

Quarterly Report 2020/4

For this report we considered the development for the period from October to December 2020. We also want to give a little insight into a special planning meeting the board held in early January. During this quarter we've had different focus areas. We have been working on sharpening Rotex's profile and a few other topics, some of which newer and some which we've been following from the past. With the ongoing pandemic situation, the Host Organizing Committee (HOC) of our 5th Rotex International Convention has decided not to hold the convention this year. We have postponed it to take place in Curitiba in 2022. More information will follow. In the meantime, we are continuing to keep an eye out and make considerations what Corona does for RXI.

RXI Convention, Curitiba, postponed

Initially, we thought we would be able to take up the sale of tickets for the postponed convention in fall 2020. As the COVID-19 situation hasn't allowed for new negotiations with the various stakeholders, the HOC committee has put the planning on hold. For a long time, we hoped for the small chance that an in-person convention could be possible as this brings a lot of value to the Rotex community. Sadly, it is now the time to announce that **this event cannot happen this year**. Since the HOC committee is still keen to organize the event in the future, we have decided to postpone it another year. We hope that we can welcome you numerously at our 5th Rotex International Convention in Curitiba in 2022. In the meantime, we will look into what an online alternative for this year could be and will keep you informed when there is any news.

COVID-19

The ongoing pandemic situation has been an important element during this quarter as it has shaped a number of discussions or considerations within the board. For the moment, even with the vaccination campaigns starting in many places, we still consider the situation a big issue to the main work of Rotex with exchange students. Currently there are no new exchange students going abroad which means that there will also not be a new generation of Rotex. We are looking at different options on what we can do to make sure that current Rotex stay connected and engaged throughout this difficult period.

Electoral system

As we will have our next convention and board elections online, the board has, responding to a request from the community as well, reviewed the voting and election procedure. We have decided that from 2021 onwards we will hold annual elections. The elections will take place at the yearly General Meeting or at the Convention. This decision was also based on

the successful online elections we held in 2020. We think it is good to keep the staggered board changes. To reduce the commitment period we foresee annually alternating elections for two or three new board members. In 2021 we will elect three new members to the board.

RXI Committees

Within the board, we are working on more things contemporary. With this there has also been an increase in the work within the different committees. Due to this, we are looking for people to join our committees and help with their work. More information regarding the committees can be found on our Instagram feed and the video from the committee presentations on our Facebook page. If you are interested in getting involved in one of the committees and working with us, please get in touch with us or the committee directly.

RXI Club registration

In our last report we have informed about the possibility of sending membership applications from clubs to become part of the Rotex International association. We have shared the most important information in the Knowledgebase on rotex.org. Until now we have not received many applications but are looking forward to more clubs doing so. If your Club is interested or has any questions, doubts or concerns, send us a mail to info@rotex.org and we will get back to you. Clubs becoming part of RXI is an essential part of us officially registering and becoming a recognized NGO.

Rotex Club Directory

Another point we informed about in our last report was the Club Directory which can be found on our website: <https://rotex.org/club-directory/> Unfortunately so far, we have only had few registrations. It allows you to create a page for your Rotex Club so interested people can find your club with up-to-date contact details. It allows us also to have an overview what is going on in terms of Rotex in different parts of the world. Once verified the information we will publish the page you created.

What's up with 2021?

At the beginning of the new year, the board held a planning meeting in order to establish some focal points for the year and to see what challenges we will face. Generally, we are happy with how Rotex International is growing and how we proceed, but have noted that there are often not many participants in our online events. As many Rotex Clubs are less busy in this year without the exchange students, the board wants to take this opportunity to get in touch with the Rotex community and the various clubs. This in order to touch base and have a conversation to find out what might be missing. We consider the contact to well-working clubs as especially important as in the past we have mainly focused on helping with the establishment of new clubs or helping Clubs overcome challenges. With the Convention postponed again we will look into an alternative for this year and will keep you posted.