

## Newly Elected 2006 IH&RA Board of Directors

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Every world region represented in leadership of hospitality industry's only international hotel and restaurant industry association

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### THE IH&RA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President

Dieter Huckestein

Chairman & CEO, Conrad Hotels

President, Hilton Global Alliance - USA

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Director International Affairs

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President

Cham Palaces & Hotels - SYRIA

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Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. - USA

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Director General

Israel Hotel Association - ISRAEL

IH&RA CEO

David I. McMillan, FHCIMA

ALSO ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chairman, Hong Kong Hotel Association

VP & Area General Manager,

The Ritz Carlton Hong Kong - HONG KONG

Regional Vice President Europe

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President

Grupo Husa - SPAIN

Regional Vice President Latin America

Jaime Alberto Cabal

CEO

COTELCO - Colombian Hotel Association - COLOMBIA

Chairman of National Association Chief Executive Committee

Florian Hew

Director

GastroSuisse - SWITZERLAND

National Association Representatives

Sami Sawalha

Jordan Hotel Association - JORDAN

Oded Lifschitz

Vice President Australasia Hilton International

Australian Hotels Association - AUSTRALIA

Timur Bayindir

President

Touristic Hotels & Investors Association - TUROB - TURKEY

Anthony Pollard

President

Hotel Association of Canada - CANADA

Xi Yanping

Vice Chairman

China Tourist Hotels Association - CHINA

Chairman of the Chains Council

Jean-Paul Herzog

Senior VP Nordic Hilton and Scandic

Hilton International - SWEDEN

Chains Council Representatives

Yannick Rouvrais

COO & Member of the Management Board

Orbis S.A - POLAND

Nancy Johnson

Executive VP/Brand Leader for Country Inns & Suites By Carlson and Park Inn,

Carlson Hotels Worldwide - USA

Stan Bruns

Senior Vice President International Lodging

Marriott International - USA

Chain Restaurants Representative

Richard Snead

President

Carlson Restaurants Worldwide - USA

Independent Operators Representative

Mats Östblom

Managing Director

Hotell Liseberg Heden - SWEDEN

Worldwide Partners Representative

Kathryn Pretzel-Shiels

American Express Europe Ltd

Director Hotel & Restaurant Industries, Establishment Services Group American Express Europe Limited - UK

The IH&RA Board of Directors oversees the association's advocacy work to identify threats and to send early warning signals about possible legislation and regulation emanating from international policy making agencies which could affect hotel and restaurant operations and profitability. The Board of Directors also monitors the work of IH&RA's specialized Global Councils which are formed to confront challenges facing hotel and restaurant operators in their day-to-day operations looking at issues such as: e-commerce and e-marketing; human resources and training; crisis and risk management and prevention; food service and corporate social responsibility. This Board of Directors is also instrumental in strengthening IH&RA's strategic partnerships with industry suppliers, educational institutes and the media.

The IH&RA Board of Directors will next meet in person on 9 March 2006 in Berlin, following an 8 March meeting of the IH&RA National Association Chief Executive Council and the IH&RA Chains Council. These meetings will be held at the Maritim Berlin Hotel alongside the International Hotel Investment Forum (IHIF) and ITB Berlin. On the evening of 8 March 2006, IH&RA, the German Hotels Association (IHA) and Maritim Hotels will host a VIP reception for all IH&RA members and IHIF delegates at the Maritim Berlin Hotel in celebration of the association's 60th Anniversary. These March events will then be followed by the IH&RA 43rd Annual Congress to take place in New Delhi, India in November 2006, preceded by a one-day 'Hospitality Educators Forum' for educational institutes and training schools for the industry (dates to be announced shortly).

Diary Dates:

IH&RA National Association Chief Executives Council Meeting

8 March Maritim Berlin Hotel

11:30 - 18:00

IH&RA Chains Council Meeting

8 March Maritim Berlin Hotel

11:30 - 18:00

IH&RA, German Hotels Association (IHA) & Maritim Hotels Evening Reception

8 March Maritim Berlin Hotel

18:30 - 20:00

IH&RA Board of Directors Meeting

9 March Maritim Berlin Hotel

09:00 - 15:30

IH&RA Foundation for the Future Trustees Meetings

9 March Maritim Berlin Hotel

15:30 - 17:00

IH&RA Hospitality Educators Forum

November 2006 - dates tba shortly

New Delhi, India

IH&RA 43rd Annual Congress

November 2006 - dates tba shortly

New Delhi, India

Founded in 1946, the International Hotel & Restaurant Association (IH&RA - [www.ih-ra.com](http://www.ih-ra.com)) is the only global business organization representing the hospitality industry worldwide. Its members are national hotel and restaurant associations, international and national hotel and restaurant chains, independent operators and worldwide partners including hospitality suppliers, consultants, educators and the media. Officially recognized by the United Nations, IH&RA is an active international observer that identifies threats, sends early warning signals and mounts opposition to all initiatives that could lead to costly legislation and unnecessary regulation for this industry.

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