

Quarterly Report 2019/4

As this is the first quarterly report, we will consider the development for the period from June 2019 to December 2019.

In this time we have taken up a number of projects on some of which we will elaborate in the following. The number of finished and completed projects doesn't quite meet the number of things started yet, but we are confident that various of them will be finished in the next quarter. The preparation for the Rotex International Convention in Curitiba in August has started slowly and will speed up over the next couple of months as to provide an interesting, informative and educational experience.

Board internal organisation

Following what has been started by the first board we continue to use Notion as our workspace. With a new Roadmap we can now better keep track of what everyone is working on and what will be coming up. We are documenting our Skype meetings with the minutes as to be able to look back on decisions made and considerations taken along the way. The PR Committee is doing great work and has proved very helpful to the board. For the future we want to improve the relationship and work closer together.

Trademark registration

One of the first ideas we pursued was to register Rotex as a trademark. We consulted with an affiliated lawyer to understand what a registration exactly means and helps with. Due to the high cost and work involved to achieve relatively small benefits we decided against such registration.

Website

In January we were able to announce our new web presence under www.rotex.org. Leading up to that, Shang-Hans Lee has been a huge help as he made sure to get the rights for the web address and then creating the structure for the new webpage. What is online already is similar to the old webpage and has been checked and updated. The webpage is a good starting point for now, but in terms of content as well as structure and legal terms it is still a work in progress. For the future we want it to become a centre for information exchange and communication for Rotex Clubs around the world in all the different states from initial Rotex ideas to well established clubs and programs.

Rotex International and Rotary International

Since the beginning the position of Rotex within Rotary has been a big question mark and ongoing topic for many. After considering and discussing various possibilities, the two main options were to either “convert” Rotex Clubs into Rotaract/Rotary Clubs while keeping up the work of a Rotex Club with more recognition and support or to institutionalize Rotex within the Youth Exchange Program. The board is currently favouring the latter option. The main reasons for this are that it seems to be the more effective and helpful to both organisations, especially as a Rotex Clubs’ main business is the work with and for the Long Term Exchange students. Nonetheless we continue to pursue both lines of thought and are in touch with a number of stakeholders. We are confident to increase our role in Youth Service and look forward to an even deeper collaboration with all of the Rotary family.

Prospects

The main topics that accompany us into the next quarter are the position of Rotex International in the Rotary family, the RXI Convention in Curitiba, the website and the registration as a NPO.

The RXI Convention in Curitiba has followed us from the beginning but will now become a priority as we want to offer the best experience possible to those attending and to use the event to strengthen our community and move our organisation forward together.

For the website we foresee to work on content for the Knowledgebase, to further develop and integrate the charity section and to create an interactive Club Directory.

We are also planning to get in touch personally with the Rotex Clubs that we have connected with already to explain the website and emphasize on the importance of the application as alumni organisation.

For the NPO registration we have decided to register in Germany. Because of personal experience, global recognition and the favourable while strict legal framework this seems to be the best option.

To complete the registration and some other projects as well as to share our efforts and successes, it is our intent to hold a public and formal meeting before the RXI Convention in Curitiba. Together with the preparation of the registration this will also lay a base for a financial plan to cover the cost of the registration, the website and the future.