



ICC Meeting in Zurich
Event organized by the Inter-Country Committees
Italy - Malta - San Marino - Switzerland - Liechtenstein
From 26 to 29 September 2024

Inter-Country Committees (ICC) were created in Europe after the two world wars between France and Germany; Inter-Country Committees rely on bilateral relations between Rotarians to provide greater opportunities for global understanding, friendship, and the promotion of peace.

At the Rotary International Convention in Vienna, Austria, in 1931, past governors Otto Boelher (RC Vienna) and Georges Benardot (RC Paris) laid the foundation for the “small Franco-German Committee”. However, this first committee was forced to end its work in 1937 due to the Nazi regime’s ban on Rotary clubs in Germany and Austria.

On 23 May 1950 at the Rotary District 70 conference in Strasbourg, governors Robert Hausman (RC Stuttgart, Germany) and Roger Coutant (RC Lille, France) officially created the first Inter-Country Committee between France and Germany, which also adopted a resolution against attacks on human rights by the 24 participating German clubs. Starting from the “fifties”, international and intergovernmental institutions actually began to work to ensure the expression of the values on which civilizations are based, to establish a climate of understanding and solidarity for peace among the peoples of different nations.

In this same spirit and with the same awareness-raising goal, French and German Rotarians have officially established the first Inter-Country Committee. The first Rotary Inter-Country Committee between France and Germany.

On 26 September 2024, the Inter-Country Committee Italy - Malta - San Marino - Switzerland - Liechtenstein met in Zurich, hosted by the Swiss Section.

The Welcome Committee was composed of the Chair of the ICC Swiss Section Paolo Colombo, the Secretary of the ICC Swiss Section Beat am Rhyn and the local staff who were joined by the Rotary Club Oerlikon (D-2000), from the first evening, which offered a nice aperitif in the spirit of friendship and sharing of Rotarian values.

The theme of the ICC meeting Zurich 2024 was “Artificial Intelligence: opportunities, challenges and risks”, a conference held on Friday 27 September in the auditorium of the Conference Center Grüenhof.



Conference speakers:

- **Prof. Luca Maria Gambardella**, Vice Rector for Innovation and Corporate Relations, Full Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Università della Svizzera Italiana USI, Lugano, co-founder and CTO Artificialy SA, Lugano;
- **Dr. Alessandro Curioni**, Vice Pres IBM Research Europe and Africa, CEO of the IBM Research Center in Zurich;
- **Dr. Eng. Fabio Ferrari**, Founder and President of Ammagramma, on the topic “Transformation of Work - New Skills and Multidisciplinary Teams for the Effective Integration of AI in Business Processes”;
- **Eng. Alessio Sal**, on the topic “Ethics between School and Artificial Intelligence”.

Conference moderator Paolo Colombo, Chair of the ICC Swiss Section, supported by the excellent interpreter Sara Ledda, who accompanied the participants for the entire duration of the ICC meeting.

Representatives of the ICC nations present: for the ICC Swiss Section Paolo Colombo and Beat am Rhyn, for the Italian ICC Section Salvatore Attanasio, also representing Carlo Silva, for the Maltese ICC Section PDG Alfred Mangion.





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