

Dear Members,

WACA Office Update

As announced in Membership Message 14/2021, a final rental agreement between IATA and WACA had been received and signed up to the end of 2021 due to a notice that the International Air Transport Association (IATA) two largest offices in Montreal and Geneva would be combined into one Head Office situated in Geneva. This notice has since been rescinded and I am happy to report that WACA's Headquarters office will remain in the IATA premises for the foreseeable future.

The physical construction of offices within IATA are, however, being dismantled to an open plan concept so all of WACA's 50 years of stored history: files, minutes, legal and financial records, memorabilia, etc. was removed in numerous boxes at the end of 2021 and stored in my home. This past weekend, WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, convened a "WACA History Review" at my home where all the documentation was reviewed and decisions made whether to keep or discard. It is now intended to scan and digitally store the still numerous amount of documentation that remains.

53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2022 Interline Celebration *Pre-AGA Tour: Java Grand Tour (9–16 October)*

The heart of the nation of Indonesia, Java is a complex island of great antiquity that will always be obvious on this Java Grand Tour. Participants' arrival will, however, be in the new Yogyakarta International Airport (YIA) and, to keep the package cost as published, it was decided that the flight Yogyakarta–Surabaya on Day 4 would be replaced by an air-conditioned coach across central Java on highways to Bromo at the edge of Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park where the magnificent volcanic Mount Bromo is situated. A revised brochure is attached.

AGA (16–21 October)

Bali "Island of the Gods" Almost everything has spiritual meaning. The middle of Bali is dominated by the dramatic volcanoes of the central mountains and hillside temples such as Pura Lempuyang, one of the island's estimated 10,000 temples, while the tallest peak, Gunung Agung, is the island's spiritual centre. Bali is the most exotic location in Asia and rightly so!

Post-AGA Tour: Komodo National Park: Land of the Dragons (21–24 October)

The tour is now sold out and a waiting list has been put in place.

Detailed itineraries and registration forms for all of the above can be found on the WACA website www.waca.org/events/pages/default.aspx.

The Scent of Colour

WACA's Ambassador for Blind Children, *Suheil Baqaeem*, has once again featured for his outstanding work. This time it was Mauritius television that showcased Suheil and his work with blind children in Amman, Jordan: <https://www.facebook.com/1547199331/videos/732605831496735/>.

Membership Messages

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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.

Yours in interlining,

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