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Report of the ZOOM Meeting of the ICC Germany-Southern Africa (German Section)

Wednesday 20th July, 2022; 18:00-20:00 h

| Time/ hour | Agenda | Responsibility |
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| start 17:45 | Login | |
| 18:00 | Welcome- Our goals today- <i>see pdf files</i> | PDG Bernhard Maisch |
| 18:05 | Welcome from the lead district 1820 | DG Reinhard Fröhlich |
| 18:10 | Welcome by the chair of the Southern African districts | PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg- <i>greetings</i> |
| 18:15 | Welcome by the Governors from the Southern African Districts 9350, 9370, 9400 | DG 9400 Koekie Makunyane-Quashie DG 9350 Tracey Wilson - <i>greetings</i> DG 9370 Gavin Jepson |
| 18:20 | Chairman's Final Report 2021-22-- <i>see pdf files</i> | PDG Bernhard Maisch |
| 18:35 | Report from the German coordinators | PDG Wernt Brewitz |
| 18:40 | Report from the coordinators in Southern Africa | PDG Annemarie Mostert Frank Schwardmann |
| 18:50 | Perspectives | PDG Rainer Moosdorf |
| 19:00 | Handover of Chairmanship | PDG Bernhard Maisch to PDG Rainer Moosdorf |
| 19:05 | <i>Project proposals for Southern Africa:</i> MYO (Mondesa Youth Opportunity) - <i>see pdf files</i> | Anke Husemeyer (RC Swakopmund) (moderated by R. Moosdorf) |
| 19:15 | Unterstützung für den Norden Namibias | Fragen an Wolfgang Fiedler (Schieder) (moderiert von B. Maisch) |
| 19:25 | Saving the Heartbeespoort dam - <i>see pdf files</i> | PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Jo-burg) |
| 19:30 | Climate Change Protecting the Enviroment – BEE- <i>see pdf files</i> | PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Jo-burg) |
| 19:35 | MATHIBESTAD ECD - <i>see pdf files</i> | PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Jo-burg) |
| 19:40 | KZN Floods Disaster Relief Intervention-- <i>see pdf files</i> | PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Jo-burg) |
| 19:45 | Go for Gold-- <i>see pdf files</i> | -PP Wolfgang Handt (RC Nürnberg), PP Richard Saxby (RC Helderberg-Sunrise) |
| 19:50 | GG Tses-- <i>see pdf files</i> | -Frank Schwardmann (RC KWV) / PP Barbara Matheo (RC Mainz-50GN) |
| 19:55 | ARCoM- <i>see pdf files</i> | -PDG Grant Daly (ReC Johannesburg) |
| 20:00 | Pathways Polokwane- <i>see pdf files</i> | -PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Jo-burg) |
| | ODEC (Open Doors Education Center) - <i>see pdf files</i> | -Volkan Sazli (RC Swakopmund) |
| 20:10 | Finale | Rainer Moosdorf /Bernhard Maisch |

Bernhard Maisch opened the Meeting with warm words of welcome to 33 attending members and friends of the German section of the ICC German-Southern Africa. Zoom conferences have become indispensable to meet friends during the Covid-19 pandemic. The ICC conferences have also become the market places for humanitarian projects.

Reinhard Fröhlich, governor of the lead district 1820, was delighted to welcome such a high number of friends from Southern Africa. Words of welcome and appreciation were extended by the acting governors from DG 9400 *Koekie Makunyane-Quashie*, from DG 9350 *Tracey Wilson* by email, and from DG 9370 *Gavin Jepson*. *PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg*, who now serves as chair of the Southern African section has sent special regards. He could not attend this time being on a family holiday at the occasion of his 25th wedding anniversary. *PDG Ian Robertson*, *PDG Grant Daly*, *PDG Annemarie Mostert* and many office holders from partner clubs such as *Richard Saxby*, *Helène Visser*, *PDG Wernt Brewitz* joined in the lively opening chat.

Bernhard gave his final report as chairman 2016-2022 and emphasized the excellent support he has received from the coordinators in Germany and in Southern Africa. Three Global Grants alone by his own club RC Marburg two of them with the RC Haenertsburg one on Early Childhood Development, one on Limpopo Food Security and one global grant with RC Blueberg to support the pediatric

pulmonology of the Tygerberg Hospital during the Covid-19 pandemic were milestones. They received support from district 1820 and Rotary International. A district grant of 23 000 Eur for supporting scholarships to assist high school students from the slum areas in SA in the framework of *Go for Gold* were realized in 2021 by RC Marburg with support from 5 additional Rotary clubs (RC Marburg-Schloss, RC Stadtallendorf, RC Nürnberg-Reichswald, RC Euskirchen-Burgfey and RC Darmstadt-Bergstraße). The most recent district grant about 31 000 Eur was a donation for schoolbooks for 3 senior high schools in Kavango-West, located in the North of Namibia. It could be made possible with financial support from RC Marburg, RC Marburg-Schloss, RC Wiesbaden, RC Stadtallendorf, RC Taunusstein, RC Budweis, RC Neuss, the Umckaloabo Foundation and local donations from individual club members. The school book project was inspired by Wolfgang Fiedler and carried out in close cooperation with Peter Reiner (Wordweaver Publishing House). Bernhard was impressed by the enthusiastic welcome, which the Rotary delegation received, when visiting the 3 schools in May 2022.

PDG Wernt Brewitz, coordinator, commented on the Aar River flooding in Mid-July 2021. This regional disaster has influenced the donations of his club into acute local projects. And this was also the case, when thousands of refugees from the Ukraine fled from Putin's war to neighboring European countries and also came to Germany. So, after a global grant with RC Helderberg-Sunrise during the initial period of Covid 19 in 2019 for a hospital in the Cape town area, his club supported primarily projects targeting these 2 causes.

Short reviews from *PDG Annemarie Mostert* on South Africa and from *PP Frank Schwardmann* on Namibia followed. Both emphasized that the pandemic was a critical obstacle to advance economic and social development in Southern Africa. Local clubs and districts were very active, however, to help. But support from Rotarian clubs from all over the world is still urgently needed.

PDG Rainer Moosdorf summarized in his talk on **Perspectives** the willingness of the German section of the ICC Germany and Southern Africa to support future projects. He will follow the foot steps by Bernhard, who finished his 6-years' term, but who will serve as his deputy and stay as one of the German coordinators on board

Bernhard handed a stick over to *Rainer*, which contained all major documents and activities of the past 6 years. With this symbolic transfer from the past to the new chairman the **handover of the chairmanship** of the ICC Germany-Southern Africa, German section, was formalized.

The **project proposals** can be appreciated from the attachments. Short comments to them are given below, which may help to contact the responsible members and their clubs. They are also thought to judge their compatibility with to the 7 Rotarian focus areas for global and their suitability for district grants.

Anke Husemeyer (myo.trust.office@gmail.com; RC Swakopmund) presented **MYO (Mondesa Youth Opportunity)**. Commentary: impressive activities in past years to help underprivileged children. Recommendation: One or more German Rotary Clubs are encouraged to sponsor this club project by burseries. The amount of N\$ 14 600.00 (= 876 Eur (Kurs 0,06), = 905 USD (Kurs 0,062) per annum per student could be part of a district grant of D1820. The minimum amount for such a district grant is 10 000 Eur. District 1820 will add 25% of the clubs' contribution, but no more than 5000 Eur independent from the clubs contribution and only for contributions from clubs in D1820. The deadline for applications is 30th Oct. 2022. Alternately a global grant could be attempted with RC Swakopmund as host club. A global grant application should fit into the 7 focus areas of RI. Here basic education and literacy would be appropriate. But the application should encompass more than the students' scholarships. A successful example is the GG Tses (see below).

Wolfgang Fiedler in conversation with *Bernhard Maisch* described an impressive engagement in the renovation of classrooms, kitchens, librarians, halls, hostels, sanitation and school books in primary and secondary schools in Northern Namibia, where Rotary clubs are not found. The Namibiahilfe EWF e.V. in Schieder-Schwalenberg and its main sponsor K. Eisert together with Peter Reiner (Word Weaver Publishing House) as cooperating partner have given rapid and reliable help over more than 15 years.

PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Johannesburg; email: annemarie@mila.cleaning) presented the GG project proposal on **Heartbeespoort dam** for the Rotary club of Brits-Hartbeespoort and D9400. Commentary: This timely project on the new focus area of environment has a short and a longterm perspective. It aims to reducing eutrophication by drag nets (530 000 ZAR = 31 000 Eur, Kurs 0,06) and cleaning by the purchase and running of a weed harvester with 4 barges (between 2,5 and 10 Mio Zar = 150 000 up to 600 000 Eur). It should be financed by a t least 2 global grants. The part taken by local authorities needs clarification. Recommendation: Clubs interested to support an international “green” global grant project are encouraged to contact Annemarie.

PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Johannesburg; annemarie@mila.cleaning) presented **Climate Change Protecting the Environment – BEE African**. This is a special and original project on the role of bees and the plantation of trees to mitigate the climate changes in SA. The author Mems Ramaila (mems@beeafican.africa) will share the full project proposal with details at the next ICC meeting.

PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Johannesburg; annemarie@mila.cleaning) presented MATHIBESTAD ECD. Commentary: This proposal is in continuation of a previous GG with the cooperating partner Sesego Foundation on educating the educators of early childhood development now in the Mathibestad area, North of Hammanskraal/Pretoria. It targets 20 ECD Centres in this rural community. Estimated Costs: 11 093 USD. Recommendation: A well-organised proposal in the focus area of basic education, which will have excellent chances as a district grant due to the partnership with Sesego. Contact: Pres Charlotte Khoza, email: charlotte@milaservices.co.za.

PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Johannesburg; annemarie@mila.cleaning) presented **Disaster relief / trauma and mental health intervention** for KwaZulu-Natal and Alexandra flood devastation in April 2022. Commentary: This project aims to equip teachers, learners, children with families and communities with appropriate techniques to deal with the anxiety and grief caused by these floods in a model situation. Mentorship will be provided by *Rebel up*, a professional coaching organisation founded by women for women (<https://rebelupcoaching.com/>). Recommendation: The pilot project lead by Ilse Jaquire started already on August 1st and will be finished in October 2022. It may still be possible to support this project by individual donations despite the narrow time corridor.

PDG Annemarie Mostert (ReC Johannesburg; annemarie@mila.cleaning) presented **Pathways-Polokwane**. Commentary: This project supports disabled children and their families by bursaries and a wish-list. Contact by the RC Polokwane (Contact charlois1044@gmail.com). Recommendation: Contributions to for the bursaries are requested by November 2020.

PP Wolfgang Handt (RC Nürnberg-Reichswald, D1880; email: wolfgang.handt@gmx.de) and **Richard Saxby** (RC Helderberg-Sunrise, D 9350; email: saxbyrichard@gmail.com) presented **Go for Gold (GfR)**. Commentary: This excellent program starts with enhanced education for high school students from the slums in mathematics, physics and natural science. It continues with a one-year work experience, followed by tertiary studies and after their completion with an employment warranty. In 2020-21 a similar district grant initiated by RC Marburg was supported by 5 other German Rotary clubs. Wolfgang Handt continues and has increased the number of supporters by collecting substantial additional sponsorship from Sternstunden e.V. Recommendation: This wonderful initiative deserves every support. Unfortunately RI has declined a global grant initiative several years ago.

PP Barbara Mathea (RC Mainz-50GN; email: bmathea@mainz-online.de) and **PP Frank Schwardmann** (RC Klein Windhoek Valley; email: farm@skydancer-cc.com;) presented the GG Tses. Commentary: Tses in the Karas region is one of the poorest regions in the South of Namibia. The objectives of the GG were 1) to Improve the learning process and reduce illiteracy; 2) to establish a culture of reading; 3) to make the libraries a lasting success; 4) to Improve the teaching competence of the teachers 5) to improve the learning conditions. This successful GG could be a model for similar grants in other parts of Namibia.

PDG Grant Daly (ReC Johannesburg, D9400; email: dalyg@hillary.co.za) presented **AFRICA ROTARY COMMUNITY MEDIATION (ARCoM)**. Commentary: In this program 85 community mediators were trained by MBBi (Mediators Beyond Borders International) in 4 cohorts. Training started before the African Centennial, April 2021; 66 received certificates. Recommendation: For the 5th cohort to be trained in Rotary's vision of peace building 25 new mediators will be recruited and trained at a cost of USD 1000 per community mediator. A district grant proposed by a German Rotary Club in conjunction with the ReC Johannesburg is suggested.

Volkan Sazli (RC Swakopmund; email: volkan@tashna.de) reported on the **container school** for learners without a place in public schools, the open doors scholarship program (**ODS**) and the **ODEC** (Open Door Education Center). Commentary: Our delegation has visited the provisional school in May 2022 and was impressed by the engagement of the team and its concept for a new education center. Recommendation: As soon as ODEC is under construction, one should contact Volkan Sazli for plans of additional support from Rotary on burseries, books and equipment.

General impression: We experienced a wide range of completed and planned projects in Southern Africa. It was truly a market place of ideas. Most of the projects used cooperating societies to put them into effect. Please use the given contacts for further inquiry and targeted support. As you know, ICCs do not have a budget for financing projects but are experts in advising Rotary clubs to choose feasible propositions and reliable partners in the world.

Thank you all for 6 great years of Rotarian friendship and support as chairman of the German section in the ICC Germany-Southern Africa!



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