

All Clubs Message 10/2010

Dear Interliners,

43rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2010 Interline Celebration

Notice

In accordance with 2.4.2 of the WACA Bylaws, the 42nd AGA Delegate Credential Form is attached. This should be completed and returned to WACA Headquarters no later than **17 August**.

Registrations

Currently there are approximately 150 participants registered for the AGA in Recife. By the end of July, the established deadline for registrations, it is anticipated that this number will grow to close to 250 interliners.

Visas

The Interline Club of Portugal (ICP) will begin sending the requested application letters to all registered interliners by end of July.

Bank Transfers

As the ICP continue to receive questions about bank transfers, interliners are reminded about the ICP postal address:

Interline Club of Portugal
Rua Coronel Luna de Oliveira 24-3º
1900-167 Lisboa
Portugal

Pre- and Post-AGA Tours

The pre-AGA tours to Rio/Iguaçu and Salvador, as well as the Post Tour to Manaus/Amazonas, are fully booked. Additional reservations will only be accepted on a waiting list.

Participants on the post-AGA tour to Manaus/Amazonas are reminded that the programme ends at the Guarulhos airport, São Paulo, where the flight is scheduled to arrive at 20:30.

Flights with GOL Linhas Aéreas (G3)

In addition to the discount of 15% on the domestic regular fares (promotional code: E 003-10 REC), the ICP are very happy to announce another highly appreciated and unexpected offer from this airline: each interliner will be entitled to a free baggage allowance of up to 2 bags with a maximum weight of 23 kg per bag, for a total of 46 kg (100 lbs). This includes the flights on the pre- and post-AGA tours. When making your reservation (*see All Clubs Message 8/2010 dated 21 May 2010*), please note that GOL, as a no-frills carrier, is accepting only online payments made with the American Express credit card. Payments for the flights will be accepted, however, with any other credit card at the airport ticket counter up to 2 hours prior to the scheduled departure.

Charity Project

The ICP has chosen the crèche of the "Centro Cultural e Social Severinas" in Olinda as the WACA 2010 Charity Project. Currently there are about 50 children, aged between 1-3 years old, from one of the poorest districts of Olinda being cared for by the centro. From diapers to toys and clothes (tropical!) – all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Regional Evenings

Two Regional Evenings will be held in the AGA hotel (the Golden Tulip Recife Palace). The first one is scheduled for Monday, 18 October for the Latin America/Caribbean and North America Regions as well as the hosting representatives of Brazil. All the other Regions will have their Regional Evening on Wednesday, 20 October.

July Newsletter

V.P. International Events and Special Projects, *Elaine Miller*, sends the following message for July. Summer greetings to my fellow interliners around the world. I hope everyone is enjoying as beautiful a summer as we are here on the east coast of Canada. The heat and humidity will be a prelude as we look forward to our visit to Brazil in October.

By now, all the Regional Meetings have been completed and, although there were obstacles presented by mother nature, the meetings went well and much was accomplished. There was good participation and an enjoyable time had by all. Congratulations and gratitude go to the organizers for all their hard work and arrangements. Organizing any kind of an event is an immense undertaking but doing it as an international event is monumental.

One item that has come to my attention is that some Bonanza cash winners have not received their prizes. I contacted headquarters and was advised that once the winner is announced, Keith waits for the individual or the Member Club's WACA Representative to contact him to arrange payment. If any individual find that they have not received their prize money to date, therefore, please contact headquarters or request your WACA Representative to contact headquarters to ensure payment is

duly received.

Our attention now turns to getting ready for the 2010 Interline Celebration and 43rd Annual General Assembly in Recife, Brazil, in October. The Interline Club of Portugal (ICP) have reported the numbers are increasing and most of the pre- and post-AGA tours are full or close to full, with waiting lists being taken. The organising committee is pleased to see the number of people attending growing and are planning a great time for us. As the deadline approaches, it is time to finalise your plans and get your registrations completed. Most bank transfers require an address in Portugal and the ICP address is shown above. If you require a Brazilian visa, you need to advise the ICP, through your local Club, to arrange for an application letter to accompany your request. Members-at-Large need to advise the ICP on an individual basis.

The ICP has successfully negotiated a 15% discount with GOL Linhas Aereas (G3), one of Brazil's largest no-frills carriers, on its domestic routes on all published fares (excluding promotional fares) for the period 10 days before and 10 days after the AGA. You will need this promotional code: E003-10 REC. In addition, each interliner will be allowed a free baggage allowance of 2 bags (*see above*) which will help us with pre- and post-AGA tours as well.

We would also like to remind everyone about the TAP fare of Euro 700.00 including taxes LIS/REC/LIS on a confirmed basis. Allocation of seats are on the following flights:

TP151/16 October depart LIS 1100 arrive REC 1450 (local time)

TP154/22 October depart REC 1815 arrive LIS 0545 (local time).

A special agreement with TAP Portugal has also been arranged for intra-Europe flights at a cost of EUR 65.00 (return) plus taxes on a stand-by basis.

Another good point to remember is the complimentary internet access in the AGA hotel and be sure to request your extra nights accommodation through ICP if needed.

As in the past, we will have a local organisation for our charitable gifts. This year the ICP have chosen the crèche of the "Centro Cultural e Society Severinas" located in Olinda (*see above*). As the children range in age from 1-3 years old, it is suggested to bring baby items such as toys, diapers, new toddler clothes for a tropical climate, picture books, toiletries, etc. Your generosity is always appreciated by the organisation and especially by the children. We will plan to arrange for delivery to the crèche the last day of the AGA for all who are interested in going.

There has been some concern regarding the changing value of currencies around the world, especially the Euro, and if the package price of the package will change. The ICP have advised that the prices advertised are firm.

Once again, we will be holding our "Tombola" as our main fund raiser. This has always added to the fun of the evening and this year it will be held on the 4th evening (Thursday) after the Assembly and prior to a seafood dinner at our hotel. The format will change slightly this year to a "straw draw" where drinking straws will be used that hold the prize numbers of winners and the "sorry, try again" messages. The success of the Tombola critically depends on prizes brought by you, our members and Clubs. So, I appeal to you to bring items that will help sell the promotion and with everyone's help, we will have a fun evening. I plan to have a drop off table near the registration area for both the Tombola and charity items. If you could include a gift bag for your items, it would be greatly appreciated.

At our last Executive meeting in Amman, it was discussed and decided that the 50/50 draw this year will have only one winner and tickets will be sold throughout the week.

Please be sure to check the Calendar of Events on the WACA Web site when planning your holidays and getaways. There are still some great events coming up and some very interesting places to visit. Until the next All Clubs Message, enjoy your summer and get ready for Recife!

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Contribute

If your Club has anything it would like to contribute to the next "All Clubs Message" please send the information to my attention at WACA Headquarters.

Yours in interlining,

Keith Miller
Manager, WACA Headquarters
World Airlines Clubs Association