

Membership Message 3/2021

Dear Members,

WACA Council Meeting

The 1st Virtual WACA Council Meeting of 2021 is scheduled to be held on 21 March. Member Clubs' WACA Representatives and Members-at-Large are requested to send to my attention any item(s) they would like to be included on the agenda.

53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2021 Interline Celebration

Indonesia COVID-19 Update

In Indonesia positive tests for COVID-19 have been declining since the end of January advises Chief Marketing/Events Officer, *Julian Chau*. A mass vaccination programme has begun in the country with all residents of Bali scheduled to be vaccinated beginning in mid-August. As with many countries, procedures are currently being introduced requiring international travellers arriving the country to be tested for the novel coronavirus before they depart and have a valid certificate or similar confirming they have been vaccinated. The situation is still in flux and is being carefully monitored with a view to proceed with, or further postpone, the AGA to be taken by the end of March as previously announced.

Package Costs

We are optimistic that The 2021 Interline Celebration will be able to proceed in accordance with the host country's government restrictions on travel and public gatherings. Members, therefore, are reminded that the package costs for the pre-AGA tour, AGA and the post-AGA tour will not exceed the rates published in the 2020 brochures and could be reduced when communication lines open again to negotiate price reductions with the tour operator and hotel management. As a reminder, the revised dates of the 53rd AGA packages are as follows:

10–17 October for the Pre-AGA Tour: Java Grand Tour;

17–22 October for the 53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2021 Interline Celebration;

22–26 October for the Post-AGA Tour: Land of the Dragons and the Lesser Sunda Islands. *Note: there will only be one post-AGA tour with two groups because WACA has been fortunate to be allocated with two Phinisi Schooner this year.*

Office Restrictions Update

The city of Montreal continues to be in a "red zone" due to the COVID-19 pandemic but there are gradual openings of non-essential shops, cinemas, swimming pools, museums, etc. with strict limits on the number of people allowed in the premises at any given time. The province is, however, concerned about mutations of the virus that are now being detected so restaurants, stadiums, gymnasias and offices remain closed as does the curfew from 20:00–05:00. It is assumed that these restrictions will continue until later this month so I continue to work from home until the situation changes.

Membership Messages

Communicate

"Membership Messages" are sent out on a regular basis to WACA Member Clubs, Members-at-Large and other individuals closely connected to WACA. Recipients in Member Clubs are requested to forward these messages to all members of their respective Club or direct their members to the News and Press Releases section of WACA's website where the messages are posted:

www.waca.org/news/Pages/index.aspx.

Contribute

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next "Membership Message" please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

KEEP WELL. STAY SAFE.

Yours in interlining,

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