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## Welcome address at the Opening Ceremony of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Assembly in Recife, Brazil

By: Maga Ramasamy / WACA President

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a real pleasure on behalf of the World Airlines Clubs Association to welcome you all in Brazil more particularly in Recife the capital of the state of Pernambuco for the 43rd Annual General Assembly of the Association.

This Assembly is hosted by the Portugal Interline Club an active club within European Region. WACA would like to commend the hosting club for giving us the opportunity to discover this part of the globe and to bring back happy memories home to be shared with others. To start with, we are grateful to the hosting club for giving us the opportunity to be welcome in this magnificent theatre/opera hall which is celebrating its 160 years this year.

WACA since its birth in 1966, is striving to bring the airline employees of the world together in true spirit of friendship, mutual understanding and demonstrates to the public the important contribution the international airlines are giving for better understanding among the peoples of the world.

Through its activities WACA promotes air transportation as a mode of travel and to promote better service to the traveling public and to provide social and economic causes to the benefit of the airline industry and the community in general which are among others the basic of our purpose and objectives as spelt out in the constitution of the Association.

We are proud to form part of the Airline Industry but also be responsible citizen of the world. It's worth reminding that since the early thirties air transport was at the service of the travelers and air travel in the world is growing at a rapid pace and remains one of the most popular modes of transportation. The aviation industry has brought many benefits to society in both economic and social terms.

Air travel remains a large and growing industry. It facilitates economic growth, world trade, international investment and tourism and is therefore central to the globalization, taking place in many other industries.

By nature of their function, airline companies contribute to a wider extent to society at large as part of their social obligations by linking the world as one village and bringing people together irrespective of race, rank and creed from one part of the globe to the other. Furthermore, many airline companies consider corporate social responsibility as their obligation to be accountable to all their stakeholders in all their operations and activities, with the objective of achieving not only sustainable economic development but also sustainable social and environmental development.

Air transport is committed to meeting its customers' growing demand in a sustainable manner, maintaining an optimal balance between economic progress, social development and environmental responsibility. The aviation industry has reduced its environmental impact in recent decades through the development of new technology and the adoption of specific operating methods. Today the issue of environment is high on the agenda of all Airline companies as well other, world aviation organizations.

We would like to seize this occasion to congratulate the Airline Company TAP, where many of our members from the Portugal Interline Club form part for being honored by UNESCO and by the International Union of Geological Science with the IPYE "Planet Earth Award 2010", in the category of "Most Innovative sustainable Product", in recognition of the achievements of the company's Carbon Offset program, the first one launched worldwide in partnership with IATA.

From a social perspective, air transport forms a unique global transport network linking people, countries and cultures safely and efficiently. It is increasingly accessible to a greater number of people who can now afford to travel by air for leisure and business purposes.

We as airline employees in the exercise of our professional functions, directly or indirectly we are involved to the good cause of the industry towards the community at large.

And at WACA, we as responsible citizen whilst adopting the resolutions of the UN Millennium Development Goals, we are also sensible to the less favorable people of the world and for this AGA, we are contributing generously to the Crèche of the "Centro Cultural e Social Severinas" in supporting the organization for taking care of the children between the age 1 to 3.

WACA through you and your continuous support, we really want to DO WELL BY DOING GOOD.

I wish you well.

May God Bless you all.





## A word from the Editor!

By: Suhair Mahmoud / VP Public Relations

Dear Interliners,

I feel very honored and thrilled to be able to speak to you for the first time through the WWN as VP Public Relations hoping that this edition will meet your needs and expectations and will receive your support to enable us continue exerting our best efforts and dedication to ensure consistent quality standard for each edition.

In this edition you will notice the new design in addition to the new corners which has been added such as (The Show and Tell) corner which will give you the chance to participate and share with us your experiences of your travels around the world and (a Story to be told by pictures) corner .were you can present and tell everybody about a certain event by photos and brief comments.

I would like to stress here on the great importance of your participation and contributions with the great subjects to enable us bring out each and every edition to you at a high quality standard that would be satisfactory to all of us editors and readers.

Therefore, I look forward to receiving your reports, stories, photos and your exciting subjects to be published.

Please send your reports directly to my  
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As for the other WACA news, I would like to draw your attention that WACA calendar for this year is going to be loaded with exciting trips and tour packages , hoping to see more of you participating in those trips.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to those who contributed in this edition whether by sending reports, informing us about their tour packages or by permitting me to use their photos in this edition.

Special thanks goes for Rosemarie who always supported me in her advices, Chico for his excellent reports, Steve Charlton from Montreal Interline Club for his first contribution in the "Show & Tell Corner", Judith, John Banker, Orathai, Ralph, George & Hilda from Nairobi Interline Club , Carmen & Marline from Lebanon, Hassan, Suzy, Issa from Jordan Interline Club & Portugal Interline Club. And to Maria Alphonso for her beautiful picture we used as a cover.

Looking forward to hear from you all and wish you a prosperous and successful year.

**Suhair Mahmoud**  
**VP Public Relations**





## Fantastic Destinations on WACA Calendar this year!

Places to visit during 2011!

### Cambodia & Vietnam

Airline Club of Thailand with its Pre tour offers you two amazing destinations in one package.

Visit the temples of Cambodia; explore the Ho Chi Minh City with its Cu Chi legendary tunnel and the famous Halong Bay.

**Hosting Club: Airline Club of Thailand.**  
**Date: 18 – 25 September**



### Southern Switzerland

This trip is perfect for those who wish to catch a glimpse of southern Switzerland including several World Heritage Sites.

**Hosting Club: Interline Club of Zurich**  
**Date: 2 – 4 September**



### Cruise to Mexico

**First WACA North America Region Interline Festival**

Why don't we start our trip this year to the land of sunshine and adventures where we can have fun, relax and visit amazing places?

**Hosting Club: San Diego Club**  
**Date: 20 – 27 March**



### Sydney

**Down under Outback Tour**

Have you ever been to Australia? Sydney in Particular? well this year is the time to explore Sydney in 10 days tour.

This trip will offer visits to Dubbo, Western Plains Zoo, Forster Great Lakes & Mudgee Wine Region.

**Hosting Club: Sydney Interline Club**  
**Date: 30 April – 9 May**



## **Jamaica**

### **Jamaica Jump Up!**

Its summer time, Get the Jamaican fever and be with us in Jamaica Jump up.

All you have to do is to bring your bathing suit, sun screen for the day and prepare yourself for parties at night.

**Hosting Club: Jamaica Interline Club**

**Date: 2- 5 June**



## **China**

### **The Capitals of China & The roof of the world**

For those who love China, 2011 would be an ideal year to visit this amazing country and explore new cities and places in China that you never did before.

**Hosting Club: Hong Kong Interline Club**

**Date: 12-17 September & 15-25 October**



## **Portugal**

Portugal Interline Club have had always succeeded in arranging the Grande Festa. Be with us this year and enjoy!

**Hosting Club: Portugal Interline Club**

**Date: 28 September – 2 October**



## **Israel**

Two packages were organized this year to give you the choice while visiting Israel.

**Hosting Club: Israel Interline Club**

**Date: 21 – 27 February & 6 – 12 June**



## **Mauritius**

### **Inter Islands Festival**

Visit Mauritius once and you will fell in love with this beautiful country, its astonishing beaches, and most of all the Mauritian spirit.

**Hosting Club: Indian Ocean Islands**

**Date: 6-12 June**



## **Jordan**

Small Country but rich with its historical sites and famous with Jordanian warm hospitality.

**Hosting Club: Jordan Interline Club**

**Date: 21- 26 November**





### Cracow - Poland

#### WACA Jamboree & European Regional Meeting

Visit Cracow, a city rapped in legend, where time flow differently and where every moment becomes a moment of history.

**Hosting Club: Hungarian Interline Club**

**Date: 15-17 April**



### South America Cruise

#### Early 2012

From Chili to Argentina, join us for unforgettable 14 days of cruising to the South America, passing the continent extreme, where landscapes dazzle and provoke feelings.

**Hosting Club: Interline Club of Portugal**

**Date: 10-27<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2012**



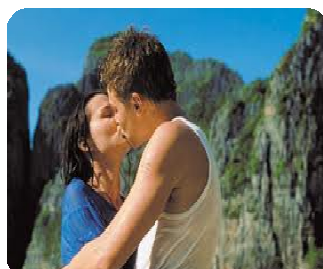
### Secretary General Message Corner

By: Angela Leresche



### Phi Phi Island

An Island to visit during the AGA in Thailand!



All of us have watched the Beach Movie for Leonardo DiCaprio, and we were all fascinated by the movie scene. For you interliners who never guessed where the movie was shot, the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly with its program gives you the chance to enjoy the white sands of Phi Phi Lay, one of the most beautiful spots on planet. The bearded limestone cliffs, ribbons of emerald and turquoise water and voluptuous contours of sand are a visual feast, soak it all in with your WACA friends and be with us on this magical island.

### James Bond Island

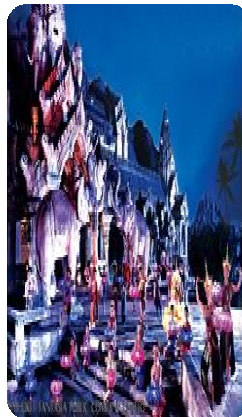
Another Island to visit during the AGA in Thailand!



James Bond Island another location in Thailand was chosen for a famous movie shooting (The Man of the Golden Gun). Another Island where you will be able to see during the AGA program in Thailand this year.

### Phuket FantaSea

The Ultimate Cultural Theme Park!



Phuket's FantaSea is the Island's biggest show. With trapeze artists, a cast of hundreds, performing elephants and other animals and an exotic storyline that blends tradition with fantasy you'll have a wonderful evening out there. But the extravaganza doesn't stop there as FantaSea also hosts one of the biggest buffets in Asia and is set in a theme park that offers carnival like games, lots of shopping opportunities, a Palace of the Elephants, a Similan Adventure Center several other food outlets. It's spectacular, it's extravagant, and it's impressive and great entertainment value for all.



## North America Region in “800 Seconds”! A Retrospective of the North America Interline Clubs Activities

By: Chico Valdez / On behalf of North America Region



2010 was marked by sad moments with the loss of friends and valuable Interliners (Robert Pride- San Diego Interline Club; Steve McMahon and George Steel- Montreal Interline Club, and Raymond Kosick- Detroit Interline Club), but it was also, signaled by the good and joyful moments that we all shared, whenever we had the opportunity of getting together. Looking back at the North America Region activities, 2010 was highlighted by three major events: The San Diego Interline Club's Las Vegas Get Away Weekend (already reported on WWN 1/2010), the North America Regional Meeting, held in New Orleans and hosted by the Pittsburgh Interline Club, and last but not the least, the Montreal Interline Club celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Ellie Masters, Pittsburgh Interline Club's President and to a group of loyal and no lesser hard working and dedicated members, the New Orleans North America Regional Meeting was, by far, the best attended Regional Meeting in the last couple of years, with the participation of forty Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Observers and members of the hosting Club. The festive and relaxing atmosphere of the venue, contributed in part for the tremendous successes achieve by the event and at the Regional Meeting itself.





November 26<sup>th</sup> 2010, the Montreal Interline Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, the first in North America and the second in WACA history, with the presence of WACA VP Finance and Treasurer, Ms. Rosemarie Mamede in representation of the WACA Executive Committee. Although facing "serious" competition, Thanksgiving Day in USA, Grey Cup in Edmonton, Canada, and an unpleasant winter day, compliments of Mother Nature, the celebration was, never the less, enjoyed by the 38 members that gathered for the dinner and the Club's Tombola and Big Band Dance.



But don't let these three events deceive you...the North American Interline Clubs throughout the year continued to fulfill their social commitment towards their membership, and their communitarian responsibilities, organizing social get-togethers addressed to their members and fund raising events for the charity of their choice.

Internationally, the ever present and supportive North America Interliner, although might not in large numbers, still crisscrossing the World in support of the events organized by the different WACA member Clubs. Sadly the example is ignored by the majority of the other Regions' Clubs.

Until we "meet" again, we would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2011.



## Dreaming of Rio!

### Unforgettable side trip of the WACA 43<sup>rd</sup> Interline Celebration

By: Julian Chau / Hong Kong Interline Club

Christ the Redeemer, the famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema, the favelas and Samba. All these are visions of Brazil when the country comes to mind. Although I had always wanted to visit Rio, it seemed a bit too far from my home base in Hong Kong. However, when the Portugal Interline Club decided to host the 43rd WACA Interline Festival in Recife, Brazil, I saw this as a perfect opportunity to tag on a side trip to Rio De Janeiro. Obviously, prior to my trip, I had some pre-arrival perceptions of the city and the country, some spectacularly true, and others perhaps not so.



I started my journey from Paris, where Air France has a direct flight to Rio. Joining me in Paris were 4 members of the Paille En Queue club of Air Mauritius, Being interliners and holding ID tickets, it was a nerve wracking wait to see whether one could get on the flight. Finally my name was called and was offered a jump seat. All joy soon evaporated as I discover much to my shock that I was put on the flight to Sao Paolo when I realized something was very wrong at the gate. Well heck, at least I will end up somewhere in Brazil and I will just have to worry about getting to Rio when I got to the country. After arriving in Sao Paolo, I immediately bought a ticket to Rio on GOL airlines. My other 4 companions from Mauritius did not get on the Air France flight that night and were stuck in Paris Charles De Gaulle airport for the night, so I can at least consider myself lucky, despite being sent to the wrong city!





All international arrivals and some domestic flights as well, arrive at Rio's Galeao International Airport. Having read up on Rio prior to the trip, I avoided the Taxi touts and hopped on a local taxi, making sure the driver had the meter on and the tariff was at 1. Once the taxi was on its way, you could start to see the dramatic surroundings of Rio, the seas, the lagoons, the forested mountains and of course the omnipresent favelas, slums that stretch to every direction. After 50 Reals, I was dropped off at my Copacabana Hotel. Right after checking into the hotel, I went for a walk in Copacabana. The district is the hub of tourists visiting Rio and one has to take precautions when in Rio, due to its negative reputation with crime etc. No watches or jewellery, or big cameras, keep aware of your surroundings and carry just enough cash etc. However, when walking the streets, there is no sense of danger and Brazilians, in general, are a bunch of friendly people, poor and rich alike. I met up with the WACA President and members of the Indian Ocean Island Club in the evening and we went to a local bar called the Panama Bar, which the group had adopted. When in Brazil, one must try the wicked Brazilian cocktail, the Caipirinha. The cocktail is the national drink of Brazil and is concocted from crushed lime wedges, Brazilian rum, sugar, and ice. Anyway, the Caipirinhas in the Panama bar were extra large sizes, something I came to regret in a bad way an hour later. After our drinks at the Panama Bar, we walked to a nearby local restaurant, where another round of Caipirinhas was ordered. It was a big mistake as my head started to turn upside down halfway through my drink and before long I had passed out in a semi conscious state. It was very kind of Jenny Adams and others from the Indian Ocean Islands Club who prepared an impromptu bed made of chairs for me to lie down. As the others enjoyed their dinner and Jenny sang her famous rendition of the Titanic Theme song in Chinese, I was mulling my fateful decision in drinking the Caipirinhas while still in my drunken state of mind. Remember, the Caipirinhas are easy cocktails to down, but you will have to pay the consequences.



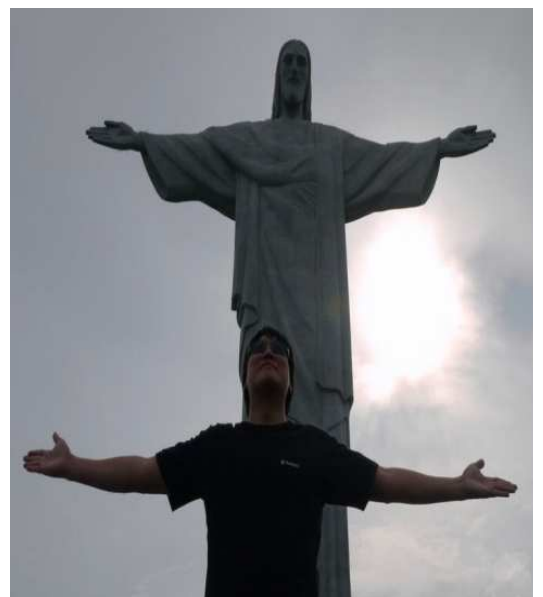
Next morning, good news arrived and the Air Mauritius 4 had finally gotten on the AF flight in Paris and has now arrived in Rio. After breakfast, we met up with Krishen, Kris, Alane, and Shreen, who were very tired from the extended wait in Paris. Our first activity of the day was to head over to the Sugar Loaf peak by public bus. The Sugar Loaf, or **Pão de Açúcar** in Portuguese, is a distinctively shaped hill that looks like a loaf, hence its name. It is located on a promontory between the districts of Copacabana and Batofago and commands spectacular views over the city, with the Christ the Redeemer visible in the distance. Rio's downtown and the Santos Dumont domestic airport also provide a dramatic backdrop from Sugar loaf, and Copacabana is seen in its entirety, as well as Rio's satellite city of Niteroi across the bay.



Our next stop after sugar loaf was Christ the Redeemer at Corcovado. Now it gets really interesting. As we got down from Sugar Loaf Hill, we were approached by what seemed like Taxi Touts. There was this gentleman who offered to take us for 25 Reals each to Corcovado and back to the hotel. It seemed reasonable and we took him up on his offer. Before we had even rounded up the corner, the driver introduced himself as a local composer and a performer at night. Before long, he was singing to tunes he had composed, with the assistance of the stereo system in the car. The guy was truly amazing, and before long, we were singing along to songs like "Gay, Gay, Gay" and another song about George W Bush. The driver even has a website where you could order his music and he performs at night with a band and dancing samba girls. After climbing the steep winding path through the jungle of Tijuaca, our car arrived at the top of Corcovado, where we transferred to shuttle buses to reach Christ the Redeemer. You could not ask for a more dramatic location when the full view of Rio spreads below you. Christ the Redeemer, one of the new 7 Wonders of the world, spreads his arms, commanding the sweeping panoramas which one can describe as one of the most dramatic in the world. Here, from the famous viewing platform, you can see the classic view of Sugar Loaf, the lagoon next to Ipanema and Leblon and the famous Maracana Stadium, the spiritual home of Brazilian football. On the way back, there was more entertainment from our driver and it was then that we realized he was a true local celebrity, with people calling out his name and even the hotel bell boy recognized him. The 25 Real fees was indeed a bargain as the driver was quite something and we learnt a lot about the city from him, albeit in a different way.



On my last day Rio, we finally made it to Copacabana beach, perhaps the most famous in the world, and I could see why. The beach can be as wide as it can get and the water meets the sand with quite strong waves and since it was early spring, the water was a bit cold. One thing that sets Copacabana beach apart is the people, whether they are playing some sorts of sports activity, selling merchandise from drinks to hats, or the masses of skimpily dressed Brazilian women in their signature thong bikinis. After my wonderful experience at the beach, it was time for me to catch the flight to Recife, where the WACA Interline Celebration was held.





My departure from Rio was a reluctant one; it is one of the few places in the world where you would tell yourself you will return before you had even left the place. Yes, Rio can be very expensive, and it can be a very dangerous city, but that should not deter one from visiting the city. There is no sense of danger walking the streets of Copacabana or the Beach, but there is a reason why precautions are necessary. Even the beach vendors hide their watches and phones and the favelas are just a stone's throw from anywhere in Rio. Wealthy districts like Leblon rub shoulders with hillside favelas. In Rio, there is no distinction between rich and poor. The Brazilians are some of the friendliest people I have met in the world. Rio is a dramatic city and everything that you have envisioned Brazil to be, is encapsulated here. I have visited Rio for the first time, and it will not be the last time. I will always be dreaming of Rio.

You can see pictures of my trip at the following slideshow:

<http://tripwow.tripadvisor.com/tripwow/ta-oob1-e38a-26fe?lb>





## Unforgettable Moments in Brazil!

By: Alane & Shirine / Paille En Queue Club

Recife was the 2<sup>nd</sup> time we attended WACA AGA. The 1<sup>st</sup> time on the Caribbean cruise in 2003. We also went for a WACA trip in Egypt 2 years ago.

What we can say is that it's always delightful to meet and interact with WACA members. We get acquainted to new friends each time and it's a very enriching human experience. At the same time, it allows us to discover a new country and its surroundings. On our way to Recife, we seized the opportunity to discover Rio which is an amazing city and we visited Sao Paulo on our way back.



Since airlines are one of the leading industries of this century we are proud to be part of this big family. But what is most important to us is the deep bond of friendship that ties together. This is priceless. We are sure WACA will continue to flourish and have more and more members.

And the highlights are the regional nights whereby all of us indulge and go back home filled with the essence of each country's culture and beautiful souvenirs. It's so fun to listen to each country's music and learn its traditional dance.

We cherish these unforgettable moments spent together with the WACA family and look forward to meeting all of you in another WACA event or the next AGA in Phuket. Thailand, here we come!







## WACA Post Tour to "Manus" & the Amazon 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of October, Brazil

By: Orathai Buddhamanupap / Airline Club of Thailand

"Every day was a better surprise" on our way to Manaus-the Amazon. Starting with 8 hours on the 4 stops flight to Manaus then was attracted by the beautiful "Teatro Amazonas" Opera House in the city. The last surprise of the day was a nice Tropical Hotel decorated with wooden chairs, wooden handicrafts and heavy wooden doors of our rooms.



Ria's room at the top of the background tower  
How many steps/ dear?



Local fisherman village's houses  
with a lovely church

More surprises appeared on 2<sup>nd</sup> day started by sailed through the winds & rains to see the confluence of the Negro (black water) and Solimoes Rivers (light brown). It was so amazing and incredible that both rivers run side by side without mixing. Thanks to I.C. Portugal for bringing us here. We also enjoyed the scenery of river side, the local villagers houses with lovely small church then lunch at local restaurant on the way back to hotel.



Jungle walking lecture in the Amazon - Brasil



Hi! We're Amazon  
survivor



Another moved to more surprises in three days, the AMAZON!! We had to change the small motorboats to reach and leave the Arian Towers Hotel at the back side through the shallow of water in the canal which sometimes needed to be push by the crew due to it was dry season. It was so scary after we found out that there were PIRANHA fishes and ALLEGATORS in this canal whilst the crews were in the water pushing our boats. We spent time with joyful in this huge area of Arian Towers & houses on the trees even climbing high & steep steps to our rooms on the top of 5<sup>th</sup> floor. More amazing & adventure short trips on walking in the jungle for 3 hours, PIRANHA fishing, Alligator spotting at night, watching sunrise/sunset and swimming with Pink Dolphins in the river.



We were gratified by the wonders of Amazon, the warm hospitalities of the Arian Towers Hotel's staffs, the innocent of wild monkeys and birds around lobby & swimming pool, the foods and our favorite drinks called "Caipirinha Brasileira" and cultural shows of the Brazilian & Native Indian villagers. Compliment to I.C. of Portugal again. Apart from the trip, I realize that I enjoyed myself very much as if I was traveling with my group of close friends and I believe they feel the same of such feeling of friendship. That's what WACA for!!!





## The Show & Tell Corner

### I saw the fish eat my flesh!

By: Steve Charlton / Montreal Interline Club

Photos by: Suhair Mahmoud

I watched with wide eyes as a number of hungry fish swam toward my bare feet!

No, not voracious piranhas from the Amazon, but rather *Garra rufa*, a small type of carp native to Turkey.

It was in a shopping mall in downtown Bangkok that I first met these much-smaller, minnow-sized fish. They were in a tank, adorned with a huge sign, "Foot cleaning – 100 baht".

Those travellers who have been to Africa are already familiar with the Oxpeckers (both Yellow-billed and Red-billed), which ride on the backs of Cape Buffalo and clean their skin of ticks and other pests. Although no longer found in Egypt, the Egyptian Plover, or "crocodile bird" feeds on insects that parasitize crocodiles. This fish is much the same.

They clean feet!



These silvery-orange fish with a black dot on their tail (beware of imitations!) are naturally-occurring across the central Middle East (Turkey, Syria, Iran, and Iraq); they thrive in thermal springs where the water temperature can reach 40°C, or higher. Because the warm water in which the fish live doesn't support much plant or aquatic life, they have learned to feed on whatever food sources are available—including dead, flaking skin. They leave live skin alone because, without teeth, they can't bite it off.



Customers sit on the edge of the tank, dangling their feet in the warm water. The tiny fish immediately surround their feet, sucking enthusiastically. Also called "doctor fish", they only consume dead areas of skin while also producing an enzyme secretion called "Dithranol"; this process encourages new skin to regenerate and grow. Although it tickles at first, the "nibbling" is actually gentle and comfortable. The painless process (about 15 minutes) leaves the feet feeling soft and clean.

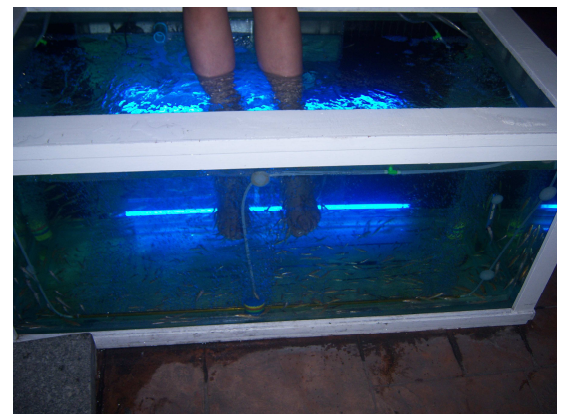


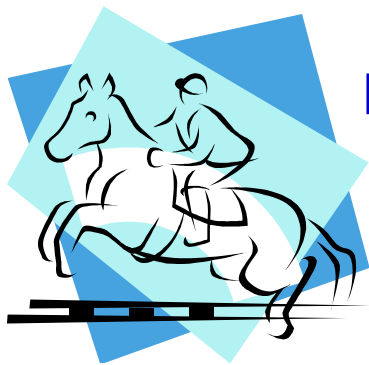
Kangal, the Turkish town where they were first-discovered, is now a health spa. Although this “treatment” was first-established to help patients suffering from various skin disorders, including psoriasis, eczema, and dermatitis, ichthyotherapy is now a novelty as much as anything. Following the success of true health spas, entrepreneurs have opened “businesses” across south-east Asia, and “fish pedicures” are now available in Japan, South Korea, China, across Europe, and now in the USA (Virginia). For this reason, Turkey has since enacted laws to legally prevent the commercial fishing and over-exploitation of this species. However, with a life-span of 7 years, the fish is now farmed commercially for export.



There is some concern that the holding tanks cannot be kept “clean” without actually harming the fish at the same time. Reputable establishments will practise podiatric hygiene by disinfecting your feet first, to avoid harming the fish. The water is constantly filtered and treated with UHF rays to kill any bacteria, and the fish are actually changed as well. It is unlikely that foot problems from one person can be passed to another. None-the-less, some US states have banned the treatment, just in case.

For those going to Phuket this year, you may want to try this – it’s certainly a unique experience!





# Horse Riding Day!

## Jordan Interline Club

By: Suhair Mahmoud / VP Public Relations

Around 40 interliners from Jordan Interline Club gathered on a warm sunny day during December! And enjoyed a half day full of fun & activities.

A lot of young members have enjoyed the horse riding, the battle field games and some suffered from a strong fall!

A barbeque lunch was arranged and members have enjoyed their time smoking the hubbly bubbly.

Enjoy the photos!







## Dinner @ Milano Restaurant!

### Jordan Interline Club

By: Salam Shahatit / Jordan Interline Club

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 35 interliners from Jordan Interline Club have gathered for a dinner in Milano Restaurant.

The restaurant that has the Italian style with its tables close to each others, created a nice, friendly & cozy atmosphere.

The service was good and food was delicious. It was a chance for interliners to socialize and interact with each other and a way for the EC members to collect the annual fees especially from the retiree.

Enjoy the Photos.







## A story to be told by Pictures!

The 43rd Annual General Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> till 22<sup>nd</sup> Recife - Brazil

17<sup>th</sup> of October

First Day

### Destination

**Recife** is one of the largest and most important cities in Brazil, the capital of the state of Pernambuco, was the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Assembly Destination



### Hosting Club

**Interline Club of Portugal**  
was the hosting Club



### Opening Ceremony

The opening Ceremony took place in **Santa Isabel Theater**.

ICP President said that it is with a sentiment of pride and relief that we can definitely say that Interline Club of Portugal have organized a great program and promised interliners that this AGA will be remembered.



The Assembly was **declared officially** by the Rep. of the Pernambuco States Tourism Board, Ms. Mariza Cavalcant.



Entertaining Cultural Shows, Dancers and Carnival followed the official formalities.





Cheers!



Interliners were transferred to Dorisol Hotel, to continue the opening ceremonies with Cocktail and finger food serving and more of dancing.

18<sup>th</sup> of October

Second Day



**AIM bus** was the most demanded bus by most interliners during day trips.



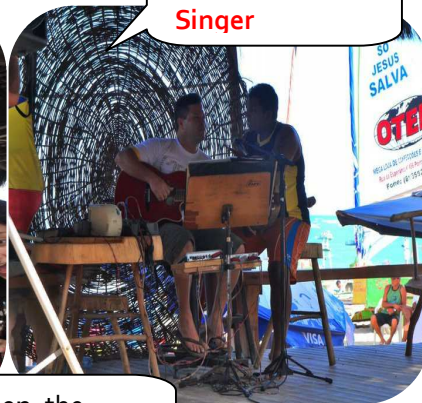
**Porto Galinhas Beach**, or the Chicken Beach has offered interliners Sun, Fun, Shopping, Food & of course the **(WACA Got Talent Show)** as it was called by Chico!







The Jordanian & Lebanese **Dancers!**



Krichen, the **Singer**



The **Blue Team!**



Krichen, the **Drummer!**



Jenny, the **Winner!**



The **Audience!**



The **Painter!**





19<sup>th</sup> of October

Third Day

**Olinda** is a historic city in the Brazilian State of Pernambuco, featuring a number of major touristic attractions, such as the historic downtown, churches, the Carnival of Olinda, the popular street party very similar to traditional Portuguese carnivals, with the addition of African influenced dances.



The Bad Boys with Judith!



WACA President

Marline from Lebanon



Say Cheese!

Please release me & let me go!





20th of October

Fourth Day

**The Annual General Assembly**



**WACA Awards**

Club of the year: **Gatwick Interline Club**

Media/ Communications of the year: **North America Region**

Sports/ International event of the year: **Jamaica Interline Club**

Regional club of the year / Europe: **Gatwick Interline Club**

Regional club of the year/ AIM: **Israel Interline Club**

Regional club of the year/ Far East & Australia: **Interline Club of Singapore**

Regional club of the year/ Latin America & Caribbean: **Bahamas Interline Club**

Regional club of the year/ North America region: **San Diego Club**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly will be held on **Cairo/ Egypt** and hosted by **AIM region**



**VP Public Relations, Suhair Mahmoud, Jordan Interline Club**

**VP International Events & Special Projects, John Aarons, Sydney Interline Club**

**Regional VP Europe, Heidi Tetri, Helsinki Interline Club**

**Regional VP Far East & Australia, Orathai Buddhamanupap, Interline Club of Thailand**

**Regional VP Latin America & Caribbean, Jacque Lyseight, Jamaica Interline Club**

**Regional VP Africa, Indian Ocean Islands & Middle East, Yousef Khoury, Jordan Interline Club**

**Regional VP North America, Francisco Valdez, Montreal Interline Club**



21<sup>st</sup> of October

Fifth Day

Suzy from Jordan  
visiting the  
**Instituto Ricardo  
Brennand!**



Chico, RVP  
North America!



Beautiful Voice  
of Portugal  
(Fado).



Special thanks go to  
**Interline Club of Portugal**  
for the successful AGA



**Phuket** here  
we come!

The Jordanian Group







Helsinki  
Interline Club!



London  
Interline Club



Orathai, RVP Far  
East & Australia



Suzy, the Drummer!



Nairobi Interline Club



KU KU UU ☺



Suzy, the Drummer!



Nairobi Interline Club



Interline Club of Portugal



Nairobi Interline Club



Interline Club of Portugal



New York  
Interline Club





Calgary  
Interline Club



Bahamas  
Interline Club



Smoking  
Section!



Yes, It is the AIM  
Regional Night!



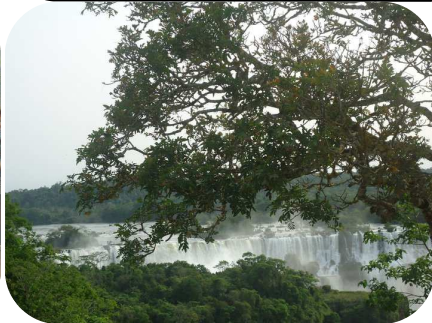
Room Parties!



Lucky winner, **Inka Gilardoni** from **Zurich Interline Club** who won the Grand venture Bonanza, a package for one to attend the AGA in Recife donated from Interline Club of Portugal.

A visit to the (Centro Cultural & Society Severinas) located in Olinda was made by our VP International Events & Special projects, Elaine Miller accompanied with other interliners whom donated baby items, toys, clothing and books for the kids.





Pre & Post Tours to Salvador, the Amazon & the Iguaçu Falls were successfully arranged and good number of interliners has enjoyed the Multi cultural & geographic nature of Brazil.





## **The WACA 45th Interline Celebration**

**Cairo – Egypt**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2012**

**Dusit Thani Lakeview Hotel**

By: Yousef Khoury / RVP Africa Indian Ocean Islands & Middle East

## **“Egypt” the mother of the World!**

Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region won the Bid to have the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly to be held in Cairo, Egypt between 7<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2012.

### **Why Egypt?**

- Cultural Heritage, oldest civilization in the world.
- Home of the Great Pyramids, Sphinx and other world class historical monuments.
- The Cairo Museum, which houses a spectacular collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, such as the relics from Tutankhamen’s tomb and various famous mummies of the pharaohs.
- Africa and the Middle East’s largest metropolis, with a vibrant culture of the arts and shopping.
- Easy connections from Europe and elsewhere in the world, with savings in time and costs in travelling to the city. Offsetting any disadvantage in pricing compared to a competing bid. Visas on arrival.
- Great range of post and pre-tour options, such as the Nile Cruise and the world class Red Sea Resorts, and of course, the attractions in neighboring Jordan such as Petra and Wadi Rum.
- Great luxury Hotel in the Dusit Thani Lakeview, one of Cairo’s best hotels.

## Why Dusit Hotel?



- The Dusit is managed by the famous Thai luxury Hotel group, the Dusit.
- It has over 400 rooms and suites which has the largest room sizes in Cairo.
- It's swimming pool is one of the best amongst Cairo Hotels.
- It has a range of dining choices.
- It's Grand Ballroom can sit 1500 persons and it is fully equipped to deal with regional meetings and the Annual General Assembly.
- It is only 20 minutes from Cairo Airport and within striking distance of most Tourist attractions like the Pyramids and the downtown of Cairo.
- It is located in a beautiful part of Cairo with a lake and waterfalls.
- It's rooms are well appointed and modern.
- The Dusit is a true 5 Star luxury hotel which is comparable to the luxury resorts you would find in Asia.

## Program?



### Day (1)

All day arrivals, registration and Opening Ceremony with Cocktails and finger food buffet.

### Day (2)

After breakfast enjoy a full day sightseeing including the great pyramids of GIZA and continue to the Sphinx and the valley of temples, lunch, then proceed to the Egyptian museum (home of Pharaoh TUTANKHAMUN) and discover the priceless treasures (3350 years old). Then transfer to a 2 hour Nile cruise, with an Oriental Dancing show, dinner then transfer back to hotel and overnight.

### Day (3)



Regional Meetings from 0800- 13.30 and Lunch at Hotel and dinner outside at Al Azhar Park then enjoy the gardens with panoramic view of Old Cairo. Regional Night.

#### Day (4)

After breakfast, enjoy full day tour to Alexandria, Egypt's second largest city & main port founded by Alexander the great in 331 BC, explore the well preserved ruins of the roman amphitheater, continue to Alexandria library, Kayetbay citadel, the Montazah garden, which includes the palace of king FAROUK, the last king of the former royal family of EGYPT, dinner at Hotel and Regional Night.

#### Day (5)

All day Annual General Assembly with lunch for all participants and delegates. Gala dinner with DJ music.

#### Day (6)

End of package and all day departures or transfers for post tours.

### What Interliners said about Cairo & Nile Cruise from their previous experience?

"Egypt is much more than Cairo, the Museum and the funerary complex of Gizeh. It is Sakkarah, the Valleys of the Kings and of the Dead. It is Luxor and the Nile, the world's longest river. It is its ancient civilization and today's modern society... I shall return! Who knows maybe the Nile Cruise???"

**Chico Valdez**

**Personal tour pre the EC Meeting in AMM 2009**

"In 2 weeks, in 2 countries, we saw 2 of the 7 Wonders of the World – Petra and the Pyramids. And in those same 2 weeks we all enjoyed the experience of a lifetime, visiting these 2 wonderful countries.

I read a saying once I'd like to share with you: "The world is like a book. He who doesn't travel reads only a chapter." Think about it: "the world is like a book; he who doesn't travel reads only a chapter."

**Steve Charlton**

**Jordan Adventure & Nile Cruise 2007**

Dear Yousef:

I also must express to you my heartfelt thank you for arranging such a wonderful trip.... just for the two of us!

We were treated like royalty the entire time; all your people were absolutely superb - we could not have asked for any more...I tell you we learned to "walk like an Egyptian" when crossing the streets, and your drivers were worth their weight in gold getting us through the Cairo traffic....what an adventure. The 2 guides were experts in their field and they were great fun to be with. I am happy to say that your choice of MAXIM (Tour Operator for the 2012 AGA) was outstanding.

**Fleurette Couture**

**Vancouver Interline Club 2010**

After visiting a variety of tombs and temples including that of the boy King Tut we boarded a cruise ship to take us to Aswan to view the famous Aswan Dam, the granite quarries and the unfinished obelisk. Our time spent on the ship was very pleasant with large state rooms, good food, entertainment and a lovely sun deck.

**Aubrey Winterbotham**  
**Nile Cruise 2007**



## Trip to the Silver Reef Casino

Quoted from "Between the Lines",  
the Vancouver Interline Club News Letter



At 0900 on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 31 members boarded the bus in Richmond and White Rock to enjoy a Champagne Brunch at the Silver Reef Casino.

They had a bit of a delay at the boarder as the bus in front of them was held up because the tourists from Korea didn't have the correct identification, but the hardy airline employees took it in their stride. After all, we are used to delays.

Everyone had a great time. The brunch was excellent and the champagne was even better (one member told me he/she had 4 glasses of champagne!) no one mentioned any huge winnings, and of course the losers aren't saying a thing!





## WACA Executive Committee Meeting

4-5<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2011, Montreal



The first Executive meeting was held in Montreal and the aim of the meeting was for the benefit of the association by focusing on how to cut cost and still fit WACA into today's economy.

Each one of the EC has discussed his report, where a presentation from the VP Finance , Ms. Rosemarie with regards the financial situation of WACA , the figures showed a slight decrease in the numbers of attendees and membership fees.





Brain storming sessions were made, where each group showed a presentation of the ideas that they came up with and discussed on details how to get more members to attend the events, and how to cut down program costs and on the same time to increase revenue by doing more promotions to the packages, and finding new ways for

We had three proposals from some member clubs to restructure the WACA, these proposals were:

- To have 5 coordinators and 1 coordinator to oversee the 5 making the WACA board 6 members.
- To combine President Position with Secretary General Position and still have 5 regions RVP's, making the WACA board 8 members.
- To keep President Position and Secretary General position and have 3 RVP's.

Each of these has pros and cons. The regional VP's were asked to select one person from their region to form a five person committee to discuss the three proposals and come up with one to vote on at the AGA in Thailand.

Special thanks go to Chico for his excellent arrangements and for Montreal Interline Club.





## Offer a package & support the WACA Venture Bonanza!

Dear Interline Clubs,

Let us all support the Venture Bonanza and donate packages!



"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

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