

# ROTARACT NEWS

## WINTER 2014

what's going on in the World of Rotaract



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## MDPC SALZBURG 2015

The Rotaract Club of Salzburg warmly invites you to the Multidistrict Presidential Conference (MDPC) 2015 of the Austrian and Bosnian/Herzegovinian Districts 1910/1920 from 10-12th April 2015.

We hope to welcome participants from all over Europe again.

Although the presence of the RAC-presidents of AUT and BIH is mandatory, all members are invited. The presidents will be able to present a short introduction about future projects of their clubs.

Furthermore you will experience the cultural heritage of Salzburg by day as well as party by night. The registration already started! You will find any information about MDPC 2015 in Salzburg on the following website: <http://www.mdpc2015.org>

The board and organizing team is looking forward to welcome you right in the heart of Europe.

See you @ Salzburg!



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"MOZART"



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"NANNERL"





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## WE WANT YOU!!

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

If you are motivated to support the next multidistrict board send us your application, including CV in English until 26 March!!!

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### MDRR:

As the Multi District Rotaract Representative you are the direct link between Rotary International, Rotary 1910/1920 and Rotaract 1910/1920.

You bear the responsibility for the main multi district activities as social projects and presidential meetings.

The multi district board is dependent on your strength of communication, organization and your motivation. As the head of this cross-boarder team you will be in regular contact the individual regions and put this information in a multi district content. There will be many occasions you are invited to, you might not be able to join all of them but there are main events as club charters and youth service meetings you should not miss.

You're the most important tool to build up a good network between Rotaract Members, Presidents and Rotary, is to have an always up to date contact list of all members in your district. The Multi District Secretary and Multi District Information Coordination Officer will support you in this activity.

**MDICO:** (Multi District Information & Coordination Officer)

MDICO is a very important position: You have to manage the communication and mails between Rotaract and Rotary.

You have to take care about their questions and wishes. Furthermore you are working close with the ADRRs to manage their concerns and you are the deputy to the MDRR.



**RER:** (Rotaract Europe Representative: Austria, Bosnia&Herzegovina)

Internationally this position is known as Country Representative within the European Rotaract Information Center ([www.rotaracteurope.org](http://www.rotaracteurope.org)). You have to communicate the international events/projects of Rotaract and Rotary to your country and vice versa your countries projects at the Rotaract European Meetings (REMs) and EUCOs. Due to this experiences you hold an important position to advice the MDRR, for instance the idea of an independent RAC Board with own bylaws.

The RER should be really open minded and should be able to speak english well. Furthermore you should have time to travel and you should be confident to give presentations.

**ADRR:** (Assistant District Rotaract Representative: West, South-East, North-East, Bosnia&Herzegovina)

ADRR is a very exciting position. The ADRR is the direct link between the clubs of each region and the District board. He/She keeps contact with all the clubs in the region.

On the one hand the ADRR has to take care about problems and questions of the different club members, On the other hand the ADRR provides important information to the clubs from the district board.

For this reason the ADRR is a great position for outgoing people to get to know a lot of awesome Rotaractors, their club life and their projects.

## PAST EVENTS

### Weekend in Bratislava

Pamela Widhalm, RAC Wien

In October 2014 the Rotaract Club Vienna went for his annual Club-Weekend to Slovakia. 16 Clubmembers spent Friday till Sunday in beautiful Bratislava. Besides an extensive and interesting city tour and cultural program they also met Rotaract Club Bratislava. At a dinner with typical slovak food the members of both clubs had some time to exchange ideas.



### NORDACT Stockholm

Franziska Weik, RAC Blue Danube

After a great weekend at the EUCO in Nice, the Rotaract Club Blue Danube Niederösterreich decided to spend another fantastic weekend at this year's NORDACT in Stockholm. Together with 200 other Rotaractors from all over Europe, we got to know Stockholm with its people and culture for one weekend. All in all we can say, that the Swedish Rotaract clubs welcomed us in Stockholm very warmly and managed to show us their capital city in an interesting and adventurous way. Thanks a lot for a great weekend and hopefully see you at the EUCO in Bukarest!



## Cinema with Orphans

### RAC Wien - Graben

The Rotaract Club Wien-Graben organized a trip to the cinema for orphans on Saturday the 6th of December.

In addition to that we wanted the kids to enjoy traditional St. Nicholas celebrations in Austria by giving them bags filled with tangerines, peanuts and sweets (mainly chocolate). For this reason our club members prepared the St. Nicholas bags after the last meeting.

On Saturday noon we placed the small bags on the seats of the cinema hall to surprise the kids. We let them enter the cinema accompanied by their companions and announced that St. Nicholas had apparently been there and left presents for them. The kids have been delighted.

Since the movie `Paddington Bear` started there was silence aside from rustling of the St. Nicholas bags.



## Pre-REM Hamburg, REM BREMen, Post-REM Munich

(22 – 30 September 2014)

Elisabeth Krassnigg – Rotaract Wien-Graben

### 1. Hamburg

With a lot of excitement I took the train from Vienna to Hamburg on Monday, the 22 September.

In the evening after a nine hour trip I finally arrived, with more energy than expected, in the beautiful seaport city Hamburg for the Pre-REM (Pre - Rotaract European Meeting).

The following day ice breaking began with other Rotaractors. "Where do you come from?" - was probably the most frequently asked question. Then the Pre-REM began with an interesting city tour followed by a boat trip through the huge harbour, a guided tour with a night watchman, partying at Reeperbahn with lots of good food everywhere. The most interesting part was getting to know each other.

### 2. BREMen

Two days later we took the train to Bremen, where the official REM started. Everything was well organized and we got a very warm welcome from everyone. Shortly after I met the first Austrians. Until now I represented my country on my own. Finally I found companions from my home!

The program was really diverse. Of course we did a guided tour through the city where we took a group 'selfie' with the Bremener Stadtmusikanten. Furthermore I can recommend the typical Bremen sweets. It was also really exciting to learn the first basic steps of the traditional Bremener Knotentanz. This one is distinguished by permanent, fast changing arm knots with your dance partner.

On Saturday morning was a workshop for E.R.I.C.'s (European Rotaract Information Centre) Country Representatives followed by its official meeting and several workshops for other Rotaractors. In this time every single country could represent itself with its social projects or other happenings. It was really interesting to see what other European countries managed to organise in the past or were planning to do in the future. With this huge kind of input you got the best ideas and a lot of motivation for your own club.

And in the evening:

Well, there was a vast variety of social events to take part in. From the welcome party to the wonderful Gala Dinner in The Cellar at the Town Hall. On the last evening you could enjoy a pleasurable dinner, show your new founded talent in Knotentanz and say goodbye to many amazing people who you had grown to know so well in such a short time.

There was no doubt the best part on such a trip to experience was you got to know so many great open-minded and nice people, well Rotactors of course. This meant you spent many fun hours with others. You also networked and began new friendships.

Hopefully we will meet again at the next REM! See you in Istanbul!

### 3. Munich

Fortunately I did not have to say goodbye to everybody. With a small group of 30 people we continued our trip from Bremen to Munich to the legendary October Fest. With dirndl and leather trousers we walked straight to the tent which we did not leave until the end of the trip. Everyone sang loudly and danced on the benches. It was an incredible experience with so many Rotaractors in Munich.

After one week with full of new ideas and memories I arrived on Tuesday, 30 September back in Austria, Vienna excited for what was to become of the future of Rotaract.



## Ich Hilfe Laufend

We are happy to announce our five year anniversary of the "Ich Hilfe Laufend" Charity Run in the Viennese Augarten on May 17th 2015. For the past five years various Viennese Rotaract Clubs worked hard to organize the yearly charity run, always in mind to help those who need it most.

Every year the IHL-Run supports different charitable organizations like "Die Boje", "Verein Libelle" or "Die österreichische Autistenhilfe" and through these past events we were able to collect more than 50 000 €.

This year's donations go to the Children Hospice MOMO, an organization located in Vienna, helping families to take care of children with severe illnesses. Not only helping the children but also trying to support their parents and relatives, MOMO provides medical and psychological support as well as social aid and grief counseling. Traditionally the IHL-Run will take place in the Viennese Augarten, providing you with a beautiful scenery and just the right atmosphere. On the track race of exactly 1 km you can test your speed but also your endurance, motivated by our DJ, our moderator and the Vienna Samba Project. We will prepare snacks and refreshing drinks during the run. Afterwards you are invited to stay and enjoy several meals to relax, share impressions and chat.

There will be various activities and games even for the smallest members of the family to pass the time, while their parents do their laps.

You can show your social engagement as a single player or in a team, no matter if you run, Nordic walk or stroll. Every single round counts! You can sign up on our official website (<http://www.ichhelfelaufend.at/>). The application fee will be 15 € per person.



## Emergency Help Bosnia

RAC Graz, Interact Graz

In May 2014, the Balkan region was hit by the biggest environmental catastrophe in 120 years. A flooding claimed many lives and destroyed large parts of villages and cities.

We, the Rotaract Club Graz, together with the Interact Club Graz and the help of four other Rotaract clubs in the region organized a collection of relief goods for a northern severely hit region of Bosnia & Herzegovina. Within two days we



managed to collect around 8 tons of water, can food, rice, noodles, sanitary goods and cleaning equipment, worth more than 25.000 €. In addition we received donations of about 5.200 € which were invested into disinfectants and medical supplies.

While sorting of the humanitarian goods we started looking for a possible option of transportation to the flooded region. This process was more difficult and took longer than we had expected. Finally we had come to an agreement with the Austrian Military troops based in Bosnia. They agreed on bringing the collected supplies to Bosnia and deliver them to the people in need. We are very grateful for their support.

To conclude the project, four members of our club travelled to the affected region and participated in supply distributions together with Austrian soldiers from the CIMIC (Civil Military Cooperation) unit, stationed in Bratunac. It was important to us not only to collect something and send it to the region but also to get active ourselves and help during the actual work of going to the people.

Although the project was set up and planned within one week and conducted directly afterwards, we were amazed and thankful for the



immense support from our fellow Rotaract and Interact friends and the people who donated. It showed us how much is truly possible with the efforts of passionate people and many helping hands.

## HUMANITARIAN




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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MD EVENTS**

15. January 2015  
Charity Dance Evening Vienna  
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20.-22. February 2015  
20th Charter Party  
www.rac-wien-stadtpark.at

20.+21. March 2015  
PETS/SETS Austria in Seggau  
more Infos will follow

13.-15. February 2015  
RYLA in Golling (Salzburg)  
more Infos attached

10.-12. April 2015  
MDPC Salzburg  
www.mdpc2015.org

25. April 2015  
RI President Gary C.K. Huang  
Conference in Graz

17. May 2015  
Ich helfe laufend, Wien  
www.ichhelfelaufend.at

29.+30. May 2015  
Rotary District Conference in Vienna  
more Infos will follow

26.-30. August 2015  
KidsCamp in Upper Austria  
www.rotaract-kidscamp.de

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

15-18 January 2015  
REM Istanbul  
www.remistanbul.com

29 April - 3 May 2015  
EURO Bukarest  
www.euco2015.ro

More Infos at:  
<http://rotaracteurope.org/upcoming-events/>

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