

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017

Venue: Expo 2000, Salle 121 D, Hall 1, Parc des Expositions, Porte de Versailles, Paris

Planned Date/Time: 11-Feb-2017, 14:00-17:30h

List of present Delegates: see end of this document.

Special guests (partially present):

- Xavier Peugeot, Chairman of L'Aventure Peugeot Citroën DS and Vice President Products & Planning at Automobiles Citroën
- Xavier Crespin, Managing Director L'Aventure
- Henri-Jacques Citroën, grandson of company founder André Citroën
- Olivier Masi, Project Manager "Scarabée d'Or"

1. Start

Start of AGM at 14:10h.

The ACI President welcomed all present ACI Delegates and one Honorary Member, new Delegates, national changes in delegation, and thanked the leaving Delegates in their volunteering tasks. The AGM agenda was presented and agreed by the Delegates.



High-level statistics of current ACI network representation: 39 countries, 1.000+ clubs, close to 70.000 members.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting 2016 unanimously by all ACI Delegates.

2. Special Guests

Welcoming Xavier Peugeot:

M. Peugeot explained his role in L'Aventure and Automobiles Citroën, the setup of the new Association and also the PSA Group strategy with the brands *DS Automobiles* and *Automobiles Citroën*. He underlined the importance to preserve the heritage and connecting it to the future and as a support function to the Group strategy. He emphasized that Citroën DS and SM are an integral part of the history of the brand, and will be of course part of the Century celebration in 2019. New models will be ahead, at Citroën key to addressing the attributes *comfort* and *innovation*, and also the "*Citroën Advanced Comfort*" suspension technology as successor to hydropneumatic technology. Next activities will be to give more visibility to the heritage, Conservatoire and also the upcoming anniversary.



Mr. Peugeot responded to the concerns expressed by Delegate Jens M. Nicolaisen (DK) on history, and additionally pointed to the recently launched website "*Citroën Origins*" which will be one of the key entry points to the heritage. ACI Delegate Bernie Shaw (UK) addressed problems with Conservatoire services which will be looked at by separate communications. The interests of ACI and its members will be listened to and taken care of by L'Aventure, and regular info exchange will happen.

Welcoming Xavier Crespin:

He presented the ambition to preserve and also protect the heritage of the PSA brands by the creation of L'Aventure as an association. With the initial setup and fostering by the Group, these want to reduce their financial support over time so it is on L'Aventure to develop sales strategies based on the assets they have.



Key services to come are notably

- * spare part services (with support also from partners like Michelin who have high-quality capabilities in 3D production),
- * restoration services (vehicle restoration, already executed today on Peugeot models),
- * paid assets to content from Conservatoire and other archives
- * info and event services from L'Aventure (certain sites can be hired for events).

The organization chart was presented, Delphine Goudchaux presented as key contact for clubs. See also M. Crespin's presentation as attachment to this document.

M. Crespin confirmed that he will communicate the next steps in spare part handling, and also process and feedback, as the clubs now are awaiting some action from L'Aventure. ACI Board member and Spare Part coordinator Manfred Buchgeher confirmed continuation of aggregation of Spare Part demands from Delegates within the upcoming period. The ACI will not own or manage spare parts but rather act as interface between clubs and L'Aventure.

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Welcoming **Henri-Jacques Citroën**:

He presented his engagement and also his business activities (a.o.: *CMD Gears* company – Citroën double-chevron gear technology is still alive today) and his private determination to foster the establishment of a museum related to the heritage of his grandfather and the company.



The ACI has decided to appoint Mr. Citroën as the first “Ambassador of ACI”, a role in which the association sees a great support in the mission and objectives as defined in the ACI statutes – preserving the history.

M. Citroën gladly accepted the honor. In a ceremony, the appointment was announced and a certificate was handed over by the ACI President to M. Citroën. The Delegates gave a big applause to the nomination. A picture was taken with all ACI Delegates. The award will be communicated on the ACI website.

3. ACI President Report.

St. Joest presented the key focus area – working with the ACI’s mission and goals as a basis to support the creation of a future for the clubs and members represented by ACI. Into this context, the creation of awareness and visibility, and also acceptance at external stakeholders is beneficial.

Established clubs are “over-aging” and face the challenge to attract younger generations of members.

New attraction can be a.o. created via addressing new target groups

* within the manufacturer’s interest (i.e. when cars are produced, and also the 10 years after “end of production” (legal obligation to provide parts and services),

* within the “Youngtimer” period (after manufacturer’s support, until vehicle age of 30 years).

Younger vehicles and newer cars are our club’s future.

As one element, the ambition is to prepare for a 4-lateral partnering agreement (Automobiles Citroën, DS Automobiles, L’Aventure and ACI). A proposal based on numerous national country agreements and based also on an earlier agreement between ACI and AC is currently under preparation.

Creation of awareness also will happen via key events in various countries and continents, e.g. Iran (“Iran Auto Show”), Southern Americas (“Autoclasico”), Europe (Retromobile, IAA, Mondial, Technoclassica, ...), Asia etc., as well as to key events such as ICCCR, 2CV World Meetings and others.

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ACI is actively shaping the future: we are member in an accredited task force to create an official definition of the term “Youngtimer” which is accepted e.g. by national legislation, insurance, press & media and other entities. In cooperation with other ANF (FIVA national representations), the ACI actively drives to create the exception for access to environmental zones for cities (example: Paris: no ban for Carte Grise Collection owners, vehicles with historic registrations from other countries etc.). Also, the ACI is sponsoring member of an association (IAK) which has filed the “Automotive” as an intangible cultural heritage (ICH) towards UNESCO.

The ACI is also actively invited and presenting towards political bodies (e.g. “EU – Historic Vehicle Group” [Brussels] and “Parlamentskreis Automobiles Kulturgut” [Berlin]), e.g. to support an exception handling for unusually shaped number plates (curvy shape [DS], split [2CV AZU] etc.). Furthermore, the ACI is consulting FIVA in the area of the preservation of the Digital Heritage (i.e. aging electronic components in “Youngtimer” and vehicles from 1967 onwards).

The ACI has actively intervened in integrating DS & SM into the Citroën heritage (“Citroën Origins”) on national and international level. Furthermore, by assigning Delegates to represent the ACI in e.g. United States (Saratoga meeting, Ph. Lasson), we follow an interest of the Delegates expressed at last AGM to be more visible outside European territory.

A new ACI website was launched in autumn 2016, new graphics were defined (also reflecting the decision that ACI now integrates “Citroën & DS clubs”), a so-called “fluid design” is available, and a new Content Management System license was ordered. The new website focuses on spreading the word and putting the Delegates more into the foreground. More than 100GB of website data were downloaded by more than 200.000 visitors during last year.



In this context the ACI Board kindly ask all Delegates to provide us with EPS / vectorized logos from earlier key events in their country (e.g. ICCCR, 2CV World Meetings etc.) - especially from many years before. The logos shall be sent by email to the Board.

On communications: 1.700+ emails in 12 months, 200+ hours spent on server setup and maintenance, a new ACI Board internal cloud service is established as a digital archive, and three Board meetings were held in the last period. Furthermore, a C5 Exclusive Tourer with Hydractive suspension – one of the last produced vehicles of that type - is now part of the family!

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4. Spare Parts Report / Treasurer Report

ACI Board member **Manfred Buchgeher** presented the activities as a Spare Part coordinator in the last period. The formal work started, after contacts with L'Aventure were established. A number of inquiries sent out to the Delegates, yet the responses were very sparse, despite of numerous times a reminder was sent out to the Delegates.



Reports were received from Croatia, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Argentina, UK, Czech Republic, Poland and Sweden. France did a reporting on their own directly themselves. No reports from a number of countries: is there no interest? Work ongoing? Other comments? No statement was given from the present Delegates. Again the audience was asked to support the ambitions of the Board.

Statistics - in total we received a request for 430 different parts, in total: almost 30.000 pcs were requested. Most requested parts are for the models: XM (147 different pcs, primarily hydraulic), CX, DS / ID, SM, and also Panhard, GS, C4, 2CV/Ami, Visa, Type H spare parts were requested. Interesting: no intl. request for Traction Avant: is all available? Really?

X Crespin commented about Spare Parts production. He confirm that he will commit to produce 300 parts per year and will confirm his intention to offer high-quality parts. A web-shop for access to parts shall be under preparation.

Next actions are: L'Aventure to communicate next steps / how to proceed with the clubs. ACI will not own / finance / ... take responsibility but facilitate the cooperation between L'Aventure & clubs.

The ACI Treasurer Report was presented by **Laurent Moret de Rocheprise**. The ACI Event of The Year 2016 and 2017 were paid according to the guidelines. Expenses towards Accountant, insurance, event related expenses, board meetings and related travel expenses, MarCom material and bank charges were presented. The report was approved unanimously by all ACI Delegates. For the upcoming period, the foreseen expenses will relate as follows.



- * Visibility at "L'Aventure" (Marcom Package "which works") postponed from 2016 / due to new responsibility at L'Aventure
- * A number of on-site meetings with L'Aventure, Citroën etc. to work on selected target areas in a F2F situation
- * EOTY support (site visit etc.) and "Agenda 2019" -> a number of F2F meetings expected.

In total, the Board Actions 2016 were unanimously approved by all Delegates.

5. Delegate Reports

In absence of ACI Delegate Phillippe Lasson (France), a report from Saratoga (USA) Citroën meeting was presented, followed by the event report from Alejo Bei on the 16th Autoclasica 2016 where the Citroën Club Buenos Aires presented a number of interesting vehicles. 52.000 visitors, 900 historic vehicles on show (motorbikes, cars, trucks, agricultural, boats, military vehicles and aeronautiques) – the “Autoclasica” is nominated by FIVA as one of the 8 most important events worldwide. No other Delegate reports were presented.

All Delegates are kindly requested to submit their 2016 report to the ACI Board by email.

Also, around 5-10 email addresses of Delegates do not work (no recipient available, mailbox full etc.) – we kindly ask all Delegates to check the email address of their alternative contact in the country they represent.

Toward the support for Delegates in getting the travel expenses covered by the national Citroën subsidiary (based on a decision by former CEO Claude Satinet), a number of Delegates reported back that this support had been discontinued.

Xavier Crespin promised to look into this and we look forward to finding a solution for the upcoming AGM. He excused himself and left the room to attend another activity.

As an interim proposal and also to support those Delegates which still made their trip towards the ACI AGM 2017, the ACI Board proposed a one-time sponsoring for those who engaged. The proposal was to support the travel expenses in total by 5.000 Euro, evenly spread to those who qualify (e.g. do not get sponsoring by clubs or subsidiary etc.). The proposal was submitted to decision by the Delegates. The proposal was accepted by 27 out of 30 votes. 3 votes were against the proposal.

The only present Honorary Member (HM), Herman Sluiter (NL), asked whether HM can also benefit from the sponsoring. The proposal again was receiving 27 out of 30 votes, 3 against. Details will be communicated separately.

ACI Delegates David Serrus and Marc Roelandt (both Belgium) explained their voting against the decision with a proposal to rather spend the money on those which have a longer trip to join the AGM, e.g. when coming from Middle East or Southern Americas. The proposal was discussed and agreed by the majority of Delegates. So for the next AGM and in case no other solution can be found, Delegates from “overseas” can apply for support of their trip to the AGM.

6. Event Reports

ICCCR 2016 Netherlands:

Hans Bohlmeier and Pieter Vogel (NL) presented the very successful event. Some statistics: 40128 registered visitors attended the 4 days event, 5.877 vehicles were registered, ca. 16800 cars were counted in total. 120 professional traders, 250 volunteers, 150 hired professionals. Participants came from 25 EU / 9 non-EU countries. A total event cost of 2/3 MEUR was managed, yet the team was able to create a small surplus and received a big applause by the Delegates. The Delegates received as a souvenir a copy of the ICCCR booklet. Key figures will be published on the ACI website.



22nd 2CV World Meeting 2017, Portugal

Rogério Soares and the team presented the upcoming gathering. The site is ready and expects the visitors. Pre-registrations are possible until 31-May-2017 and will have a discounted ticket price. A "2CV Passport" will be part of a tour across various places in the country. The program foresees a 2CV museum "Filhos de Mangualde", an elegance and mechanical contest, a raid, demonstrations "Pop Cross" 2CV (off-road), animations on stage, Fado and folklore, a 2CV Parade at the Palácio Nacional de Mafra, spare parts exhibition, children animations and many more activities.

So far, ca. 700 participants are already registered, yet the organizers ask the Delegates to continue promoting the event and by early payments supporting the organizers in their pre-financing of event-related expenses.



2018 – no event applied for as "ACI Event Of The Year"

2019 – a) presentation of ACI EOTY candidature from 2CV World Meeting Croatia team

Goran Skrbinić and Darko Zornjak, both ACI Delegates from Croatia, presented their upcoming event. The 2CV meeting was already elected by the global 2CV representants in summer 2015. The preparation is full ahead and the organizers are confident to present a rich program which is subject to detailing in the near future. The organizers have submitted an application to be elected by the ACI Delegates as "ACI Event Of The Year (EOTY)".



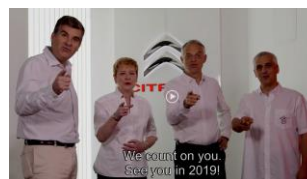
2019 – b) presentation by Alain Thuret, (Head of *Amicale Citroën & DS France* [ACF]) and Marc-Andre Biehler (ACF Board member)

Marc Biehler, in his newly elected role to support the anniversary enthusiast celebrations within ACF, translated the current status of the preparations presented by Alain Thuret. A few days ago, the first larger gathering of the French Citroën clubs has taken place, to prepare for the formation of the organization of the upcoming “centenaire” (a formal association is not founded yet).



After several site inspections, the final destination was decided to be the Michelin proving ground near Clermont-Ferrand which already hosted the 1995 ICCCR event. The organization has released a movie in autumn 2016 which was presented within the context of the ICCCR NL to the visitors.

With respect to the upcoming decision on the “ACI Event Of The Year (EOTY)” 2019, Alain and Marc once more stated that they see this unique celebration outside of the range of the “traditional” ACI’s EOTY elections. Upon explicit inquiry by the ACI President and from several Delegates, they confirmed that thus they do not intend to file any EOTY application for 2019, also not in the next coming days. They explicitly do not see any “competition” between the two events but rather see a great possibility and continuation so that the enthusiasts can travel from one event to the other. Thus, they also confirm after inquiry that there is no need to postpone any EOTY election towards a later stage.



The Delegates unanimously approve that this French celebration should be given a dedicated status, outside of the traditional EOTY gathering. The ACI will communicate this accordingly.

After this clarification, the ACI Board asks the present ACI Delegates to approve the candidature from Croatia and elect the 2CV World Meeting Croatia as “EOTY 2019”. The voting was given unanimously, and Croatia thus elected. The Delegates applaud to the decision.

2020 – ICCCR Torun, Poland

The team around Czeslaw Nosewicz and Piotr Majewski presents the preparations for the upcoming ICCCR. Based on the experiences from organizing the 2CV World Meeting in 2015, they announce that they will even prepare for a more exciting agenda for this event. The website will be prepared and the first registrations already have taken place.



7. Election of the new ACI Board

After a presentation of the 2017 outlook, the Delegates are kindly asked to elect the ACI Board for the upcoming 12 months period. No new candidates have applied to be elected. The Delegates are asked whether an open voting can be performed, or whether a secret voting has to be executed. Jens M. Nicolaisen (DK) requests a secret vote, supported by David Serrus (BE).

The election thus is executed by secret vote, the counting is done by HM Herman Sluiter (NL).

The results: Manfred Buchgeher (Austria) – 93,3% of the votes, Dejan Orovič (Slovenia) – 96,7%, Guido Wilhelm (Italy) – 96,7%, Willem Klein Lankhorst (Netherlands) – 100%, Laurent Moret de Rocheprise (France) – 100%, Stephan Joest (Germany) – 93,3 %.

The elected Board thanks for the expressed confidence and trust into their actions. The Delegates applaud to the voting results.

8. Presentation of Project “Scarabée d’Or”

As a special project presented also at Retromobile 2017, Olivier Masi, Chairman of the ambitious project to replicate one of the Kegresse vehicles from the famous Croisière Noire, presents the story and the exciting project. Goal is not only to reconstruct the vehicle and its technology but also to provide a Virtual Reality model of it so that it can be studied by the public at a later stage. The ACI Board member Laurent Moret de Rocheprise is member of the Steering Committee and will report over time. On the ACI website, we will constantly update about the progress.



9. End of AGM

No further topic is discussed. The ACI AGM is officially ended at 17:37h.

Annex – List of Present Delegates & Proxies

In order by countries, alphabetically:

Manfred Buchgeher (Austria)
Marc Roelandt (Belgium) -> being proxy for Richard Bonfond (USA)
David Serrus (Belgium)
Goran Skrbinić (Croatia) -> proxy for Adnan Spaho (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
Darko Kornjak (Croatia) -> proxy for Alden Hadzagic (B&H)
Sune Friisgaard (Denmark)
Jens M. Nicolaisen (Denmark)
Laurent Moret de Rocheprise (France) -> proxy for Lubomir Hula (Czech Rep.)
Stephan Joest (Germany)
Britta Becker (Germany)
Bernie Shaw (Great Britain) -> proxy for Simon Saint (GB)
Guido Wilhelm (Italy) -> proxy for Michele Lemme (Italy)
Keiichi Kitagawa (Japan) -> proxy for Kazuo Nozu (Japan)
Willem Klein Lankhorst (NL)
Pieter Vogel (NL)
Stanislaw Marasek (Poland)
Czeslaw Nosewicz (Poland)
Joao Alexandre (Portugal)
Rogerio Soares (Portugal)
Dejan Orovic (Slovenia)
Toni Preskar (Slovenia)
Per Westin (Sweden)
Bengt Olsson (Sweden)
Urs Hochstrasser (Switzerland)

present ACI Honorary Member: Herman Sluiter (NL).

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