

Skål International Paris hosted Skål's 80th Anniversary celebration

Skål International celebrated the 80th Anniversary of its foundation in the French capital, in the city where it all started - in April 1934 – with an exclusive and unforgettable week-end in the City of lights from 11 to 13 July 2014!



“It was only natural for me to organise a celebration in Paris”, stated President Karine Coulanges, “as I am the first French lady elected World President of Skål International, and this is indeed a great honour. France has not had a World President for 33 years!”

Skål International Paris hosted 70 foreign representatives from 19 countries. Skålleagues enjoyed a warm welcome Get Together Party on a stylish private boat on the river Seine in the evening of 11 July where they had the occasion for networking and doing business among friends.

On Saturday morning a guided city tour allowed them to discover or rediscover some major attractions of the elegant and history-filled French capital which was followed by a visit to the famous Père Lachaise Cemetery for a ceremony to pay their respects to Skål's Honourable Founding President, Florimond Volckaert, after which a lunch was organised in a typical French Brasserie.

Everyone then had some free time for more sightseeing or shopping before a special Gala Evening in the picturesque and traditional neighbourhood of Montmartre, where they received a welcome from the famous “Poulbots” and the President of the “Republic of Montmartre” before experiencing great food and wine with French Cancan dancers and local songs at La Bonne Franquette, a very historical place and most probably the best restaurant in Montmartre.

PHOTO GALLERY

TESTIMONIALS

Dear Karine,

Thank you for the nice time in Paris, Ingrid and I had a great time there and will always remember your fine hospitality and good care from the tour on the river seine, the city tour conducted personally by yourself, the gravesite service for Florimond and the dinner party in Montmartre, I wish this time never ended. Terrific!!

The President of Skål Paris expressed the desire to twin with Boston and please let him know we want to pursue his invitation.

All the best & Skål,

Mario Hache
Skål International Boston

Karine,

Thank you for such a wonderful event...Everything was magnifique!!!!!!!!!!!!

I will send you the pictures so you choose what you like...

It was wonderful seeing you and Alain again.....

Annette Cardenas
Skål International Panama
International Skål Councillor, Northern Latin America

Dear Karine,

It has been a fantastic celebration!

Thank you very much for the perfect arrangements.

Caroline Rood
Founder of Globals at Work
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Dear Karine,

We would like to thank you and Skål for the invitation to Skål's 80th anniversary on Friday evening. We enjoyed ourselves and the evening was a great opportunity to get an even better impression of the Skål spirit, values and friendship.

We appreciated that it was so easy to get into contact with your Skalleagues from all over the world. It was excellent to meet Marianne finally. In addition I will ease contacts in the US, Kenya and the UK.

Especially, I would like to thank you for talking about our partnership and asking Christophe Litvine, Eric Vaucher and myself on stage. Apologies that I had still wore my coat and scarf since I just walked in... I have already made an initial Twitter post from my private account (and addressed it to you so you might have already seen it) but I would kindly like to ask you if you and your husband could share the photo on stage with us since I would like to do another tweet via our corporate Diversey Care account.

It was a pleasure to recognize that you awarded 4 young Skalleagues and that you signed the contract with "Globals at Work" represented by Caroline Rood job platform ... I very much believe that this is a strong and important message and the right direction to ensure a lively global network in the future (in the next 80 years and after ;)

I'm sure the rest of the weekend was also a great success and all members enjoyed it alike. As you can image we celebrated quite long this night ;)

Finally, could I would like to ask you to share the participants' list with us as soon as possible. Since most of the French participants were not included in the nice booklet a full participants' list would be very beneficial for Eric and Christoph. Eric will be on holidays but I will follow up with him about the conversation with Patrick in three weeks' time.

Talk to you soon.

Thanks again Kind regards,
Mareike Schaumburg
Sector Marketing Lead Hospitality, Germany – Diversey Care

Dear Karine.

Anne Sofie and myself are safe back in Norway after a great week end in Paris. It was a fantastic stay in your beautiful city, especially the last evening in Montmartre. That was really an unforgettable night.

Thank you for taking special care of me after Anne Sofie left. I came home with both arms intact.

Congratulation with July 14th. Hope you have had a great day.

All the best to you and Alain from

Anne Sofie and Trygve Sødning