



**World Federation of Tourist Guides Associations
66th Members' Circular: September 2010
1985-2010: 25 Years Guiding World Heritage and Culture**

**THIS CIRCULAR IS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF WFTGA –
PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR OWN MEMBERS!**

WFTGA 14th Convention: Culture a Unifying Guide: Tallinn Estonia: 30th January to 4th February 2011

**REGISTER NOW! Early Bird Registration ends on 1st November: <http://wftga2011.konverents.eu>.
Come and be EE-stonished!**

Gala Dinner: Thursday February 3rd – Your chance to shine! Members are invited to provide the entertainment at the Gala Dinner – start practising your pieces now – song, dance, music! – Places limited: register your interest in taking part with Govind Agrawal: govindagl@rediffmail.com

Jane Orde Scholarship

Last chance to apply: Application forms must be returned to info@wftga.org by September 30th 2010

Cruise Guide Training at Tallinn

Our one-day Cruise Guide Training Course will be available in Tallinn on Sunday 30th January: special price 100 Euro. If you are interested please contact Felicitas Wressnig by 31st October : guide-felicitas@chello.at

Our Explorer.com/Viator Inc

The WFTGA General Assembly in Bali agreed that WFTGA form a relationship with Our Explorer, who promised to list only licensed or qualified tourist guides. Our Explorer have removed a number of unqualified guides from their website at our request but on the other hand they continue to use wrong terminology e.g. tour guide or private guide, which causes us concern. OurExplorer.com is now owned and operated by Viator Inc, which is a large organisation that lists a number of tourist services on its website www.viator.com. At present www.ouexplorer.com is still operational under the same terms and conditions as before.

Some of you may have received communication from Dave Cunningham of Our Explorer about the take-over, in which he again used incorrect terminology and also suggested that we have already agreed to work with Viator. **This is not the case.** WFTGA EXBO was given advance notice of the take over and we are currently in discussion with Viator Inc as to whether we will continue with this relationship. Final decisions will be made in Tallinn. In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could check your local entries on www.viator.com to see if the tours they advertise are guided by licensed or qualified guides and inform me at rosnewlands@osa.sol.co.uk. Also please continue to monitor www.ouexplorer.com and send them emails if you find unqualified or illegal guides listed and request their removal. Please let me know of your results.

Guidelines Internetio@!

Our latest edition is on the website and was circulated to all members. Tina and her team would like all contributions for the next edition by 1st October 2010: tinaengstrom@btinternet.com.

International Tourist Guide Day 2011

You are probably already starting to think about your plans for 2011. As you know WFTGA is in Official Relations with UNESCO and we encourage you to contact your local UNESCO office to obtain official patronage for your local ITGD events.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosalind Newlands".

**Rosalind Newlands
WFTGA President**