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Subject: RE: Important Update for the Rotary Fellowships Program*

Dear friends,

For those that don't know how Rota-latino initiated I want to tell your that this group was borned with some ROTIs from Brazil and Mexico. They were sharing our mailing list some messages in their languages. We know that ROTI Fellowship is just an English spoken group, so they decided to initiate another group with the great example of ROTI with electronic communications through Internet.

There is any doubt that now a day Rotarian e-Learning in Spanish, as well as other Latin Languages, may take advantage of a good knowledge of Rotary's proposals.

That is why since six years ago, through our site in www.rotarymexico.org as well as www.rotalatio.org; we have encouraged almost 4,000 Rotarians from 42 countries, to improve their interest of what Rotary is offering day by day. (RI News Basket, Rotary PR Tips, President's messages, others).

I also want to say that there are many many Rotarians who do not speak English and sometimes they feel disappointed for not having all information in theirs languages.

When some Rotarians want to access the Languages section on RI site, they barely find some documents translated into their languages.

ROTA-Latino is not the same as ROTI. ROTA-Latino is a group of Rotarians who share a Latin Cultural heritage and combine our Rotarian actions, seeking through the knowledge of their cultures, languages and way of thinking, the promotion and consciousness of Rotary's Ideals and the Worldwide Friendship.

Besides, during these past years Rota Latino members (including PDGs, DGs, NDGs) have had the opportunity to meet at RI Conventions thanks to ROTI, MultiPets Mexico and RI Institutes; as well as helping on those emergencies due to hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, others.

Due to actions as Rotarians we have been working to promote RI.

What I want to point is that ROTI is the first group of Rotarians on Internet; who has encourage other groups to keep working on communication and training. ROTI is helping to create much more groups, which will allow other people to know more about our Ideals.

I would appreciate your comments, or if you need more info, please let me know.

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