

Mandatory Office Closing

The Quebec Premier, François Legault, has issued a directive for all businesses in the province to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that, although I am already accessing some of my WACA office files and folders from home, this means that I no longer have the option to work from the WACA office or receive any post until further notice which will be mid-April at the earliest.

53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2020 Interline Celebration

Until further notice, due to the current situation that we are all facing, it will no longer be necessary to send your deposits at this time only the completed AGA and post-AGA (Package B) tour registration forms to ensure you are registered accordingly. I will be able to confirm your participation from my home. Your deposits would then need to be sent immediately "normal" business practices are resumed.

Pre-AGA Tour: Java Grand Tour

The tour starts in the ancient capital of Central Java ,Yogyakarta (known as Jogja by the local inhabitants), the ancient capital of Central Java and is now the centre of Javanese art and culture. Three nights will be spent in Yogyakarta to allow plenty of time to explore this ancient city and venture out to see the fabulous UNESCO monuments of Prambanan and Borobudur. The UNESCO Heritage site of Borobudur is one of the world's greatest ancient monuments boasting the largest Buddhist temple in the world that was built over 1,000 years ago making it even older than the famous Angkor Wat in Cambodia. www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hzJW52orYk&fbclid=IwAR3exZ49sKAo-gyddshTnlhR1nKDo0TMhIza3bVpEDQf6VGyOdgCik56aml.

In addition, the volcanoes of Bromo and Ijen will be seen and coffee plantations in Kalibaru will be visited before ending with two relaxing days at the West Bali National Park. The following two videos show some of the wonderful things that will be encountered on this enchanted island tour which is schedule to take place from 11–18 October: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_wHDfhmdz0. <https://vimeo.com/13987972>.

AGA Package

Scheduled to be held in the luxurious 5-Star InterContinental Bali Resort from 18–23 October, this exciting comprehensive five-night package provides participants with a wonderful opportunity to savor the rich and diverse culture of exotic Bali "Island of the Gods". Almost everything in Bali has a spiritual meaning. The middle of Bali is dominated by dramatic volcanoes of the central mountains and hillside temples such as Pura Lempuyang while the tallest peak, Gunung Agung, is the island's spiritual centre. On Bali you can lose yourself in the chaos of Kuta or sybaritic pleasures of Seminyak and

Kerobokan, surf wild beaches or just hang out on Nusa Lembongan. The choices are endless.

Post-AGA Tours: Land of the Dragons and the Lesser Sundas

The Post-AGA (Package A) tour to the Land of the Dragons and the Lesser Sundas is now sold out. An attempt was made to organise another identical tour but securing an additional Phinisi (an Indonesian sailing ship) was regrettably not possible. Members can still, however, enjoy the luxury of the a Phinisi by taking Package B from 23–25 October which still has some places available. A reminder that single occupancy is not an option on this tour. It must also be stressed that there is a maximum of 28 participants on the Package B tour in six (6) twin rooms and eight (8) double rooms.

Detailed brochures and Registration Forms for the 53rd AGA, the pre-AGA and post-AGA (Package B) tour can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

Grand Venture Bonanza

First Draw of 2020

Don't delay, get your tickets now!

The first draw of 2020 is now expected to be at the end of April for a USD 100.00 cash prizes graciously donated by the Sydney Interline Club. Five other cash prizes of USD 100.00 each are being donated by WACA and, in addition, a fabulous prize of a package for one based on double occupancy to attend the 53rd WACA AGA: The 2020 Interline Celebration to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 18–23 October is also being donated by WACA making a total of seven prizes to date to be drawn throughout the year.

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.

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