in a vital *development campaign*, because their contribution is the decisive one. Non-Italian members are asked to photocopy at least page 4 of this news-letter and distribute it among their Rotarian friends.

We ask all who join the International Fellowship of Magna Graecia to form area groups when possible. As well as facilitating our organisational work, these groups

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We are delighted to have received from member Jürgen Neubaur a very generous contribution to the Rotarian "Grand Tour Project Foundation" that supports our Fellowship. This gesture is very important to us because we like to think it was made out of approval of our initiative and recognition of our constant commitment. Thank you, dear Friend!

could foster other International Service activities (such as various types of exchange, Contact Clubs etc.). This is a field that has hitherto been neglected in southern Italy, but such activities are now possible, given the interest for International Service our tour-meetings have aroused. Similar initiatives could offer our Fellowship development campaign new opportunities, especially if their meetings coincided with ours: they would be an excellent introduction to our activities.

3. Tour-Meetings - Organisational Criteria

The itineraries of our standard tours in Magna Graecia (see page 4) should be studied carefully, with attention to detail, to satisfy various requirements. Large towns should be avoided, so that participants can discover new places in pleasant environments. In this way, participants will visit places hitherto neglected, not because deemed unimportant - far from it - but because unprofitable for commercial tour-operators.

Divided into small groups so that they can get to know one another better, participants should visit the best to be seen in the area, including museums and monuments closed to the general public, accompanied by the best guides or, when possible, by famous experts. This has already happened!

Itineraries should be carefully and competently chosen every time by the Organising Committees, specially formed for this purpose by the "Friends of Magna Graecia" in the individual regions of southern Italy. Local members will then welcome guests, act as guides when they visit their area and invite them to a meeting with their Rotary Club so that they

can get to know one another. Thus we can offer the best of Rotary: to foster international goodwill and do so at a very personal "get-involved" level!

An organisation of this kind can not be improvised: it requires a certain experience and even if it were perfect, it would be cold if the participants were not enthusiastic. What counts in the end is their attitude: their desire to have a holiday and make new friends. The secret of the success of our trips lies with you!

With these operational criteria, we will propose tours which allow participants not only to spend precious leisure-time in a different geographical location but to discover something new, make comparisons with their own country and, above all, meet new friends with whom to share a holiday. The uniqueness of our tour-meetings lies in their underlying philosophy: travelling is great, but travelling with old and new friends is something extra that makes a trip an unforgettable experience and transforms it into an adventure for the spirit!

And so take up this year's invitation: Magna Graecia awaits you with its history, its monuments, its people, its colours and its flavours which are so different from your own. Find time to leave your world and get to know another world which will welcome you warmly. You will go back home a different person, enriched and improved, and you will have performed a Rotarian service while enjoying yourselves immensely.

"Arrivederci in Magna Graecia"

Giovanni Lazzàra

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

Since District Fellowship Activities Committees are responsible for the various organised Fellowship activities among the clubs of the district, they can be of precious assistance in Fellowship development campaigns. We are sending them a copy of our bulletin, confident that they will collaborate to this end.

To aid our campaign our news-letter and updated programmes can be found on Internet:

[HTTP://.COLUMBIA.DIGIWEB.COM/RTCITALY/D2100/ROTARY/NEWSLETTER/INDEX.HTM](http://.COLUMBIA.DIGIWEB.COM/RTCITALY/D2100/ROTARY/NEWSLETTER/INDEX.HTM)

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A sincere and warm thank you to retiring Vice-Chairman Ivan N. Kaldor.

Thank you, Ivan, for your past three years work on our behalf!

We would like to renew our thanks to Roland Günther who has kindly agreed to take the place of Ivan as Regional Coordinator for Germany until 1st July 1997, because Ivan's top-level responsibilities in Rotary International prevent him

from being an Officer of the Magna Graecia Fellowship.

Thank you too to Jac Houben and Jos Macquoi for their kind collaboration.

We would like to thank all members who have written from abroad expressing their appreciation of our tours. We take this opportunity to share this appreciation with all those members of our Fellowship in the province of Salerno, and especially the members of the Committee who organised the 1996 spring tour-meeting so well.

'97 POST-CONVENTION

STOP-OVER IN SOUTHERN ITALY: 19th - 25th June 1997

The Magna Graecia Fellowship offers non-European Rotarians on their way home from the Glasgow Convention the chance to spend a week-end in Naples and its surrounding area, with a three-day extension in one of the regions of Southern Italy.

The "Friends of Magna Graecia" will organise the stop-over with the same criteria as our annual spring tour-meetings, see page 2 point 3.

This is a tour-meeting particularly aimed at Rotarians of Italian origin who live abroad. They can visit the land of their fathers, contact their Italian relation, and make new friendships with Rotarians from southern Italy. This tour could have that particular sentimental value which is so important for people from southern Italy and could enable them to keep in touch with a heritage of which they should be proud.

For further information, please contact: IFMG Ptta Mondragone 9, I-80132 Naples, Italy (Fax +81 764 2273).

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MAGNA GRAECIA

International Fellowship



BRIEF PRESENTATION OF IFMG FOR WOULD-BE MEMBERS

The Magna Graecia International Fellowship (IFMG) 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 crossroad 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, lush 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 IFMG after reading this, please fill in the form below, attach a cheque for 10 US\$ to cover your yearly dues and then post both to present Regional Coordinators or to the Chairman of Magna Graecia International Fellowship P.tta Mondragone 9, I-80132 Napoli, Italy - Fax +81.7642273.

Please note that our current account with Deutsche Bank in Stuttgart has been closed because running costs were too high.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Surname	First Name	Spouse's First Name
Language spoken	Classification	
Rotary Club	District	
Mailing Address	Country	
Phone	Fax	
Date	Signature	

1997 PROGRAMME

SPRING TOUR: 25th May - 1st June 1997

"The Murgia Hills and the Gargano Peninsula"

The first part of this new itinerary consists of an interesting tour of the Murgia: a large limestone mass levelled by the sea in prehistoric times and eroded by rain over thousands of years. It has been continuously inhabited since paleolithic times, and the dolmens (we shall visit one of them) and menhirs that still exist are evidence of this. A peculiar rock-civilisation developed in the many caves used for shelter scattered along the ridges of the Murgia's deep gorges. The caves were used as troglodyte dwellings and, in the Middle Ages, as monastic cells and small churches with Byzantine frescoes, one of the gems of Italian art. We shall also visit the Sassi: an architectural system hollowed out of the rock on the steep side of the Matera Gorge.

This long, deeply-felt relationship with the environment gave rise to that Civilisation of Stone which has left us the Apulian Romanesque architecture (visited in our 1995 Tour) and the sophisticated Baroque architecture of Lecce (the subject of one of our future tours).

In order to make the itinerary more varied, we have included a weekend amongst Nature, as we did in our 1996 Tour. We have chosen the Gargano peninsula: a limestone spur jutting out into the sea. Picturesque bays and luxuriant woodlands create very beautiful, ever-changing panoramas in an unpolluted environment.

SPRING WEEK-END: 29th May - 1st June 1997

"The Gargano tour-meeting"

Old and new Friends of Magna Graecia can join the tour-meeting participants on Thursday 29th May for the Gargano week-end. Please contact IFMG, P.tta Mondragone, 9, I-80132 Naples, Italy.

For detailed itinerary, please see reverse.

RESERVATION FORM

Please print your choice: N°_____ Double room/ N°_____ single room(s)

Arrive at Bari Airport at_____ Transfer requested: yes/no

Participant: Family name	Given name	Spouse's name
Full mailing address	Country	
Telephone number	Fax number	
Member of RC:	District	
Language spoken	Classification	
Date	Participant's Signature	

'97 SPRING TOUR-MEETING

"From the Murgia hills to the Gargano peninsula"

Sunday 25th May: Check-in at Hotel Salsello, Bisceglie.

1830 Welcome drink and dinner with members of the Organising Committee.

Monday 26th May: Day excursion in the southern Murgia.

09.00 Departure for Taranto. Visit to the ancient jewellery of Magna Graecia. Lunch with Taranto Magna Graecia Rotary Club.

Visit to Grottaglie, a ceramic-producing town.

19.30 Dinner in the hotel.

Tuesday 27th May: Day excursion in the northern Murgia.

09.00 Departure for the menhir at Canne and the "Balcony of Apulia" at Minervino Murge. Visit to a winery where we shall have a typical open-air lunch with members of Andria-Castelli Svevi and Canosa Rotary Clubs.

Visit to the Bisceglie dolmen on way back to hotel.

19.30 Dinner at the home of Pierluigi and Isabella Spagnoletti Zeuli.

Wednesday 28th May: Day excursion in the central Murgia.

09.00 Departure for Matera where we shall visit the "Sassi": an incredible town built in the rock. Lunch with Matera Rotary Club.

Visit the "Pulo" (an area inhabited in Neolithic times) at Altamura with members of Altamura Rotary Club.

19.30 Dinner in the hotel.

Thursday 29th May:

09.00 Departure for Barletta. Shopping and lunch with members of Barletta Rotary Club. Visit to Manfredonia (the Castle, the Byzantine Churches and the Daunian Steles).

Transfer to Mattinata and check-in at the Hotel Faraglioni.

19.30 Dinner with members of Manfredonia Rotary Club.

Friday 30th May:

09.00 Departure for the tour of the Gargano.

Visit of Vieste and lunch with members of Gargano Rotary Club.

19.30 Dinner in the hotel.

Saturday 31st May:

09.00 Departure for Monte S. Angelo, where all the crusaders prayed. Lunch in hotel. Afternoon free.

19.30 Farewell Gala Dinner in the hotel with Friends of Magna Graecia.

Sunday 1st June: Departure time to be arranged individually.

The provisional cost, based on 40 participants, is Lit. 1.100.000 (per person in double room).

Lit. 1.250.000 (per person in single room).

The reservation form should be sent to your nearest Regional Coordinator or to the Chairman (see page for address) together with a deposit of Lit. 100.000 per person (non-returnable if reservation is cancelled).

The balance should be paid on arrival at the Hotel Salsello. Credit cards not accepted.

Payment by personal cheque to: F.lli Sasso snc via V.Siciliani,32 - Phone +80.955953
I-70052 Bisceglie (BA) Italy - Fax +80.3955951

The transfers from and to Bari Airport (coach or individual taxi) will be arranged by the Hotel Salsello according to flight times only if specifically requested on the booking-form. The extra cost will be specified by the hotel on receipt of booking.

Bookings close on 15th January 1997.