



ASE Board report

**Business
& Mentoring
for an impacting
European Senate**

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Editorial



In the Association of JCI Senators in Europe, we are very fortunate to have a rich network of about 12,000 senators in 37 countries, a real wealth at our disposal.

We often say that we could use it on a much larger scale and offer our ASE the dimension it deserves. That's what we tried to achieve during our two-year term 2019-2021.

Our ambition has corresponded to the fruit of our recent reflections. Support JCI, increase the business aspect, emphasize the mentoring of our senators and communicate as efficient and effective as possible have been our major concerns.

A dedicated team of senators lead simple but realistic and concrete impacting projects in order to satisfy all generations of senators and make our association recognized and attractive.

"Business & Mentoring for an impacting European Senate" has been the slogan of our team. We have strengthened our links with our senate groups, with JCI and the European NOMs and value the "senatorial" potential we represent by connecting people, developing a skills network, sharing experiences and best practices.

Today we are proud to showcase what the whole ASE team has accomplished during our two years.

At the end of our term, I can say I'm a very happy and fortunate president, a satisfied president who warmly wants to thank each member of my team, all the dedicated senators who worked all years long for the benefit of our members, giving the best of themselves so that our friends feel concerned by the ASE life: my board members, my co-opted board members, my team members, my ambassadors, my chargés d'affaires, our national presidents/ chairpersons...

As the 50th ASE President I had the honour to continue the work of my predecessors, those who have marked our first 50 years. They deserve our respect and thanks.

I've had the immense pleasure of working with people of good will, with great qualities of heart and a faultless commitment to the service of others. When you travel with such people, only good things can happen.

I have loved being your president and I will miss all of you but I know we'll share many moments of friendship and conviviality again in the near future.

In Senate friendship

Reynold R. Dumalte # 38826
Valenciennes - France
ASE President 2019-2021



Who we are

Who we are

The only international association that brings together 12,000 JCI senators living in 37 European countries.

To know more, please read the "[ASE 50th Anniversary Booklet](#)".

Founded in 1969, the ASE has now an official existence. It is now registered in the "Register of associations of the judicial court" of Strasbourg. The documents can be consulted on our website.

What we do

We promote friendship among JCI Senators, maintain the contacts between us, help create national groups, provide support to LOMs and NOMs whenever it is sought and encourage greater participation of members in the activities of the association. Each year, we also have programs in order to demonstrate that our network is a wealth, that Senate can be an opportunity to be active and that ASE can bring an added value to our members.

Where we are

Our association has national groups in Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Britain, Bulgaria, Catalonia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.

What our rules are

Our association works according to our [ASE constitution](#), voted during the annual general meeting (AGM) of the European conference in Lyon (France) on May, 11th, 2019.



The JCI Creed

We believe:

- That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
- That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
- That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
 - That government should be of laws rather than of men;
 - That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
 - And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

ASE Board

The 2019-2020 ASE board was elected during the general assembly of the European conference in Lyon (May, 11th, 2019).

The Covid-19 opened the door to unknown and unforeseen situations in our functioning. Confronted with these exceptional circumstances, our team met, studied the different options and, after an unanimous vote, decided to continue our mandate for a second year, until the online AGM 2021 during the European conference (June, 12th, 2021).



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Memory



Oscar Hijosa Mila # 71558 Tarragona - Catalonia

Oscar, a member of Tarragona LOM, left us on January 29th. He was just 42 years old. Like many, he was a victim of Covid-19 and passed away after several months of struggle against this fatal and dreaded virus. Despite his young age, Oscar had a long, upstanding career behind him. He had been LOM president of Tarragona, president of JCI Catalonia, JCI vice-president and JCI world president assistant. He was also JCI senator and current member of our ASE team.

His long hair and lovely smile, his cheerful, vibrant character, coupled with his genuine sense of entrepreneurship and commitment made him an esteemed and respected companion anywhere he went. No wonder he had lots of friends all over the world!

JCI was one part of his activities. He was also involved in other youth, sport and cultural organizations in his hometown Tarragona, and his country, Catalonia. That gives you an idea of Oscar's overwhelming personality. He left us a wonderful legacy, encouraging us to do our best in our activities.

The ASE was lucky to spend a weekend in Catalonia in October 2019. Oscar organized our day in Tarragona and we were delighted to meet him and appreciate his many qualities, his spirit and his enthusiasm.



René Moebel # 23225 Saint-Louis France
ASE President 1986-1987

It is with great sadness that we learned the death of our friend René Moebel on February, 7th. He would have been 83 years old on February 21.

Because he could not find a possibility to be vaccinated against Covid-19 in Paris, he got an appointment in his home region and therefore went to Blotzheim (Alsace). There he died suddenly of a heart attack.

A dedicated senator, often present at our meetings, a faithful friend and respectful of our values, René was

always very committed to JCI. President of JCI Saint-Louis, member of the French national board, he was also the 17th president of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe in 1986-1987.

Trumpet player and virtuoso pianist, he had the gift of spreading good humour around him. We will regret his kindness, his smile, the evenings that swayed around the piano... and especially his precious friendship.



Shadi Izmiqna # 72568 Amman - Jordan
President of the Africa and the Middle-East Senate Association 2020-2021

Very often, we are lucky because life brings us beautiful people, whom we associate with for a short or a long time. For many of us, Shadi was one of those beautiful people: an affable, open, available, empathetic man, ready to do anything to make life better for others.

Sometimes, and this is the case today, life is cruel in depriving us of those we love, leaving us in awe, amazement and immense sadness.

Together, he as president of the AMESA and I for ASE, with our teams of course, we had great ambitions. We wanted to associate our senators to carry out a project around the Mediterranean, a project concerning our common issues.

We had a Zoom meeting on February, 22nd and he explained us that he had been tested positive. He remained enthusiastic, motivated and committed to our adventure. He brought us many good ideas and proposals for action. The feeling was immediate and we knew that we would do great and beautiful things together. As a token of our affection for him, we will continue our project and we will lead it to success.

Support to JCI

The ASE created and developed a strong relationship with JCI Europe and the NOMs because we share the same European vision and the same kind of cooperation between our associations.

We are also happy to continue the fruitful collaboration we have with the JCI board of directors, the JCI Senate and the JCI headquarters.

Between May 2019 and June 2021,

- The ASE strengthened its links with our friends from the **Africa and the Middle East Senate Association** (AMESA) in creating the first Mediterranean senate project.
- The ASE improved its **visibility** and promoted its work.
- The ASE participated in the **European Presidents' Meeting** (EPM) in Chişinău (Moldova) in February 2020 and in the online one in February 2021.
- The ASE participated in the **EC Dublin** online.
- The ASE participated in the "**Business committee**" L.E.A.D lead by Miika Kostamo (Finland) on 30 March 2021 and the "**Diversity & Inclusion committee**", lead by Jennifer Polzin (Germany).
- In the context of the European conference 2021, the ASE participated in the "**Online committee forum**" on June, 7th. Together with the European committee members, the European Senate presented its work. The participants could learn what's going on in the committees and how they can benefit and contribute to it.
- The ASE prepared the "**European conference cruise golden nuggets**", planned to happen on the boat. Then, it was decided to do it online but we didn't adopt the most appropriate strategy to succeed. We'll suggest it again next year.
- We attended other various meetings.
- We planned to participate in the **Balkan conference** in Belgrade (Serbia) in March, 2020. It was postponed twice. We hope to be there in September 2021.



Euro-Asian Business Conference

JCI Russia planned to have a physical business conference in Moscow but Covid-19 decided something else. An online conference, with more than 5,000 people registered, was held in September 2020. JCI Russia team did a tremendous work to organize this first EABC.

The ASE participated with: **Dmitry Afanasyev** (Russia on "International traditional/virtual business: best practices and trends"), **Filipe Carrera** (Portugal on "Leader of the future"), **Markus Tschann** (Austria on "World & Business in the post-Covid-19 era"), **Friedhelm Wachs** (Germany on "JCI & Business") and **Reynold Dimalte** (France on "JCI & Business" and "JCI & Online/Traditional education").

In 2021, the EABC is planned in September (10-12), both in person and virtual.

Information & Videos are available on the Euro-Asian Business Conference website and on **JCI Senate Europe YouTube channel**.

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Little King JCI



Friedhelm Wachs (# 62758 Germany), our past-president, created the project, now spread worldwide with more than 219 translations. In 2019 the initiative became part of the "UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages".

The official website is now translated in six languages for a much better visibility.

In Tallinn, French, English and Spanish booklets were distributed, published with the support of JCI Senate Monaco, whom the Little King warmly thanks.



Our "Little King JCI" always needs more translations. Around 300 could be a nice goal in a near future. Our European countries have lots of dialects, local languages... and you can help us to find new ones.

All necessary information, templates and missing languages are available on our website. littlekingjci.com/

JCI Europe Committees

In 2021 the ASE participated in the "Business committee", lead by Miika Kostamo (Finland) and the "Diversity and inclusion committee" lead by Jennifer Polzin (Germany).

A JCI BUSINESS PODCAST

Business Activities with JCI Senate in Europe

L.E.A.D.
Learn.Explore.Adapt.Do.

REYNOLD DUMALTE
President
Association of JCI Senators in Europe

MIKA KOSTAMO (HOST)
Chair
JCI Europe Business Committee

Date: 30th March, 2021 (Tuesday)
Time: 17:00 pm (GMT)
Venue: **LIVE** on Facebook page

JCI Europe

As ASE president, I had the opportunity to participate in the European Presidents' Meeting (EPM) in the Moldovan capital city Chişinău in February 2020.

The EPM gathers all newly elected national presidents from Europe to connect and discuss the organization's strategy for the year. We were 105 participants from 35 countries.

JCI Europe and ASE are active in the same area and work with the same actors but surprisingly, it was the very first time ASE participated in this annual event in 50 years.

We had a wonderful welcome from our hosts: JCI Chişinău and JCI Moldova, very nice and friendly people with a positive spirit and who know how to organize such a meeting in a very professional way.

On Thursday evening, we visited Cricova cellars and we enjoyed delicious food and famous wines. On Friday morning, we visited Simpals, the leader of the online advertising market in Moldova. Friday afternoon was devoted to the pitches of relevant projects to inspire others.



An ASE time slot allowed me to present our association, explain our projects and distribute our newsletter written for the EPM.

European Presidents' Meeting

This moment was followed by a marketplace where presenters could welcome participants for more information.

On Saturday, there was a working session for Europe topics in the morning and a general assembly in the afternoon.

All day long, I worked for our project "Vision 2030" and made 25 live interviews of senators, among whom JCI President Itai Manyere, JCI SG Kevin Hin and JCI EVP for Europe Marion de Groot.

As usual, the gala dinner ended the meeting. A great solemn moment punctuated the evening: Stanislav Cobiletschi, one of the key members of JCI Moldova, became Senator.

During this very fruitful EPM I could meet high quality committed open JCI leaders. At that point I became aware that our objectives were in line with JCI's goals and we could be happy and proud to say that the subjects/themes we were working on were relevant.

JCI Europe was happy to interact with us on our "Business & Mentoring" project. Our interesting discussions and constructive exchanges helped us to strengthen our links and I really felt the willingness to collaborate between our two entities.

Getting to know each other better and working together for the benefit of our respective members boost our relationship, which is a very good thing for Europe.



European Conference Golden Nuggets



The DNA of our movement is action, more precisely testing actions within our territories through D-Days in connection with the United Nations global goals. Every year, many relevant actions are carried out throughout Europe and we reward the ones that are worth it.

As an incubator of citizen projects, the Association of JCI Senators in Europe decided with the "European conference golden nuggets" animation to give a financial boost to one project, to a "nugget" in the making, in other words to a project that has not yet had its D-Day.

At first, it was planned to do it on the boat during the European conference but Covid-19 came and...

Then we planned to do it online but our promotion was not really adapted to our first ideas and we had to postpone it to the next EC in Bruges.

This is nevertheless what we had planned to do. The rules will remain more or less the same next year.

Competition rules and procedures

The aim of this European program, in which all chapters can participate, is to identify, promote and reward the best LOM future projects during the European conference.

The chosen action must meet 2 criteria: to be linked to the UN global goals and not to be completed. The document must include the planned start and end dates of the project. The application form must be a single page, in English, sent in pdf format at jcisenateurope@gmail.com.

The course of events included a deadline for receipt of applications, a review of the forms and selection of 10 projects, a publication of the 10 short listed projects.

During the European conference, the 10 LOM presidents will present their action during 3 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel of senators, members and JCI officers.

We plan to broadcast and record the presentations according to GDPR.

Our jury

Each member of the jury will have an evaluation grid with 4 criteria: relevance, argumentation, innovation and questions/answers with the jury.

The average of these four scores will constitute the score for each member of the jury. The average of the marks awarded by all the members of the jury will constitute the final mark. In the event of a tie, the innovation criterion will prevail.

At the end of this ranking, the best rated project will receive a registration fee for the next European conference.

The 10 best rated actions will be publicized and promoted on the different media of our association. The award will be presented during a general assembly of the conference.

This project was run by JCI France in 2020 and 2021 and the Association of JCI Senators in Europe (ASE) is very happy to promote it at the European level. All updated information will be available on the ASE website.

[jci-senate.eu/projects/
ec-cruise-gold-nuggets/](https://jci-senate.eu/projects/ec-cruise-gold-nuggets/)



Support to senators

Support to senators was one of the main topics of our term.

- We put a lot of emphasis on the relationship and work with national organizations/groups. Based on the observation that we do not know each other well enough to achieve better results, we have decided to propose **online meetings of national presidents/contacts** to exchange and share our best practices and set up a more efficient collaboration. This group, lead by Peter, our minister of foreign affairs, did an incredible job.

- We have a topic called "**Special interest groups**" that is intended to bring together people who are passionate about certain subjects. Golf, sailing and trains are the main activities.

- We collaborated with **Croatia and Ukraine** to help them better organize their groups.

- We organized the first online "**Mediterranean senators' summit**" with our friends from AMESA on June 5th. An attendance of more than 70 senators for this first édition that can be seen as a prelude to a sustainable event.

- We worked to prepare the future of our association with the collection of information necessary for projects "**Vision 2030**" and "**Senate mapping 2020**".

Each of us was/is committed to be close to senators and senate groups, in Europe and worldwide, to bring help and support, to increase the attractivity of the ASE and meet as many senators' expectations as possible.

International Affairs



Our ASE ambassador **Peter Browning** (# 49104 Britain) led this very important and numerous group with zeal and brio throughout the two years. He has been able to develop our network, create an excellent working atmosphere and has achieved promising results for the future of the European Senate.

As you know, the last 2 years have been like no other in Senate history. We started off as normal after Lyon by putting together a team of 4 area ambassadors for The Americas (ASAC), Africa and The Middle East (AMESA), Asia (ASPAC), plus the US and Canada, plus a team of 15 chargés d'affaires for the 37 countries in Europe with senators (today it is 38 as Moldova now has some senators). The team made their plans to liaise with their assigned countries and areas and of course visit when possible.

In some countries the senators only get together once or twice a year during their JCI national convention, plus possibly one other event while other countries meet regularly throughout the year giving the chargés d'affaires and other senators many opportunities to visit and make international friendships.

As the chargés d'affaires' role had only existed for one year and many of the 2019 team were new to the task a role description was created to help them understand what it involved.

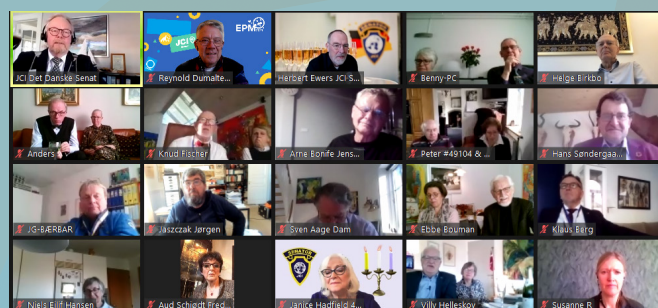


Bavarian delegation at Davos Swiss congress

This was done to clarify their purpose as the "ASE's goodwill ambassador to build a friendly and productive relationship between the ASE and their assigned country so that both understand what is happening in the other's organisation/country". And also that the ASE's purposes of friendship, contact, support and participation are achieved and to develop 2 way communication between the ASE and each country.

The role of the chargés d'affaires varies considerably between countries as some have very well developed Senate organisations and programmes and have been very active for up to 60 years while at the other end of the spectrum there are countries with just a handful of senators who are all under 40.

In addition to the normal role to support the national senate organisations and share good practice the team made considerable efforts to support the Mapping exercise that was being carried out.



Danish Drumming out 13 February 2021

While some chargés d'affaires like Heinrich have managed to fit in many international visits when they were able to travel, most of the team's plans to visit their countries went out the window when Covid-19 came and stopped us all from travelling – for instance I have not been allowed to leave the country for 16 months. In response to Covid-19 and their cancelled meetings programme, countries like Britain immediately set up a weekly Zoom meeting to replace their normal Senate weekends held every 5 or 6 weeks.

These have been very successful with a weekly attendance of normally between 30 and 50 with guests from 6 to 10 countries. It has also attracted senators who have not been to a physical event for many, many years so is bringing new people into the fold. A second British weekly meeting that started as a Zoom tutorial session is now continuing for those who prefer small chatty gatherings rather than the main large group with quizzes, interviews and presentations.

Many other countries have followed suit with their regular virtual gatherings and Britain and Denmark both held very enjoyable virtual Drumming Outs online with large attendances and foreign guests even though both were continuing with the same team for 2021!

To better support the national senate organisations I had planned a working group to look at how presidents' forums should be organised in the future but this was superseded when we decided to set up a Zoom meeting for the European national senate leaders.

The first was held in September 2020 and after a survey via a questionnaire on how they would like them organised, two more have been held in February & April. The plan is to hold these approximately every 8 weeks.



From the questionnaire results and the February meeting, it was agreed to set up a WhatsApp group for the non 'work' related aspects of the various ASE groups on WhatsApp. Because of this the ASE Fellowship & FUN group has been set up and now has 168 members.



An ASE LinkedIn group has also been created which now has 410 members and can be joined at [linkedin.com/groups/9025911/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9025911/).

Zoom also helped when we had very productive meetings with first the Croatian senators and then the Ukrainian senators.

The Croatian senators were interested in what was involved in establishing a national Senate organisation and how other countries operated their Senate. It was agreed that it was possibly too early for Croatia to set up a national organisation as they only have 5 senators and they are mainly still under 40.

However it was agreed that we would set up an ASE Balkan group to encourage the senators in this region to work together when appropriate and share senate fellowship when they can.

A similar meeting was held with the Ukrainian senators as they have established a national



group but wanted information to help them create the right structure and also find out the best way to support their NOM while NOT interfering.

Both of these countries took the opportunity of the national leaders' Zoom meetings to get further input to their thinking. There are several countries with relatively small numbers of senators which makes it more challenging for them to establish national senate organisations.

So, to help them become more involved in the Senate, an ASE Connect group has been formed for those senators in countries with less than 25 Senators. So that communication can be improved with them, the ASE is also paying for them to have digital access to the European Senate Magazine. This group used to be referred to as the "Orphan Senators" and we have contact details for 124 people in the Google group.

We did start the year with an Excel spreadsheet to see where the whole ASE team were planning to visit but the pandemic made that exercise redundant. However I am sure the 2021-2022 team will pick it up again!

So, given the contribution Zoom has made to the Senate over the last year, I think that Senate Zoom meetings are here to stay as a key element of the Senate even when we are once more able to travel freely to enjoy Senate fellowship.

Finally, thanks to the 19 members of the 2019-2021 international team for extending their one year role to 2 years and for all the work they have done during these difficult times.

[jci-senate.eu/ international-affairs/](https://jci-senate.eu/international-affairs/)

ASE & AMESA Mediterranean Senators' Summit

Everything started in 2019 with the "Mediterranean belt", a potential collaboration between senators around the Mediterranean basin on various themes to be determined together.



In June 2020, Shadi Izmiqna (# 72568 Amman, Jordan) became the AMESA president and we started talking of a common project together in autumn. The exchanges between Shadi and Reynold made the project evolve little by little and led to the final version: the Mediterranean senators' summit.

We were really happy because such a project had never been carried out by two areas.

It seemed natural and logical to us because we shared the same concerns. Our aim was to help people to get to know each other better, allow better cooperation between our countries and enable our senators to collaborate in a relevant and effective way.

The 16 participating countries are: Catalonia, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.



Our first official planning meeting happened on 22 February and Shadi told us he had been tested positive to Covid-19. He was full of enthusiasm, with ideas galore and relevant tools to realise them. We had no idea that he would leave us on 7 March.

In his memory, and because earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality, we decided to continue, like he would certainly have told us for sure. We are convinced that, where he is now, he is happy with us.



We had five meetings to organize the summit on June 5th. And, as a part of Africa is French-speaking, we decided to have a simultaneous interpretation in French, done by two members of the AMESA.



We created an attractive and varied program to ensure that senators have an enjoyable morning.



Special guests opened the session. ASE president Reynold (France), AMESA secretary Ryad (Mauritius), JCI president Ryubun Kojima (Japan - photo), JCI IPP Itai Manyere (Zimbabwe) and JCI secretary general Kevin Hin (Monaco). They welcomed the participants, encouraged them to meet regularly and to work together on common issues that allow for enrichment, sharing, discovery and making new friends.



In a second section, the senators were divided into four groups in breakout rooms. Each participant introduced him/herself and presented an unknown peculiarity of his/her country.

Then they started a group discussion on the topic: "How to make the Mediterranean Senators' summit a regular and attractive event".

After a small comfort break, we had the second part with the feedback from the groups in a plenary session. Here is a summary of the suggestions from our discussions.

Frequency & Organization

- Most people want one physical meeting and two or three virtual meetings per year, with regular group work between each meeting.
- Alternating organisation between the two areas is suggested.
- Events should be promoted well in advance so that people can better organise themselves.
- Senators asked for a live broadcast for those who could not attend the physical meeting.

Objectives

- Most of the participants would like a clear understanding of the objectives of the summit and structure it.
- A business aspect was suggested.
- As the summit has a limited time frame, it is necessary to focus on its practical side and concentrate on how we can best support the NOMs.
- The 'ordinary' senators would like to get a content for themselves and not just for those with functions in their respective associations.
- There is a lot of interest in exchanging good practice and how we help local and national organizations.
- Some want to build relevant projects together to combine synergies.
- Using the ASE business, networking and mentoring database and offering webinars and masterclasses to meet the demands of senators could be interesting.

Communication

- Appropriate and aggressive marketing of the event is expected.
- As well as the promotion of this summit to make it a must-attend event with more participants.

Working methods

- Many would like to conduct a survey of senators to find out their expectations and gather ideas.
- Sharing good practice and entrepreneurial experiences are ideas often put forward.

Conferences

Senators want to benefit from conferences with well-known speakers to inspire us, but also speakers from the European Parliament, the African Union or the Commonwealth or a connection to events like the Mediterranean summits.



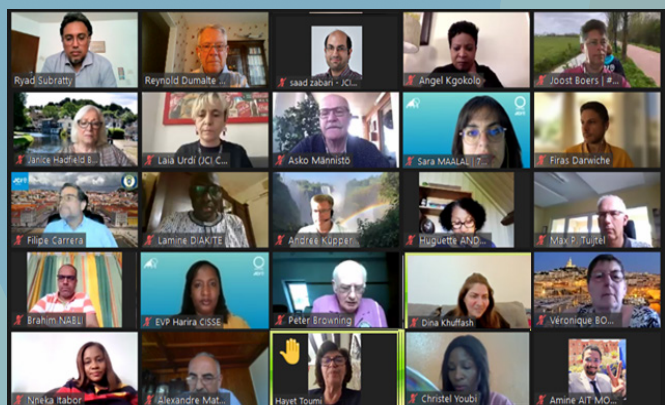
Francophony

The French-speaking senators who do not speak English wish to have a specific working group.

We ended the summit with a fun Kahoot session, facilitated by Filipe Carrera, an activity to be repeated.

The closing session allowed JCI EVP for Africa and the Middle-East Harira Cissé (Mali) to express her appreciation of our work and the pleasure she had in staying with us all morning.

AMESA secretary Ryad and ASE president Reynold confirmed these words and agreed to meet again at a future summit.



More than 70 senators participated in our AMESA/ ASE Mediterranean summit. They brought our project to life, came up with relevant ideas that will now allow us to build the future and meet again as soon as possible.

If all goes according to plan, we are considering meeting at the future EPM next February in Cyprus.



Living in Cyprus and close to Lebanon, our ASE ambassador **Zoe Aphas Darwiche** (# 73062) knows the region and its issues very well and, together with her husband Firas, they have brought their personal touch to our exciting adventure. No doubt we will find them again with original ideas in the next phase of the project.

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ASE Vision 2030

Preparing the ASE future...

The SurveyMonkey, the "Lübeck impulse", the Riga Mentimeter, the videos done by **Filipe Carrera** (# 68039 Portugal) and **Robbert van Waart** (# 70308 The Netherlands), the conclusions from 2018 and 2019... were good starting documents to feed our reflection for a plan of action "Vision 2030", which was planned to be communicated during the European conference in Dublin.

Our group made 54 live interviews of senators with various numbers between 50,000 and 79,000, always asking the same three questions:

- 1 - What is for you to be a JCI senator?
- 2 - What should be the role of the European Senate?
- 3 - How could we attract more young and recent senators to participate in the life/activities of the European Senate?

We used at first Skype, Facebook, Zoom... Then we made live interviews during JCI European presidents' meeting (EPM) in Chisinau (Moldova) and during the French presidents' meeting in Châteauroux (Centre of France) in February 2020.

We planned to continue during the ASE Spring meeting and Balkan conference in Belgrade (Serbia) in March and the pandemic came...

After analysing all records, some recommendations have been written and will be used to build our medium-range plan of action to strengthen the influence of our association.

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Filipe



Robbert



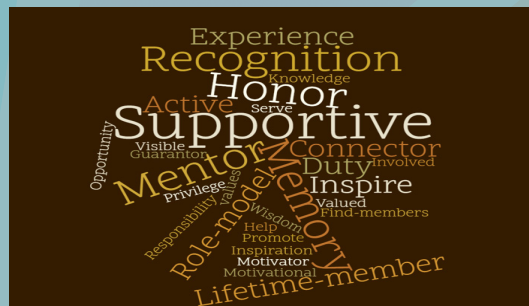
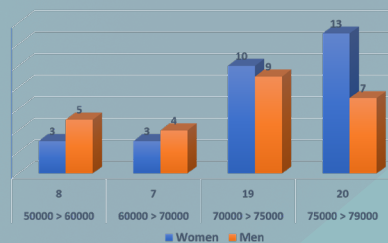
Sample of interviewed Senators

54 Senators

29 Women

24 Men

24 Countries



What is for you being a senator?



What should be the role of the senate?



How to attract young/recent senators?



Vision 2030 > The recommendations

- Pride and duty as assets
- Add value to Senatorship
- Business oriented
- Network based on fellowship
- Senate as an opportunity to be active
- Always support JCI



In 2013-2014, the ASE « mapped » for the first time the Senate in Europe to gain a better understanding of the activities and structures of the senate groups. That gave some useful information.

Our team wished this year to update the data and go into some more details, so that we have a more comprehensive view of the Senate, with its strengths and opportunities.

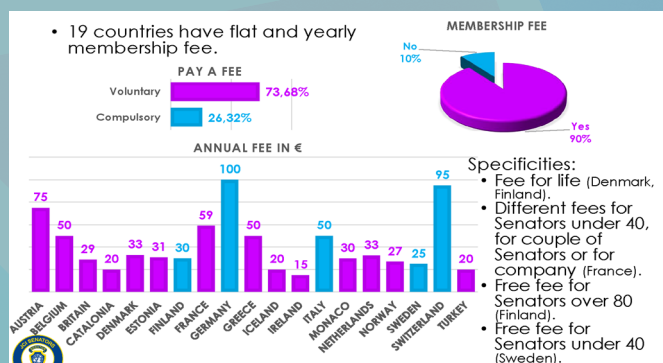


A questionnaire was sent to 37 European countries, asking them for information on the following subjects: history/background, governance, finance, current membership, communication, activities, relationship with JCI/NOMs/LOMs and the future of the Senate.

25 countries representing 12,323 senators (98% of the total number in Europe) responded to our survey.

Among the many pieces of information in our investigation, we learned:

- that Europe represents 16% of the senators in the world,
- that since 2014, there are 1,000 new senators (+ 8.8%),
- that the average age of the 25 senate organizations is 40 years old,



ASE Senate Mapping 2020

- that 21/25 countries have a formal senate organization (84%),
- that 76% of the senate presidents/ chairpersons are men,
- that the average presidents' senate number is # 64,233,
- that 121 senators are involved in their national boards,
- that 19 countries have an average membership fee of 42 €,
- that the Senate is involved in deciding who receives a senatorship in 13 countries,
- that 68% of the countries have a magazine,
- that 73% of the organizations have a national program,
- that 11 countries organize a drumming out/ chain changing event,
- that they are of course very much involved in the life of their respective countries,
- and a lot of other things that you can read on the "Mapping" page of our website.



The ASE would like to warmly thank **Véronique Bonhomme** (# 58400 France) for the huge amount of work that this investigation represents, a long-term effort and a very important processing of the information and documents she received.

She declared: "It was really a very interesting job to learn more about the Senate organizations in Europe, to identify the best practices in each country and to share it between our organizations. It's also a real working database for the next ASE boards to work more efficiently and to serve our members better".

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ASE Special Interest Groups SIGs

Because not all senators are interested in the same things, groups were considered to link those with common passions. Three are working well. Whenever someone wants to create a new one, he/she is welcome.

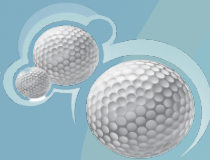
Each year at the end of August, many golfers from Europe gather in Mont-Garni (Belgium) for the "European Senate Golf Championship".



They celebrate this year the 30th anniversary of the ESGC. The team, led by **Rebecca and Rudolf von Bachelles** (# 15672 Switzerland) will offer wonderful surprises for all participants.

The 2-day competition (27/29 August) starts on Thursday night, continues with a one day scramble and second day Stableford followed by a putting and chipping competition. Dinner at their home club on the first day. A Belgian member organizes a surprise dinner on the second day.

The competition is in accordance with the guidelines of the European Senate and they are grateful for our support.



www.esgc.info



Our senate contact for trains is **Chris Read** (# 50259 United Kingdom).

Rail events are almost always short and basically local.

The British Senators have a rail group and they occasionally meet for a day somewhere to visit a railway. These things are often arranged at short notice.

Chris is organising a one-week trip to Remagen (Germany) from June, 27th to July, 4th 2022 (postponed from 2020).



They will travel by train from London and plan to visit the Schwebbahn in Wuppertal, the Vulkan Express in Brohl, the Drachensfelsbahn and the Kasbachtalbahn at Linz (Rhine), the most original trains in the region.

britishsenate.org.uk/event/remagen



Our senate contact for fishing, hunting and sailing is **Markus Spiess** (# 68222 Germany).

JCI Regatta 2019 sailed for the 9th time and visited the northern Dalmatian area, south from Zadar in Croatia. They set JCI sails in the Kornati Archipelago and the Kornati Islands National Park. This archipelago is named after the largest island Kornat and is the most dense group of islands in the Mediterranean Sea, counting up to 89 islands on about 320 square kilometres. There were no less than 16 yachts (15 competing) and 125 Jaycees.



The JCI Regatta 2021 will be sailing for the 10th time and this year they will visit the southern Dalmatian area, south from Sibenik.

They will set JCI sails towards the biggest islands in front of Split. They will be accepting a maximum of 20 yachts and 160 Jaycees from all over the world.

jci-regatta.com

Connecting people

Connecting people is our core business.

It will take on new dimensions regarding what should be the senators' network: business, help and support, mentoring...

In our life, we had mentors, we were mentors and most of us still are mentors. We wanted to collect testimonies of experiences and make them available to those who can benefit from them.

Some fifty senators responded. Reading their stories is very enriching. Many of them have joined our **mentoring database** to continue to be mentors. Others will join in the future.

The main project was/is to create and develop our **business, networking and mentoring database**, hosted on our website: people with needs, people with offers and the ASE matching them. We know exactly what we want to achieve and we are working on the final step: creating a technical tool to operate the database in the most efficient and professional way possible.

We also connected people during our **ASE digital drinks** on Friday evening. It started from the pandemic and continued because people loved them.

We don't leave business and mentoring with "**Let's talk business**". We still welcome people who have something interesting to say, experience of personal and professional life to tell. To be continued...

We planned to organize **business meetings** during the European conference in Rostock, so that people who are looking for the same needs/offers can meet on the boat. It will be done next year...

We plan to cooperate on the same subjects with our friends of the **AMESA** (Africa and the Middle-East Senate Association). It's on the way...

With the information coming from the database, we are considering online **seminars and masterclasses** (even for small groups) to meet specific needs of senators/members worldwide. It's on the way...

We planned to create a **business card** page on our website to promote business among senators. It's on the way...

We were, we are always very ambitious for our association and we had many pots and pans on the stove. We have started many projects, which will continue during the next mandate to achieve their optimum development.

ASE Mentors & Mentoring



During our Jaycee life, most of us had mentors, most of us have been mentors and some of us still are mentors. The idea of the ASE is to value this unused resource, the mentoring, in order to encourage senators to become mentors in a large number of areas.

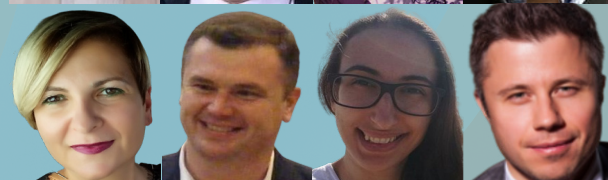


Laia Urdi (# 73561 Catalonia, up) and **Zydre Arlauskaitė** (# 65004 Lithuania, down), asked senators to share their experience in mentoring by answering six questions. They did a really good job. At the moment 55 senators are participating in this program and the number will increase in the next year. You can read the questions and their answers on our website.

Then, we asked them to be part of our business and mentoring database, help us to respond to the needs of the applicants and increase our pool of mentors for the future.

They already helped to find solutions to some requests and we expect them to give webinars and masterclasses in the future for senators who need help.

jci-senate.eu/mentoring



The next ones are on the way...



Everybody knows that most of us have knowledge, skills, networks... that we could make available to members and senators who seek them, especially during our JCI events. This is a real wealth that we could use much more in our everyday life.



In order to develop and use this exceptional resource with a concrete, useful and sustainable project, our ASE team created a program to assist JCI members and senators in their projects.

Our ASE ambassadors **Dmitry Afanasiev** (# 74767 Russia) and **Tarlok Singh Sidhu** (# 50314 Norway) led the working group. Laia and Zydre (page left) joined the group when we decided to associate business, networking and mentoring in the same global database.



After some attempts, we finally decided to create a database with 2 inputs:



"JCI Business & Mentoring Needs" if you need support in your JCI project(s), personal business or you are looking for a mentor to accompany you.

"JCI Business & Mentoring Offers" if you want to support JCI members or senators in their JCI project, personal business or mentoring.

Après quelques tentatives, nous avons finalement décidé de créer une base de données avec 2 entrées :



"JCI Business & Mentoring Besoins" si tu as besoin d'aide dans ton/tes projet(s) JCI, ton business personnel ou tu cherches un mentor pour t'accompagner.

"JCI Business & Mentoring Offres" si tu veux aider des membres/sénateurs JCI dans leurs projets JCI, leur business personnel ou les accompagner en tant que mentor.

Business & Mentoring Database

Después de algunos intentos, finalmente hemos decidido crear una base de datos con 2 entradas:



"JCI Business & Mentoring Necesidades" si necesitas ayuda con tu(s) proyecto(s) de la JCI, tu negocio personal o buscas un mentor o entrenador que te acompañe.

"JCI Business & Mentoring Ofertas" si quieres ayudar a los miembros o senadores de la JCI con sus proyectos de la JCI, negocios personales o ser su mentor.

This network is specially designed to allow members to promote their business and do business with each other or obtain references for their business or service.

We are not an employment agency and we do not aim to find you clients and/or products. Our aim is to put you in touch with members/senators who have the knowledge, skills and networks you are looking for.



We are also working on an easy-to-use offer for senators and members to put their business cards with their searches, offers, videos... on our website.

jci-senate.eu/business-networking



ASE Digital Drinks

The first one was suggested by **Filipe Carrera** and happened on April, 3rd, 2020. The basic idea was to meet virtually, share a drink and respond to the frustration of having to stay at home. It was really nice to see (or discover) faces we love and miss.

In September we decided to have a new format and welcomed speakers who spoke to us about subjects they were passionate about. A short presentation of 15/20 minutes followed by an informal discussion with the participants. Always a nice and interesting hour.

Among the many topics, we can mention Romania, Cyprus/Lebanon, Greece, robots, German reunification, EC Rostock, poker, wines in South Africa, adventure walking in SW England, WC Johannesburg, Portugal, Lithuania, social media and fake news...

Alltogether we had 30 digital drinks and we enabled many senators to re/join the ASE.



The ASE wants to warmly thank the senators and members who took time to be with us and especially those who came to talk to us about a subject they are passionate about during our 30 digital drinks:

Zydrė Arlauskaitė (Lithuania), Herbert Ewers (Germany), Filipe Carrera (Portugal), Angel Kgokolo (South Africa), Firas Darwiche (Lebanon), Zoe Aphas Darwiche (Cyprus), Ionut Tata (Romania), Julia Goodfellow-Smith (UK), Amanda Fitzsimmons (UK), Julia Lea (UK), Anastasios Kotaras (Greece), Penelope Papakonstantopoulou (Greece), Leonidas Papakonstantinides (Greece), Claudia Chinello (Switzerland), Friedhelm Wachs (Germany) and Christine Schmitt (Germany).



Let's Talk Business

LTB is an informal conversation about learned lessons and experience in business, organized by JCI European Senate, and presented by **Filipe Carrera** (Portugal, right) and **Robbert van Waart** (The Netherlands, left).



Temelko Dechev Bulgaria 14/07/2020

This year, they welcomed ten outstanding people. You can read who they are and watch their interviews:

- on our website
- on our JCI Senate Europe Youtube channel

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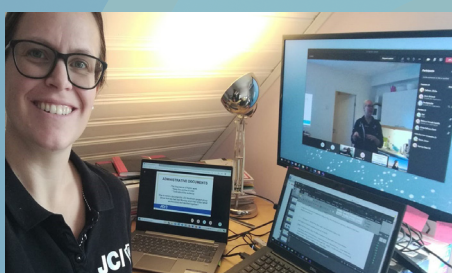
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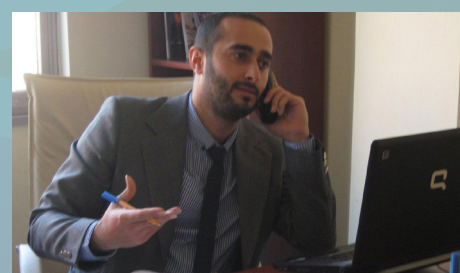
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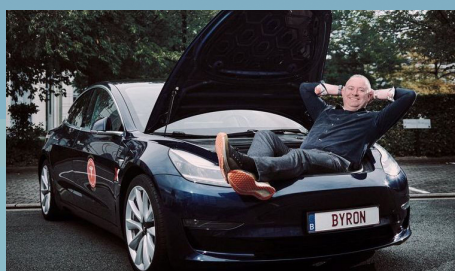
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Ullrika Sellman Sweden 12/12/2020



Fatih Katipoğlu Turkey 20/01/2021



Byron Soulopoulos Belgium 01/03/2021



Anu Tähemaa Estonia 08/04/2021



Tom Commeine Belgium 12/05/2021

Visibility

We use a lot of media in our communication, with sometimes redundant information, and we tried to coordinate all these tools to strengthen our brand as senators and give a better knowledge of what the ASE is and does.

We used the current media to promote our association:

- Our European Senate magazine
- Our newsletters
- Our website
- Our WhatsApp
- Our Facebook page
- Our Instagram app
- Our LinkedIn account
- Our YouTube channel

We had planned to be physically visible:

- during the world congress in Japan in November,
 - during the European presidents' meeting in Paphos (Cyprus) in February,
 - during the Balkan conference in Belgrade (Serbia) in March,
 - during the European conference in Rostock/on the boat in June,
- ... but the pandemic decided something else...



Our ASE Media



We are fortunate to have a **European Senate magazine** which is usually published four times a year. It reports on everything that is happening in Europe and exploits the news from congresses, conferences and other meetings.

Unfortunately, these have been cancelled since the beginning of 2020 and our magazine, lacking material, didn't have its usual issues. They should resume soon.

If you wish to receive our magazine, please contact Peter Browning.

Our board also publishes an **e-newsletter** several times a year. For the same reasons as above, we have only published three, which are available on our website (communication tab).

Our website "www.jci-senate.eu", secure and regularly updated, presents who we are, our history, our constitution... and everything we do.

We post on our Facebook page "**Association of JCI Senators in Europe**" all the upcoming news and reports on some events, like the "Let's talk business", "ASE digital drinks", deaths, weddings and children, future events...

We created a LinkedIn account to have a group "**JCI Senate Europe**" and promote our projects, our business and mentoring database and strengthen the links between senators.

More than 450 members are part of our "JCI Senate Europe" group in June 2021.

We created a YouTube channel "**JCI Senate Europe**" to publish our work and our participations to JCI projects.

Today, everyone can consult our videos of "Let's talk business", of the "Euro-Asian business conference", of our "Vision 2030" survey, our "Mapping 2020" project, our "Coffee with an outstanding senator" participation...

We also use **WhatsApp**, **Instagram** and **Signal** to have a better quick communication between the board, the national chairpersons, the participants in JCI activities and Senate events...



Other board activities



Our deputy-president, **Aud Schjødt Fredriksen** (# 48767 Norway), took care of the board, already working to develop her vision, plan and annual objectives for her year in office. She has been representing our association at meetings and collaborated with various members of the board/team.

She was ready to become president in 2020 but the pandemic came. In a way, it was good for her because her plans for a change in her own company became much more difficult than planned.

The lockdown and all preparations became a major challenge, both in terms of work and finances. The new company is now in good balance.

The contact with the president and the board have been very good. She attended online meetings with national presidents/contacts, with the board and worked on various projects along the two years. She was also chargé d'affaires for 3 countries. Her report is part of Peter Browning's one.

A part of her time was dedicated to the preparation of her year with her team, as well as her performance during the AGM. She's very pleased with the candidates for the European Senate.

She plans to continue the projects that have been started in the last two years. She also wants to focus on the relationship with JCI. A good one is the best for both juniors, senators and the organization.

Since our European conference in Lyon, our honorary secretary, **Pelin Narcin-Kadilar** (# 71534 Turkey), provided administrative support and contributed with talent to the work of the board.



She created, collected and distributed the necessary and updated documents for the most appropriate functioning of our board.

She provided JCI ASE t-shirts to senators with the ASE logo, name, senate number and country. We proudly wore them during the JCI world congress in Tallinn.

Our treasurer, **Jürg Porro** (# 67716 Switzerland), was a kind of "gatekeeper" for all financially oriented matters of ASE.



He acted as a single point of contact to the ASE (extended) board regarding status of financials and payments. He was the main link with the national Senate presidents or treasurers regarding of the voluntary contribution, created invoices for the contributions (and for other matters), sent these to the recipients and followed up on them (i.e. chasing missing payments).

He also managed the accounts of ASE, executed or received payments, prepared reports for the board meetings and the AGM and finally, he supported the board in other matters where and when needed.



Founded more than 50 years ago as the (unregistered) Association of JCI Senators in Europe, the decision to change to a registered association has been taken during the AGM of the 2019 JCI European Conference in Lyon.

It was a long and difficult process to get our association registered at the court of justice in Strasbourg, capital of Europe. But now it is done and we have an official status as a registered association, domiciled at the "Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Strasbourg et du Bas-Rhin" (France). The official document can be read and downloaded from our website (tag constitution).

Our general legal counsel, **Charlotte K. Velling Nichol** (# 68920 Denmark), started to reflect on the board policy, in order to have good and shared working habits.



Together with **Max P. Tuijtel** (# 68785 The Netherlands), they are leading the legal working group on the GDPR-topic. 2 (or 3) GDPR-experts and 3 ASE "representatives" discuss the issues and will make recommendations.

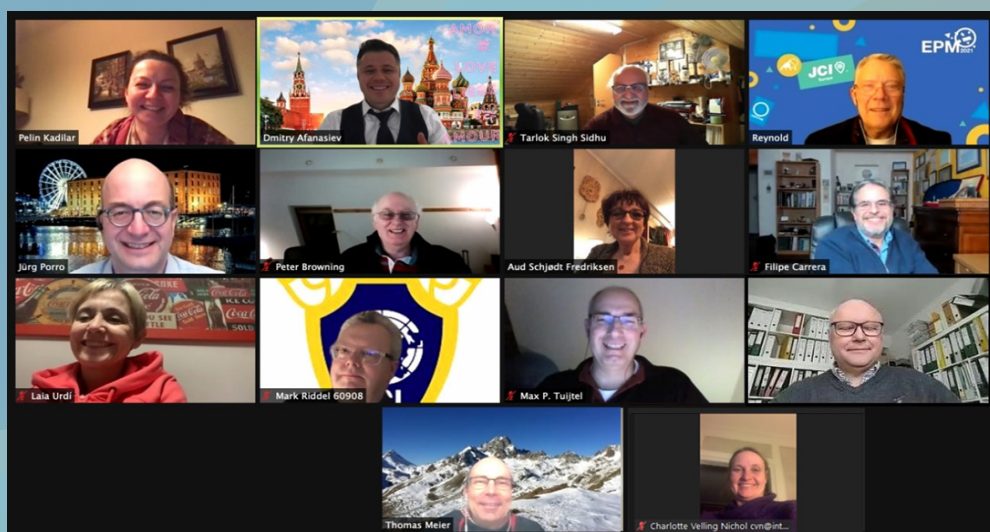
Max is also very active and very efficient to publish our actuality, our events, our main topics on our Facebook page, so that the ASE has the best visibility possible.



Our past-president **Friedhelm Wachs** (# 62758 Germany) supported and advised the ASE president and our team when needed. He attended the ASE board meetings and contributed punctually to the work of the board.

He was also in charge of our Little King JCI but, due to a very busy personal and professional schedule but even more because of the Covid-19 related restrictions, the search for new languages was difficult.

Many translations were promised, but didn't arrive. Thus he arranged to make our Little King JCI part of the UN decade to preserve indigenous languages. This initiative for 10 years (from 2022 to 2032) can help JCI and the Senate to keep being very good partners with the UN.



Our board met physically in Lyon, Bordeaux and Tallinn in 2019. Then, like many people, we had to use Zoom. And it was fun!...

Events & Participation

After the European conference held in Lyon in May 2019, our ASE board met physically:

- during the ASE autumn meeting in Bordeaux in September 2019,
- during the JCI world congress in Tallinn (Estonia) in November 2019.

Then the pandemic came and we had to cancel our meetings:

- in Belgrade (Serbia) during the Balkan conference in March 2020
- in Dublin (Ireland) for our European conference in May 2020
- in Lofoten Island for our board meeting in June 2020
- in Reykjavik (Iceland) for our board meeting in September 2020
- in Yokohama (Japan) for our JCI world congress in November 2020
- in Paphos (Cyprus) for our board meeting in February 2021
- in Belgrade (Serbia) during the Balkan conference in March 2021
- in Rostock (Germany) for our European conference in June 2021

Reynold attended the British Drumming out in Canterbury (UK) in January 2020.

Some board members attended:

- the online British Senate Not the drumming out in January 2021
- the online Danish Drumming out in February 2021

We plan to be able in the future to participate again in all possible Senate events worldwide.

The sooner, the better...

European Conference Lyon 2019

A classical AGM, held in the university of Lyon III, celebrated the 50th anniversary of our association. In a very rare occurrence, 18 former ASE presidents were present.



The AGM heard the annual reports from the members of the board and answered the various questions from the participants.

A motion to relieve the board of its duties and to indemnify it against any claimer was proposed and carried unanimously.



The new ASE constitution, with domiciliation in Strasbourg was adopted.



Our team introduced itself, presented its objectives for the coming year and was unanimously elected by the assembly.

In the prestigious setting of the Château-Perrache, the traditional Senators' lunch brought together nearly 300 guests on Saturday lunchtime in the presence of Alexander Tio (2019 JCI President), Dawn Hetzel (2017 JCI President) and Arrey Obenson (JCI Secretary general). Each guest was able to leave with the European association's 50th anniversary album.



At the end of the lunch, the handover ceremony made official the assumption of office of Reynold R. Dumalte, 50th ASE President and 7th French senator to hold this position.



Of course, when it's possible, the BumbleBee members meet and have a serious session. Senators also enjoy the parties and the senators' bar... Friendship forever!



Board Meeting Bordeaux

Our meeting (September 13/14, 2019) was a great moment of friendship and conviviality in a nice historical venue, with lovely people, good food and very tasty wines. And sunny weather...



World Congress Tallinn 2019

Tallin world congress was a really nice one in a beautiful city with a great history. During the congress, the four areas of JCI Senate gathered to take a look at what was going on in the Senate world.



Marc Brian Lim (MBL Philippines), JCI Senate president, moderated the JCI Senate joint board meeting, prepared by the secretary Jacques Arnal (JA France).

The five associations (AMESA, ASAC, ASPAC, Europe and USA) chose to focus on three themes: Little King JCI, the senate education day and the senate expectations during congresses and events.

The latter is a long term work, started more than 20 years ago, and is constantly evolving to meet the new requirements of the members.



ASE held its regular board meeting. The main topics discussed were the co-option of members, the mentoring, the business and networking database, Little King JCI, the senate mapping, vision 2030 and the 50th anniversary of the ASE.

We also had a presentation of Dublin European conference and JCI world congress Yokohama.

The Senate lunch was a lovely one with great people. We celebrated with Champagne the 50th anniversary of our association.



A fine line-up of former ASE presidents



The 3 last French ASE presidents



Gala evening with the ASE board 2019-2021

Towards the future

Here are our potential future leaders.
If they are elected during our online 2021 AGM on Saturday, June 12th...



Aud Schjødt FREDRIKSEN
48767 Norway
President



Filipe CARRERA
68039 Portugal
Deputy-president



Reynold R. DUMALTE
38826 France
Past-president



Jaana VILPPONEN
63136 Finland
Honorary secretary



Thomas MEIER
69798 Switzerland
Honorary treasurer



Peter BROWNING
49104 Britain
Ambassador



Jamila el Abed KARLBERG
52310 Sweden
Ambassador



Tarlok SINGH SIDHU
50314 Norway
Ambassador



Pelin NARCIN-KADILAR
71534 Turkey
Ambassador



Laia URDÍ
73564 Catalonia
Ambassador

