

The marathon in Medoc, 42,195 km wine degustation in one of the best known wine-areas of the world. The International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians (IMFR) with the president Josef Zech (RC Ellwangen – Germany) invited to this great event near Bordeaux (France). About 70 Rotarians together with their partners and friends from many different countries take the opportunity of running one of the most peculiar marathons in the world:

- About 98% of all the runners are disguised (“Circus” was the motto of this year)
- All runners are getting more than 20 excellent red wines during the marathon and many more special things like oysters, ice, beer and so on.
- In every vineyard there’ve been excellent bands and musicians, so many of the runners take a little stop to sing and dance for a moment.

There was a great program around the marathon, too. The pasta party at the Chateau Pichon-Longueville with a great fire work was magnificent. Also the walking tour through the vineyards (with much more wine tasting!) the day after the marathon was a great pleasure for all runners and supporters. The special Rotarian evening, organized by the friends from the RC Merignac (France), has been a very good French diner with – you don’t have to wonder yourself – more wine and champagne.

The donation of this event, about 1,000.00 EUR will go to EndPolioNow by Rotary.

Next year, the yearly international event for Rotarian “marathonis” will be the Vienna-Marathon at 18th, April, 2010 in Vienna (Austria). All Rotarians, who are interested in running (in Vienna there’s also a semi marathon (21 km)) get more information by: Joachim Bekedorf (RC Goettingen-Hann.Muenden – Germany). Please contact: joachim.bekedorf@extragoe.de