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The 2013 RI convention in Lisbon was outstanding, and the initial Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our new fellowship was equally successful. This newsletter will highlight the PDGs Fellowship activities in Lisbon.

The first event was the initial meeting for the board of directors, which was held at the Real Palicio Hotel on Friday morning, 21 June. The board considered the pending items of business for the AGM later in the day and then submitted its recommendations for action by the members. The AGM was held at 13:30 (1:30 pm) on Friday afternoon in Room 3005 at Pavilion 3 of the convention center. It was attended by almost 100 people, and the members considered all of the agenda items presented by the board of directors. Unfortunately, the meeting room was hot and noisy, and therefore, the meeting was adjourned about 15:00 (3:00 pm) rather than the scheduled adjournment time of 16:00 (4:00 pm).

The reception following the AGM also was well attended and successful. Again, the conditions were less than ideal, but no one complained because they were mingling with their friends, -- both old and new. It is difficult to find a more friendly and dedicated group of Rotarians than the members of the PDGs Fellowship!

The PDGs Fellowship booth in the House of Friendship during the convention was located in a very favorable spot on the big isle, and many PDGs stopped to ask about the fellowship. Many of them indicated their interest in becoming members, which is music to our ears. The booth required many volunteers to keep the booth staffed during all the hours the House of Friendship was open, and 35 of our members answered the call for assistance. A big thanks to all the volunteers, and a special thanks to Bruce Baumberger, who handled the recruitment and assignment of our volunteers. A big step forward for our new fellowship!

The complete minutes for the AGM will be posted on the PDGs Fellowship website in the near future, and the ideas discussed during the AGM will be available for review and comments. Some good ideas for more regional reunions for PDGs and better communications among the PDGs were surfaced and discussed, and they will be worth reading, because they call for the improvements to begin at the grassroots level. In other words, the new developments will be started from the bottom up rather than the top down!

Please remember that our memberships are annual and must be renewed each year. All the charter memberships expired on 30 June 2013, and they need to be renewed. Other memberships expire one year from their entry, and members are notified by e-mail as their memberships expire. If in doubt about the status of your membership, just check the current list of our members on the website shown below.

For questions about the fellowship, please contact the chair, Ray Klinginsmith, at rayklaw@sbcglobal.net or the secretary, Ann Lee Hussey, at annlee001@yahoo.com.