



**05/10/18**

**Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the 2018 CRB bulletin.**



### **Voting in the European Manager Election**

An important notice from MGCC Overseas Director Peter Cook:

The post of European Manager lasts for two years and the election corresponds to the two-yearly European Conference which this year is taking place in the UK in November. This time we have two candidates for the position, and the UK club has one vote as do each of the other affiliated European clubs. As per my predecessor Paul Plummer's approach to this election, I am requesting all CRBs to cast a vote as to which candidate they would prefer as European Manager. I will simply add up the votes and the highest will be the UK club's preference.

Information which has already been sent to European clubs is attached, including statements by both candidates. The deadline is 31st October and the successful candidate will be announced at the end of the European Conference. I appreciate that many CRBs may have little or no knowledge of the two candidates and therefore be unwilling to state a preference. This is understandable, and there is no objection to refraining from casting a vote. It is up to CRBs to consult in whichever way they feel appropriate in order to meet the 31st October deadline.

On the following pages you will find the application and voting forms for both candidates.

If there are any questions I will be happy to answer them.  
Best regards,

Peter Cook  
MGCC - Overseas Director.

## Topsigns

Topsigns' Managing Director has informed Kimber House that they intend to end the partnership with the MGCC (including CRBs and affiliated Clubs) at the end of 2018. This is due to low sales from CRBs. If you wish to order any items, or secure stock for your CRB, please head to <http://shop.topsigns.net/> and place your order.

If you have any comments, questions or queries about Topsigns, please feel free to address them to me.

## Welcome Jade

There is a new face around Kimber House; Jade Beckett has joined the team as Brand Communications Manager, looking after the Club's Marketing & PR activities.

Jade has joined the Club on a part-time basis from Silverstone Circuit where she was responsible for Marketing & PR for the circuit's Motorsport calendar. Jade has a car heavy background, having worked in manufacturer Public Relations for Subaru, Isuzu and Suzuki and also marketing for Fiat and Bentley. At the University of Central Lancashire Jade studied BA (Hons) Business Administration and also FdSc Motorsport Management and Logistics.

Jade is no stranger to the MG brand, owning a 1969 MG Midget.

Jade's working hours are Monday & Wednesday 9:00-17:30, Tuesday & Thursday 9-13:00 and Friday 9:00-4:00 and her email address is [jade@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:jade@mgcc.co.uk).

Many thanks,

*Adam*

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# **APPLICATION EUROPEAN MANAGER**



## **WHO AM I?**

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An MG enthusiast, 50 years old, mother of two sons of 12 and 15 years old.

In 1999 I first saw an MGB and decided I wanted to have an MG but was not yet sure of what type to buy. The 'A' was love at first sight and after 1,5 years of repair I started off in 2002. In 2006 my second MG, a YB, was bought and in 2016 a TF.

In 2010 I was invited to become secretary of the board of the MG Car Club Holland. In the meantime I took care of my two boys and founded my own production company. In 2013 we had a crisis in the board and the chairman resigned. That was when I started my career as a chairman. The first female MGCCH chairman in 60 years!

I love the people within the club each with their own ideas and contribution to the club. To meet all these people during autojumble, fairs and tours and all other events makes me happy.

## **WHY EUROPEAN MANAGER?**

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During the meetings with chairmen of the other European Clubs the atmosphere is one of a wonderful family. A lot of enthusiasm and commitment to the MG brand is what attracts me.

The sharing of experiences within the clubs brings so many new opportunities and understanding.

I like to promote the positive findings of all our sisterclubs and learn from each other. I like travelling throughout Europe.

I speak Dutch, English, German and French fluently.

My experience as chairman of the MG Car Club Holland, with 2600 members, is a solid basis for the position of European Manager.

## **MY GOAL AS A EUROPEAN MANAGER**

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is to inspire and connect people from various countries. Hear what are their needs, ideas and challenges within their clubs.

I would like to connect all of this by sharing this together and build an even stronger MGCC in Europe. Also being the link between the UK and the continent.

It will be a new challenge for me to represent the various MG Clubs in Europe with each their own culture, specific topics and experiences.

I would be really pleased to learn more about the MG family in this position.

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## **MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE**

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Member of the board  
MG Car Club Holland  
since 2011

Chairman since 2013

Director of a textile  
company (1995-2005)

Director of a  
production company  
(2010-..)

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### Application European Manager

I hereby want to send my application for the position as European Manager in your club for coming period 2019-2020.

My CV is enclosed.

I am since 2010 the current European Manager and I have no intention to resign but as the rules in the documentation from European Conferences says there is election every second year and that is the reason for my application.

There are lots of workloads on the specification as European Manager which I of course follow as this is my guideline in the work in this position.

I really enjoy being European Manager and specially with the support I get from the board and lots of other members in UK and of course I also feel the support from many countries in the European MG Family.

One of the main task is the planning of European Events of The Year (EEOTY) and as I like structure and long planning in my life this also goes to the position as European Manager.

As I have been responsible myself for an EEOTY in 2012 I know how much work it is and also which planning it takes and one of my task from European Conference 2016 was to make a handbook for coming EEOTY and this I am working on and will be presented to the European Conference in November 2018.

With my experience after been at 13 EEOTY over the years I feel I have good experience to help and support for coming clubs who shall make an EEOTY and I work closely with the countries in near future in order to help them to make an excellent event which all countries want to do.

For the coming period I will continue to have contact with as many clubs as possible and I also feel that when something happens in a country which the board has problems the handle they come to me. This is for advise and comments and this is exactly what the position as European Manager shall be like.

One of the big issues is to get more countries into the European MG Family and this is an ongoing process and suddenly one country comes up. This is just like what happened at this year MG Live where I met some MG people from Slovenia who wants to start a MG Club in Ljubljana and for that reason I will be there a weekend this Autumn for start up meeting.

Another important issue is to be at the twice yearly council meetings in UK which I always try to participate in even if some has to be cancelled due to daily work loads which is still the most important as long as you are working and not in pensionist roll.

I hope I have explained a little about my situation and position as European Manager and I look forward to next coming 2 years period if I will be elected.

Albir/ Spain

2018-07-31

Håkan Sigemark

# The MG Car Club

Election of European Manager, 2018

Voting for the position of European Manager will take place before 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 by returning your club's choice to Peter Cook, Overseas Director via e mail. The result will be announced at the European Conference in November.

All European Clubs who are affiliated to the MGCC will be able to cast their vote and there will be one vote per club.

There are two nominations for this position,

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Choice</b>
Vivian Vleeshouwers	Holland	
Hakan Sigemark	Catalunya	

Please indicate your choice and return the completed form to [petercookdr@btinternet.com](mailto:petercookdr@btinternet.com) by the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018.

For UK CRBs, each CRB has the opportunity to cast its vote for its preferred candidate, and the overall preference will be the vote cast by the UK club. Some CRBs may feel that they know so little about the candidates that they are reluctant to cast a vote. Abstention is therefore understandable and acceptable.

Peter Cook

MGCC – Overseas Director.