

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



## 2005 : ROTARY Centennial

Sunday, April 10th, 2005

**200 Rotarians**  
from 20 countries and 5 continents  
will be running

**Paris' Marathon**



## Rotary Centennial Celebration

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Many demonstrations and actions are planned worldwide around **2005 February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the very date of the Hundredth Anniversary of **Rotary**, created in Chicago by **Paul HARRIS** and 3 friends of him.

A huge attendance of numerous Rotarians at **2005 Paris' Marathon** is planned to take place within the framework of this great Rotary event.

## Rotary international dimension, motto and achievements

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**1 200 000 Rotarians**, spread within **34 000 Clubs** from **166 countries** and **5 continents** : Rotary is the most important international Club existing for the longest time. Our motto and 'raison d'être' is quite simple and yet ambitious :

### Service Above Self

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development.

**More than 20 countries** will send **more than 200 Rotarians** for Paris' Marathon ... some of them from as far as Australia, New-Zeeland, Panama or Canada.

## PolioPlus : an actual incentive

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Among a paramount number of humanitarian and educational actions performed each year by Rotarians, **PolioPlus** is an outstanding example.

Launched in **1985**, this operation carried out for 20 years in partnership with the **World Health Organization** and **UNICEF** in on the verge of achieving the eradication of the poliovirus by the immunization of **2 billion children** in the world.

**PolioPlus** is one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private-sector organization.

## Paris' Marathon : a great sport challenge

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**Rotarians** are male and female professionals from various business areas, industry, administration and private executive sector.

Their commitment to such a definitely high-demanding stamina ordeal is for most of them **a great personal challenge** they feel prone to face bravely.

## Paris' Marathon : a communication opportunity

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Rotary Hundredth Anniversary is the opportunity for us to explain why we are **Rotarians** and what we strive to do for **the service of a great many others**.

At the eve of our second century devoted to serving, Paris' Marathon is to be the evidence that **dynamism and commitment** are for Rotarians among the greatest values they rank forward.