

THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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Good Morning! This is your Spring Newsletter.

Although the weather in this part of the world seems not to be up to it yet.

Not really a lot of news & gossip to report this time.

But we are very pleased to announce two new additions to the world population:

Marieke was born on January 25, daughter of **John & Marianne de Klerk**, and little sister to Jan-Willem

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Via via we heard that somewhere last December *Mariano Jr*, son of **Mariano & Lurdes Colmenar**, joined the Spanish community

Congratulations from all circle member to the proud parents!

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In case you just returned from Mars and/or Jupiter, please note that the very next Annual Circle Meeting is about to take place.

Already more than 25 people have announced their presence. If you're not one of them, hurry to the nearest phone for a last minute booking and contact Luis before taking another breath.

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**1998 CIRCLE MEETING:**  
April 29 - May 3, 1998: **PAMPLONA**  
Hosted by Luis Martinez-Aoiz  
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And in case the mailman came just a few days to late, and you're reading this without being in Pamplona: bad luck.

You're missing out on something you're hopefully will be reading about in the summer edition

of the Newsletter.

So much gossip there was in the previous newsletter, so little came through this time.

### - - - Gossip - - -

- **Anne Sorensen** went where the money is. Anne left her job at Knock Tankers on 30<sup>th</sup> January to join Mentor Kapitalforvaltning on February 15 (but she didn't say what she did in between?). New business address and numbers can be found in the database. No more mobile phone for the time being; but that's offset with a brand new e-mail !
- **Bo Chansiri** decided to do the smart thing, and visit Belgium by the end of April, before going down to Pamplona.
- We have no accurate reporting on the whereabouts of **Jan Melsen** these last few months. But you can sleep on it that he has covered a long list of countries, and a couple of continents.
- On his annual pilgrimage to West Africa, **Jos Piron** visited Cotonou, Douala and Libreville during a one-week trip end of March. Lovely warm places, especially when there's semi-permanent power outage and therefore no air conditioning at nights.
- And **Luis Martinez-Aoiz** has been busy, even through the Easter weekend, preparing the Annual Circle Meeting in Pamplona. If you still think that is in Spain, you better learn some Basque language.

No more big publicity for this year's annual meeting, just the brief program to tease you if you're not going:

## What About PAMPLONA

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Arrivals & get together for a casual tapas dinner.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** Wine tasting and lunch at one of the best wine cellars in Spain. After lunch we visit various villages and small wine producing towns in the Rioja Region.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** A visit to the GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM (Bilbao). On our way back to Pamplona, we visit San Sebastian, one of the most beautiful towns in Spain on the North Coast.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** We'll visit the hills op the Pyrenees, the "Itxea" residence and museum of Pio Baroja. We'll visit the Caves of Zugarramurdi, Urdax and Share (in France) where the

Akelarres (pagan feasts) were held. Dinner at Gazteluleku, a Gastronomic Society in the heart of the old part of Pamplona.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** We plan to visit the Castillo de Javier, and the nearby 7<sup>th</sup> Century Cistercian Monastery, east of Pamplona; and the "Olite Castle", the summer residence of the Kings of Navarre until 1524 when Navarre became part of Castille.

### **Data-Base**

As usual an updated copy of the database comes along with the newsletter. Several changes have been processed since the last edition. Except one!

Please make following last minute change: Petter Danielsen's e-mail changed to: "ulrika.hedendahl@eunet.at"

### **Circle Membership Fee**

This dramatic situation, as discussed in the last few Newsletters, has hardly improved.

As of today, only 13 people have paid the '97 fee. Some accounts are outstanding as far back as '94. This explains that the current member list has been shortened from 36 to 30. More ought to have been deleted, but as these all speak some Spanish and the upcoming meeting is in Spain, an extra grace period is awarded.

Note: the fee-paid item in the date-base still relates to the status of the 1997-fee.

### **Epilogue**

There are two kinds of people:

Those who do the work, and those who take the credit.

Try to be in the first group; there's less competition there.

**... AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**