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## CHRISTIAN DOUMERGUE OR THE SAGA OF A PRESIDENT ON DISCOUNT

--> --> An open letter from Claire Corbu, Antoine Captier & Philippe Marlin



I'm not used to personal, below-the-belt attacks. The observations I made with Paul Rouelle about Christian Doumergue's book were in the nature of intellectual criticism, and in no way aimed at the person. But since Christian Doumergue seriously calls me into question, I would like to refresh his memory and, using his method, with a nice caricature. I quote our brilliant author:

*"As he got his hands on APARC (an association founded by Jean-Luc Robin, then passed under the presidency of André Galaup, before the latter was ousted by Philippe Marlin according to a "coup d'état orchestrated by him [his own words during a private conversation]), Philippe Marlin wanted to get his hands on the presidency of the Terre de Rhedae Association (a position I still hold today), which I opposed for various reasons. This episode, which was certainly not the first shock between us, was for him, without a doubt, the one that left the most bitter taste, whatever his hypocritical facade says."*

I won't revisit his comments about APARC. Nessie Rouelle, President of this association, has spoken. However, I would like to return to Terre de Rhedae, which my well-known excessive ambition has obviously led me to want to absorb... with gusto.

Things happened like this:

As a member of the TDR Board of Directors (12 positions), I was summoned to the board meeting last September, the purpose of which was to renew mandates. Several members of the said board asked me to run to put an end to the Doumergue management that had transformed the oldest association in Castelrennes into "Christian Doumergue, my life, my work." I did so, moreover naively thinking that it might be interesting to bring together the associations working on the hill, for greater efficiency. Today, and apart from the Doumergue events to the glory of Pierre Plantard, the Priory of Sion and the author's ego, the activities are organized by ODS/ARTBS/APARC (a symposium in June, two conferences per week in summer, an annual Day of Books and the Strange, off-season dinner debates, etc.). In short, there was reason to join forces.

The result of the ballot box was clear: 6 votes for me, 6 votes for the outgoing President. To avoid stalling the situation, I withdrew my candidacy. Christian Doumergue was therefore elected president "by default."

Things could have ended there, peacefully, if a board member, Gérard Thome, hadn't sent an email to certain administrators, explaining that if Claire Corbu, Antoine Captier, and Jean-Alain Sipra had voted for me, it was because I had bought them by publishing their works through my publishing house (EODS). Faced with this serious defamation, a serious controversy rocked the association, with the victims asking the President to exclude the black sheep.

After much procrastination and contortions, it is clear that the President by default did not have the courage to decide. A pathetic attitude, especially after a drink at the "Jardin de Marie" where he promised us (us = Antoine Captier) to clean up his sulphurous "groupies". This resulted in the resignation of the "elders" who were directly attacked, of yours truly insulted, and of our three friendly "Razès backpackers" who were disgusted (Josy, Stéphanie and Laurence).

Overall, if I wanted to get my hands on TDR, I must admit that I went about it very badly. On the other hand, the Christian Doumergue was particularly brilliant in creating a situation that could only result in the elimination of those who could overshadow him.

Well done, artist!

I would like to take this opportunity to greet Henri Doumergue, father and member of the council, and thank him for the very kind words he spoke to me at the last TDR AGM.

Philippe Marlin, Rennes-les-Bains, August 5, 2013

Dear Philippe,

In light of the hurtful remarks made by Christian Doumergue, which seriously undermine your moral integrity, Claire and I wish to assure you of our full support. We are very disappointed by the aggressive behavior of Christian, whom we had trusted and befriended in the past and even encouraged to become president of the Terre de Rhedae association before disagreeing with the choices he made once elected.

Certainly, dear Philippe, you have already been the target of malicious people on the Internet, but coming from someone you appreciated and with whom you worked, we can imagine how difficult this situation is for you to live with as you devote yourself, despite so much ingratitude on the part of some, to maintaining cultural events on a regular basis in Rennes le Château.

Many, like us, are grateful to you and welcome your presence on our hill; With all our friendship.

Claire and Antoine Captier, Carcassonne, August 5, 2013

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