



A word from your President



I attended the World Congress in Budapest last week and I was impressed.

It was the largest congress for many years with 1.000 delegates from 65 different countries. A truly international congress!

I was amazed by the skållegues I met and their dedication and commitment to the Skål organisation. I salute you all, skål members all over the world for your hard work!

Quickly back to London and the World Travel Market. I'm awaiting with great expectation the official figures on visitors numbers. I have a feeling that the number will be much higher this year compared to last year. Always a positive sign!

Our stand was busy all days not to mention the "Happy Hour" on Monday and "get-together-party" on Tuesday. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard at the stand over these 4 days. A special thanks to Paul Follows who was in "over-all command" of the stand, to Bob Duffett who was in-charge of the bar (and reported that just 1/2 a bottle of wine was left over from our huge wine supply) and to Elizabeth Milhofer who spent her Sunday preparing delicious cheese nibbles for the stand (Tony said you were preparing some nibbles but not that you prepared for 100s of people!!).

Finally, try to join us on the 10th December. It is the best value for money Christmas Luncheon you will find in London. It will be a combination of our 75th anniversary and Christmas. This is something not to be missed! Just look at the price and what is on offer. I hope I can count on your support!

Mats Wivesson

Membership renewal!

You will soon receive your membership renewal form from our Secretary, Paul Follows. Please, please send in the form and payment as soon as possible. – do not delay!

You belong to an international organisation offering the best value for money, compered to many other organisations.

Did you know that Skål International in Torremolinos, every spring, needs to take out a bridging loan to cover running costs due to late payments. This will of course add to the cost of our subscription to Torremolinos.

Please don't delay –
pay your membership as soon as possible.

Don't forget
MEMBER GETS MEMBERS
Just one new member from each of you
will be the best Christmas gift ever.

Calendar of events – 2009

Date	Venue	Event
December 10	Marriott Hotel Marble Arch	Christmas Luncheon
January 28	Hispaniola	AGM Luncheon
February	No function this month	
March	TBC	President's Night

Next event – 10th December

A combination of Christmas & 75th anniversary!



It is not only our traditional Christmas Luncheon on the 10th December. We will as well celebrate the London Clubs 75th anniversary!

A glass of Champagne,
3-course lunch, wine and water.
Entertainment by the Skål Christmas Choir.
The Managing Director of World Travel Market,
Fiona Jeffrey is our speaker and the chosen charity is "Just a Drop".

All this for only £58 per person
or £550 for a table of 10 people.

Coming up in December

1.
We have our AGM on the 28th January 2010 at Hispaniola. As usual the meeting will be followed by a lunch.

If you are not able to attend but would like to raise a question to the council or the floor please let me know as soon as possible.

2.
The Skål London membership directory will be printed in January. Do you want to sponsor the printing at a cost of only £130:00?

We will give you a full page advertisement and you will be the only one in the whole directory! Can't be better than that!

Skål International 2009



The Skål International Executive Committee 2009
Back row, left to right
Bent Hadler, Mok Singh, Lone Ricks, Marianne Krohn, Karine Coulanges and Jim Power.
Front row, left to right
Tony Boyle, Nik Racic and Enrique Quesada

The new Executive Committee of Skål International elected on 3 November 2009 during the 70th Skål World Congress held in the magnificent city of Budapest, Hungary is as follows:

- Nik Racic** (Croatia) President
- Tony Boyle** (Australia) Vice President, responsible for Development
- Enrique Quesada** (Mexico) Vice President, responsible for Finance
- Lone Ricks** (Denmark), Director for Special Projects
- Karine Coulanges** (France) Director for Communications and Public Relations
- Mok Singh** (U.S.A.) Director- Statutes with responsibility for the repositioning of Skål International
- Marianne Krohn** (Germany) Director for Business Affairs

- Bent Hadler** (Denmark) President of the International Skål Council
- Jim Power** - Secretary General

We wish them all Ggood luck for the coming 12 months!

New Skål International website!



Check-it out!
The new Skål International web site is alive, with a new modern design and all according to the latest web standards – Web 2,0

New Skål International Club!

New Clubs:
Siem Reap – Cambodia
Eskisher – Turkey (15th club in Turkey)
Baku – Azerbaijan
Cairo –Egypt (re-activiteted after 15 years in the wilderness)

Five clubs has been suspended during 2009.

As per 12th November 2009 we have over 20.000 members in 452 clubs world-wide. (215 clubs attended the World Congress in Budapest).

More international news!

The membership of Young Skål has increased from 280 members in 2008 to a staggering 400 members in 2009!

What can we, in London, do to make these future travel people more interested in Skål London?

Latest event



The UK delegation at the opening ceremony at the World Congress in Budapest.

The bar chef, Bob Duffett, with a thirsty visitor at our stand at World Travel Market.



Paul Follows with Trevor King and Glen Maylon (who is soon moving to sunny Florida).

Photo to the right:
Bob Lunnon, Sydney Australia (Congress Club 2010) and Tony Bennett UK President at the WTM Luncheon.



Photo to the left:
Katie Benson, Skål London (Langhams Hotel) with Jim Power and Lolo Wivesson at the Reform Club. A WTM cocktail sponsored by the New York Club

Many More Photos in the Photo Gallery:
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More international news 2!

1. Next years International Congress will be in Sydney, Australia. All the 21 clubs with 1,250 members will make this congress unforgettable.
2. The award for the Best Skål Club of the year went to Albany, Australia. Congratulations to Noelene Evans! Only after 3 years in operation and already the best. Full presentation on the international web site.
3. Over 3.000 answers received from the huge survey regarding "repositioning of Skål". The result is to be read on the new web site. Please read it but be warned, the report is over 300 pages!