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Important Conclusions at Salerno

UFTAA Board and EGA at Salerno, Italy arrived at some Important Conclusions which will pave way to push ahead with UFTAA Goals

- Launch UFTAA Global Tourism Office
- Introduce Global Tourism Specialist Programme
- Zero in on UFTAA's Global Office
- Approve key amendments to UFTAA Statutes
- Finalize / Review UFTAA By-Laws
- Bring enhanced value to UFTAA Card

For more details Please go to Members Area...

Report on Aviation & IATA Matters

Presentation made by Chairman Aviation & IATA Matters Committee - Mr Yossi Fatael was the highlight of Mid Year Forum at Salerno, Italy. Delegates were updated with the revolution that was being created with the developments and changes introduced by IATA which included

- New Distribution Capability (NDC)
- New Gen ISS Accreditation Model
- Remittance Holding Capacity
- Global Default Insurance (GDI)
- Transparency in Payments (TIP)

Complete Presentation in the Members Area

UFTAA to Embark on Tourism in an Aggressive Manner

Mr Olcar Numan - Board Member TURSAB, presented first glimpse of UFTAA's Global Tourism Office at Istanbul due to be inaugurated in mid Sep, 2017.

This will be a major step towards promotion of tourism by building a networking platform for Members & Affiliates. Enhancement of credibility and skills would be the highlight of 'Tourism Specialists Programme' that will be launched simultaneously.

More details in Presentation in Members Area

MID YEAR FORUM a Great Success

UFTAA Mid-Year Forum held at City of Salerno from 25th to 27th July, 2017, was a great success, an introduction and exposure to the most beautiful part of southern Italy's Campania Region. The main Host - Council of Salerno lead by Councillor Mr Roberto De Luca ensured that each and every delegate received VVIP treatment and said "We extend warm welcome to UFTAA Delegates and are confident that they will have a great experience. We will do our best to pass on our emotions & enthusiasm about this great Tourism and MICE destination".
Highlight of every evening - presence of the Mayor of Salerno - Mr Vincenzo Napoli, Governor of Campania - Mr Vincenzo De Luca and Mayor of Vietri.

President Sunil Kumar summed it up nicely "It's been an outstanding experience and love at first sight with Salerno and Campania Region - an amazing master-piece. For me the real Italy is Salerno, Amalfi & Vietri. It's God Blessed area and world needs to know so much more about this most beautiful part of Italy which has given UFTAA Delegates splendid experience and unforgettable memories to take back home"

For more details on Salerno go to www.livesalerno.com

Mid Year Forum

Pictures , Video

Gracious & Wonderful Hosts

Know your Fellow Member - VVR

The foundation of non-profit organization "Association of Flemish Travel Bureaus" (The VVR) was laid on the 8th of October, 1975 as an initiative of Antoon Van Eeckhout.

Initially focused on the Flemish SME travel agent, The VVR now represents the entire sector. The VVR expanded in almost 40 years to become the most important trade association for the travel industry with nearly 600 members.

A strong secretariat supports members. The office handles 350 fixed files, 900 variables and some 1.850 interventions. The staff advise members best solutions for the most diverse problems. A huge range of services are available to each member.
"The Belgian Federal Association for travel agents (UPAV) was one of the founding members of UFTAA but left in the early eighties.

VVR, the association of Flemish Travel Agents, joined UFTAA, on my request, in 1990. 27 years I supported and believed in UFTAA and I am convinced that the new leadership of VVR will continue this".

Warm greetings

Antoon van Eeckhout
Director-treasurer VVR
President VVRO

Would like to express my feelings regarding UFTAA Meeting in Salerno. It was really unforgettable stay in beautiful destination - Salerno. Experience was indeed very helpful and I got important contacts for future business cooperation. Very Well Organized, evenings were unforgettable and once again - destination Salerno was really very Beautiful.

Atmosphere - very good; Location - very beautiful; Communications - very important and helpful..!

Thanks a lot. Very Best Wishes

Ms Mariam Gobechia - Metropole Travel Ltd, Tbilisi, Georgia

"It gives you an insight to interact and refresh burning issues faced by Travel Agencies globally The destination and its hospitality are a new experience altogether"

Wilhem E Brown - President TAASL, Sri Lanka

I attended UFTAA Mid-Year Forum for first time on behalf of TURSAB. I honestly am impressed a lot, but beside of this also I discovered that UFTAA must show its activities and power more efficiently. There is hiddenpower up there but I am not sure that are we using it with full capacities.

Certainly IATA is one of the main and important issue. I really believe that after the UFTAA Istanbul Office is settled, we will focus on such matter much rapidly..

Thank you once again for the great Job that UFTAA did. We are honored to be part of it.

Numan Olcar - Board member TURSAB, Turkey
Lokesh Bettaiah - Secretary General TAAI, India

The UFTAA meeting in Salerno was a great encounter with the organisation. The network always wins and the platform that is offered is great for building this out. I look forward to see UFTAA develop further with a higher presence of other European Travel Agents Organisations enabling us to lobby and put pressure where needed in order to further serve the needs of our members.

Koen van Bosch - CEO, VVR, Belgium

"The event was very well organized. I appreciate that UFTAA tries to expose its members to new destinations and the choice of this destination was in no way a disappointment. The presentation by the UFTAA Vice President for Air Matters is always a big highlight of any UFTAA event.

My only concern were the meals - I think it would be nice to do a dietary check with all delegates before hand and when visiting European destinations, request they share sample menus beforehand, which can be shared with delegates in advance if possible. Adriana and her team did an excellent job in the overall arrangements and the UFTAA Board must be congratulated on a well-executed event.

Ms Shazmin Manji - Vice Chairperson KATA, Kenya

Calendar of Global Events

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Dear Members,

Pleasure to connect with you again and present 4th Issue of 'Global Connect'. UFTAA Forum & EGA followed 3rd Board of Directors Meeting at Hotel Grand Salerno - undoubtedly a great venue in an amazing but relatively un-explored city with enormous potential for Tourism. Do think about Salerno in Campania region, South Italy when you have a chance to recommend - the warmth, hospitality and beauty of Salerno will not let you down!

Will be back soon with news on amendments to UFTAA Statutes, opening of UFTAA Global Tourism Office and UFTAA Congress - 2017. Till then…please stay connected.

Ramesh MARWAH
Secretary General

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