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Activity Report of the Regional Vice President Europe

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Dear Colleagues,

My first year as RVP Europe is soon over. Communication from my part has not been as active as it should have been. The rest of year 2009 and next year can only be better. I hope I still have your trust!

AGA in Kuala Lumpur + Activity reports + WACA dues

Out of 18 European clubs, 12 will attend the 42th Annual General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur. According to the rooming list there are 94 members from European clubs and 4 Norwegian members at large. This is a very impressive figure, and shows that interlining and a good program does interest us, even if times within the airline industry are tough. Twelve activity reports have been forwarded to all delegates. Of these clubs 10 have already paid their dues for 2009, during the last AGA or during the Regional meeting in Vienna. Two clubs will pay their dues in Kuala Lumpur.

WACA Events in Europe during 2009, incl. the European Regional Meeting

The main European event during this year was the WACA Spring Get Together in Vienna, Austria on April 16-18, 2009, and a successful half day Regional meeting, that was very nicely organized by the Hungarian Interline Club. A big thank you goes to Barna and his team! There were 24 interliners from 9 different Nations (Austria, England, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland) attending the event, and we were happy to welcome our WACA VP Public Relations Rosemarie Mamede as well.

There were 12 European Delegates out of 18 attending the Regional Meeting, and thus we had a quorum for decisions. There were however no voting during the meeting. The Minutes of the Meeting was emailed to the clubs in the beginning of August.

Helsinki Interline Club cancelled its plans to host the Sauna Party and Vilnius in June 2009 due lack of interest from other clubs, but organized the Sauna and Barbeque Party as a local event instead.

Portugal will host a prolonged weekend event Grande Fiesta and just before that the Passarola Golf Cup on the Azores in the end of October.

WACA Events outside Europe 2009

There were 5 interliners from Gatwick attending the Montreal Winter Carnaval.

The pre- and post events the Annual General Assembly have interested a good number of our club members: 11 to Langkawi, 11 to Singapore and 33 to Borneo.

Other Local & International Events

Many of the European Clubs are busy travelling and gourmet clubs. Weekend trips to local areas or further away are on many agendas. Friendship weekends between the Swiss and German Clubs is a concept that for sure would interest many other clubs as well. It is clear that travelling in general and visiting friends in other clubs is popular.

Organizing Events

However, organizing bigger events seems to be considered troublesome, maybe because of the expected workload, or fear of no one attending the event and thus fear for costs and no earnings. This is a subject that I hope we can continue discussing during the next European meetings. Can we help each other organizing events? Can we learn something from the Far East clubs? Europe is still covered with interesting 'secret' places worth visiting, that can be offered as WACA events as well.

Status of the European Clubs

I'm happy to know that Basel, Frankfurt (in cooperation with Rhein Main), Gatwick, Helsinki, Hungary, Iceland, London, Munich, Portugal, Rhein Main (in cooperation with Frankfurt), Sweden, Vesuvio Napoli and Zürich (13 out of 18) are still running smoothly, though struggling in getting new members.

And I am very sad to know that Bergen, Cyprus, Greece, Hanover and Stavanger (5 out of 18) have problems being active. All email addresses still receive emails, so according to this the WACA reps are receiving the emails, though they do not respond.

London IC with 11 members is the smallest of the European clubs, but has 7 members attending the AGA. IC of Iceland with is ca. 300 members is the biggest, but has no one attending the AGA in 2009. Size of the club is thus not the only criteria for being an active club. I do hope these worlds might inspire our non-active clubs to join the events again!

With these worlds I finish my report. I do hope we will have a good European meeting in Kuala Lumpur as well as an effective and inspiring Annual General Assembly. Finally I would like to thank the Executive Committee and Hong Kong and Singapore Clubs for assisting the Waca EC for hosting the 42th AGA. Thank you also friends and delegates of the European clubs for supporting me in doing my job as Regional Vice President Europe better in the future.

Yours in Interlining,

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