



Rotary Fellowships
Annual Report Form

Each Rotary Fellowship Chair must fill out this report and submit it to RI World Headquarters no later than 1 October each year. Fellowships that do not submit an annual report by this deadline may be subject to suspension and/or termination by the RI Board of Directors.

Fellowships are encouraged to fill this form out electronically and e-mail it to rotaryfellowships@rotary.org. Please type to ensure accuracy.

Excluding the financial report in section 3, the information in this report may be shared with Rotarians for informational purposes and publicity.

1. General information (REQUIRED)

Official Fellowship Name:	International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians	
Web site address:	www.rotarianrun.org	
Social media	Facebook Twitter LinkedIn Other www.fb.com/IMFRRotarianRun	
Name of primary contact officer:	Ralf Ludewig	
E-mail address of primary contact officer:	rotary@mode-ludewig.de	
Number of active members:	196	
Number of countries represented:	22	
Cost of individual annual membership dues:		If there are no dues, please check this box
Cost of individual lifetime membership dues:	100.00 EUR	If not applicable, please check this box
Is the fellowship incorporated?	Yes No	
Has your group distributed one or more newsletters to its membership in the past Rotary year as required by Rotary policy?	<p>By checking this box, I confirm that our group has distributed at least one newsletter (electronic or print) to the fellowship membership during the past Rotary year.</p> <p>* Please send an electronic copy of all newsletters distributed during the past year to rotaryfellowships@rotary.org if you have not done so already.</p>	

2. Annual report of fellowship activities (REQUIRED)

Please provide a detailed description of your fellowship’s most significant, interesting or fun activity during the past year:

On 23rd March the annual Rotarian Championship for marathon runners was held this year in Rome (Italy). The IMFR (International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians) welcomed to this event about 150 Rotarians and friends from many countries (Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Australia, Norway, etc) who spent an eventful weekend together.

In addition to the marathon itself, there was a comprehensive program in Rome. On a historic city tour, the group experienced at first hand the enormous Colosseum and the extensive excavations of ancient Rome. In the evening the group attended an Italian pasta party with several courses and matching wines. Many put the next morning's run out of their minds to enjoy an extended evening in a nearby bar.

On the day of the marathon around 25,000 starters had to wait defenseless in cold weather in the pouring rain. Umbrellas and raincoats were hung on to until shortly before the runners passed the start line. Then they were off on the 42.195 km course through the city center of Rome. Passing many historic buildings, the Vatican and loudly cheering crowds the runners wound their way towards the finish. Due to heavy rain showers the cobblestones were very slippery in places and the road surface demanded a lot of the runners. Fortunately, there were no major injuries, and (almost) all Rotary runners finished the race.

This was celebrated in the evening in a trendy restaurant in the historic center of Rome. District 2080 (Rome), which strongly supported the Rotary event, honoured the participants with the presence of District Governor Pierre Giorgio Poddighe and the organizer Mario Morelli. In addition to the large number of Rotarians and Rotaracters, many other guests, who had actively helped in organizing the event, were invited. President of the IMFR, Georges Chasseuil from France, was pleased with the excellent times of the Rotary Group: Max Lücker (3:29 hours) got the men's best result, and Cindy Häfner (3:55 hours) the ladies best result.

In this festive setting the presidency of the IMFR passed to Ralf Ludewig (Germany), who will lead the IMFR in the next two years. Kester Baines from Australia was elected as Vice-President. Treasurer Joachim Bekedorf (Germany) and Secretary Hugues Pflieger (France) were confirmed in their offices.

With the help of this sporting event, District 2080 collected donations of some 55,000 EUR to help to End Polio Now.

Please provide a brief summary of any other noteworthy activities that took place over the past year.

Please type your response here (space will expand as you type).

3. Annual report of fellowship finances (REQUIRED)

Please summarize your group's financial activity during the past Rotary year, indicating revenues, expenditures, and a statement of funds on hand as of the end of the Rotary year.

Total revenues during the previous Rotary year	7856.41 EUR
Total expenditures during the previous Rotary year	8113.33 EUR
Funds on hand at the end of the Rotary year	1677.82 EUR

4. Additional information and photographs (optional)

Rotary Fellowships are encouraged to share any success stories, promotional materials, and/or high resolution electronic photos with RI staff. These materials may be considered for use in one of Rotary's publications or on www.rotary.org. Please attach any such materials separately.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request. Please return to RI staff via email by 1 October using the contact information below.

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