

February 10th, 2011

Dear friends

We held our AGM on January 29 and to-day we would like to inform those members who could not attend of the results and decisions taken at the meeting.

There was only one change to the board at this year's AGM. The former board member Hardy Schultze did not seek re-election as Secretary but received our thanks for the past two years work. We welcomed Gianfranca Odinolfi, who is Italian with fluent English and Spanish languages. She was unanimously voted by the public to the board as the new Secretary. The rest of the board remains unchanged until the AGM of 2012.

Alan Thompson was again voted as first account checker for a new period of two years and is assisted by Molly Simmons as the second account checker.

Our activities continue as usual, i.e. we meet on Tuesdays between four and six at "Hogar del Jubilado". Furthermore, we continue offering Spanish conversation for advanced students on demand, Lorna Thompson's Art Workshop once a week in two periods this year (29 Mar to 3 May) and (31 May to 5 Jul). Walks continue every fortnight on Saturdays followed by a typical Spanish meal. We are planning one, two or more days excursions in Spring and Autumn, with the summer barbeque on the 28 May and the Annual Dinner on 1 Dec. Additionally, we will have official events like "Rastrillo benéfico" (7 May) (Material is welcome even if you cannot or do not want to have a table yourself, this will be sold by the AACE for the benefit of the AACE) and "Demostración Gastronómica Internacional" during Peñíscola's "Fiestas Patronales" (this year there will be an increasing number of visitors to Peñíscola therefore a generous collaboration will be indispensable that day). Again as 2009 a photo contest is planned during the summer, with an exhibition of the photos at the "Castillo of Peñíscola" end of October; all members are invited to attend.

All events are being regularly published on the board at "Hogar del Jubilado" as well as on our web page [www.peniscolamulticultural.org](http://www.peniscolamulticultural.org). Information for specific events is also distributed to members by e-mail and postal for non e-mail.

Last year's endeavours towards more Spanish contact led to some language exchange in autumn. This led to selective German-Spanish Language Exchange, to the delight of those involved.

► **New:** Petanca once a week, on Fridays: why not join the group, we have much fun. Furthermore, a Bowling group is also being formed. During the AGM there was a lot of interest in Bridge. The Board will be pleased to establish contacts among the persons interested in these activities and pass on information to other members who contact us.

► **Highlight: On Wednesday 2 March we are organizing an excursion to the Cistercian Cloister of Vallbona, this abbey still has its community of nuns who were incorporated into the Cistercian order in 1175, followed by the best remembered traditional "Calçotada" at Restaurant "El Alamo" (with dance afterwards) and we invite members and friends to join. Details and registration circulated on a separate flyer. Please react as soon as you receive the detailed information.**

The membership fee for 2011 remains 10 € per person. It is to be paid on or before **31st March 2011**. (To avail yourself of the subsidized price for the excursion to Vallbona or for any other subsidized events, you should pay the membership first).

Members are invited to fill in a new membership form that is attached provided they have not already done so. Please pay particular attention to the tick boxes about e-mail distribution. We kindly ask you to send back the completed inscription form 2011 either by e-mail, post or use the post box at "Hogar del Jubilado" as mentioned above. Finally we ask, if not already done so, to complete and return the attached questionnaire, this serves to ensure the AACE we will try to satisfy the member's requests.

We look forward with pleasure to seeing you at one or the other event during 2011 and send you our best regards.

*Cristina Spillmann*  
President

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Vicepresident

Attached Inscription Form 2011  
Questionnaire