



Skål International Councillor mid-year meeting 29.5 – 1.6.2014, Rembrandt Hotel and Towers, Bangkok, Thailand

Report of activities October 2013 – May 2014

ISC Board activities undertaken

- Since our Councillor meeting 29. 9– 30.10.2013, M/S Carnival Glory Cruise departing from New York, U.S.A. the board has had six (6) Skype meetings and a meeting aboard M/S Carnival Glory. Secretary has prepared the agendas according to President Keith Murcott's wishes and written the minutes which are stored at Drop Box ISC board restricted area.
- Drop Box has been used as an active area for all councillors to share & store. The folder structure was simplified in November and all new councillors are immediately invited to use it as part of a "Welcome" email from the board.
- Drop Box was also used for collecting task suggestions from all councillors. The countries that contributed are: South Africa, France, Finland, Sweden, Thailand, Bahrain and Switzerland. The Vice presidents are now in charge of the handling of the suggestions made.
- Drop Box was further used for collecting travel media details. This request came from director Nigel Pilkington. Countries which responded to the request are; Taiwan, Spain, UK, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, Finland, Sweden, Bahrain, France and South Africa.
- By the request of Madam President Karine Coulanges the "Road Map" document was sent to all councillors and a survey tool (SurveyMonkey) was introduced to collect ideas from national committees and clubs globally. In total 19 councillors responded to the request. Please see a separate report and presentation at Drop box by Susanna Saari who has analysed the data.
- International Skål Council Facebook page was launched after the Bali meeting. It currently has 16 members. Please request for membership if you have a FB account and use the page actively for sharing information, photos and ideas.
- A pre-welcome letter to all councillors with information about the upcoming meeting was sent 20.5.2014 and a welcome letter was delivered at Rembrandt Hotel and Towers upon check-in.
- MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was prepared in English and Spanish and was distributed to all new councillors attending Bangkok mid-year meeting as well as all councillors renewing their 2 years by the General Secretariat. It is vital to understand that the MOU is to be renewed when a new two year period starts, and that the councillor term is 3 x 2yrs maximum.

Councillor activities undertaken

- Part of committee A and working in a task group under Lavonne Wittman on a new membership category of "special interest tourism", namely medical tourism.

Once again I would like to thank "my boys": President Keith Murcott, Senior Vice President Paul Follows and Junior Vice President Bernard Whewell for all their support and most of all their patience and sense of humour during the long Skype meetings. It has been a privilege to learn from and with you. Thank you & SKÅL!

Susanna Saari

Secretary, ISC Board