



SKÅL INTERNATIONAL – MAURITIUS – NUMBER 369

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Dear Skalleagues

1. Annual General Assembly – Friday 19th February 2010 – Hotel School SGD:

Our AGM was held on Friday 19th February 2010 at the Hotel School Sir Gaetan Duval in Ebene, which was followed by a cocktail and dinner function.

Your Executive Committee for the Term 2010 – 2011 and their coordinates are as follows:

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You have all received our **Audited Accounts, Treasurer's Report, President's Report, and Budget 2010** from our Secretariat.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any information you may require, suggestions to share, and help your club achieve its objectives.

Dinner Function - AGM 2010



Robert Gordon-Gentil owner of restaurant "Chez Tante Athalie" newest member of Skäl Mauritius receiving his Skäl pin from Suzy Edouard (Director PR & Com)



Clément Cartier (Beach Destination), Robert Gordon-Gentil, Odile Montocchio (Director Functions & Events), Fontana Agathe (Sirandanne Ltd)



Patrick de Ravel (Director Membership Development), Christine Leclézio (Easterlies Ltd), Luc Billard (Blue Safari Submarine)



Ibrahim Ayoub (Director Website), Llyod Ross (Magic Sun Tours), Sheetul Ramburn (Tropical Heats Ltd), Dev Naeck (MCB), Prem Sham (Escapade DMC Ltd)

2. Tentative Calendar 2010 :

You will find below the tentative Calendar 2010 which may be subject to some changes due to reservation dates.

(i) Friday 19th February:

Annual General Assembly at Hotel School SGD followed by a cocktail - dinner function.

(ii) Thursday 22nd April:

World Skäl Day and Candle Night to support The Earth Action Mauritius (TEAM) in line with our commitment taken during the Skäl Workshop 09 on the Environment Topic – **Dinner Function** at the **Courtyard Restaurant** – Port Louis.
Guest Speaker - President MID Project – Mr J P Hardy

(iii) Tuesday 11th May:

Skäl Mauritius will sponsor the **best students in Tourism** of the Hotel School SGD

(iv) **26th to 30th May:**

Asian Area Congress – Cebu – Philippines

(v) **Sunday 6th June:**

We will celebrate the **International Environment Day** at the **Domaine des 7 Vallées**, Forest Side: **Trekking followed by a Hunters' Lunch**.

(vi) **June:**

Skal Mauritius will sponsor the **Third Edition of the Waiters' Race** organized by the Rotary Club of Quatre Bornes and the Tourism Authorities.

(vii) **Sunday 25th July:**

Rediscover the **Mauritian Antique Cars** at **Tante Athalie Restaurant** in Pamplemousses followed by a **Typical Mauritian Lunch**.

(viii) **Saturday 25th September:**

Cocktail hosted by the **Australian High Commission & Skal Mauritius (TBC)**

(ix) **September:**

Skal Mauritius will sponsor the **Annual Tourism Mass** organised by the Commission Diocesaine du Tourisme.

(x) **Saturday 23rd October:**

Guided Hiking in the reserve of **Domaine de l'Etoile** followed by a Mauritian Buffet Lunch **(TBC)**

(xi) **7th – 12th October:**

Skal International World Congress – Sydney – Australia

(xii) **Saturday 26th November:**

End of Year Function – Ile des Deux Cocos – Blue Bay – Naiade Resorts

3. Fund Raising Activity 2010 :

Skal Members are solicited to help in the organization of a **fund raising exercise** during 2010. You are kindly invited to contact our Secretariat to coordinate same. We appeal to your **sense of belonging** and support to help your club sustain its activities.

4. Skal Mauritius Communication :

Your **Website** has been refreshed during 2009 to host our increased activities, to better communicate with the world, whilst facilitating our interaction with Skalleagues.

The Website will be further developed to support our future activities, connect to our Members' Websites, Preferred Suppliers, and Sponsors, inter alia.

We rely on your contribution to provide us with any relevant information on your respective Activity that you may wish to communicate, and update, on Skal Mauritius Website.

All Skal Members are requested to make use of the official Skal Logo on your respective email banner, website links, and you may wish to join the list of preferred partners with your preferential rates in favour of your Skalleagues and Friends of Skal.

5. Membership Development:

We fully support the Skal International Membership Development strategy of "Member get Member approach" which has proved very successful during these past years. The updated selection criteria for potential new members are clearly established and explained on the Skal International Website.

Skal International has requested all Skal Clubs in the World to make special efforts towards Membership Development, and have asked Skal Mauritius to target an increase from 113 to 124 Members during 2010 !

Our Director Membership Development and the EC Members remain at your disposal for any information that you may require in this respect. You can help your Club sustain its growth, diversify its platform, and further consolidate its independence.

6. Skal International Tourism Trade Fairs March 2010:

The following Trade Fairs will be attended by Skal International:

- (i) 02 – 03 March – **AIME** – Melbourne Australia
- (ii) 05 – 07 March – **UTAZAS** – Budapest Hungaria
- (iii) 10 – 14 March – **ITB** – Berlin Germany
- (iv) 13 – 16 March – **ITM 2010** – Moscow Russia
- (v) 18 – 21 March – **MAP** – Le Monde a Paris – France
- (vi) 24 – 26 March – **UITT** – Kiev Ukraine
- (vii) 24 – 26 March – **GLOBE 2010** – Rome Italy
- (viii) 26 – 27 March – **Braztoa** – Sao Paulo Brazil
- (ix) 25 – 28 March – **TUR** – Sweden
- (x) 25 – 28 March – **MITT 2010** – Moscow Russia
- (xi) 27 – 29 March – **WTF 2010** – Shangai - China

7. Public Relations:

We look forward to meet you all, and the Friends of Skal, at the future activities of Skal Mauritius during this difficult but exciting year 2010, to consolidate our Friendship, listen to your views, and encourage Skalleagues to conduct "Business Among Friends".

With our very best regards.

Skal !

Ms Suzy Edouard

Director PR & Communication