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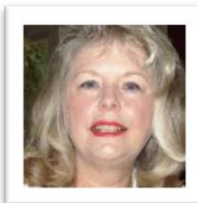
Dear WFTGA Members, and Friends of WFTGA.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the new 2017 – 2019 Executive Board of the WFTGA as follows;

Introduction to the 2017 – 2019 Executive Board:



President – Alushca Ritchie (South Africa)
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Joint Vice-President – Esther Banike (Chicago, USA)
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Treasurer - Harvey Davidson (New York, USA)
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Co-opted - Ivana Ćuruvija (Serbia)
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On behalf of the EXBO, I would like to say thank you for entrusting the next two years of WFTGA with us. We are all extremely excited to start with all the ideas and projects. The goals we set are a constant reminder of the dedication from you the Delegates and us the Executive Board.

We are in the process of co-opting a few additional individuals onto the Executive Board to assist with special projects and look forward to their assistance.

We would like to thank the outgoing 2015 – 2017 WFTGA Executive Board for all their hard work and dedication, specifically Past President Felicitas Wressnig.



INTERNATIONAL TOURIST GUIDE DAY – 21st February 2017



This is a reminder to please use all our Social Media Platforms and to share your Associations events and your celebrations for **International Tourist Guides Day 2017 #ITG2017**. Please feel free to email a brief overview of your event, including some photographs to: info@wftga.org
We aim to include as much information as possible in our next Guidelines International@I issue.



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We wish you all a very happy and enjoyable INTERNATIONAL TOURIST GUIDES DAY 2017. Please enjoy the personal video from the Executive Board, which is available on our facebook page. (Unfortunately both Ruby Roy and Harley Davidson were absent at the time of the recording)

2019 WFTGA CONVENTION – CONGRATULATIONS to Tbilisi!

Following three fantastic bids by bidding countries, USA, Thailand and Georgia, we would like to congratulate The Republic of Georgia on winning to host the 2019 Convention. Thank you to both Thailand, Bangkok and USA, New York City bidding teams for all the hard work and efforts put in over the last year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ketevan Meladze and her team all the best for the Convention 2019 preparations. We look forward to meeting many WFTGA members at the 18th WFTGA Convention in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

2017 WFTGA CONVENTION – Tehran, Iran

The IFTGA have successfully completed their hosting of the 17th WFTGA Convention. Please review all the wonderful photographs and videos on their social media platforms as well as their website; www.wftga2017.com We would like to thank them for being fantastic hosts to all whom attended the Convention.

On behalf of the Executive Board, we wish all the best for your respective #ITG2017 activities and we look forward to hearing from our members.

Yours Sincerely
Alushca Ritchie

WFTGA President 2017 - 2019
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“There is no moment of delight in any pilgrimage like the beginning of it” - Charles Dudley Warner