

.... and Skiweek in Switzerland



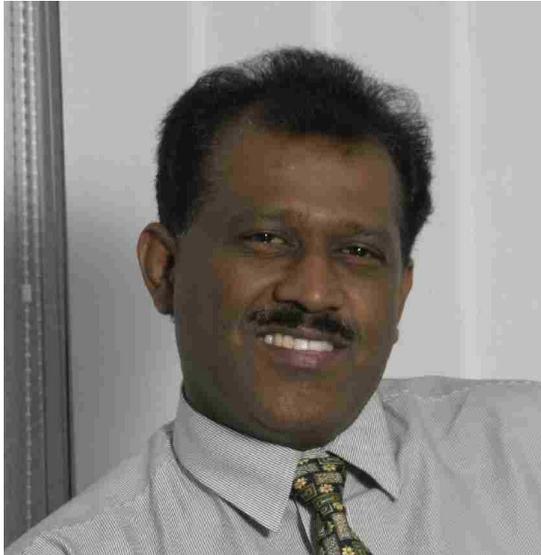
WORLD AIRLINES CLUBS ASSOCIATION

# WACA WORLD NEWS

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## President's Message



My dear Interliners,

Again, we have kept the promise of being in constant communication with you through our WWN. I must commend my Public Relations team under the leadership of Rosemarie Mamede for keeping up the pace.

In less than two months time we shall all be in Shanghai for the 39<sup>th</sup> AGA. Both WACA and the Hosting Club, Hong Kong Interline Club would like to apologize to all those who could not register in time to join us in Shanghai, as there are a limited number of approximately 425 seats available. I am sure we will see you all for the next Rendez-Vous in Capetown, to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together.

The WACA team is also working very hard to insert as many international packages as we can in our calendar of events and which I encourage you to refer the same to your close partners, colleagues at work and/or any business counterparts of other airlines companies. We need to build up our network and vehicle our objectives throughout the globe by having new interliners and/or new member clubs joining the WACA family.

In any case, we should not forget our objectives of helping mankind and of bringing warmth to needy people around the world.

I am delighted to note that through our WACA Relief Fund, the Sri Lanka Interline Club has been able to associate themselves to the philanthropic project of revamping the school library in Sri Lanka, which was devastated by the recent tsunami. Once again THANK YOU to all the interliners and clubs who donated money to the fund and we are grateful we can always count on your support in helping others.

Let us all join hands together to make all the coming events in our calendar for the year the greatest success and we are looking forward to welcoming all delegates and observers to the coming AGA.

Maga Ramasamy.

Dear Interliners,



At WACA we are having an excellent Year! Most of the events offered to our members have exceeded the expectations of the organizing clubs and were sold out. For the tour offered by the Sydney Inter-

line Club, a "Second Edition" was organized – and that one was also full. For the first time for many years we had 2 Ski-Weeks, in Calgary and Zürich – both of them a great success. Also traditional events such as the Jamaica Jump Up with 75 participants and Dodo's Nest with 130 Interliners had overwhelming results.

And the AGA... never before in WACA's history have we had an AGA with 430 available places, 2 pre-tours and 2 post-tours sold out more than a six months in advance!

Our congratulations and a big "Thank You" to all organizers, all those interliners who worked very hard for a long time, to make their events a success and offer other interliners the opportunity to have a good time and enjoy get-togethers and genuine friendship in nice and interesting places. All of you all are making great contributions and support – even in these difficult times for our airline industry - to help our Association continue to be a recognized and strong organization for all airliners worldwide.

Thank you!

We are also very happy with the first results of the "Grand Venture Bonanza". Combining the old WACA Raffle with the former Grand Venture is having the expected good results. Thanks to the contribution of our Clubs, we are able to offer excellent packages as prizes, making this product a very attractive one. Now in August the main prizes – the pre-AGA Tour and the AGA-Package will be drawn. If you have not yet bought your ticket - you still have time to buy one – just contact your club's committee!

The summer this year seems to be an extraordinary one for most of us in the Northern Hemisphere. The temperatures have been at a very high level for weeks. While we are having this very sunny weather, people in other parts of our world are suffering with natural disasters like the new tsunamis in Indonesia, flooding in China and fires in California.

However, our main cause for concern is the conflict in the Middle East. The new war is shaking the region, injuring and killing people, causing destruction and bringing desperation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our friends in the region and their families who are facing such a tough time.

Yours in Interlining  
Rosemarie Mamede  
Vice President Public Relations

## THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK TOUR

The SYDNEY INTERLINE CLUB hosted their Great Barrier Reef and Australian Outback tour in late April, early May 2006. There were in fact two tours due to the popularity of this event and because a lot of people remembered the previous Great Ocean Road Tour, two years earlier.



Before the first trip had even started, our Heather had a nasty fall in the hotel dining room and was taken to hospital with a broken hip. After a successful operation the next day, Heather stayed in Cairns hospital for another two weeks after which she was taken by ambulance and aircraft back to Sydney where she is presently recovering. It needs to be said, that the care taken by ambulance and Qantas staff, both in Cairns and Sydney was exceptional. These people really cared.

The tour started in Cairns, Far North Queensland (FNQ) and after one day visiting local attractions, such as a heritage train ride to the top of the nearby tablelands and a sky lift back over the rain forest, it moved to nearby Port Douglas...



The Port is a place where well known celebrities often holiday in privacy, needless to say, we were right at home and indeed stayed at one of the five star resorts, the Tree Tops Resort where we were welcomed by the resident cockatoo.

A visit to the Great Barrier Reef was a major highlight and provided most of us an excellent opportunity to see our magnificent reef and its inhabitants from very close up. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding with our tour contractor, the original reef trip on the Quicksilver was not available on the first tour, which meant a few non-swimmers missed this incredible experience. However, this was rectified on the second tour, where those who did not want to get wet had the opportunity to see it all close up by way of semi submersibles and underwater viewing platforms. All those who did snorkel, were requested to wear a full size lycra suit to prevent stinger bites and most looked rather exceptional. Pictures to be published in this newsletter will demonstrate this. It was suggested to publish an annual WACA calendar and the pictures taken at this venue would most certainly cover a few months on this calendar.

Another favorite with the whole group was a champagne breakfast in a bird/rainforest habitat where a couple of young ladies gave us a running commentary on the magnificent birds and other species kept in a very natural environment.

The trip to Cooktown, our most northern town which can be reached by conventional bus or car showed our guest some of the most beautiful and scenery in Australia.



Cooktown itself is a sleepy little town with very friendly people and a most exhaustive museum that displays how life was in the days when over two hundred years earlier captain Cook beached his damaged "Endeavor" on the beach for urgent repairs.

So much for the Great Barrier Reef, the next phase of our trip moved us into the direction of the outback, with a stop on top of the Atherton Table lands and a night in a one hundred years old hotel. This proved a culture shock for most of us as the rooms were outlandish and divers, to say the least, but it was part of our education on this trip and generally received in the way it was meant to be.



Now we were headed into the real outback and had a rest near the Innot hot springs, all who took a bath in the 28 to 38 degree baths felt pretty good.

Georgetown was to be our stop for the next two days, so we all settled in with drinks, courtesy of our tour contractor, round the pool.

By now, the whole bunch became a cohesive part and indeed a lot of fun was had.

A visit to the Gobbold gorge, a very narrow, most scenic gorge, part of a 1500 square km station, was the prelude to the Georgetown derby, a toad race with toads representing each and every interline. The race was a winner take all race and the price money ran over \$100.



In addition, the winner of the best-dressed lady and gentleman received an additional bottle of wine. It was incredible how most made a major effort to dress up and the ingredients of the "dress up" defy description. Who will ever forget the elegant Elaine Michaels and the lovely Lois Pickard, beautifully dressed up.

A long trip on typical FNQ dirt roads interspersed by a few stops in places where the pub was the main part of town and our custom would have double the monthly turnover, landed us in Charters towers, a historical town

in the area, were we had the benefit of a local guide to show us all there was to know about this lovely small city.

Finally, a short trip to Townsville on the coast and a day spent on Magnetic Island were wallabies and Koala's were spotted in the wild.



The last day took us back to Cairns and a visit to the Flying Doctor service, were we had the opportunity to learn how the flying doctors and nurses look after the people that inhabit our outback

The farewell dinner could not have been improved upon and the free drinks courtesy SIC before and after dinner certainly had the required impact.

One statistic obtained indicated that during both tours a total of over 12000 pictures were taken and although I would like to be the recipient of some, I shudder at the thought that everyone is going to email me their total cache.

It became very obvious at both farewell dinners, that all had a marvelous time and the term "best tour ever" was bandied about with wild abandon.

A possible future tour to the very centre of Australia, although not planned, already has the first subscribers.

The Sydney Interline Club thanks all participants of both tours for the friendship displayed. We hope that all of you had an uneventful trip home and would like to see you all return to our beautiful country.



**Joe Naayen**  
**Sydney Interline Club**

## GREAT BARRIER REEF TOUR 2006 – Tour One

The tour started in the City of Cairns. The first day found us on our way to the village of Kuranda and the sky trail cable car high above high above the rainforest. The area had been experiencing a lot of rain and many of the waterways were overflowing. At Mossman Gorge the amount of water dropping over the Waterfalls was fast and deafening. We toured by boat on the Daintree River in search of wildlife and did manage to see a crocodile, a lizard and much colourful bird.



To get to the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Port Douglas we travelled on a smaller vessel called the Poseidon, which was ideal for the size of our group. It was friendly and personal and everyone looked stunning in their stinger suits.

We started the next day enjoying our breakfast in a rainforest habitat wildlife sanctuary sharing our food with numerous birds, koalas, crocs and kangaroos. Some even braved a chance to hold a snake.



We arrived in Cooktown for ANZAC Days (Remembrance Day) and spent the evening in an RCL (Legion) watching the locals play a boisterous betting game of 2-up and crown down and anchor. We toured by boat down Cobbolt Gorge through winding, narrow cliffs, in an oasis in the outback on a large cattle station. In Georgetown, owners Ross and Katrina of the Latara Motel hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Official Georgetown Derby Cane Toad Races. Ten toads

were all numbered and named to reflect all the counties represented on the tour. Bets were placed, the horn was sounded and the chaos began, as we cheered our hometown toads to the finish line. Hats and ties were the formal attire for the event and prizes were awarded for the best dressed guests... Not toads. At Charters Towers we arrived on the weekend of a large Country and Western Festival and cowboy music could be heard playing through out the town. Our final days of touring saw us in Townsville and on a quick ferry trip to beautiful Magnetic Island.



Simon, our tour guide, did a great job adjusting the schedule to allow our experience to be more memorable. It was an amazing tour. We were on the move a lot but we only put a small dent into touring this huge country. We experienced remote endless dirt roads, raging rivers, lush vegetation of the rainforest, dry rocky sand in the outback, termite mound dotted tablelands, the wide open spaces of the savannah, flooded river gorges and the devastation of cyclone Larry on the crops, rainforest and property around.

We ended our tour back in Carnes, ten days later with many fond memories and friendships to last a lifetime



**Kim Evans**  
**Calgary Interline Club**

## Snow, Sun and Fun 2006 in Graun

At the end of a beautiful Saturday morning, after a smooth flight over a cloudy sky and snowy mountains, from Lisbon to Zurich, in our home-Airline, Air Portugal, and with only a short delay, we landed safely at the modern Kloten Airport to participate in the WACA March event, "Snow-Sun and Fun", organized by INTERLINE CLUB OF ZURICH. Eugene and gentle Ria, the two representatives of the Zurich Club were there at the airport to give us the warmest welcome. At the same time the Kazamias family, with whom we would grow the most cheerful friendship during the coming-week, arrived from Cyprus, their home country. We all set off to our hotels in the city to spend the night.



Early morning next day, Sunday, Ria, our kind hostess, was waiting with her own car to take us to the meeting-point near Rumlag Station, where all participants were waiting for departure. After "loading" the B-R-B, big red-bus, our transport for the whole week, with or luggage, we drove away. It was a grey-day and the road was wet with a steady fine rain. Soon, the beautiful green fields present in all Switzerland post-cards showed in the way and we then felt the Spring time smell. But as rivers and mountains approached, their magnificent white snowy peaks reminded us that Winter had not yet said good-bye and we became sure a perfect ski-week was ahead of us. Excitement was fulfilling our souls!

During the few hours of drive, to the Sud-Tyrol, a super-sausage-snack was served in the bus. Heidemarie, Ria and Mia, from the Committee, were our attendants and let me tell you Ladies, with my long-time experience as a flight-attendant, I would give you for "highest-quality EXCELLENT service "on board".

We passed the frontier to Italy, direction Sud-Tyrol, Graun/Curon, Passo Resia, - RESCHENPASS, called the "Skiers Paradise"! Hotel Traube-Post, our small, but "cosy" hotel was ready for us. Shortly after our arrival the first "pro"-welcome-appetizer- was served before dinner. And during that first meal (excellent cuisine I must say) we had the opportunity to meet our companions, to talk about our life stories, our occupations in our airlines and above all share our unforgettable and adventurous experiences, our joys and our tears and soon we became close friends! It was just the first day of a wonderful and unforgettable week!



On Monday morning, the first and probably the most beautiful day of the week, with splendorous sunshine, a deep-blue clear sky, a temperature turning into the 20°C and a superb Spring snow to ski down the slopes of Schoneben. It was there, in the little wooden hut, surrounded by the huge monumental white Dolomites, at 2000 meters, we had our "lasagna party",

included in the programme. A feast of delicious Italian pasta and tasteful local wine. We had

fun, eating, laughing and dancing by the sounds of Tyrolean music!!! But FUN had just began! Our afternoon was delightful, enjoying the sun and snow we ran through the snow tracks, and experienced the best ski, exercising our legs, breathing the mountain fresh air and refilling our spirits with pure energy! Again that night we had the "pro" waiting for us, and another delicious dinner.

Tuesday morning still a good opportunity for skiers. The sky was cloudy, but still a lovely snow.

In the afternoon we all got together for our first excursion to "SAMNAUN". We drove, always in our B-R-B (big- red-bus) through a narrow long road circulating the big mountains around, through deep gorges and freighting cliffs. The heavy snow kept falling, visibility was poor but Kurt, our driver, was cautious and drove very carefully. The scenery was fabulous, in that same morning we had a Summer day with sunshine and hit and now in the afternoon we had snow and cold. Entering in Switzerland we arrived at Saumnaun, famous for its good choice of tax-free goods. Shopping there was temptation, clothes, cosmetics, spirits, chocolates, etc... In the way back, not under snow, but through darkness, it was night-fall, we were warmed-up, in the bus, with the drinks offered by Kurt. We returned to the Hotel safely, with a few francs and euros less, but happy and with some more stuff to fill our "abominable" big bags.

Wednesday, after the usual copious breakfast, with the local fresh delicacies (the best bread in the world) we "took off" in our B-R-B with wings to our next destination, GLURNS. Again Kurt drove us through a fantastic landscape, painted with the bright Spring colours, but still decorated with the snow-white peaks, the famous VINSCHGAU VALLEY, 1000 meters above sea level and a beauty for our eyes! Glurns, a very small town, founded in 1271-1295 was more like an opened-air museum with its towers, old wall, narrow streets and old church. Above the hill, proud but lonely stood the CHERBURG CASTLE. The arduous climbing of the steep stairs was worth the visit. The Castle, with its original Romanesque architecture is very unusual for Tyrol. The visit highlight was no doubt, the unique "armoury" room, containing a precious medieval armour and weapons collection, intact over the centuries. The tour ended in the Chapel of St Nichols. With treasures, among the oldest works of art in the Castle. Indeed a very interesting cultural tour, a delight for the day.



Again the "APRO" was waiting for us, before dinner, but FUN was not over yet!

"EDELVEISS" was our next stop. A night of music, dance, drinks and lots of FUN! The different generations flew together, with no turbulence, nor emergencies!! And the happy landing at the hotel took place at around midnight!!!

Thursday was our "free-day" for skiing. The Sun was hidden, the sky was cloudy and a fine snow shower briefly slapped our faces, with the cold wind. There were few skiers on the snowy pistes, the mountain kept its deep silence, only the sharp sound of our skis cutting the snow, there was a mystical tranquillity surrounding the space, sometimes broken by the fine white line of a jet flying above. The perfect relaxing scenario, until the end of the day.

After our usual special dinner we were entertained by our perfect hostess, Ria, with a tombola market, for charity purposes. We got lovely presents, everyone, special cosmetics products.

Friday, our last day in Graubünden, was perhaps the most intensive, but also the most enjoyable day. As programmed there was the excursion to Merano, for shopping and to Bolzano for a cultural visit.



We made our first stop in Meran (Merano). In a very Italian style the city avenues were boarded by tall trees, the old buildings in a very renaissance style with little café-esplanades at opened-air, we took a long walk to the centre of the city. In the heart of the old part we were surprised by the magnificent parish-church, a jewel in classical Italian-style. Further down, on the main narrow street with no cars, plenty of elegant shops, selling the high-quality Italian trade-marks. We bought some presents for family and friends and took the direction of the old train Station and into the nearby street Friday market, famous in all the surrounding localities. We explored through the hundreds of stalls, attracted by their excellent goods of every kind, there were the fresh flowers, the coloured multi-vegetables of excellent quality, the natural herbs and species, the perfumed typical "formaggio", the fine Italian "prosciutto", and other Italian smoked delicacies. Then we approached the clothes stalls, from bras and panties, Italian lingerie at its best quality, to blouses, trade-mark blue-jeans, etc.. etc...The leather goods were really tempting, for its quality and perfection, I hold a Valentino bag, but then I thought of the "thousand bags" in my closet I do not use anymore and left it there. The prices were very reasonable for their quality and it was worth the few hours we spent there. Time was urging for our departure and all passengers, holding their heavy shopping-bags, boarded into the B-R-B (big-red-bus) and we took off to our next city, Bolzen.



The arrival in Bolzen (Bolzano), the capital of Alto Adige for me was the nostalgic return of good memories of my past, when I used to go (in my 20!s) to the ski-resorts around the Dolomites. My bus from Milano would make a stop there for coffee-break, the usual cappuccino. Upon arrival and out of the B-R-B (big-red-bus) my first impression was amazing! The city was indeed much bigger than before, more modern, plenty of people around, but the old charismatic Germanic character was still there, alive and intact! The same mixture of Italian and Germanic culture in every corner, in the old narrow streets, now full of elegant shops, the same old stone arcades, the big opened-air market, with its fresh fruits and vegetables. The main Piazza Walter once little became a huge circle and a meeting point for the city! s social life, with restaurants, cafes, esplanades full of tourists. A real popular destination for cultural holidays.

The impressive gothic Cathedral (1184) was still there, being the main architecture attraction. However, the most new city attraction was still to come. Walking in group, accompanied by our Italian guide we went through old streets when suddenly we dashed against a new building in which façade we saw the inscription; we were looking for "ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM"– OTZI – EXHIBITION".

There our visit took about two hours, going back in time and learning about the extraordinary discovery of the "ICY-MAN". Astonished by the marvellous reconstruction of the millenary story I got out of the museum with an urge for an ice-cream...indeed the ICE was the miracle!!! We got back at the end of the full-day, as always rushing to dining-room for our last "PRO".

It was our last night in Sud-Tyrol and time for "farewell"! Mr Peter Gilardoni, the president of Zurich Interline Club was our "amphitryon", and with very kind words addressed to all participants thanking them for their joyful presence in the event that week. Words of appreciation were also to Ria, a great Lady and the excellent organizer of this programme. I, myself and in the name of my guest, Lidia, would like to say THANK YOU for the committee members of the Club, for their help, support and care, this was my first participation in this ski-event, but I can sure you will not be the last.



Graun

Text and Photos:  
**Helena Afonso**  
Member of Interline Club of Portugal

## Regional Meeting North America, 01-02 April, 2006 - Montreal

Spring is upon us in most regions of the North American Continent and it is a time of rejuvenation.

Our Regional Meeting in Montreal was successful and I thank all the clubs and their delegates who were able to attend. I would also like to extend our gratitude to the Montreal Interline Club for organizing and hosting us for our meeting and the efforts of everyone involved to make sure we were looked after and entertained. It is always special to be able to meet with the local club members and enjoy their hospitality and friendship.



The minutes of our meeting were distributed along with club reports received. Also distributed was a copy of "A Rationale For Establishing A Regional Fund For Each WACA Geographic Region" which I have prepared for discussion within your clubs. While I recognize that our North American Region has the Eric Moillet Regional Fund established by the Montreal Interline Club to assist local clubs to be able to send delegates to our regional meetings, we might consider expanding the intended uses of the fund and find ways to increase contributions from all clubs in our region.



I hope many of the ideas and suggestions presented will be discussed at your local club levels so we can have your feedback. As I mentioned during the meeting, if there are concerns you wish to clarify or discuss, don't wait until a Regional Meeting before letting me know. Our meetings are few and far between and we need to communicate more often and I need to hear from you directly so we can better work together. Remember, we are WACA, and if we really want WACA to succeed and grow the responsibility, lies with each one of us at the grass roots level to make it happen. I encourage you to reach out to current employees and invite them and tell them what WACA is all about. I am told some airlines have their own clubs, why not talk with their executive members and see about an affiliation. It will take a bit of effort but what have we got to lose. I would like to extend special thanks to Ellie Masters and Trevor Thredgold for being my assistants these past 2 years as I became familiar with the RVP position. Also, my gratitude to Joe for consenting to take our minutes, thus allowing each of us to take part fully in the discussions. Thank you for a job well done. The next time we get together will be in Shanghai and I hope as many clubs as possible will be represented. I want to wish you all a beautiful, restful summer until we meet again in Shanghai.



Yours in Interlining

**Elaine Miller**  
**RVP North America**

## Rodrigues Festival 07 – 10 June 2006

Some 18 participants boarded the MK130 flight on the 07<sup>th</sup> June en route to Rodrigues Island. After a short flight of 1 and a half hours we landed at Plaine Corail Airport and were driven to Cotton Bay Hotel some 45 minutes away.



Local members made us feel very welcome and joined us for Cocktails and Dinner. The rest of the evening was spent dancing the night away with very talented local singer Jean-Marc.

After breakfast the next day we left for a boat trip to Coco Island where lunch and drinks were organized by our guides Daniella, Fred, Rex not forgetting our driver Georges. The day was spent in the lagoon and also swimming in the middle of the ocean !!!

Back at the hotel we had time to rest a bit before “attacking” the next item: “A NIGHT TO REMEMBER” at James’ Place. James Hung is our Club member in Rodrigues and together with all the other club members organized a most wonderful evening for us. It is to be noted that the food was “out of this world” and some members are still after me to obtain recipes for the famous pork spare ribs in eucalyptus honey !!!



Dancing with a local band was very much part of the night but unfortunately all good things have to come to an end.



An Island Tour was programmed for the next day and we visited many interesting places including the “Caverne Patates”.

It was with much regret that we had to leave Rodrigues Island and all the wonderful and friendly people we had met there.

**Jenny Adam**  
Indian Ocean Islands Interline Club



# Dodo's Nest and Regional Meetings Europe and Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East

## My Mauritius Experience



Glittering Sands warm to the touch of My Hand

Sun Setting, Plummeting into the Ocean stirring Romantic Emotions.

Away in Mauritius, Alone could be suspicious

But with interline by my side, they were the cool Tide.

I have been a member of the interline for three years now and I was lucky to have my first trip to the magical shores of Mauritius ( A small island recluse in the Indian Ocean) With a Population of (1,140,000 ) all Dedicated to tourist accommodation and they know how to treat a tourist..

Our Trip included visits to Sugar Factories and trips from South to North of the Island.

Cruises that Including Incredible Snorkeling and Diving in Crystal Clear Waters.

Group Gala Dinners were held with Other Interline Groups .Theses dinners were an opportunity to present part of our Culture to others and exchange views about the world and how Humanness is as common as the air we breathe.



All my colleagues were a major part in the success of the first trip; and I would like to thank all those in the interline that helped make this trip as fascinating as a dream come true. Thank you interline I am grateful.

**Suhair Mahmoud**  
**Jordan Interline Club**

Dear Maga

Would like to express its thanks to the Indian Ocean Club and Paille-en-Queue Club for the great tour we had. Your well organised trip with the help of your assistants Krishan and Darrel is what made us feel comfortable. Also your hospitality was one of a kind which made us feel more than welcomed.



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During my trip in Rodrigue it was my pleasure to meet the local members, for a while I considered myself one of the locals .Nevertheless I would like to thank Mrs Jenny for taking care of each member, which made our trip more memorable .

Sincerely



**Salam Shahatit**  
**JIC Waca Rep**

## Mauritius – 15 years already



Chris and Nuala Orton returned to Mauritius to celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in the place where they married. Joining them for, were Maga Ramasamy's daughter, Melvina who celebrated her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday the same day, Maga's family, and other interline friends. The invitees enjoyed a cocktail party on the beach and then a 5 course dinner at the hotel.



The Dodo's nest was an outstanding success, after attending about 12 of these events, I can say this was the most enjoyable. The setting was beautiful, a private estate in Turtle Bay, the hotel was very comfortable and the staff very helpful. The venues for all of our functions were remarkable, the cocktail parties on the beach, the private dinner and the closing dinner with the local members and Chairman of Air Mauritius. , Mr Sanjay Buckory, were all special. The days excursion on catamarans was fantastic, the sailing, on-board hospitality and sights were all perfect. Well done to the organising committee.

**Nuala Boardman, London Interline Club**



While there they also attended the European, Middle East and Africa Regional Meeting and the Dodo's Nest, during which they attended a lunch party for Sissel Anderson's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday– lobster and white wine – see below, and were also able to celebrate Susie Walter's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



## Do you know Wadi Rum and the Red Sea?



*Wadi Rum*

On the 06/07 July 45 Jordanian Interliners who made a trip to Wadi Rum and Aqaba with one night in Wadi rum.



It was a beautiful and nice weekend we enjoyed the Desert of Wadi Rum and the Sea in Aqaba at the Red Sea,,most of the photos at rest house on the way back to Amman via the Dead Sea High Way



*Overnight in the Camp*



*Rest House at Dead Sea Highway (Aqaba-Amman)*



*Early morning....*



**Suhair Jaber and Yousef Yousef  
Jordan Interline Club**

# Tsunami affected School Library Project



It is with great pride, that the SriLanka Interline Club wish to inform that we are in the midst of finalizing this project of refurbishing of the School Library, which was affected by the Tidal Waves in Dec'04. We visited the Duwa College in Negombo on Saturday, 15Jul'06 for the 2nd time to hand over the books required for the School Library. Some of the SLIC Executive members and past presidents joined to witness this ceremony. Few children from the school were also present to share this happy moment with us.

*The appearance of the school library after the Tidal Waves, in Sep'05*



We gave 2 of each book type which they requested. The cost is approximately USD 1,600. We handed over 550 educational books to the School head master & the students on this day and also the books donated to SLIC by Airline Clubs of Australia.

*The appearance of the school library as at Jul'06*



*Students of Duwa College, Negombo*



The furniture requirement for the Library is being manufactured and on completion will be delivered to the School. The total cost is approximately USD.2, 200. - The deposit of 50% has been paid to the furnishers already.

*Ziard Sinnen, President of the SriLanka Interline Club is handing over some books for a student of Duwa College.*

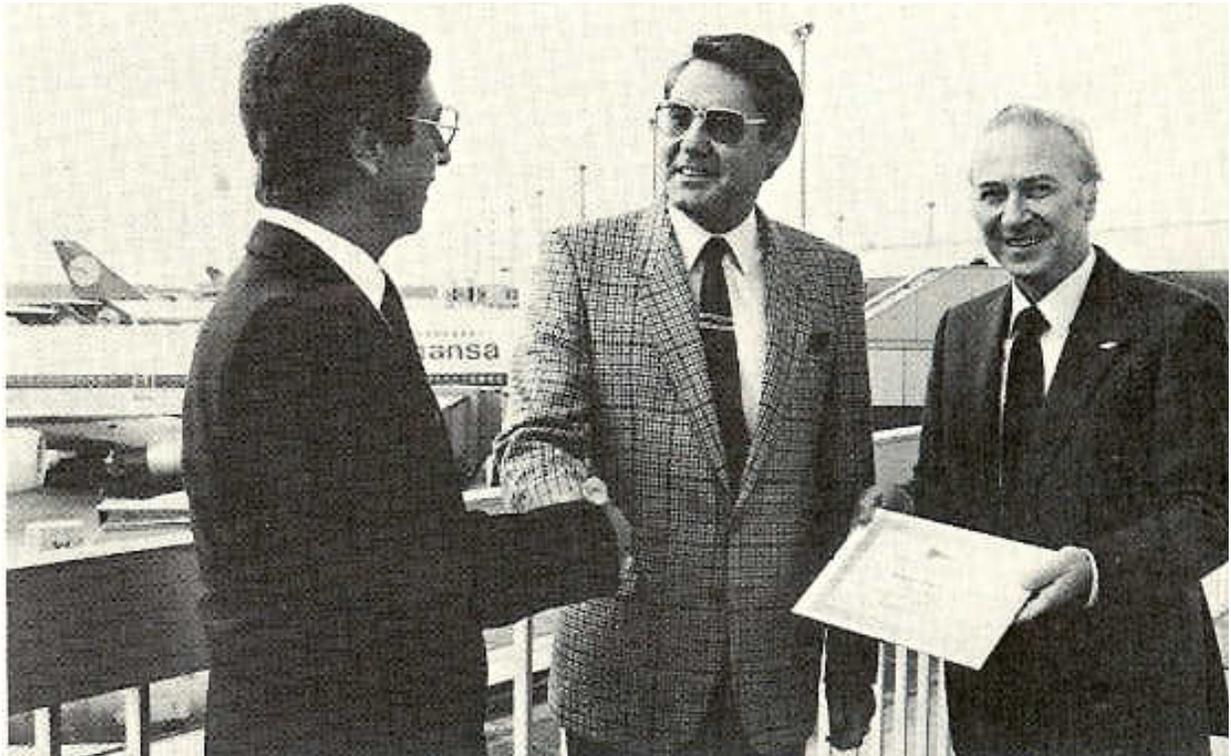


Students of Duwa College & SLIC wish to convey their sincere appreciation and thanks to WACA for their generous contribution towards

**Onalee Perera,  
SriLanka Interline Club**

## Do you remember?

In 1984 Lutz Keck, Vice President Finance and Treasurer of WACA, left, presenting WACA Certificate of Honour to Richard "Rick" Gessner who was the first director of Public Relations for WACA. Right is Hanns Proksch, WACA Member of Honour, who was WACA's first Secretary General from 1966 to 1974.



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