



## **WFTGA**

**World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations**

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***THIS CIRCULAR IS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF WFTGA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS  
PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR OWN MEMBERS!***

### **WFTGA Convention in Macau:**

Between January 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Macau saw 145 participants and a very well organised General Assembly. The main results are:

1. Signing of a contract to open a new Training Centre in Sabah, Malaysia.
2. The WFTGA Macau Declaration: *pls find the document in the attachment and distribute*. You may copy from our webpage and forward to all interested and to tourism partners.
3. The final presentation of long term President Rosalind Newlands: after 10 years of activity on the Executive Board (co-opted and elected), Ros took her leave. With enormous strength and diplomacy Ros Newlands has created the legal background for two Training Centres and effective strategy for policies and procedures to work within the Federation. With the help of her co-members on the board and support from all members she has developed the new role of WFTGA as partner with UNESCO and UNWTO. These years also saw the growth of training in order to develop standards in professional and ethical performance around the globe.

**To former president Ros Newlands and the departing members, Treasurer Koula Vassiliou (Cyprus) and ExBo survey specialist Govind Agrawal (India), as well as co-opted member Johnny Lee (Hong Kong), the new Executive Board extends their personal THANK YOU's! We do wish you pleasant days for recreation and would like to see you in future conventions!**

The **newly elected Executive Board** consists of  
Felicitas Wressnig (Austria) – President & International Relations  
Wilja Siebe (Netherlands) – Vice President & Head of Training  
Patricia Blain (United Kingdom) – Treasurer  
Esther Banike (United States) – Secretary & Media  
Maria Aristidou (Cyprus) – Member of ExBo, Coordinator of Area Representatives  
Priya Lakshmi (India) – Member of ExBo, Administrator  
Roger Rajah (Malaysia) – Member of ExBo, Marketing

**All of us would like to extend our personal greetings to our members and express the hope for intensive cooperation and your contribution!**

**The next WFTGA Convention will be January 2015 in PRAGUE, Czech Republic!**

*Please take a look at our attached message and distribute to all your members.*

**Guideline Internation@!** has it's deadline for reports on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please use this media for distributing your news!

Felicitas Wressnig, WFTGA President

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