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# The European National Associations of the Club of Rome

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Description of the Activities of the European National Associations of the Club of Rome based on the Conference of the European National Associations held in Valencia, Spain, on March 31 - April 2, 2006

The documentation includes information about 17 of the 20 European National Associations of the Club of Rome. In addition, there exist National Associations in Switzerland (just founded), Russia and the U.K. (under reorganisation) which did not report to the Valencia Conference. Their contact data are available on the ESC Website <http://esc.clubofrome.org>

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# Preface

The essential mission of the Club of Rome is to act as an independent, global, non official catalyst of change. Its objectives are the identification of the most crucial problems facing humanity, their analysis in the global context of the world-wide problematique, the research of alternative future solutions and the elaboration of scenarios for the future. The Club aims at the communication of such problems to the public and private decision-makers as well as to the general public.

The mission of the Club of Rome is supported by its National Associations. Alexander King stated in 1979: "The small size and free-ranging nature of the Club of Rome and its determination to restrict its activities to catalytic functions has been the secret of its vitality, but has made it impossible for us to work in depth in any particular country." Thus, the National Associations of the Club have closed a gap. They approach the global problems in terms of a country's own cultural values and contribute to the general understanding of the human condition on the planet. They have taken the role to disseminate locally the reports, findings and attitudes of the Club to decision-makers, academics, industrial circles and the public at large. In return they contribute experience, creative ideas and proposals, towards the understanding of the global problems to the work of the Club of Rome International.

The largest number of National Associations can be found on the European continent. Presently 20 of the 30 National Associations belong to the European Group. They reflect the diversity of Europe, varying in size and structure, and they are working on a large variety of themes related to the World Problematique. Recently, the European National Associations have started to intensify their co-operation. There are joint projects related for example to the future of Europe or dealing with environmental education. The European Support Centre facilitates the co-operation by support to thematic networks and by a regular electronic newsletter. The co-operation is also enhanced by conferences of the European National Associations. The most recent conferences took place in Vienna (2000 and 2003), Tallinn (2005) and Valencia (2006).

The Valencia Conference "Europe and the New Dimensions of Sustainability. Multiculturalism and Human Quality", held during 31 March - 2 April 2006 and hosted by the Valencia Group of the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome demonstrated the successful work of the European National Associations. This publication is largely built on the presentations at their internal meeting during the Valencia Conference and intends to give an overview on recent activities and projects of the European National Associations of the Club of Rome.

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# Austrian Chapter of the Club of Rome



**Austrian  
Chapter**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 1987

Legal Status: Association according to Austrian law

Number of Members: 80

President: Dr. Siegfried Sellitsch

Vice Presidents: Dr. Michaela Moritz, Dkfm. Gerhard Randa

Members of the Board: Dkfm. Elisabeth Gürtler, Mag. Anton Kolarik, Prof. Dr. Herbert Krejci, Dr. Michaela Moritz, Dkfm. Gerhard Randa, Dr. Siegfried Sellitsch, Mr. Ivo Stanek, Prof. Dr. Geiserich Tichy, Dr. Hannes Swoboda, Prof. Dr. Felix Unger, Dr. Leo Wallner

## **Activities 2005**

### *Social Capital*

According to the principles of the Club of Rome and taking a holistic viewpoint on the World Problematique, the Austrian Chapter of the CoR has identified the topic of Social Capital as a challenge for the future. Many approaches directed towards sustainable development have restricted success because they do not take into account that ecological and social problems are closely related. Social Capital can be seen as the sum of formal and informal contacts between humans. This capital decreases and increasing numbers of people lack social contacts. High fluctuation in the economy and families falling apart make it increasingly difficult to establish stable social networks. The result is a high degree of frustration which then stimulates "consumerism". People run for status symbols and try to find security by running after product brands.

The Austrian Chapter has organized two events on the topic in co-operation with the European Support Centre in 2005. A Workshop "The Role of Social Capital in a Sustainable Economy" focussed on the relation between the economic and the social sphere. The symposium "Future Perspective of Societies" studied trends and focussed on the situation of the individual human in a globalized world. Both events attracted a large number of participants, the workshop was visited by 60 experts and the symposium attracted more than 200 participants.

### *European Environmental Education (EEE)*

Environmental Education will play a major role in achieving a sustainable development. The ability and readiness of adults to learn and to change their behaviour is often restricted, whereas children learn rapidly and with empathy. Often even children teach adults in and remember them for example to separate waste. The EEE project, which is supported

by the City of Vienna and Bank Austria Creditanstalt, is carried out in co-operation with the European Support Centre and aims at the increase of awareness for our major environmental problems by promoting online environmental education. Therefore an online database has been created that presents information from almost all european countries. It became the largest european online collection of environmental education projects. The 270 projects are presented by a short abstract and a project description. The description gives also the link to the project website <http://www.eeeprojects.net>, which makes it possible to get more comprehensive information on individual projects.

### *Publications*

- Die Rolle von Sozialkapital in einer nachhaltigen Wirtschaft - Workshop Report
- Zukunftsperspektiven der Gesellschaft ISBN 88-89813-02-4
- Booklet "European Environmental Education"

Electronic and paper copies are distributed by the ESC ([office.europe@clubofrome.at](mailto:office.europe@clubofrome.at))

### **Outlook 2006**

The work on the European Environmental Education topic is being continued and the Austrian Chapter invites all National Associations to contribute. There are also plans for a conference on a social topic in 2006. Moreover the Austrian Chapter was partner in a large event in the Federal State Burgenland in May 2006.

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# Brussels - EU Chapter of the Club of Rome



**Brussels - EU  
Chapter**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 2000

Legal status: Association according to Belgian law

Number of members: 6 honorary members, 40 full members

President: Prof. Raoul Weiler

Vice-President: Peter Johnston

Secretary: Ms. Erika De Cuyper

Members of the Board: Ms. Erika De Cuyper, Prof. Raoul Weiler, Dr. Peter Johnston, Mr. Pol Descamps, Mr. Jacques de Selliers, Mr. Marc Dubrulle, Mr. Vasileios Laopodis, Dr. Daniel Schaubacher, Mr. Ludo van Oyen.

## **Activities 2005**

### *The Aurelio Peccei Lectures*

The Aurelio Pecei Lectures are standard activities of the Association. They provide the opportunity for academics, thinkers, civil servants of intergovernmental organizations and politicians from all over the world to express their views about world problems and new tendencies in society. The lectures take place at the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium and are combined with a social get-together for networking.

- Jan. 19 (#20) Cultural Diversity as Pillar of Sustainability. An Anthropological Approach, by Prof. Rik Pinxten
- March 2 (#21) Deconstructing Democracy, The Limits to Privatization, by Prof. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker
- April 14 (#22) The Global Competitiveness Report - Stimulating the Development of Relevant Strategies to Achieve Sustained Economic Progress Globally, by Augusto Lopez-Claros
- June 2 (#23) Globalization of Resistances. The World Social Forum (Porto Alegre), by François Houtard
- Oct. 13 (#24) Linguistic Justice in Europe and in the World, by Prof. Philippe Van Parijs
- Nov. 15 (#25) Eco-feminism in Historical Perspective: From the Enlightenment to the 21st Century, by Prof. Vandana Shiva
- Nov. 22 (#26) Ecological Constraints and Civilization Bifurcation - the Chinese Lesson in Development and Modernization, by Prof. Ping Chen

- Nov. 24 (#27) One Planet Budgeting: Making Sustainability Real with the Ecological Footprint,  
by Dr. Mathis Wackernagel
- Dec. 14 (#28) Biopolicy - Building New Values for the Millennium,  
by Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis

### *The Newsletter Issues 2005*

The Newsletter consolidates the activities of the Brussels-EU Chapter. The papers refer generally to the Aurelio Peccei Lectures and other news related to its activities.

- Newsletter Volume 2 # 1. Summer 2005:

Contents: The visit of the Board to the Honorary President, HRH Prince Philip of Belgium. The closing message of the President of the Club of Rome to the World Conference at UNESCO. Report on "ICT for Capacity Building: Critical Success Factors" in Paris. The Aurelio Peccei Lecture on "Cultural Diversity as a Pillar of Sustainability" by Prof. Pinxten.

- Newsletter Volume 2 # 2. Winter 2005

Contents: World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS), Tunis: A full report of the CoR presence and activities at the global event. Reading the Kyoto Protocol - Ethical Aspects of the Convention on Climate Change - Review of the publication of the Flemish Institute for Science and Technology Assessment. Linguistic Justice for Europe and for the World - A report on the Aurelio Peccei Lecture of Prof. Philippe Van Parijs. Towards Knowledge Societies - UNESCO World Report - Review of the newly published report by M. Jérôme Bindé. Ecological Footprint Accounting - Documentation of Dr. Wackernagel's presentation of November 2005. 34 Million Friends - Review of the new publication of Jane Roberts whose lecture of May 2003 introduced this topic to the Brussels-EU Chapter.

### **Outlook 2006**

The organization of the Aurelio Peccei Lectures is being continued at the same pace. The participation at international events will be pursued, especially with UNESCO and other intergovernmental organizations. Joint initiatives with the European Support Centre are continuing, for example a conference on the EU-Strategie for Sustainable Development is being organized (<http://esc.clubofrome.org/sharing>).

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# Bulgarian Association of the Club of Rome



**Bulgarian  
Association**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 1992

Number of Members: 35

President: Dr. Jonko Jotov.

Vice Presidents: Prof. Dr. Valentin Goev, Prof. Dr. Emil Konstantinov

## **Activities 2005**

The Bulgarian Association works on a voluntary basis, the main forms of activity are publications, discussions and conferences on a national and a regional level. The concept includes partnerships with NGOs, universities, other institutions and individuals who share the Club of Rome approach to the World Problematique and the way of searching for solutions to the problems of societies. One of the priorities is to involve young people from universities and schools - the next generation.

The objective of the Association is to contribute to global approaches to the problems of society. This included the publication of the Bulgarian version of the Report to the Club of Rome "The First Global Revolution", which was presented by one of the authors, Bertrand Schneider, in Sofia. There participated about 100 Bulgarian academics, politicians, businessmen, representatives of NGOs and journalists. The event contributed to a higher popularity of the Club of Rome in Bulgaria.

Since 2001, the Association publishes the regular magazine "Law without Borders" - four issues per year (1000 copies). New rubrics were introduced: Topics of the Problematique, Euro-Integration, Exchange of Experience and International Relations. Each issue includes an academic report on important topics in the field of economy, law, international relations, etc. The last one was "Sources of Positive Obligations of the State" in December 2005.

The Bulgarian Association was co-organizer of three conferences in October, November, and December 2005 and of several discussions on the concept and principles of sustainable development and its practical implementation.

A partnership was established with the Italian State Agency for Energy and Ecology (ENEA) aiming at the implementation of a project on the ecological aspects of energy use in the context of sustainable development.

Furthermore, a two years project on the impact of the political thought of the 20th century on the development of the society was started in co-operation with the University of National and World Economy, Sofia.

## **Outlook 2006**

The Bulgarian Association has quite a range of activities in 2006, which include among others:

- The translation and publication of the "Limits of Growth - The 30 Years Update", the copyright for the edition was received,
- Conference on the impact of political thought of the 20th century (September/October),
- The implementation of a strategy to involve business representatives into the activities of the Association,
- A Round Table "Europe and Sustainability" in Bucharest on the challenges for Bulgaria and Romania in the context of the EU Enlargement Process in June 2006, for further information please see <http://europe-and-sustainability.eu.tf>,
- Starting the project with ENEA on the ecological aspects of energy use,
- Starting a project on the role of the nation state in the conditions of globalization.

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# Croatian Association of the Club of Rome



**Croatian  
Association**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 1995

Legal Status: Re-registered at the local authorities according to new legal requirements

Number of Members: 42

President: Prof. Boris Kamenar

Vice President: Prof. Ivo Šlaus

Secretary-General: Mr. Vladimir Pezo

Members of the Executive Committee: Prof. Zvonimir Baletić, Dr. Branko Guberina,  
Prof. Boris Kamenar, Prof. Asim Kurjak, Mr. Vladimir Pezo, Prof. Ivo Šlaus

The activities of the Croatian Association have been so far biannual meetings, special conferences, media events in conjunction with special conferences and the publication of proceedings.

## **Activities 2005**

The topics for consideration have been selected by consensus reflecting the major concerns related to the future of humankind and taking into account the availability of expertise within or outside the membership to carry its analysis forward. During the recent years there were three symposia and the fourth one is in preparation.

The first event was on global and long term visions for Croatia. At the time of war Croatia was exceptionally challenged. For instance by the problem of refugees and displaced persons. Furthermore, the Republic of Croatia underwent its social, political and economic transition threatened by state, para state, group and individual terrorism and violence. The conference concluded that just because of that there is never too much democracy, pluralism, protection of human rights and tolerance.

The second symposium was entitled "Croatia at the Threshold of the 21st Century and European Integrations". While the first symposium had been devoted to a long-range and global vision of Croatia, the second focused on Croatia at the time of the conference. The members of the association believed that it was important to organize such an event with a transdisciplinary, holistic and global discussion. The following conclusions were drawn:

- 1) All refugees and displaced persons should return and receive an adequate compensation for all their material losses; the maintenance and re-establishment of multiethnic and multicultural composition of all cities, towns, villages was claimed
- 2) Cultural and national identity of all minorities, no matter how small they are, should be maintained and strengthened
- 3) A democratic, pluralistic society guaranteeing full protection of human rights should be established. Croatia has to be a society where everybody is aware that

she or he can be free only when everybody is free. It has been stressed that the greatest wealth of any nation, of any state, the greatest wealth of humankind are the individuals with their different thoughts and different actions. This we call pluralism and the opportunity that all of them express their different views and that all of their different actions can indeed take place is tolerance and democracy. We have to find different roads, different ways how the creativity, freedom and love of each individual can be fully expressed. The activity of the Croatian Association of the Club of Rome is one of such ways, and this symposium was also one of the ways how to realize this task.

The third symposium was entitled "What is Local and what is Global in Human Reproduction". Human reproduction is at the same time our deep intimacy and a concern and the existence of the society on a family level, on a national, state and global level. Medicine, science and technology, sociology and demography, law and politics, philosophy, religion and moral are intertwined in human reproduction. Frequently, and today even more, technology (diagnostics and therapy, but also molecular genetics) open new possibilities - all generated by science, but neither we fully grasp nor understand them, nor we fully appreciate their consequences. It is even impossible to understand most of the consequences and alternatives within the present domain of science. Our life is much richer than present science can describe. This third symposium was much more scientifically oriented than the previous two, which reflected the attitude at least of some of the members of the National Association that science is the crucial element in the life of a human being, of a nation, of a state and of the world, that (as it is written on a monument in the Ettore Majorana Center in Erice) science and faith are the two greatest gifts that God gave us.

### *Further Activities*

The Croatian Association for the Club of Rome is dealing with a wide variety of topics which range from the local via the national until to the global level. Among the themes under discussion were for example:

- Scientific creativity - how to recognize and develop it?
- Public or state television?
- Anti-civilizational / anti-European tendencies against modernization of Croatian society,
- Messages from the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg 2002,
- Present state of politics in Croatia,
- What we wanted to communicate with our book on anti-Semitism (Slavko / Goldstein),
- High technologies and society changes, the Croatian perspective,
- Mass media-use and misuse.

The Association stresses that at the meetings not every member agreed with everything that was discussed, which is common in any group of exceptional intellects. The views expressed ranged from being in complete agreement to being in diametric opposition. The National Association must see itself as a source of independent thought based on solid facts and good judgment of what constitute the major issues that need to be addressed. Therefore, more controversial and thought provoking people are needed in the membership. The Club of Rome today is only one voice amongst many others. However, because of its independence, its stimulating composition of cultural, professional and disciplinary diversity, and global, holistic and long-term perspectives of its generalist approach, obviously its work is based on scientific methods but at the same time is driven by values that transcend the domains of science. Indeed, the input from the Club adds to the signal of a new way of thinking rather than to the noise of an existing dominant paradigm.

## Outlook 2006

The fourth symposium will discuss the global phenomenon of "Decline of the Birth Rate in Developed Countries". The present generation is enjoying two of the most beneficent transformations in human history: a revolution in life expectancy and the liberation of women from the burden of their biology. Two centuries ago, life expectancy in today's high-income countries was 36 years; today, it is nearly 80. Today, parents can expect their children to survive them and both men and women can have long, varied and fulfilling lives. Birthrates in developed countries from Italy to South Korea have sunk below the levels needed for their populations to replace themselves; the typical age of marriage and pregnancy has increased, and the use of birth control has soared beyond any expectations. The best known example of shrinkage is Italy, where women were once symbols of fecundity. By 2000, Italy's fertility rate was Western Europe's lowest, at 1.2 births per woman. Its population is expected to drop 20% by mid-century. Denmark was below population replacement level in 1970 at 2.0 births per woman, and slid to 1.7 by 2001. In Europe's poorest country, Albania, the 1970 rate of 5.1 births per woman fell to 2.1 in 1999. The European fertility rate fell below replacement levels in the mid-1970s and is now about 1.4. Today, only Albania has a fertility rate above replacement levels and among the large western European countries, only France has a comfortable birth rate, at 1.90. Policy must be designed to make it possible for women, above all for educated women, to combine fulfilling careers with having children. That brings us to an intriguing conclusion: The cultures in which women have stopped having children most drastically are those in Southern Europe and East Asia, where women are emancipated if they remain childless, but are imprisoned by traditional male attitudes if they don't. What is happening in Italy, Spain and Japan is the war of women against male chauvinism. Women are winning. If the men who dominate these countries do not surrender, they will soon not have much of a society left.

It is the opinion of the Croatian Association that the National Associations of the Club of Rome should play a significant role in commenting the reports and in spreading their messages at the regional and at the country level. Special conferences are a good tool for interaction and intellectual collaboration among the members of national associations. It is important, however, to design them to maximize interest, participation, outcomes and media coverage. Furthermore, published books are a major output of the National Associations. In the future National Associations should play a strong role in initiating projects of the Club of Rome and bringing them to the attention of decision makers. In particular, they should be encouraged to strengthen the networks of national leaders and civil society organizations within their own country and regions. For the dissemination of the messages, in particular the potential of networking with partner institutions must be used more intensely. The members of the Croatian Association for the Club of Rome believe that National Associations have to attract new younger members with intellectual and moral qualities. Therefore, one needs to care for a balance between senior members of higher prestige and less established members with higher capacity for operative work. The young generation will bring the Club of Rome back-up to its full potential for making its contribution towards creating a better world.

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# Czech Association for the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Year of Foundation: The Czechoslovak Association for the Club of Rome was founded in 1991 shortly after the fall of communist regime. Václav Havel, President of the Czechoslovak Republic, served also as the Honorary President. After division of the country into Czech and Slovak Republics the unique Czech Association for the Club of Rome (Česká Asociace Římského Klubu) was established.

Number of Members: 58

President: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jaroslav Kalous

Secretary General: Dr. Ing. Zuzana Drhová

Members of the Board: Jarmila Doubravová, Jiří Drahoš, Jaroslav Kalous, Ivan Klíma, Martin Potůček

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## Activities 2005

Organizing 2 - 3 lectures a year and edition of symposiums formed the main activities of the past. Some hopes are connected with the new Board elected in December 2005. Its composition forms a good balance of people with background in social and natural science and good potential contacts with ecological NGOs and students.

## Outlook 2006

- Organise public debates with interesting guests on issues of the Club of Rome,
- Publicize Club of Rome activities,
- Build up a Club of Rome resource centre,
- Translate some of the Club of Rome publications and present them to the public,
- Create a website,
- Renew the members base with focus on the younger generation,
- Cooperate with ecological and development NGOs.

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# Estonian Association of the Club of Rome



**Estonian Association  
EstCoR**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 1991, initiated by the Estonian Society for Nature Conservation and established by 43 outstanding scientists, economists, politicians and other personalities, including academicians, the President of the Parliament, former Prime Ministers, etc.

Number of members: 54

President: Dr. Hardo Aamäe,

Vice President: Prof. Dr. Ülo Vooglaid

Secretary: Mag. Juhan Telgmaa

Members of the Board: Mr. Enn Anupöld; Dr. Hardo Aasmäe, Dr. Jüri Kann, Dr. Juhan Kolk, Mag. Olavi Tammamäe, Mag. Juhan Telgmaa, Prof. Dr. Ülo Vooglaid.

## **Activities 2005**

The members gather every month for discussion and deciding about the actions. The scope of discussions is not limited, but the statements, expressions of position of the Estonian Association are always kept within the outlines of the principles of the Club of Rome. The President of the Estonian Association has every week some minutes in national TV, which he can use for promotion of the ideas of the Club of Rome.

The main activities in 2005 were the Conference of the European National Associations (see Activity Report 2005 of the European Support Centre of the Club of Rome) in February and the publishing of the Estonian edition of the book "Balance or Destruction" by Prof. Franz Josef Radermacher in November.

## **Outlook 2006**

In 2006 the Association continues the monthly meetings. An AGM will take place in November. The topic is not yet defined. In the preparation stage is the publication of an Estonian Edition of the book "Limits to Privatization" by Prof. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker.

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# Finnish Association for the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Year of Foundation: 1984

Legal status: Association according to Finnish law, re-registered in 2000

Number of members: 40 active members + advisory board with 15 members

President: Mr. Matti Penttilä

Secretary General: Mr. Markku Ryyänen

Members of the Board 2006: Ms. Karoliina Jarenko, Ms. Salla Koivusalo,  
Mr. Tapio S. Linna, Mr. Aleksi Neuvonen, Mr. Markus Neuvonen, Mr. Matti Penttilä,  
Mr. Pauli Saloranta.

## Activities 2005

The main objectives of FICOR, the Finnish National Association for the Club of Rome, are:

- to support the Club of Rome,
- to disseminate the mission of the Club and its way to explore the problematique of the world community globally, long- term and holistic and systemic way,
- and to activate and promote research and discussion concerning the long-term sustainability of communities, corporations, societies and mankind.

The Finnish Club of Rome members Esko Kalimo, Benjamin Bassin, Markku Wilenius, Tapio O. Kanninen and Sirkka Heinonen as well as honorary member Pentti Malaska work in close co-operation with the FICOR board.

FICOR hosted the Club of Rome Annual Conference in October 2004, and a lot of activities were involved with the follow-up of the conference. "While there is still a need to overcome ignorance in its traditional forms - e.g. lack of education and information - we need to simultaneously overcome indifference in its various forms. That requires new focus for education: creating globally shared educational values." stated the President of the Club of Rome in Helsinki 1984. Starting with this motto, FICOR edited and published the report of the conference "Hostages of Horizon" in spring 2005. The report is available at <http://www.clubofrome.fi> (julkaisut).

FICOR organised and promoted the translation and publication of the book "Limits to Growth 30-Year Update" (Oct. 2005). One of the authors, Jorgen Randers, visited the publication events to boost the start of the sale. The visit achieved good media visibility in the main media.

FICOR published the original CoR key documents: The Club of Rome: "The Dossiers" 1965-1984. Edited by Pentti Malaska & Matti Vapaavuori. Authorized by Alexander King. The Dossiers include:

- The Challenge of 1970's for the World of Today, by Aurelio Peccei 1965,
- Commentary to the "Limits to growth", by CoR ExCom 1972,
- The Club of Rome - The New Treshold, by CoR ExCom 1973,
- The Club of Rome: A Case Study of Institutional Innovation, by Alexander King 1979,
- The Club of Rome: Agenda for the End of Century, by Aurelio Peccei 1984,
- The Club of Rome: Reaffirmation of a Mission, by Alexander King 1984,
- The Launch of the Club, by Alexander King 1984,
- A Rebellion against Ignorance, by Pentti Malaska 1984,

The Dossiers are published by the Finnish Association of the Club of Rome, Helsinki 2005 (ISBN 952-99114-1-6). 59 p. Also available online at: <http://www.clubofrome.fi> (julkaisut)

FICOR organised a discussion with the President of the Club of Rome, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal during his visit to Helsinki in September 2005.

## **Outlook 2006**

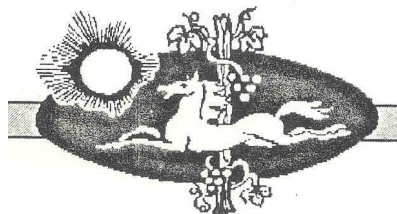
The following activities are going on or are planned in 2006:

- Member event on LTG30, 1/2006,
- Advisory board meeting on MIPS 2/2006,
- Annual meeting with presentation on Information Society in China by Bassin, 3/2006,
- Co-organisation of Millenium Forum Energy Seminar in Helsinki, 4/2006,
- Search channels to promote Global Marshall Plan on political level (with NGOs),
- Organise event connected to Finnish European Presidency on e.g. Sustainable Information Society,
- Co-operation with Zero Emissions Research & Initiatives (ZERI) - educational material, translation and distribution to schools (Friends of the Earth, Dodo NGO),
- Promote LTG30 as a university textbook,
- Promote and participate Environmental Conference OtaEco06 with Jorgen Randers as keynote speaker,
- Search ways to activate the CoR activities in the region (Baltic, Scandinavia, North-Western Russia).

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# Georgian Association for the Club of Rome



რომის კლუბის საქართველოს ასოციაცია

## About the Association

Year of Foundation: 1991

Legal Status: Association according to Georgian law No 0112

Number of members: 14 Active Members + 2 Honorary Members

President: Dr. Levan Alexidze

Vice-Presidents: Dr. Eleonora Abashidze, Dr. Shota Chalaganidze

Secretary-General: Dr. Medea Abashidze

Members of the Executive Committee: Academician Prof. N. Chitanava,  
Prof. R. Gachechiladze, Academician Prof. V. Gelovani, Prof. D. Iakobidze,  
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## Activities 2005

The Georgian Association for the Club of Rome (GACOR) is a centre for discussions, reflection and analysis on the overall problems of humanity according to the principles of the Club of Rome. Over the past years GACOR did its best to support the ideas of the Club for making its contribution towards creating a better world. The activities of GACOR have been:

- Special meetings,
- Publication of proceedings,
- Projects in collaboration with other organizations,
- The Annual Meeting.

GACOR welcomed Dr. Thomas Schauer, Director of the European Support Centre of the Club of Rome in 2005 for a visit to the Georgian Association. He attended a meeting of GACOR and intensified the cooperation with individual members and their activities. Dr. Thomas Schauer presented the book "Equality and Diversity in the Information Age", which was published together with CoR member Prof. Franz Josef Radermacher.

A very interesting cooperation was established during Dr. Schauer's visit of GACOR with Dr. Shota Chalaganidze, President of Georgian Academy of Agriculture and Dr. Eleonora Abashidze, Department of Ecology of Tbilisi State University. The partners agreed to initiate a project on agricultural biodiversity "The Value of Biodiversity". Biodiversity is more and more decreasing on the worldwide scale and the idea is to increase the awareness for the problem. Georgia which is hot spot for biodiversity is of special interest for work in this area.

CACOR organized a conference "A Culture of Tolerance" which focused on the necessity to raise and install a culture of tolerance to the highest levels of the world heritage of human civilization. Humankind has more power today to shape their future but there remain dangers that could threaten civilization. Culture of tolerance by its nature is a skill of dialogue and forms human beings as tolerant and interdependent. The multicultural, multiethnic and multireligious Georgia exercised wisdom and tolerance for survival and human development of all members of society. For example under the reign of King David, a policy of ethnic and religious tolerance and justice in administration was practiced in medieval Georgia. The extra ethno-cultural heterogeneity of Georgia and inter-ethnic peace cultures enriched one another and increased tolerance. Let's put a new strength into the historical platform on which we stand now and on which our future must be built.

GACOR organized a round table: "Ethno-demography and Tolerance". The deep and comprehensive analysis of Georgia from the ethno-demographic viewpoint will undoubtedly enrich democracy on our planet and may even initiate the most democratic and inter-ethnic policy.

### *Publications*

- booklet "Environmental Awareness in Central and Eastern Europe"
- preparatory work was in progress for the publication of a Georgian version of the book "Christianity in the Arab World" by HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, President of the Club of Rome.

### **Outlook 2006**

There will be further work on the topic of European Security identity and the Southern Caucasus including the role of the EU, the US and Russia. All National Associations of the Club of Rome are invited to join the activity. There is a plan for a conference on this topic in Autumn 2006. The biodiversity activity in co-operation with the European Support Centre of the Club of Rome will be continued as well as the work on the translation of "Christianity in the Arab World"

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# German Association for the Club of Rome



German Association

## About the Association

Year of Foundation: 1978

Legal status: Association according to German law

Number of members: 20

President: Mr. Max Schön

Vice President: Mr. Frithjof Finkbeiner

Members of the Board: Mr. Christian Berg, Mr. Frithjof Finkbeiner, Mr. Bernd Heins, Mr. Uwe Möller, Mr. Max Schön

## Activities 2005

The board members have generally been involved as speakers and moderators in various seminars, conferences and media events. These activities mirror the widespread interest of the public in Germany in the message of The Club of Rome, trying to find answers and solutions to the manifold challenges that humankind is facing. Amongst other engagements, some of the activities of the chairman of the GA CoR, Prof. Michael Jischa should be exemplarily stated:

- Four days lecture series "Sustainable Development and Technology Assessment" at Gdansk University of Technology, organised in cooperation with the Polish Association (Elzbieta Goncz)
- Conference "Develop your future - sustainable!" at TU Clausthal, organised by Forum Clausthal in cooperation with the German Association, to implement a student organization "oikos Clausthal" to become part of the international network "oikos International, Student Organization for Sustainable Economics and Management"
- Textbook "Engineering Sciences", published in the series "Studies of Environmental Sciences", Springer, Berlin (only German version). The book has become an official book of the "Year of Technology".
- Book "The Future Challenge - Technological Progress and Globalization", Elsevier/ Spektrum Akademischer Verlag Heidelberg 2005 (only German version). Details and table of contents are enclosed.

## *Cooperation between the German and Polish Association of The Club of Rome*

Already for several years, the close co-operation between the Polish and the German Associations for the Club of Rome has focussed on "The Future of Europe". This included issues of European integration and the responsibility of the enlarged EU in the world. Several conferences have been organised during the last years in Hamburg and Warsaw. The last conference in Hamburg in October 2005 concentrated on "The EU in a deadlock?!".

### *Hanseatic-Baltic Summer-School*

The 4th Hanseatic-Baltic Summer-School in Hamburg, July/August 2005 brought together 25 young scientists from the Baltic Sea region discussing the topic: The EU as a global player - political, economic and legal perspectives.

### *Club of Rome School*

This project aims at establishing schools in Germany (primary to grammar school/college) with an innovative mission and curriculum based on the spirit of The Club of Rome. Meanwhile, 20 schools all over Germany have been selected, and embedded in a process of coaching to reach the set goals. More info: [www.clubofrome.de/schulen/index.html](http://www.clubofrome.de/schulen/index.html)

### *Global Marshall Plan Initiative (GMPI)*

This initiative is supported by several organisations and individuals of which the Global Contract Foundation, the Eco-Social Forum and the German Association for the CoR are only but a few. The initiative has found a vivid interest on a national and international level. Recently, Mr. Frithjof Finkbeiner met the German Federal President Horst Köhler. In March 2006, he was invited to a conference in Beirut hosted by the Global Call to Action against Poverty. The concept of the GMPI builds on a global eco-social market economy. On an international level, the supporters include HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal and former Austrian Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Josef Riegler. More information: [www.globalmarshallplan.org](http://www.globalmarshallplan.org)

### *TREC - Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy Co-operation*

TREC was initiated and developed from the side of the German Association by Dr. Gerhard Knies (project manager). A close network of experts across the Mediterranean has been established. The project goal is to exploit the vast and inexhaustible solar energy potential of the desert regions in the Middle-East and Northern Africa (MENA) through solar-thermal power, for the benefit of both partners (EU and MENA). TREC has been presented at many conferences. During the World Energy Dialogue (WED) at the Hanover Fair in April 2006 TREC was presented in a forum on solar-thermal energy. The WED was opened with an video-address of CoR President, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal. CoR Vice-President Eberhard von Koerber was present at the opening panel. More information: [www.trecers.net](http://www.trecers.net)

### *tt30 - Germany*

Two workshops of tt30 Germany were organised in 2005, Board-member Christian Berg being involved as chairman of the tt30 co-ordinating team. Project groups have been established dealing with topics: What perspectives for Germany in 2020? How can enlightened self-interest reconcile economy and ecology? More info: [www.tt30.de](http://www.tt30.de)

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# Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Year of Foundation: 2001

Number of members: 32

President: Academician Prof. Dr. Laszlo Kapolyi

Vice-President: Dr. Erzsébet Novaky

Scientific Coordinator: Ms. Réka Várnagy

The Association was founded in December 2001, based upon the initiative of Academician László Kapolyi, member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and member of the Club of Rome. It was established as an academic club where the challenges of the 21st century could be discovered and discussed by experts and professionals from a future-oriented perspective. The initiative was supported by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS), ECOSTAT and the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration (today the Corvinus University of Budapest, CUB). Ms. Erzsébet Nováky, DSc, that time Vice-President of the Futures Research Committee of HAS and Head of the Futures Studies Department at CUB became the coordinator of this club activity.

The mission of the Hungarian Association is to discover the challenges, the Hungarian economy and society is facing due to the economic and social transition, globalization and the recent accession to the European Union. The association aims at exploring the answers and reactions to these challenges and the possible future alternatives deriving from them. The Hungarian Association's commitment towards our future translates to commitment of futures generations and thus through its work it aims at opening a dialogue with younger generations to shape our common future together.

The activities of the Hungarian Association include the following:

- carry-out complex researches investigating social-economic phenomena,
- prepare papers in which these issues are discussed,
- publish a series of working papers,
- communicate the outcomes towards the public and the media,
- develop international relations with special attention to Central-Eastern Europe,
- dialogue with the younger generations.

## Activities 2005

During 2005 the Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome focused on enlarging its network of cooperation and making itself more visible in the international community. This objective consisted of developing bilateral relations with other Associations in the region as

well as providing widely accessible information about the Association's activities to the public. Of course, the Association also pursued its original objectives of carrying out research projects within the Hungarian academic era and attracting young fellows to the field of futures. Local networks were also to be revived: with Erzsébet Nováky, vice-president of the Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome becoming the president of the Futures Research Committee of the HAS new perspective has opened up in that field.

#### *The meeting of the Representatives of the European Associations of the Club of Rome*

The meeting in Tallinn provided an excellent base for connecting and enlarging cooperation in the region. During this event organized by the Estonian Association and the European Support Center of the Club of Rome, the Association gathered information about the activities of fellow Associations and looked for possibilities to connect our work. The conference about the future of Europe offered a unique opportunity to share common knowledge among the participants.

#### *19th World Conference of the World Futures Studies Federation*

In order to further develop the common work that was based in Tallinn, the Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome decided to invite the representatives of the European Associations of the Club of Rome to Budapest to participate at the 19th World Conference of the World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF). In August 2005, the Futures Studies Department at the Corvinus University of Budapest had the honor of organizing the biannual World Conference of the Federation along with the Budapest Futures Course 2005. More than 120 participants from 25 countries gathered for this occasion to discuss the conference's main theme: "Futures Generation for Future Generations". As the title suggests the main aim of the event was to explore the possibilities of cooperation among different generations in order to shape the future together. Under this framework, cooperation as well as possible conflicts in different fields such as education, economy, cyberspace and culture were discussed and adequate futures research methodology was initiated to deal with these challenges.

The Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome soon realized that the main scope of the conference is strongly in line with one of the main objectives of the Club, namely to develop dialogue with younger generations and thus to strengthen commitment towards building a sustainable future for all. Based on this assumption, the Hungarian Association decided to support the conference by taking part in both the organizational and the professional tasks. Thus the Hungarian Association invited the European representatives - offering them accommodation and free admission to the conference - to participate at the conference and deliver a paper presenting a special insight from the Club of Rome's perspective. It was a pleasure that members of the Hungarian Association as well as guests from other Associations of the Club of Rome gave session lectures and were active in some forum activities during the conference. Moreover, the participants also had the opportunity to develop a base for cooperation that points beyond the scope of the conference. As a result there are now intentions to engage in a common project with the Slovenian Association for instance.

Apart from the professional gains, the conference also provided an excellent opportunity to present the activities of the Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome to a wider international public including respected academics in the field of futures. More detailed information about the World Conference can be found on the conference's website at <http://www.budapestfutures.org>

## *Futures Forest Camp*

Despite of its efforts to open towards the international community, the Hungarian Association still considers its local activities of outmost importance. One of the most important projects that the Association undertakes is reaching out for the next generation - increase their awareness of the future, make them recognize their abilities to shape the future and thus strengthen their commitment and responsibility for the future. In the past years a very successful project called the Futures Forest Camp has been developed by the Association in cooperation with the Future Studies Department at the Corvinus University of Budapest. The camp is traditionally organized off-site, in a small village situated in the Cserhát region of Hungary and offers a unique opportunity to involve younger generations in futures thinking. However, the participants do not only come from the younger age groups as colleagues along with their families are invited to spend there the first weekend of May.

In 2005 it was decided to introduce topics that are overlooked in the traditional education as many students showed great interest in widening their scope of futures thinking. Thus Mr. Zoltán Galántai, associate professor at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, head of the Long Future Research Group, member of the Hungarian Association was invited to talk about his work in the field of long-term futures: what kind of challenges the human race and intelligent life faces in the future, what the possibilities are for connecting to other civilizations and what kind of technological innovations accompany this development. Mr. István Kappéter, Psychiatrist, member of the Hungarian Association, was also among the honored guests as his lecture had been a great success in 2004 and so it was again in 2005. This time he discussed the connection between aggression and global terrorism giving a new perspective for looking at global threats and its possible cures. Among the colleagues of the Future Studies Department, Tamás Gáspár chose to introduce to the futures field of music as a great example of how futures seeds are expressed in artistic ways. Bernadett Szél and Tamás Kristóf took a more pragmatic approach as Ms. Szél organized a communication-training based on the method of transactional analysis; while Mr. Kristóf talked about methods for forecasting bankruptcy which was of special interest to our students and colleagues coming from economic background. Of course, during the camp besides of these professional workshops other activities were also included such as a special edition of the Futures Movie Club and an excursion to the nearby lake. We believe that spending time together in such a beautiful environment makes us all experience our responsibility towards the future.

## *Hungarian Association's website*

To our great pleasure Zoltán Galántai not only contributed to the professional content of the Futures Camp and then later to the World Conference but also offered his technical skills to develop a website for the Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome. Due to his support [www.jovokutatas.hu/clubofrome](http://www.jovokutatas.hu/clubofrome) was released last December, as a proof of a successful 2005 for the Hungarian Association of the Club of Rome.

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# Dutch Association for the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Year of Foundation: The Erasmus Liga was founded in 1972, in 1989 it became the Erasmus Liga / Dutch Association for the Club of Rome.

President: Prof. Dr. Paul Rademaker

Vice President: Dr. J.C. van Noordwijk - van Veen

Secretary: M.Sc. Jan Willem Storm van Leeuwen

Members of the Board: Ms. Anne Marijke Geuzebroek, Mr. Bas Jurrens, Prof. Dr. Paul Rademaker, Mr. Gert-Jan M. Vaessen, Dr. Jan Willem Storm van Leeuwen, Dr. J.C. van Noordwijk - van Veen

In March 2006, the Dutch Association / Erasmus Liga had around 250 donors.

## Activities 2005

The yearly Erasmus Lecture was held by Prof. Daey Ouwens on "Sustainable Energy". A working group made a publication on World ethics, two "concentric debates" were organized on "World Ethics and Sustainability". A contribution was made by Prof. Rademaker at a conference on the future of Europe: "New Perspectives for an Integrated Europe" and many other contributions, lectures were given by members of the Board. Initiatives were taken to set up a section for the younger generation and a website was developed.

## Outlook 2006

The yearly Erasmus Lecture was given by Prof. Klaas van Egmond, "Erasmus, Europe and a Sustainable World" in June; the Erasmus Lecture 2005 will be published. A working group is set up around the ecological footprint and its juridical and political implications, another working group will deal with the future of Europe. The setup of a working group on corporate social responsibility, good governance and sustainable development is considered as well as a working group / conference for the younger generation. A publication is planned about the energy problems and two concentric debates are planned (one about energy and one about ethics). In February a course on global sustainable development called "World problems - Crises or Sustainable Solutions?" started at the University of Amsterdam. It was initiated by Prof. Rademaker. A professional chair on the Club of Rome problems at one of the Dutch Universities is being discussed.

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# Polish Association for the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Year of foundation: 1987

Number of members: 123

President: Prof. Antoni Kukliński

Vice Presidents: Mr. Bogusław Skuza, Prof. Jan Woroniecki

Secretary General: Mr. Maciej Gurbala

Members of the Executive Committee: Prof. Antoni Kukliński, Mr. Michał Grocholski, Mr. Maciej Gurbala, Prof. Zbigniew Madej, Prof. Józef Niżnik, Prof. Zdzisław Sadowski, Mr. Bogusław Skuza, Prof. Jan Woroniecki,

The Polish Association for the Club of Rome has been set up in 1987 due to the earlier efforts of Aurelio Peccei, who visited Poland several times earlier in the 80-ties, and determination of Prof. Adam Schaff, who became the first president of the Association. The first Secretary General until 1992 was Józef Niżnik. At the very difficult time of strong political tensions the Association for the Club of Rome appeared to be the only officially registered organization in Poland that managed to gather representatives of all political orientations including eminent political dissidents. The leading idea that made it possible was the engagement into global problems. In 1988 the Polish Association organized in Warsaw the first meeting of National Associations for the Club of Rome attended by representations of 14 associations from all over the world and by members of the Club of Rome. The conference adopted the so called Warsaw Charter (see page 38) that should be observed by all national associations for the Club of Rome. One of the organizational proposals put forward at the Warsaw Conference suggested that Club of Rome should have a coordination office in Vienna. Clearly, in 1988 it was too early for this idea. During the conference, due to a very cooperative attitude of Mr. Uwe Möller, a bilateral cooperation between the German and Polish association devoted to the future of Europe has been initiated. Between 1989 and 1992 there were several German-Polish workshops organized.

## Activities 2005

The Polish Association has continued to publicize the programme of the Club of Rome organizing seminars and conferences and publishing books. The focus was on global problems and the problems of European integration. Along with the "senior" group a Polish tt30 group has been active. Its members are mostly university students.

### *Conferences and seminars*

- China, superpower in status nascendi, introduction by ambassador Ksawery Burski.
- Contemporary renaissance of strategic thinking, panel discussion
- Iran in a XXI century economy, introduction by Wojciech Giełżyński

- The Future of Europe, debate with participation of Prof. Ferdinand von Kinsky
- The Polish Chances for development in the present world situation, introduction by Prof. Jadwiga Staniszkis

### *Publications*

- A. Kukliński, B.Skuza (eds.), Turning Points In the Transformation of the Global Scene, Oficyna Wydawnicza REWASZ, Warszawa 2006 (CD version is also available)
- In cooperation with Higher Business School - National Louis University in Nowy Sącz, two volumes: Europe - the Global Challenges and Europe - the Strategic Choices, both by A.Kukliński and K.Pawłowski (eds.)
- The Association has signed an agreement with the Committee for Future Studies „Poland 2000 Plus” at the Polish Academy of Sciences and Higher School of Financing and Management to jointly publish a journal „Future: World - Europe - Poland”

### *International Activity*

The Polish Association has continued cooperation with the German Association. In October 5 Polish members participated in a conference in Hamburg (Haus Rissen). The topic of the event was: "The EU at a Dead-Lock!? - Needed: New Perspectives for European Integration".

### **Outlook 2006**

Comments by Prof. Antoni Kukliński: There are different indicators which can be applied in the bench-marking process of the evaluation of the activities of the National Associations for the Club of Rome. However, the most important indicator is the intellectual capacity expressed in the ability to outline new ideas and interpretations of the global and European reality. These new ideas and interpretations should at least try to overcome the limits of political correctness, conventional wisdom and static self-satisfaction. The following considerations will try to outline the power and weakness of the Polish Association for the Club of Rome tested in five fields:

- I. Europe in the perspective of global change
- II. Global development in a secular perspective
- III. Turning points in the transformation of the global scene
- IV. The new interpretation of the limits to growth
- V. Towards a New Futurology

This selection of five fields is naturally a subjective point of view expressed with some deficit of the necessary intellectual modesty. In each case however some publications can be indicated which open the gate for more objective judgments related to the five fields.

I. Europe in the perspective of global change: This is the title of a volume published by the Polish Association in 2003. The critical evaluation of this volume should answer the question - if we can find some new ideas in this volume related to the interpretation of the Future of Europe. Just to start this process Attention is called to Part 1 of the volume - "Visions - Scenarios - Trajectories". The idea of a creative comparison of three visions of Europe is still valid in the relations of the XXI century. So far, the proposal to analyze jointly Christian vision, the social democratic vision and the conservative-liberal vision did not find a follow up in the environment of the Club of Rome.

II. Global development in a secular perspective: This is a title of a paper which was presented at the 2004 Annual Conference in Helsinki. In this paper there is formulated the opinion that there is a dramatic necessity to create a second turning point in the history of the Club of Rome. The topic "Global Development in Secular Perspective - Experiences and Prospects in the Years 1950 - 2050" has the potential to create this turning point. So far, no follow up on the broad scene of the Club of Rome was designed and implemented. Therefore, the Helsinki Paper is presented again for consideration.

III. Turning point in the transformation of the global change: This is the title of a volume published by the Polish Association in 2006. There is the hope that this volume is opening a new chapter in the actions of the Polish Association and maybe in the activity of the Club of Rome International. The essence of the proposal is presented in the Post Scriptum - "Long Duration and Turning Points - An Integrated System". There is the hope that the Polish Association and the Club of Rome International will accept the value judgment that the idea of turning points has a valid theoretical and pragmatic potential to be explored in the future.

IV. The new interpretation of the limits to growth: The Polish Association for the Club of Rome and the Committee for Future Studies - Poland 2000 Plus have jointly organized a Meeting "Limits to Growth - The 30-Year Update" in January 2006. The leading papers of the meeting were presented by Zdzisław Sadowski and Władysław Świtalski. The meeting is opening a stage of a joint effort of the Polish Association and of Committee to go beyond the presentation and interpretation of the 2004 volume. There is interest in the whole intellectual history of the concept and methodology of the limits to growth as an input into the construction of a New Futurology.

V. Towards a New Futurology: The Polish Association should try to stimulate the global discussion opening the perspective of a New Futurology. The ignition point for this discussion was created by Roman Galar and Louis Emmerij. The weakness and even misery of the old futurology should not be a basis of a false value judgment that there is no urgent necessity to develop a New Futurology for the XXI century. The observation of J.S. Nye is correct: "We walk around with pictures of the future in our heads as a necessary condition of planning our actions". So we need a futurology in any conditions. The Polish Association will participate in the preparation of Volume Four of the Reupus Series - "The New Futurology for Europe" - which will be published by WSB-NLU in Nowy Sącz.

Conclusion: The five testing fields are presented to the attention of the Polish Association and the Club of Rome International. They are also potential bridgeheads in thinking about the intellectual capacity of the Polish Association and of the Club of Rome. This is not the only possible trajectory in thinking related to the intellectual future of the Polish Association and of the Club of Rome, it is suggested that the Club of Rome should create a comprehensive study on the topic.

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# Romanian Association for the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Number of members: 73

President: Mugur Isarescu

Vice Presidents: Mircea Malitza, Virgil Nicolae Constantinescu, Nicolae Danila, Petru Rares, Teodor Melescanu

Secretary General: Calin Georgescu

Executive Director: Ilinca Popescu

## Activities 2005

*Organised in collaboration with The Black Sea University Foundation*

- „Applied Mathematical Modelling for e-learning”, study achieved in collaboration with S&T România, Bucharest, January-March 2005.
- "Using IT resources in the educational process”, course performed in collaboration with Microsoft Romania and National School for Political and Administrative Researches, Euro-H Center, Bucharest, January - June, 2005
- "The Conceptions' Evolution in the Eastern Europe and the Future of the European Project” summer course organised in collaboration with the Institute of International and European Studies, Luxembourg; Vama Veche, September 2005;
- Launching of the magazine „Millenium III” no. 12-13, Bucharest, September 2005;
- “Japan - Wider Black Sea Dialogue” co-sponsor of the international meeting organised by the „Dialogue of the Global Forum of Japan”; Tokyo, October 2005.
- Attendance of the Annual General Assembly, WAAS (World Academy of Arts and Science), Zagreb, November 2005.

*Organised in collaboration with the National Centre for Sustainable Development / United Nations Development Programme*

ARCOR supported the activities of NCSD/UNDP for implementing the sustainable development principles. The performed projects were mainly focussed on the following topics:

- Increasing the efficiency of the reform and decentralization process of the Romanian public administration in order to assure a participative governance, to reduce the poverty and to increase the economy;
- Elaboration of the theoretical and practical elements for enhancing the protection of the environment through the introduction of "Environmental Integrated Assessment”;

- Promotion of the renewable energy sources and their introduction in the environment management; Spreading the theoretical and practical experience regarding the sustainable development evaluation.

### *Projects*

- The extension phase of the Project - Local Agenda 21 in Romania: funded by UNDP, Romanian municipalities, Romanian companies; between 2000-2006 local plans for Sustainable Development were designed in 28 municipalities and 2 counties;
- GSP-R-11 Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA): Capacity Building - funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The purpose of the project was to create the theoretical and practical elements for an increased environmental protection through the introduction of IEA practice in Romania.
- Renewable Energy Sources and Environment Management Friendly ICT Tools - RES&EM ICT Tools; within the EU Leonardo Da Vinci framework. This project aimed to develop a dynamic, user-friendly e-Training tool that will empower the interested users to browse along the technological development in RES&EM, sensing good practice projects around the world.
- EASY-ECO 2005 - 2007 (Evaluation of Sustainability: European Conferences and Training Courses); within the EU Marie Curie framework. The project consists of a series of seven conferences and training courses, which are scheduled to take place in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and the UK.

### **Outlook 2006**

Following the ARCoR General Meeting, held on January 11, 2006, it was decided that the Association will organize:

- Open conferences (with a frequency of one each two months).
- The main proposed subject to be debated is "Romania in the Age of Knowledge" (Romanian Universities in the Age of Knowledge, the Romanian Economy in the Age of Knowledge, Romanian Finances in Age of Knowledge and other subjects to be chosen).
- Present trends in the Globalization of Education and Management" (The globalization of innovation and the future of higher education - from institutional reform to institutional redesign, the effects of globalization: new playing field, new players and new education, strategic management of internationalization).
- Launching the volume "Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble" by Lester R. Brown;
- Joint German, Bulgarian, Romanian round table, having as theme: "Sustainability of Europe", covering the following topics: populations' sacrifices after the European integration/ confrontation with the integration realities; financial impact of the European integration upon the population; how to subscribe the sustainable development principles in a country with major resources; awareness of the integration risk among politicians and civil society. More information: <http://europe-and-sustainability.eu.tf>

### *Joint Activities NCSD/UNDP - ARCOR for 2006*

- Public debates of Local Plans for Sustainable Development (organised together with the National Centre for Sustainable Development - Local Agenda 21) January 15 - March 15, 2006 in Constanta, Medgidia, Gura Humorului, Brasov County,
- Round tables: Sustainable Development from the perspective of Romania's EU integration; March 2006,
- Workshop: „Public Private Partnership, a sustainable solution for the implementing of infrastructure projects”; June 2006.

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# Slovenian Association for the Club of Rome



**Slovenian  
Association**

## **About the Association**

Year of foundation: 1999

Legal Status: formally registered as a legal entity in Slovenia in 2000

Number of members: 22

President: Acad. Prof. Dr. Robert Blinc, President

Secretary General: Prof. Dr. Aleksander Zidanšek

## **Activities 2005**

In April 2005 the Slovenian Association for the Club of Rome (Slovensko združenje Rimskega kluba) held its annual meeting. The main event was the Round Table on Climate Change, which was organised in co-operation with the Croatian Association for the Club of Rome, the Committee for Sustainable Development and the Council for Studies and Protection of the Environment at the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Participants from more than 6 countries and 3 continents discussed the effects of climate changes and the role of environmental education in mitigating its negative effects, following the introductory lecture of Prof. Blinc.

The Association also actively participated in the Club of Rome activities. At the Meeting of the European National Associations in Tallin it was jointly represented together with the Croatian Association.

The highlight of 2005 was the Annual Meeting of the Club of Rome where the Association was represented by its Secretary General Prof. Zidanšek. In co-operation with Professor Šlaus several innovative ideas and projects have been presented in the marketplace of ideas, in particular regarding the relations between sustainability and happiness. This theme was also a subject of the introductory presentation by Prof. Zidanšek for the round table dedicated to Sustainable Development. It has been demonstrated that more sustainable countries as measured by different sustainability indices are on the average also happier as measured by different indices of happiness and life satisfaction. While the causal relations between the two are however not yet completely clear, it seems that communication is the common theme connecting the two concepts.

The Association was active also in preparation and implementation of projects. In co-operation with research institutes and the Croatian Association a project proposal entitled KNOWGONET was prepared, which deals with intertwining knowledge and government. The Association looks for financing of this project with an application to the Framework Programme of the EU. The Association also actively promoted the Global Marshall Plan, Prof. Sočan is leading the efforts to translate the basic texts of the initiative to Slovenian.

Members of the Association presented project results and activities at various international meetings and conferences, such as:

- The 3rd Dubrovnik Conference on "Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems" in June 2005 (Blinc, Robert; Zidanšek, Aleksander; Šlaus, Ivo: "Standardisation and Sustainable Development"; Zidanšek, Aleksander: "Sustainable Development and Happiness in Nations")
- The WOSC "13th International Congress of Cybernetics and Systems" in Maribor (July 2005): Zidanšek, Aleksander: Sustainable Development: Indicators and Strategies
- The conference on "Industrial Pollution and Sustainable Development (IPSD)" in Maribor (December 2005): Zidanšek, Aleksander: Sustainable Development Indicators as an Economic Tool for Environmental Performance
- The conference "Traffic in the Function of Economic and Sustainable Development", in Ljubljana and Portorož (May 2005): Zidanšek, Aleksander, Blinc, Robert, Najdowski, Dimitrij: New Technologies for Energy Savings in Traffic.

## **Outlook 2006**

The Slovenian Association for the Club of Rome held annual meeting in April in co-operation with the Croatian Association. The invited speaker was Prof. Šlaus, who discussed the role of science and culture in building a sustainable knowledge society. The Association also continues its efforts in projects on measuring sustainability, on intertwining knowledge and governance, and maintain its strong support for the Global Marshall Plan Initiative. The results of these activities will be presented at the next Annual Conference of the Club of Rome.

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# Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome



## About the Association

Year of Foundation: 1976

Legal Status: Non-Profit Cultural Association

Number of Members: 411 active members, 9 institutional members

First President: Ricardo Díez Hochleitner

President: Isidro Fainé Casas

Vice Presidents: Teresa Mendizábal, José Manuel Morán

## Structure

Territorial Groups: Coinciding with the Spanish autonomous community organization, there are 4 Territorial Groups: Basque, Catalanian, Madrid, and Valencian.

Scientific Committee: 12 outstanding scientists form this committee, established to direct Chapter debates on science and technology.

tt30 (the young think tank) of the Spanish Chapter:

- Think tank of young professionals created in 2002
- In Catalonia, their work focuses on “global governability”
- Valencian group had key responsibility for the organization of the international tt30 meeting held in Valencia in 2002 and the publication of the minutes.

## Objectives:

- Contribute to the dissemination and understanding of the problems facing modern society as a whole, with special emphasis on those that affect large parts of humanity.
- Raise awareness among the Spanish public opinion and the different sectors of the Association. Integrate points of view, thoughts and possible solutions from the Spanish cultural world.
- Involve scientists, intellectuals and politicians in the study of and reflection on the future of humanity, world peace, justice and social welfare.
- Assess the entities and institutions interested in identifying the global problems affecting Spanish society, both scientifically and technically.

## **Activities 2005**

The attention was focused on the following topics:

- Demographic evolution, immigration and its economic consequences in a global world
- Sustainability and inter-cultural dialogue
- Poverty and human development
- The future of education
- The challenges of new governability
- The fight against malaria
- Transgenics
- The new geostrategic panorama

### *Publications:*

The Spanish Chapter publishes its Annual Report as a means of disseminating its ideas, projects and activities.

It has published the following:

- Being a Muslim. H.R.H Prince El Hassan Bin Talal
- Technological Opportunities, Social Progress and Future Values (Minutes of the International tt30 group Meeting, Valencia)
- The Future of People with Disability in the World. R. de Lorenzo. Report to the Club of Rome 2005).
- Papers of the Conference Series organized by the Catalonian Group of the Spanish Chapter

## **Outlook 2006**

- Publication of the Spanish edition of the updated Meadows Report (2006)
- Conference of the European National Associations of the Club of Rome (2006)
- An Inter-cultural Meeting (Salamanca 2006)
- Publication of the papers presented in the Conference series on "Education in Learning Society"
- Development of the dissemination programme of "The Club of Rome in Schools" project
- Signature of institutional agreements for more effective dissemination of Club of Rome ideas and projects
- Preparation of a report on "Poverty and social exclusion in Spain" (2006)
- Launching of its website in 2006 - [www.clubderoma.org](http://www.clubderoma.org)

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# Turkish Chapter of the Club of Rome



**Turkish  
Chapter**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 2004

President: Prof. Orhan Güvenen

Secretary-General: Ms. Seda Babür

## **Activities 2005**

The focus of the Chapter is on contributing to the development of Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and nanotechnologies. The most explanatory factor of the shift to higher strata and of the evolution of the society can be created dominantly within the development and evolution of ICT in coherence with economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being. In the 20th century, in the social sciences there was a subset and partial analysis approach to complex problems. Dealing with socio-economic phenomena means dealing with mathematically complex and chaotic structures. 20th century emphasis is on subset and partial analysis created in medium and long term, non-negligible alternative costs and ended up being dominated by mechanistic and short term approaches. 21st century scientific methodology requires trans-disciplinary approaches to the world problems. The CoR forms an important value-added platform for bringing the necessary trans-disciplinary approach and the identification of problems, their analysis in a global, interdisciplinary and long term perspective. It is important to find action and implementation-oriented linkages between science, statistics, transparency, accountability, ethics, culture, human value systems, consciousness, wisdom and anticipation. Within the framework provided, the Turkish Chapter plans to put all its energy and effort for contributing to the development and enhancing of the values of the ICT and nanotechnologies within an interdisciplinary method. The main activities in 2005 have been focused on the research and discussions regarding the optimal use of the ICT and nanotechnologies. There is the plan to publish a consolidated report compiling the studies in these areas, as they are finalized. And the Chapter invites further contributions by the other National Associations. The members of the Turkish Chapter think that the optimal use of the ICT at the level of citizens, institutions, nation states and international interactions is one of the leading conditional explanatory factors in the context of the development and evolution of socioeconomic systems. The Chapter plans to give full momentum to future actions and projects within Turkey and in cooperation with other National Associations of the Club of Rome.

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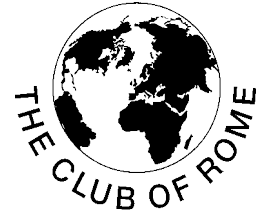
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# Ukrainian Association of the Club of Rome



**Ukrainian  
Association**

## **About the Association**

Year of Foundation: 2005

Legal status: a non-profit association according to Ukrainian legislation.

Number of Members: 9

President: Dr. Viktor Vovk

Honorary President: Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn,

## **Activities 2005**

The Association was founded in May 2005 by Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn, Dr. Viktor Vovk, Mr. Ivan Zayets, and a few other Ukrainian intellectuals, politicians and businessmen dedicated to promoting a balanced response to modern challenges based on innovative solutions and a spirit of creativity. The main activity in 2005 was in the field of public relations - informing and educating the general public in Ukraine on the history and role of the Club of Rome as a leading global think-tank calling for attention to strategic and long-range issues. In particular, members of the association published a number of articles and analytical materials in the Ukrainian mass-media increasing public awareness on the need to bridge a gap between the post-communist reforms under way in Ukraine and the challenge of transitioning to sustainable development. A representative of the Ukrainian Association participated in the CoR 2005 Annual Meeting in Norfolk.

## **Outlook 2006**

The Association believes there is a serious lack of information on the advanced knowledge gained in recent decades by the world's leading nations available in the Ukrainian language. The aim is to translate and publish major publications by world's leading think tanks and strategic researchers, especially Reports to the CoR and books by prominent members of the CoR. In 2006 the Association is working on Ukrainian editions of the CoR report "Limits to Privatization" by Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker et al. and of the book by Dennis Meadows et al. "*Limits to Growth. The 30-Year Update*". There are also plans to continue PR activities, in particular, the Honorary President of the Association, Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn is often invited for interviews by national TV channels, and thus has a chance to promote the ideas of the CoR and the Association.

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# Charter for the National Associations of the Club of Rome

as decided on the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the National Associations for the Club of Rome  
Warsaw, June 30 - July 4, 1988

*Motivations: To think globally, to act locally*

## Criteria of Acceptance

1. Each national association shall share-the basic concern of the Club for the future of humanity.
2. It shall adhere to the three basic concepts of the Club namely the need for global thinking and local action, the importance of the long term perspective and the need to cultivate the holistic approach and understand the interaction with the world problematique.
3. The Associations shall be pluralistic, and not be dominated by any single political or ideological approach.
4. They shall be "not for profit" bodies
5. To be recognized as an association for the Club of Rome, it shall be formally accepted by the Executive Committee of the Club.

## Characteristics and Functions of National Associations

1. Each Association shall approach the global problem in terms of the country's own cultural values and thus contributes to the general understanding of the human condition on the planet.
2. It shall also give due attention to the cultural identity and characteristics of particular regional ethnic groupings within its boundaries.
3. It shall have the duty to disseminate locally to decision-makers, academics, industrial circles and the public at large the reports, findings and attitudes of the Club. This can be done through the media, by seminars or other appropriate means.
4. It shall contribute experience, creative ideas and proposals, towards the understanding of the global problems, to the Club of Rome through the international secretariat.
5. It will provide a forum as a focus point in its country for discussion of the global problems.
6. It shall transpose the global thinking of the Club so as to relate the local understanding.
7. It may, from time to time, initiate projects of study or action on behalf of the Club of Rome or as contributions to ongoing projects of the Club, with the agreement of the President or the Executive Committee.
8. It may convene meetings for international dialogue, in agreement with the Club of Rome.
9. It shall interact with other National Associations for the Club, and exchange information and experience, through periodic meetings, by participating in any newsletter which may be created, and by direct correspondence.
10. It shall contribute to the activities of the Club, morally, intellectually, logistically and financially as appropriate.
11. The National Association shall be self-supporting and financed in such a way as to ensure real independence.
12. The Association may be related formally to one or several bodies in its country, which share the objectives of the Club in whole or part and should in any case co-operate with such bodies.
13. The Association should have an easily identifiable leadership and be easy to contact (published telephone number, etc ...)
14. It shall encourage the establishment of educational programmes to identify the problems and stimulate research in the fields of future economic and social development and organization, particularly when different types of problems interact.





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