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Firstly please accept my apology for not being with you today, I have been to the last 17 conventions in a row and trust you will forgive me for being away this time.

Emailing has improved the speed and effectiveness of International communication immensely, virtually nothing comes by post anymore and this has had the flow on effect of encouraging International Officers, Secretaries etc to communicate in a timely manner – no more blaming postal delays – it had been taking 4 – 5 months to receive meeting minutes etc!

Peter Butchart has been busy again organising and leading tours for the benefit of 41ers; the first was a group to Australia for 2 weeks and then the full on British tour here. Clubs responded well to the requests for hosting – much fun was had by all and many new friendships made. I have heard many good comments from this tour and no negative.

Peter has 2 tours to Scandinavia in the pipeline, the planning of which has been challenging at times, but Peter's persistence will win through and I'm sure they will be very memorable trips.

Our Website has been working well, effectively making the 41 club world smaller. Several people have 'found us' while window shopping on the web and have thought of visiting down here, but nothing definite yet.

I have pleasure in presenting this my 5th IRO Annual Report

Peter Phillips