

60TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

for

CORNELL HOTEL SOCIETY

Europe, Middle East & Africa Region.

1961 – 2021.

Dear CHS members and friends,
This 60th year anniversary booklet has been prepared for you by looking through the old pictures and files to make it a recollection of the greatness of CHS EMEA Region. Some pictures are not the quality we desired, so if some of you have special pictures from events, we could use them for a future update.

Hopefully, this booklet will show what CHS has done through the years and give tribute to the many CHS members who have helped the EMEA Region to become a strong base for Cornell and the Hotel School.

CHS & Cornell University School of Hotel Administration needs the help from all of you, both monetary and scholastically, to keep the institution as front runner in the worldwide Hotel and Hospitality Education field.

With best wishes to you all from Leif and Deiv.

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The impact of The Cornell Hotel School and The Cornell Hotel Society in Europe, Middle East & Africa.

The start of CHS European Chapter.

Beginning in the 1950s many Cornell Hotel School graduates fulfilled their military service in Europe, primarily in post-war Germany, where they operated hotels and military clubs. Already in 1958 **Johan Krohn '56** suggested to the Society and the School to form a CHS Chapter in Europe. When **Frank A. Ready Jr. '36** settled in Frankfurt as VP with Dunham & Smith Inc. he followed up the idea to form a European chapter of Cornell Hotel School alumni ("hotelies") working in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa, together with expatriate hotelies who stayed overseas after their military service. Incidentally, **Frank A. Ready '36** had also been instrumental in forming the Japan Chapter a few years earlier.

The Inauguration.



Chapter President **Domenic Demetz '59** receives the charter for the European Chapter from **Dean Howard B. Meek** at the Inauguration Banquet.

On **February 4, 1961**, the inaugural meeting took place in the presence of Dean **Howard B. Meek**, his later successor **Robert A. Beck '42**, Cornell School Professors

Bernatsky and **Wanderstock** and graduates representing their home countries: Cyprus, Egypt, England, France, Greece, Germany, Holland, Iceland, India, Italy, Lebanon, Lichtenstein, Morocco, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey as well as USA. **Curt Strand '43**, Vice President Hilton International Europe, held the welcoming address and **Ichiro Inumaru '53**, Owner of Imperial Hotel Tokyo, brought greetings from the **Japan Chapter**, the first CSH chapter formed outside America.

The first Board of Directors.



Ruedi Schelbert '55, Switzerland; Chapter President **Dominico Demetz '59**, Italy; **Lee Sterling '58**, at the time in Lichtenstein and **Dr. Oscar Michel '31**, Switzerland.

The Board met with advisor **Frank A. Ready '36** to establish the purpose and goal of the **European Chapter**, which was defined as assisting the Cornell Hotel School in whatever ways possible including the following:

1. Encourage students from Europe to attend the Hotel School.
2. Plan and direct a Public-Relation program in Europe to enhance the prestige of the Hotel School, then the "**Cornell Society of Hotelmen**" [now CHS the "**Cornell Hotel Society**"], and the **European Chapter** (for members in Europe, the Middle East and North-Africa).
3. Assist the Hotel School in interviewing prospective students and attend special hospitality events and functions as representatives of the School.
4. Arrange social functions (on behalf of Cornell Society of Hotelmen) in connection with hospitality industry conventions, shows and events.

Swiss relations that created early focus on the Hotel School.

Dr. Oscar Michel '31, Swiss hotel owner and banker, was one of the first European students to attend The School. He often told how much he owed the studies at Cornell for his success in evaluation-service for banks and real estate firms on appraisal of hotel operations and physical plants. His efforts in creating interest for the Schools programs were invaluable. His generosity was legendary; like when in 1972 he invited the entire European Chapter group to celebrate his 70th birthday over the weekend at his Euler Hotel in Basel.

Ruedi Schelbert '55 returning to Switzerland after studies and practice in the US, had at first difficulties finding a satisfactory position. But then, when the BAUR AU LAC, Zurich in 1957 had bought a new NCR accounting machine, the Swiss NCR people had never seen it before and could not instruct the operation. Ruedi had practiced the operation of NCR machines at Cornell and knew it perfectly well and was therefore chosen among the many applicants for the position as Assistant to the GM (Vice-Director) proving that the years of studies at Cornell had been rewarding. Ruedi later became a prominent Swiss hotelier, as GM of many leading hotels, helping greatly to further the reputation of the Cornell Hotel School.

The Swiss Hotel Association (Schweizer Hotelier Verein) recognizing Ruedi's education asked him to participate in a commission to give new directions to the Swiss Hotel School in Lausanne, the oldest in the world. The ideas and concepts his group presented were, however, at the time rejected by the "traditionalists". But during the next decade or so Swiss and other European institutions started to adapt the principles used by the Cornell Hotel School. When the Lausanne School moved to new locations in the 70ies **Peter Streuli '62** was project manager for the planning of the new facilities and **Elisabeth Tresch '73** was involved in the operational planning.

Annual meetings.

From the start the plan to get together once a year at an "annual meeting" was a great success. That event soon developed into a three-day extravaganza of educational, networking, and social functions—in other words, a mix of business and fun. While the focus is always on education and networking—there's some competition to out-do the social aspects of the previous year's meeting. The meeting was and continues to be the cornerstone of CHS networking outside North America. The meeting venue moves from country to country each year in order to reach members in the various parts of the EMEA Region, shifting annually: Central – North - Central – South, from London, Paris, Berlin, Zurich, Munich, Brussels and Vienna in the Central, to Rovaniemi/Helsinki, Bergen, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Stavanger in the North and Athens, Cyprus, Florence, Rome, Tel Aviv, Dubrovnik and Cairo in the South, Budapest and St. Petersburg in the East and Lisbon in the West.

Legendary organizers **Deiv Saluts kij '71**, with four meetings in Finland, one in St. Petersburg and one in Reykjavik and **Evan Pezas '72** with three meetings in Athens and a cruise have come up with spectacular and adventurous events. The word of success soon got around, attracting attendance from members in USA and Asia, and later became model for similar events in the other regions.

The deans of The School starting with Dean **Robert A. Beck** have made it a tradition to attend the annual meetings together with the Alumni Director, adding prestige to the events. With faculty professors and lecturers, informing of the latest trends in the hospitality business and bringing news from The School the educational programs have been highlights where local business leaders have been invited. The annual meetings are important for maintaining the ties to The School and are instrumental in keeping the togetherness among the EMEA members.

After the Inauguration, annual meetings started. We have posted pictures from the events, with the first available picture from the meeting in Stockholm 1965.

Stockholm 1965.



London 1966.



Domenic Demetz, dean Robert Beck, Ewe Hin Lim, Oscar Michel, Ruedi Schelbert and Rudy Münster at the 5th anniversary of the Chapter.

Lisbon 1968.



Rome 1970.



Paris 1971.



Basel 1972.



Copenhagen 1973.



Niels Olsen, active member since 1973 in Europe and USA.



**Niels Olsen and James Ben-Arzi, most congenial organizers of Danish hospitality.
James (far left) and Niels, hosting the Gala Candlelight dinner at d'Angleterre**

Athens 1974.



Toga Party at Athens Hilton

London 1975.





The Scandinavian gang.



Marianne Bijl & Magdalena Linder



I knight you Sir Robert!



"Honi soit qui mal y pense".



**Dean Beck makes a point
Prof. Kaven approves.**



**Chief organizer Manfred Matysik and friends,
Chapter President Leif Evensen '66, dean
Robert A. Beck '42 and Ralph Starke '52.**

Helsinki 1976.



Educational seminar, conference and General Meeting at METOS.



Dean Beck lecturing "The Hotel of the Future".



US Ambassador Mark Austad hosting cocktail reception at his residence.

Zurich 1977.



Tel Aviv 1978



Back row, left to right: Sam Federmann, Chairman, Dan Hotels Corp.; Ezekiel (Ziggy) Hacohen '63; Alumni Secretary Harry Keller '56; Raffi Sadeh, General Manager, Dan Hotels, Tel Aviv; Michael Federmann, Managing Director, Dan Hotels Corp.; Frank Ready '35; Deiv Salutskij '71; Sven Akerstrand SS '64; Albert V. Harari '74. Front row, left to right: Mrs Shula Hacohen; Mrs. Sadeh; Mrs. Federmann; Mrs Ethel Salutskij and Mrs. Ulla Akerstrand..

The meeting, as reported by Alumni Secretary Harry Keller, was both a great education and a remarkable expression of Israeli hospitality, thanks to the efforts of the organizers Ziggy Hacohen and Albert Harari.



The attendance at the Tel Aviv meeting was particularly good considering the travel distance for most of the members. The Chapter was honored by the presence of its founder and member, Frank A. Ready Jr. '35.

Munich 1979.



Stockholm 1980.



Cornell 1981.



Rome 1982.



Wine reception at Banfi House.



Past Chapter Presidents celebrating new President, Pam Kessler '66. From left Peter Streuli '62, Domenic Demetz '59, Rudy Münster '62, pouring Banfi wine while John Mariani, HON is cheering. Ralph Starke '52 and Leif Evensen '66 approve.



Jaques Rougié '72; Chief organizer and host Roberto Wirth '75; Ralph Starke '52; Chapter President Pam Kessler; Charles Luthi, IMHI and dean Jack Clark.

Berne 1983.



OSLO 1984.



US Ambassador Mark Austad receives CHS Honorary plaque from Leif Evensen for his educational support to CHS in Finland and Norway. Ambassador Austad hosted a cocktail reception for the Oslo group at his residence, as he did in Helsinki.





It seems all participants at the Oslo meeting remember the sleigh ride best. No wonder since the speed at which the horses ran could at times be quite frightening. However, the hot "wine glögg", spiked with aquavit, helped to keep everybody warm and fearless.

Paris 1985.



Dean Jack Clark receiving from the Deputy Mayor the *Medaille D'Honneur de la Ville de Paris* and the diploma signed by Mayor Jacques Chirac, surrounded by Past Presidents of the European Chapter, from left, Rudolf W. Muenster; Jacques Rougié; Lei-Ann Ellis; Ralph M. Starke; Deiv Saluts kij; Pamela Kessler; Leif R. Evensen and Staffan Linder.





Chapter President Jaques Rougié presents the organizing committee.





A highlight was the visit to Epernay and Moët & Chandon. Lunch was a special treat with chilled Hennesey Cognac served with foi gras from Rougié



Welcome with vintage magnum Dom Perignon galore!



Deiv Salutskij in his usual pose with Pat Clark and Danielle Feeney.

Lisbon 1986.



For the seminar on *International Hotel Development* the organizers had gathered an impressive collection of speakers. First and most Dale and Pat Keller, owners of the largest interior design firm in the world specializing in the hospitality industry. Pat and Dale Keller, with Matti Sarkia at left and Anneli and Rudy Münster at right.



Dean Bob Beck giving one of his funny tales at the elegant dinner at Estoril Palace. Host Eduardo Paredes Alves is satisfied, having organized a successful event, surely a “Best Ever”!

Düsseldorf 1987.



The group ready for a festive evening. Karl-Heinz checking the time.



Healthy group at Harvest Dinner party



Cheers to Jürgen Wolf's on-premises brewery!



Chief organizer Jürgen Wolf (at right) entertaining dear old friends.

Bergen 1988.



An adventure to remember, sailing through picturesque fjord landscape from our residence at Solstrand Fjord Hotel to Bergen with Commander and Master **Erik Schau-Larsen '73** at the helm. Erik was a true helmsman for Cornell Hotel School in Norway, establishing annual seminars with professors from The School at his **Solstrand Fjordhotel**. He also was instrumental in negotiating an agreement for the **Norwegian School of Hotel Management** to send students to Cornell for a one-year study. Starting in 1991, by 2010 nearly 100 students had completed this study. It was a great loss for Cornell Hotel School and the Norwegian Hotel Industry when Erik passed away in 1992 at the age of 46. His will had a scholarship fund to benefit study at Cornell Hotel School. The Norwegian Hotel Industry established an Erik Schau-Larsen Memorial Scholarship equivalent to one million dollars. The European Chapter also established a Memorial Scholarship in Erik's name.

London 1989.



At left, organizers Ralph Starke, Charles Williams and Mary Lou Coe.
To the right Hans and Anita Bremström have a cheerful time.



Where else than in London, the seminar in a Pub!



A "fruitful" discussion when Niels Olsen makes one of his funny remarks.

Athens 1990.

After 16 years, the meeting was back in Athens. Our hosts, Maria and **Apostolos Doxiades** at their Athens Landmark Hotel Grand Bretagne and **Steve Georgiou** at Athens Hilton gave us all ingredients of real Greek treat.



The seminar took place at the spectacular Athens Yacht Club



In Greece, a Taverna evening is a must, with meze and bouzouki music.



Pamela Mariani enjoying the Greek carnival feast at Grand Bretagne Hotel.



Niels Olsen wondering how to lose one's head.

Cornell 1991. Our 30th Anniversary.

The meeting started in Boston. Arriving at Logan Airport there was a welcome booth and a large sign welcoming the European Chapter of CSH (at the time still the Society of Hotelmen). The red-carpet treatment went all the way to a hospitality suite at the Westin Hotel.

Anthony Athanas (HON), owner of the famous Boston Landmark restaurant **Anthony's Pier 4**, one of the largest in the US, treated us to a fantastic lunch. 84 years young he gave us valuable advice from his life-long experience.

We left Boston by air and as we came near Ithaca the pilots were not sure whether he could land due to heavy snowstorm. Luckily, we arrived safely and for the rest of the weekend the weather was sunny and warm. At the Statler Hotel we were welcomed by none other than **Hans Weishaupt '64**, Past European Chapter President, and now GM of Statler Hotel after serving as GM for Hilton Hotels around the globe.

The highlight of the weekend was a Western Party where European students were invited. Many of them later became active members of our chapter on their return to Europe, like **Stefan Diederichs '92**, as Benelux Chapter President and EMEA Regional Vice President.



Fun at Western Party, CHS President, Jim “Pecos” Petzing ’55 schmoozing with sidekicks, Catherine “Cowgirl” Reed and Peter “Sixgun” Galliker. At right, Kirsten Olsen, Heinz Schumacher CPD ’71, Domenico Demetz ’59. Thanks to dean David and Maureen Dittman, Harry and Jean Keller, Skip Sack, Jim Petzing and Tom Pedulla who really showed us true American hospitality from beginning to end.

Helsinki & Rovaniemi 1992.



The group gathered around Santa Claus in Rovaniemi

As usual there was record attendance (110) for **Deiv’s (Salutskij ’71)** popular event in Finland. Helsinki with its rich culture and the wilderness of Rovaniemi is an exciting combination. Who does not remember the thrilling Ski-Doo ride over snow covered lakes, up and down hills and through forests? After a couple of hours of wild racing arriving at a Lapp tent to undergo the “Lapp Baptizing”-a ritual of drinking reindeer blood and receiving a cut in the neck with a heavy Finn knife? Then on to the *Bear’s Den* where outside, glasses galore of chilled Finnish Vodka was lined up, once swallowed warming heart and soul. Inside by the fireplace a steaming kettle of reindeer stew was on the stove. This was just what we needed to get energy for the “Polar Olympics”: tandem skiing, golf on ice, ice fishing, reindeer racing, and snow-scooter race, lassoing a reindeer and ending with sauna endurance.



Harry Keller seems unaffected by the neck cut probably calmed down by reindeer blood cocktail while Hans Weishaupt is still smiling after the “torture”.



“Lapp Baptizing”



“Tiger” swing from Chekitan.



Tandem skiing



“Finnish” line



Start of the reindeer race



Ulrich and Birgitta enjoying vodka



Cheers from Robert de Graaff, Veronique Poitreault and Michael Nowlis

Berlin 1993.

After 26 years since last time the meeting was in Berlin, **Rudy (Münster '62)** had taken on the organizing with a versatile and exciting program. The highlight the first evening was a fabulous organ concert and after-theater dessert buffet. More culture with visit to *Sanssouci Palace* of Friedrich The Great and later an unforgettable Circus Cabaret Show in *Friedrichpalats*. The seminar was conducted by the incomparable **Prof. Thomas Cullen '66**. The sightseeing starting from our host hotel Berlin Hilton in the former Eastern Sector gave a good chance to get an impression of this section before it vanished. The final stop was "*KADEWE*"(Kafhaus des Westens) the famous department store where the world's largest delicatessen covers two entire floors. At the end of the visit, the manager offered us a glass of sparkling wine. To our surprise, a bill eqv. to \$450 was presented upon leaving. Rudy was a real sport and paid cash out of his own pocket!

We were bestowed with many real gifts in our rooms though, much more than usual: a box of delicious chocolate, a genuine china art box with Cornell engraving, a set of crystal rose glasses, an engraved Bauscher coffee mug, König beer bottles with special beer glasses and bitter-digestive Underberg, god for digesting the many eating pleasures during the meeting.



Never a dull moment with Prof. Tom Cullen.

Rudy had the great idea to have GMs of leading hotels in Berlin invite us in small groups for lunch, a practice that has been adopted at future meetings. The gala event was scheduled in the spectacular *Marmosaal* of the historic *Palais am Festungsgraben*. A torch lit parade of Cornelians walked from the Hilton to the Palais and had to cross the heavily trafficked *Unter den Linden* avenue. But Rudy had it all prepared, at the right time police cars with flashing lights stopped all traffic till our crowd was safely on the other side.



The group gathered, each with a torch, heading for the Gala event.

The traditional auction, thereafter called “Deiv’s Auction” is born.

At first the auction with the gifts displayed was intended as “silent”. Since it had not caught on, however, it went from “silent” to “loud”, quite loud, as a matter of fact. And going loud really gave result, over \$4 000 for the Scholarship fund. Although **John Mariani HON** and **Michael Chiu ‘66** were excellent auctioneers this evening, the one who later made the auction a popular show at the meetings is **Deiv Saluts kij ‘71** who took on the task the following year in Cyprus. Since then, it has been “*Deiv’s Auction*” all along.



Auctioneer John Mariani (Hon.) with helpers Rudy and Judy Monson ‘69.

Cyprus 1994



The group of 120 gathered outside host hotel Sheraton Limassol.
Great to escape from winter in the north to warm weather in Cyprus.

One of the highlights most remembered was the Toga party. For the auction here Rudy had donated a Persian carpet, but as the bids went on, he ended up with the carpet himself! Most fun though was the bidding for a Saatchi briefcase where Deiv created a show by encouraging the two final bidders **Fred Tschanz SS'57** and **Suad Sadok SS'68** to the extreme. While we all cheered the bids went higher and higher. Fred finally made the highest bid.



Rudy & Carpet



It's fun for Suad, Jürgen and Christian.

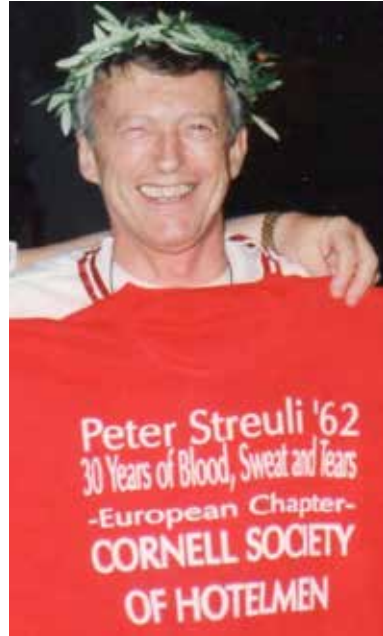


Fred is happy!

Laurels to Pam Kessler '66 and Peter Streuli '62 for devoted service!

From 1975 **Pam** was the operative Treasurer and handled the Membership Services, almost a fulltime job as the backbone of the Chapter. In addition, during the period 1979 - 1981 she also served as Chapter President.

Peter served as Chapter President 1971 -73 and later as the EMEA Regional Vice President. We thank him most of all for the upstart and longtime work with and raising funds for the European Scholarships.



Budapest 1995.



An elegant group ready for a Mozart production at the Opera.

Peter Till '80, the European Chapter President, host and organizer had put in a great deal of time and effort to make an exciting program, a true Best Ever!

There was a warm welcome already at the airport where Marriott personnel made sure we got safely to the hotel with one of Marriott's exclusive white Mercedes limousines. From then on everything was "in style".



The seminar was among the best we have had.

We give laurels to **Steve Mendel '82**, GM of the HVS London office for well organizing with excellent speakers. The moderator was Rudy, able and witty as usual.

Peter Till revealed the difficult process of hotel development and operation for Marriott in Eastern Europe. The great problems in Moscow, Warsaw and Budapest were quite serious, but also at times humorous. The company has, however, gained enormous experience for the further expansion there.



At his spectacular "Gundels", George Lang related how the dream of owning the restaurant came through.



Peter Till
Chief organizer.



The younger crowd enjoying dinner at “Gundels”. Seated from left: Muhannad Bulhasan; Cécile Belaman; Stephan Diederichs; Clas Elze and Emily Kanders. Standing: Jeffrey Scott; Gabriella Schultze-Rhonhof and Christophe Claessens.



Pre-Opera Reception.

Stockholm 1996.



The Nobel Gala Dinner with the Mayor and the Master of Ceremony.



The organizers: Leif Torné; Peter Akerhielm; “Their Royal Highnesses” Bodil and Gerard Lindholm; Bengt Nordenstedt and Kai Ringenson.



At the Gala Dinner in the Nobel Hall, enjoying a genuine Nobel Menu.
Seated from left: Clas Elze '92; Sibylle Laths; Stephan Diederichs '92; Olivia Kayser '94 and Muhannad Abuhasan '92. Standing: Gabriella Schultze-Rhonhof '93; Cécile Belaman '91; Cindy Rushmore '93; Christina Mariani, Nadine Schelbert PDP '93 and John Holmström '92.

The invitation called for a royal treatment, and a royal treatment it was from beginning to end. A record crowd of 140 occupied nearly all rooms of **First Hotel Reisen**, situated by the harbor in the “Old Town” next to the Royal Palace.

Asmund Haare (HON), invited to the most spectacular buffet dinner with Swedish specialties for sea and lakes: lobster, oysters, crayfish, trout, Baltic herring, shrimps, mussels, crab, and fresh, smoked, and cured salmon and “löjrom”, the golden caviar from Whitefish.

The Swedish tradition calls for Beer and Aquavit with seafood. For our feast, the silver drops of aquavit were contained in a chilled, 200-year-old silver samovar with eight taps. No wonder, at the end there was hardly a drop left.



Lobster galore!



Aquavit Samovar.

Paris 1997.



The group ready for Gala Dinner in “Le Petit Luxembourg Palace”, the official residence of the President of the French Senate where the sumptuous Gala dinner was served in the “Salon du President”.



Chapter Europe President, Peter Till '80, thanking the French Chapter organizing committee, f.l: Philippe Gendraud MPS '76; Marianne Caraux; Michael Nowlis (HON); Christian Penassou MPS '75 and Denis Fasquelle IMHI '97.

Not surprising that Paris is a popular venue, with over 200 it was the largest group ever to attend a European Chapter Meeting. The host hotel **Lutetia** was in the exclusive neighborhood of Saint Germain-des-Prés and Montparnasse on the left Bank, in walking distance to many of our functions.



Not a day without Champagne!



But Charles Williams is asking for beer!



Mario Kiefer, Veronique Poitault, Laurent Vernay and Judy Monson.

St. Petersburg 1998.

The saying “From Russia with Love” is true! We brought back such great feelings in heart and mind from this splendid meeting in St. Petersburg. A gathering that had all the elements of Success: fascinating culture with private ballet performance, fantastic food, interesting educational programs, a bare minimum of bus riding, great fun and above all the ambience and feeling of Cornell family togetherness and friendship that signifies our European meetings.

Guess who was the one-man committee for this successful meeting? None other than **Deiv (Salutskij '71)!**



Toasting the evening, seated from left, Cécile Belaman '91 and Gaby Schultze-Rhonhof '93, Co-Secretaries of the European Chapter, and Kristin Little '98, President of the CHS Collegiate Chapter. Standing, European Chapter President Kai Ringenson '79; our beloved Laura den Ridder and dean David Dittman



Another happy gang, from left, Jacques Rougié '72; Erica Greif; Karl-Heinz Kreuzig, Affil.; Marie-Christine Rougié and Elmar Greif, Affil.



F.I.:Heather Saunders '91, Mikael Swanljung '81, Phil Miller '83, Sirkka Salonen (Affil), Douglas Gordon and Satu Oksanen IMHI.



F.I.: Jeff Scott '91, Kristin Caruso '98, and Ivica Cacic MMH '98.



Kai and his charming Suzanne.



The Tie Parade in St. Petersburg.

Michael Chiu had arranged for the Society to buy high quality Cornell Hotel School ties in red and blue. Rudy soon became the European “tiecoon” making sure that every man had a tie, and soon the stock was depleted. As a result, they have become collector’s item. There are, however, a few left here and there that pop up at Deiv’s Auction where the bids get up to \$50.

Athens 1999.

Homer tells how it took King Odysseus of Ithaki ten years to return from Troy to Ithaki. The Pan Hellenic Chapter wanted to do it in three days and invited fellow CHS members to board the cruise ship *Odysseus* for adventures in the *Lands of Antiquity and Mythology*.

After a day of events in Athens we closed the evening with a sumptuous buffet dinner of local delicacies, Greek wine, music, and song at the Athens Hilton’s rooftop. A fantastic view of the city of Athens below and the illuminated Acropolis in front set the mood for the next day. For Chief organizer **Evan Pezas ’72**, it was a reward after a year of planning work.

And the next day the *Odysseus* “set sail” into the Aegean Sea with close to 200 excited Cornelians and friends. Smooth sailing all the way.

At the CHS Summit earlier that year, **Deniz Omurgonulsen ’00** had been told about the cruise and encouraged to participate since also Turkey, her home country, was on the ship’s itinerary. So, this remarkable and dynamic student rounded up 22 of her fellow students for the event during their spring break.



A warm welcome onboard for the first guests, Phyllis, and Bill '61 Eaton followed by Craig Armstrong, PDP '94.



We enjoyed the colorful hostesses onboard



Remember Deniz and Evan teaching local dance which soon caught on?



Annelie Münster at Captain's table.



Peter Tengström performs an opera aria.



Having a good time.



Judith Rushmore, right, celebrating her birthday.



Laurent Caraux MPS '77 enjoys his cigar after a good dinner.



Rolf Skodjereite GMP '88 with daughter Kristine and son Paul.

Stavanger 2000.

Historically some of the Norwegian Viking ancestors discovered Iceland and Greenland and settled in those chilly places. However, if they had been sensible, they would have stayed in Cape Cod, “**Vineland**”, which they also discovered accidentally when **Leif Eriksson**, son of famous **Erik the Red**, who sailed over the Atlantic about 400 years before **Columbus** found the West Indies. Wouldn't it have been fun if they had hung on to North America? Then they would be speaking Norwegian there instead of English!

Well, they gave up the **Vineland** settlement in what is now **New England**. To make up for this in modern times, some enthusiasts have taken an unproductive island outside **Stavanger** and little by little transformed it into a tropical island with luscious gardens rarely found anywhere else in northern Europe. They have created their own “**Vineland**” with vineyards, tropical fruits, flowers, and trees.

On a sunny Saturday morning we boarded a veteran steamer for a journey of fjord cruising and jazz and after a while the ship docked just there to let us enjoy the gardens, the fruits and a fantastic meal prepared by the island's chef. For the wines, however, we enjoyed some excellent Banfi vintages, like we did at all the meals during the weekend. Great thanks **John Mariani HON!**

The seminar was excellent with the forceful and eloquent Professor **Richard Moore** and the illustrious Irishman, **IMHI** Professor **Peter O'Connor**. Also laurels to moderator **Bob Gilbert '82**, CEO of **HSMAI**, HQ in Washington DC.



The group at the tropical “Island in the Sun”.



The Norwegian sweater was a popular gift. Here is the US contingency enjoying the scenery and fjord view (a glimpse behind them).



**F.l.: Norway Chapter President Simen Johannessen '94,
Vivi-Ann Teige Grov, Norw. '97 and John Benjaminsen, Norw. '97**



**Kostas Trivizas '90, Carla Petzold-Beck '95,
Eskild Kelmer Norw. '99 and Arne Sørvig Norw.96.**



Peter O'Connor, IMHI with Kim and Bob '82 Gilbert.

Munich 2001.



A M'unique Birthday celebration of 40th Anniversary for European Chapter!



The Organizing Committee. Front: Carla Petzold-Beck '95. Andrew Fordyce PDP '94, Ursula Kriegl '94, European President Heather Saunders MPS '91, Michael Hartman PDP '94 and Olivia Kayser '94.

Back row: Jeff Scott MPS '91, Jacob Forstnig PDP '96,'97, Waltraud Harlass PDP '94 and Andreas Martin PDP '97, 98

The highlight of the meeting was the Gala Dinner at the **Gobelinsaal** at the **Lenbach Palais** where we entered with a music parade into the magnificent

dining hall with high ceiling and oak walls and where Mastersinger Norbert Roth melting tones made our mood reach crescendo.

Keynote speaker, Dean Emeritus **Robert A. Beck '42**; Bob for friends; put us at ease in his usual remarkable way. He continued by relating his thoughts to the history of the European Chapter, the people and the ideas that had successfully manifested the continuation of the chapter up till the present.

Besides **Bob Beck** two other members from February 14, 1961 were present, **Domenico Demetz '59** (the first President) and **Charles (Chuck) Feeney '56**.



Front: Arenda (HON) and Hans '64 Weishaupt and Shula Hachon.

Back: Anja Kroll PDP '90, Ziggy Hachon '63 and Manfred Matysik '62.



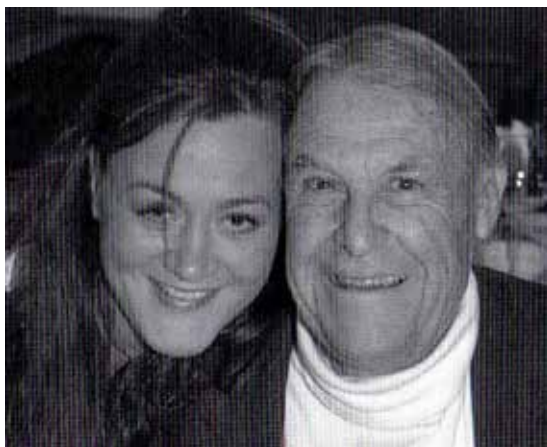
At left: Jim Krindle SS '69 with Simen Johannessen '94, Chapter Norway Pres.



Deiv raising bids for painting donated by Annelie Münster, Artiste Peintresse.



Brew Master, dean Butler



Good friends: Bob and granddaughter Carla

Medieval Banquet Fun



Carmel d'Arienzo MPS '88, Henrik Bartl '94, Philippe Bijaoui IHMI '92, Renée Streuli and Jan Willem den Ridder '80 having a great time.

Florence and Castello Banfi 2002.



We are most thankful to **Carmel d'Arienzo MPS '88** for proposing and arranging this meeting, one of the Best Ever! We also thank **John F. Mariani (HON)** for his contribution. Carmel and her business partner **Lisa Habicht** had used their local influence to provide the absolute best for us. Of the many events, two were outstanding highlights: The visit to **Castello Banfi** and the Gala Dinner at **Palazzo Borghese**.

The host hotel was the **Rocco Forte's Luxury Collection Savoy Hotel**, situated on **Piazza della Repubblica**, just short walk from most cultural sites, and for the Ladies, just steps away from the main fashion houses like **Ferragamo**.

Florence is the cradle of Italian culture. Read **Dante's** immortal epic, ***The Divine Comedy***, admire the **Medici family** treasures with masterpieces as **Botticelli's Birth of Venus**, **Michelangelo's Holy family**, continue with **Raphael** and **Titan** in a never-ending journey through the history of renaissance art. It takes weeks to explore it all, but a four-hour guided tour through museums and streets of Old Florence gave a lasting impression.

An educational presentation at Castello Banfi.

As we arrived at **Castello Banfi**, an impressive restored Roman castle overlooking the vast Banfi vineyards, we were greeted welcome by **Pamela** and **John Mariani**, Pam and John to friends.

We started with a tour of the production areas where John explained the most important things we should know about winemaking, things that would benefit our guests. During a tour of the caves a lunch was served among the immense wooden wine barrels. Later, at the symposium, John and his daughter **Christina** gave us insight into what we ought to know about wine from a profit aspect and how to reach maximum guest satisfaction.

“Wine is Food”!

This concept was made perfectly clear at the fantastic five-course dinner with five of the most exquisite Banfi vintage wines. After a breathtaking show in the courtyard by musicians and the magnificent jugglers, we gathered in the romantic rooms of the castle to an unforgettable evening in a special amiable atmosphere created by **John**, our congenial host and storyteller.



Welcome to Castello Banfi!



Finnish lovers of good wine



Waltraud & Barbara



“Sommeliers” Joe and Russ serving Phyllis and Bill.



A large contingent from Class of '66.



Bob impressed us, showing his talent as lead singer of Old Student ballads.

A real scoop from Carmel was the arrangement of the Gala Dinner in the magnificent **Palazzo Borghese**. Greeted by musicians and colorful jugglers we entered the beautiful rooms of the palace for a sumptuous dinner with entertainment by renaissance dancers and musicians. Deiv was again star at his auction that raised over \$10 000, thanks to donors and bidders alike. The most original item came from **Judy and Steve '67 Rushmore**, offering an overnight stay with a full day of fun activities at their seaside home. A gift like that is in the spirit of Hotelies!



Thanks to our hosts, Lisa, John, and Carmel.



Jo Lavin '75, Jeanne '66 and Tom Sander Joe Los '66 and Jill Lavin



In view Annabel '65 Santos Wisniewski, attending from the Philippines.



A collector's item, CHS tie for bids.



Denis Fasquelle IMHI '97, Stefan Diederichs '92, Deniz Omurgonulsen '00.



Marit Teigland Norw '96 and Trond Bastiansen Norw '93.



Dear friends, Jacques, and Pam.



"A star is born": Cécile Belaman performing with the professional dancers in the most elegant style.

Dubrovnik 2003.

Our host, **Ivica Cacic MMH '98**, accepted the challenge to bring the meeting to Croatia, for which we are most thankful. We learned all about the geography, history of Dubrovnik which has had such important role in Croatian culture. Ivica's wife **Sonja** (pictured below) and his assistant **Silvija Ilskovic PDP '96**, the charming co-hosts helped guide us in every step.



At the full day of excursion Saturday, we visited a local winery. Having been to the enormous **Castello Banfi** the year before, it was quite a change to experience how a local farmer kept some 20 barrels in his cellar, giving him a production for tapping of a couple of the thousand bottles he needed to earn a living. He gladly offered us a taste of his best stock.

Another example of the predominant small businesses was an oyster-farm and a salt production plant. Oyster directly from this source was on the lunch menu. We were given a demonstration of how the salt was extracted by evaporation and collected and received a kilo of fresh salt each to take home. The lunch was a sampling of the local food, starting with the traditional “Sjivovica” and followed by the oysters with the fresh delicious salty taste that really did not need any wine to swallow it down with. Next was “Black Risotto Calamari” which after closing the eyes for the first mouthful turned out to be a real delicacy.



Laura, Jacob, Mahmoud and Kjersti say cheers!



The French gang with Laurent, Marianne, and Jacques



Mario and Heather



Pierre Philippe



Chris and Verena.



Doris and Hugo tasting Black Risotto.



Stephan, Jeanne, and Tom.



Andreas enjoy his pipe.



Jacob and Philippe.



Silvija having a good time.



Charles, Renée and Peter.



Carla and Craig.



Peter pouring for Doris.



Lovely couple, Yasamin and Phil.



Shula and Ziggy.



Arenda and Hans.



Tina and Deiv .



Philippe and Laurence.

Brussels 2004.



Congratulation to Chief Organizer Philippe Bijaoui, IHMI '92 and his team for creating a most rewarding meeting, highlighted by educational seminar and plenty of all that Brussels is known for.



Great thanks to Laurence Bijaoui, assisting during the meeting and guiding the "Ladies Tour" with great success.



Happy gang ready for Ladies' Tour.



Canal Tour in Bruges.



Nadine and Eva enjoy Canal view in Bruges.



Bill and Phyllis Eton.



**Regional VP & Benelux Chapter President, Stephan Diederichs '92
had every reason to be happy with such a successful event.**



Everybody in high spirit at the extravagant banquet in "Concert Noble Residence".



Helsinki & Rovaniemi 2005.



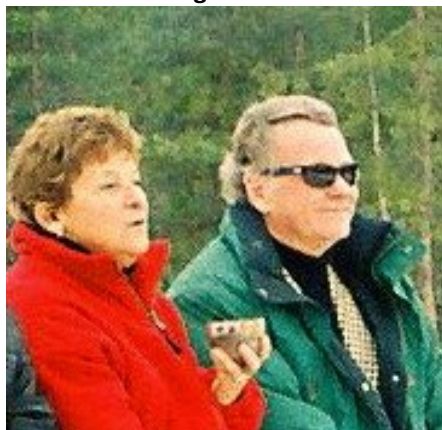
The Olympic athletes.



The winning team with Karl Heinz and Joe.



Cool guy, Rudy Schelbert.



Erika & Elmar and Karl-Heinz & Gizela tasting Arctic Reindeer Milk Toddy.



René and Peter enjoys Arctic Toddy at the Bar.



Chris carries the Olympic fire.



Deiv with daughter Eva and wife Tina.



Le Quellec family.



Lapp Dinner at the Reindeer Lodge.

Zürich 2006.



The group ready to embark on the ferry to Lucerne (the picture divided in two).



Organizing Committee, from left: Nicolas Meyer '98, John Rusterholz GMP '03, Dr. Wolf Wagschal PDP '96 and Chapter President Jill Hayes '96.







Sonja Cacic, Carla Petzold-Beck '95, Stefan Diederichs '92 and one of our most active members, Craig Armstrong PDP '94, with a young lady who now is his wife.



Regional VP EMEA, Deiv Saluts kij, with the elected Board: Mario Kiefer PDP '74, Nina Koch PDP '95, Nina Jesudason '03 and Philippe Bijaoui IMHI '92.



Chapter President Jill Hayes '96, Alexandra Shander '06, CHS President Tim Dick MPS '88 and his wife Karen enjoying well chilled Banfi wine.

Cairo and Nile Cruise 2007.



The group after the visit inside a pyramid.



Above: Lunch under the pyramids.



Seminar with dean Michael Johnson and the Minister of Tourism.

We thank **Dr. Mahmoud El Maghraby GMP '96**, who had become a true friend after attending many of our meetings, for inviting us to Cairo. He deserves great laurels for organizing a perfect meeting. On the unforgettable cruise we sailed in grand luxury, capturing the sights, sounds and wonders of ancient Egypt's myths and mysteries on a breathtaking voyage between Luxor and Aswan on the majestic river Nile. The night before sailing the **Governor of Luxor** welcomed us to a spectacular candlelight dinner and show at the **Luxor Temple**, which, we were told, is customary only for visiting dignitaries.



CHS President Shelly La Motte MPS '83 congratulating Mahmoud on the success.



Tina Li PDP '04 singing for us at the Gala Dinner.

Wien (Vienna) 2008.



In front of the construction site of a historic Viennese palace being converted into one of Europe's most luxurious hotels, according to the developers. We look forward to return to experience this futuristic extravagant hotel.



The Organizing committee with the chairman Michael Widman PDP '00 from PKF, at left, had every reason to smile for a job well done.



Hans Rudolf Fritz PDP '71 with Renée Streuli and Verena Helweger.



Stefan Diederichs '92 makes a point to Michael Chiu '66, past CHS President.



Regional VP Japan, Chiaki Tanuma MPS '80 and wife Eri made the trip from Tokyo, here with ardent supporters of the EMEA Region, Shirley and Michael '66 Chiu, and Annelie and Rudy '62 Münster who never miss a meeting.



Phil Miller, past Alumni Director, now active with Cayuga Hospitality Advisors, and Yasamin are regulars at our meetings.



Michael Cortelletti '99, here with Jacob PDP '97 and Birgit Forstnig.



Alison Gendron '00, at left, London Chapter President with husband Nathan Hargreaves (3rd from left). Maria Pütz-Willems, chief editor of Hospitality Inside.com, was main contributor to the Conference. At right, longtime President of the German Chapter, Thomas Tritchler PDP '92.



Handsome looking young crowd ready for the Gala Dinner & Ball. On top of stairs are organizers Jeff Scott '91 and Christian Walter PDP '08.

The highlight of the weekend was the Gala Dinner and Ball. The organizers had wisely added Waltz lessons to the program to make us prepared. No wonder the dancing went so smoothly that evening without stepping on toes. We were in for a surprise though when it turned out that the lead singer and Maestro on the violin of the female string quartet was none other than Sonja Cacic, the wife of Ivica.

Congratulation to the AlpAdria Chapter President Roberto Wirth '75 and the Board for a program of festive social gatherings and one of the best conferences!



At left: Waltz lessons. At right: CHS President Jay Treadwell '61 leading the opening waltz with the "Belle of the Ball", Jody Sluijter '83.



The Gala Dinner and Ball in magnificent Palais Ferstel, where "Waltzerperlen" the Woman Orchestra entertained, here with Maestro violinist Sonja in action.



A must in Vienna, Sacher Torte at Sacher Hotel

Berlin 2009.



The group ready for tour of Statliche Museen, part of UNESCO World Heritage.



Organizing Committee at work: Katharina Zeitz, Maren Knief '07, Philip Gourdin, Andreas Martin PDP '98 and Michael Cortelletti '99.



CHS President Lynda Wirth '82 and 1st VP Deiv Salutsikij '71 with Regional Board: Philippe Bijaoui IMI '92, Regional VP Ivica Cacic '98, Tine Brodnjak '04, Maren Knief '07 and Mario Kiefer PDP '74.



Exclusive winetasting at the Ellington Hotel winecellar, located in the former vault of the National Treasury, safe place for a Petrus. Thanks to Director Gunnar Gust! The Happy group: “Best Known Alumnus” and frequent attendee, Rocco Angelo ’58, Alumni Director Christine Natsios, Anna Barbla Wehrli ’83, Chapter President Andreas Martin and Leif R. Evensen ’66.





Peter Streuli '62 with lovely girls: Susanne Christiani '04, Jody Sluijter '83, Laurence Bijaoui and Renée Streuli.



"Vintage members" Jürgen Wolf, SS '69, Rudy Münster '62 and Jacques Rougié '72



Andreas Kersten '71, Sonja Cacic and Olivier Rougié '00.



Annelie and Rudy Münster '62 can relax and just be guests.



Alison Gendron '00, London Chapter President, with Nathan at left, Adne Skurdal '07, CHS Pres. Norway; Rocco Angelo '58 and Bill Caruso '70.



Philippe Clarinval '05 and his wife Astrid had great fun.



Maren and Frédéric.



Verena and Chris.



Andreeas and Banu.

Paris 2010.



With pink **“LA VIE EN ROSE”** theme for the meeting the organizing committee set the pace for a thrilling weekend with education, fun time, networking, visit to famous sites, enjoying fine foods and wines, all elements that created the ambiance the French are famous for. Great thanks for the initiative to **CHS France** President **Grace Leo '79**; Vice-President **Juliette Feeney-Timsit '84**; here flanked by **Curtis Bartosik, Cornell '89**, President, **Cornell Club of France** (left) and **Charles Lüthi, IMHI Cornell–ESSEC '83**, President **IMHI Alumni Association**.



Thanks to **Dean Michael Johnson** for bringing the **Dean's Leadership Series** to our European meeting where he moderated a panel of experts on **Hospitality Investment** in the EMEA marketplace. In left picture with **Kirk Kinsell MPS '80**, InterContinental Hotels Group, **Grace Leo '79**, GLA Hotels and **Nick Turner RCI**. Right picture: **Puneet Chatwal, IMHI Cornell-ESSEC '91**, the Rezidor Group; **Martin Kandrac '96**, The Blackstone Group and **Russel Kett 'HON.**, HVS London.



The EMEA Regional Board Officers, from left: **Mario Kiefer PDP '74**; Regional V-P **Philippe Bijaoui, IMHI Cornell-ESSEC '92**; **Ivica Cacic MPS '98** and **Tine Brodnjak GMP '04**. In front: **Maren Knief '04** and CHS President **Deiv Salutsikij**.



Deiv convincing the dean to invest in the 50th Anniversary Book.



Russel Kett, HON with Grace and the dean.

New York and Cornell 2011.

CHS Europe, MiddleEast & Africa celebrating 50 years.

Sincere thanks to dean Michael Johnson for inviting us to celebrate this great event at our Alma Mater and thanks to Alumni Director Christine Natsios for her help with the organizing of the event. Also great thanks to Philippe Bijaoui who did a great job as our omnipresent chief organizer and coordinator.

The program started with a visit to New York City, May 5, staying at the *New York Helmsley Hotel*. A busy day started with educational visit of two special hotels, *The Smyth*, a *Thompson* operation, co-owned by Stephen Brandman BS '85, who was the first President of the London Chapter. Next was *The Crosby Street Hotel*, a *Firmdale* operation, specializing in individually designed Boutique Hotels.



After the traditional New York Deli Lunch and browsing around the Soho area we were generously welcomed to tea tasting by John Harney '56 and son Michael '77, *Master Tea Blenders*, at their magnificent tea store. Here Jan Willem secured one year supply of tea. John and Michael are happy with worldwide import/export.

Thanks to organizer Philippe for arranging a splendid evening get-together with Cocktails & Dinner at the unique *Setai Fifth Avenue Restaurant*. With an early bus departure, the next morning, no late evening though.

Arriving *Statler Hotel* Friday at noon, dean Michael Johnson greeted us welcome. A hectic program waited us for the next two days, starting with *CHS membership Meeting*, then an interesting update on *Centre for Hospitality Research*, tour of *The School* and bus ride to *Reception & Dinner at The Aurora Inn*, then back for an *After Glow* in the Regent Lounge at Statler.



Dean Michael Johnson in place to welcome.
Behind is *Statler Hotel* GM Rick Adie '75, who made sure, we were well taken care of during our stay.



Hearty welcome from Michael to Sonja Cacic.



Ready for sightseeing outside Statler Hotel.



Happy gang: Deiv Salutsikij, Ivica Cacic, Jan Willem den Ridder, his charming wife Laura, Philippe Bijaoui and Estelle den Ridder.



Bill Melvin and Michael Corteletti



Ziggy Hachoen and Bill Eaton



Cristine, Wolf Wachtschal & Belle.



Mario Kiefer and Veronique Poitault.



Arenda Weishaupt and Douglas Gordon.



Hans Weishaupt, past Statler GM.



Deiv and Jill, hug for good friendship.



Good friends, Phil Miller, and Ivica Cacic

Saturday started with an Educational Program: Contemporary Topics in Hospitality Management. Then off to sightseeing of Ithaca Gorges and Taughannock Falls with Lunch at historic Taughannock Farms Inn, Trumansburg.

Back for Sights of Cornell: Walking Tour of Cornell campus, visit to the Johnson Art Museum and to Cornell Plantations with final stop at Cornell Bookstore.

A spectacular evening waited us with Cocktail Reception, Gala Dinner and Deiv's Scholarship Auction. Reception in the Taylor Room hosted by Dean Michael and Jill, Dinner in the Taverna Banfi with theme: An Evening in Verona, hosted by none other than our EMEA member Michael Cortelletti MMH '99.

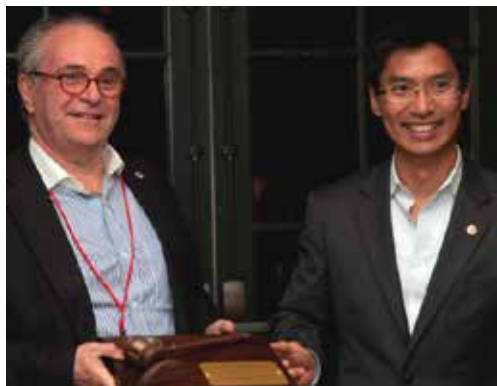
After-Glow in Regent Lounge, or for the daring, a stroll in College Town.



Carmel d'Arienzo, good friend of CHS EMEA having attended many events, and herself organizing the successful meeting in Florence 2001.



Gisela Kreuzig and Tina Saluts kij enjoyed exploring the many sites at Cornell



Deiv receiving the "Past President gavel" from 1st CHS VP Regan Taikitsadaporn '93



Happy farewell and thanks to Michael and Jill Johnson for a great time

Thanks to all the participants from CHS chapters in Europe, Africa & Middle East Region and to our US friends from EMEA events that joined us again.

Budapest 2012.

Cocktail Reception and Flying Buffet at the Gresham Palace.
Followed by Jazz River Cruise & highlights of Budapest by night



Our own musical performer
Sonja Cacic.



Organizers, **Michael Widman PDP '00**
and **Andreas Martin PDP '98.**

City Tours Friday: Museums, churches, Synagogue, the National Opera.



Gala Diner at Hunter's Room in the Parliament Building.



Organizers, **Imre Hild '97**
and **George Herczeg '00.**



Auctioneers in action:
Deiv Salutskij '71 and **Chris Bergen '76.**



The group ready for the Gala Dinner in the Parliament Building.



Hani El Sharkawi PDP'04, moderating the panel discussion with group of local industry experts and **Dean Michael Johnson**. Next to Hani is our host at Gresham, GM Yves Giacometti, (IMHI grad.).

Helsinki - Tallinn 2013.



The meeting started in Helsinki. A highlight was buffet dinner and entertainment at the Haga Helia Applied Sciences' Campus. Dean Jouni Ahonen also sponsored a seminar the following morning at Crowne Plaza and paid flight for speaker and CHS friend Peter O'Connor of IMHI (former Cornell - Essec in Paris). The following morning **Past CHS President Deiv Saluts kij** brought the group on Silja Line ferry to Tallinn for the second part of the meeting.



Group in front of Padise Manor with Host **Karl von Ramm MMH '10**, in the rear. Karl conducted a tour of Tallin and offered a great luncheon followed by Estonian national dance and music.

Verona 2014.



Host and Chief Organizer, **Dottore Michael Corteletti MMH '99**, wishing welcome at the opening event in **Castelvecchio di Verona**.



The Group (picture divided in two) ready for the **Educational Conference** with topic "*Wine & Tourism*" at the magnificent **Villa Mosconi Bertani**.



Visiting the **Sartori** and **Serego Alighieri wineries** where the owners guided, lectured on the production, and served their most exquisite wines.



Saturday evening presented a spectacular live performance of **Shakespeare's «Romeo and Juliet»**.



It started with First act under the balcony of **Palazzo Capuleti** where Juliet tells Romeo: ***«What's in a name? that we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet»***.

Past Presidents, **Deniz** 2015, **Raj** 2014 and **Liv** 2013 enjoying the scene!



Gala Dinner at beautiful open-air **Loggia di Frà Giocondo**.



John Mariani, HON, pouring his exquisite Banfi wine "*Poggio alle Mura Riserva Docg 2008*".



Deiv and **Christoph** in the Auction. Our Rudy started it in **Berlin 1993**. From **1994** it is "**Deiv's Auction**".



Meg and **Susan** collecting the auction payments, reaching record high of **EUR 23,000**.



Craig Armstrong PDP '94 never misses meetings. Here with **Kim Coari '04**, left, and wife **Gisella**.



Thanks, John, for wine from a fairy-tale castle: **Castello Banfi!**

Istanbul 2015.



The main Gala Dinner with dance orchestra was held at the Çırağan Palace. A record **50,000 USD** was raised for the EMEA Scholarship. Thanks to **Deniz Omurgonulsen '00**, as CHS President, for bringing the EMEA meeting to Turkey for the first time!



After the City Tour, ready for a Bosphorus Dinner Cruise!

Reykjavik 2016.



Wellness swims in the Blue Lagoon is a must for visitors. Rejuvenating and healing, even with a bar!



Spectacular view of the “Niagara Falls” of Iceland! Some went close as seen in the lower left corner of the picture, first sliding down, then crawling up.



Christian Walter outgoing, Jeff Scott incoming RVP-EMEA West/North. Alison Hargreaves outgoing and Michael Cortelletti incoming RVP South/East. CHS President Robert Mandelbaum in the middle.



Meg Keilbach and Julie Pizzuti giving reports on the state of The School and the Alumni Office.



Welcome to Viking Night!



Ready for the Gala Dinner with fine dining at the striking new *Harpa Concert Hall*.



Deiv Saluts kij receiving deserved laurels and diploma, after **The EMEA Region PDP Scholarship** was renamed the **CHS Deiv Saluts kij EMEA PDP Scholarship** honoring his tremendous contribution over the past decades to the CHS EMEA region for raising scholarship funds, by soliciting and as MC at the traditional **Deiv's Auction**.

London 2017.



We enjoyed a well-composed program of social gatherings, educational program, British dining at its best, unique venues, history, and tradition!



Thanks to Organizers, Chapter President **Maria-Pia Intini MMH '11**, Past Regional VP, **Alison Hargreaves '00**, **Adam MacLennan MMH '06**, Past CHS President **Liv Gussing Burgess '91** and **Victoria Mackay MMH '16**.

Opening Reception at CitizenM Tower of London.

Great opportunity to meet friends and make new acquaintances for networking.



George Nicholas '98, Global Head of **Savills**, wishing welcome. Thanks to **George** as co-sponsor with **Keith Barr '92**, CEO, **InterContinental Hotel Group**.

The Educational Summit and General Meeting.

The presentations gave excellent, useful functional ways to share ideas for business planning and solutions for implementation in our environments, professionally moderated **by Grace Leo '77**, CEO, **Ledunfly Hospitality**.



Applause for **Dean Kate Walsh** who «visited» the meeting on skype.

Saturday was Sightseeing Day

A cultural experience started with a walking tour of famous sites: **Royal Observatory & Prime Meridian, Tea Clipper Cutty Sark and Queen's House.**



US gang, with **Bill Minnock '79**, CHS 1st VP; Past CHS Presidents **Bill Caruso '70**, **Raj Chandnani '95**, **Jay Treadwell '61**, CHS Secretary **Carmel D'Arienzo MMH '88**.



Happy gang at the **Prime Meridian**.



The return trip was a **Cruise along the Thames** where we enjoyed an **English Picnic Lunch** onboard, while the boat leisurely meandered back to the **South Bank**, passing the famous sites **Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral, Tate Modern, London Eye** and **Houses of Parliament**.

Gala Dinner & Scholarship Auction at the venerable Corinthia Hotel.



CHS President, **Cheryl Boyer '87** and
CHS Treasurer, **Susan Wood '87**.



Ariane Steinbeck '87, Shadi Feiz-Fahid '89,
Meg Keilbach and Cecile Belaman '91.



Mario Kiefer has a long record
of attending and would now
like to arrange a meeting.



Anna Barbla Wherli, 'PDP, Doris and Hugo, PDP '99
Hostettler, Monica Moser '99, Peter Galliker, PDP '82.

Ljubljana, Slovenia 2018.



Full of expectation, the elegantly dressed group ready for the Gala Dinner in the venerable old Post Office.



Deiv's Live Auction:
Deiv Saluts kij '71 and
Christian Walter PDP '08



Thanks John! for Major Item:
5 liters
Castello Banfi Summus 2014.



The Organizing Committee receiving well deserved gift package.

The Hospitality Summit and General Meeting.



CHS President **Bill Minnock MBA '83** making a challenge



Inspiring presentations from dean **Kate Walsh**, Assoc. dean **Meg Keilbach** and Mgmt. Lecturer Adam Walden. Assisting Students **Karolina Vass '20** and **Gabriela Diaz '19** did a great job.

The summit presenting important new trends and innovations.

- Michael Cortelletti MMH '99 presented a warning: ***"Angels & Demons", How Start-ups and Angel Investments want to disrupt our Industry.***
- Marko Filej, CEO of **Sportyco**, presented a ***"futuristic" innovation*** that has started to influence our industry: **Blockchain Technology goes Hospitality!**
"The new Smoke Signals: Technology, Communication and the Way we work together", presented by **Adam Walden, MBA, Hotel School Faculty member**, gave us important new understanding and insight.
- **Smartvatten**, a system that helps detect leakages. Even small leakages can be expensive. Contact: Veikko Vuoristo '76, Hotel Haikko Manor, Finland, who recommends the system as a kind of insurance. With a nominal cost for the monitoring system, the potential savings are huge. If a water leakage occurs, it will be spotted immediately! Mandatory for our hotels!



Dinner Reception.



Get Together.



Dinner at Ljubljana Castle.





Saturday Excursion to Bled Lake Area.

Enjoying the special **Pletna Boat** ride, discover **Bled Island** and **St. Mary Church**, visit **Bled Castle** for the magnificent view and enjoy lunch with local specialities at restaurant **Lectar**.



On the way to **St. Mary Church** on **Bled Island** on Pletna boats.



Church coffee after the **St. Mary church "Bell Sermon"**.



Bled Lake view!



Healthy Local Lunch

Cannes 2019.



Thanks to organizing committee (top left to bottom right): **Sarah Livingston '10**, **Charles Jacquet PDP '18**, **Jonas Ogren '93**, **Olivier Zimmerlin GMP '12**, **Ludovic mon PDP '17**, CHS France President **Monika Moser '99**, and **Gitte Harder GMP '11**.



Thanks, to **Sarah Livingston '10** for the great care during the meeting!
Here right, with friends at the **Welcome Party**, totalling 110, for cocktails, wine, and savoury finger food, overlooking the beautiful beaches of **Cannes**.



Hani El Sharkawi PDP'04 and Philippe Clarinval GMP '05 with friends.



French reunion, Jacques Rougié; Veronique Poitault and Chapter Pres. Monika Moser.



Right, Laurent Fitzpartick, Assistant Director, Office of Alumni Affairs.



**Old friends reminiscing the times at School
Jeanne Sander '66; Leif Evensen '66 ;
Annabel Wisniewski '65 and Michael Chiu '66**



**Past Statler Hotel GMs,
Rick Adie and Hans Weishaupt
telling tales.**

The Educational Summit and General Meeting.



Monica Moser '99 opening the Summit and General Meeting.



VP West, **Michael Cortelletti MMH '99**, presenting 5 EMEA Endowed Scholarships totalling **USD 1.238.000**.



Prof. Cathy Enz on **Millennial Leaders** and **The Future Hiring trends**.



Training Game to stress the importance of keeping industry teams engaged.

A boat ride to St. Honorat Island to enjoy local delicacies amongst the Vines at the Monastery and visit the Winery to learn how the monks make wine.



Saturday was choice of tours to glamorous Monte Carlo and its fantastick Casino or to Grasse and its famous perfumeries.



The group to **Grasse** created their own bespoke perfume samples, each returning with an individual scent!



In **Monte Carlo**, **Valter Romeo**, Director of the Casino, welcomed us, here with **Dean Kate Walsh**. Unfortunately there was no time for playing.



The Gala Dinner is the main event of the annual meetings. We thank **Dean Kate Walsh '90** for being with us to give an extensive update of the situation at SHA, securing the preparing of future industry leaders and confirming **The School's** reputation and renowned global ranking for hotel education!



3 Past Global CHS Presidents Chief Organizer Thanks to Assisting Students from The EMEA Region! **Jonas Ogren. '93.** for a job well done!



Dean Kate Walsh brings her important message!



Lauren, Rick and Susan smiling for a record **Auction** result of **\$35.000!**



CHS EMEA Regional VP **Jonathon Spada '10**, at the head of the table, smile content after presenting the thrilling program for the **Rome meeting 2020**. But after two postponements the meeting was cancelled due to **Covid-19**.

NATIONAL CHAPTERS in EUROPE.

From the very beginning the *European Chapter* included CHS members and Affiliate members from the **Middle East and Africa** areas named the **EMEA Region**. By the mid 90ies the total membership in the EMEA Region had increased to over 600. The annual meeting was the only event where members could meet each other for networking and educational purpose. Due to many various reasons, cost, timing etc. it was not possible to gather the many members. The attendance varied depending on location. It was therefore suggested to form local chapters where members could meet and keep in touch locally all year round: **Chapters, with a Board that could represent the School and the Alumni Office, to fulfil the same purpose and goal as defined for the European Chapter at the outset in 1961.**

At the General meeting in **St. Petersburg 1998** it was decided to approve **national chapters that had been formed and formation of new chapters.** The European Chapter with President and Board was maintained as an umbrella organization for the national chapters. Members in countries without a chapter would come directly under the **European Chapter Board**. **The Regional Vice President for Europe, Middle East & Africa** would serve as a liaison to the **Executive Committee of the Society**. In 2000 it was decided to combine the **European Chapter President** position with that of the **Regional Vice President**. **The European Chapter** name thereby faded away and all CHS activities came under the **EMEA Region**.

Also, at the St. Petersburg meeting an offer from the **Alumni Office** to handle invoice mailing for collection of dues and maintaining the membership roster was accepted. The Affiliate members that had paid dues to the European Chapter would now pay dues to the Society and become fully fledged members of **The CHS Society**, without requirement of 6 courses of PDP that recently had been amended to the **Society's Bylaws**. Participants at the **General Manager Program** are automatically members of the CHS Society for one year as part of the program and may thereafter continue as dues paying members.

When **Michael Chiu '66** became **CHS President** in **1995** he had already realized these needs and consequently helped form the **French** and the **Pan Hellenic** chapters and when **Rudy Münster '62** succeeded him in **1996** a **German Chapter** was launched. As Regional Vice President and later CHS President, **Leif R. Evensen '66** helped form one chapter after the other over the years, **London, Norway, Sweden, Finland with Russia and the Baltics,**

Benelux, Switzerland, in addition to Austria, that became part of the **German Chapter**. With the help of **Roberto Wirth '75** and **Carmel D'Arienzo '88**, an Italian chapter was planned. Instead, however, assisted by **Chris Bergen** and **Ivica Cacic MPS '98**, the **AlpAdria Chapter** was formed to include **Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Croatia, and Slovenia** with Roberto as the President.

At the meeting in St. Petersburg in 1998 an agreement was made with the Alumni Office that a surplus of dues payment from the European Chapter members, after deduction of maintenance fee to the administration of the Alumni Office, should be transferred to European scholarship funds.

At the meeting in Florence 2002 it was agreed that some of the money also be made available to the European Treasury as working capital for the local organizers in the planning stage of the annual meeting before collection of meeting fees come in. Also be available for other urgent matters.

Affiliate Membership.

The newly formed **European Chapter** in **1961** soon decided to make persons who completed courses at **"Summer School"**, (now **PDP**), eligible for **Affiliate Membership** when demonstrating a genuine interest in the growth and activities of the chapter and after approval by its **Board of Directors**. In the years to come this decision provided a source of devoted affiliate members that counted for the success and strength in the development of the **European Chapter**. Members like **Joaquin Paredes Alves Affil. '57, Lisbon; Fred Tschanz Affil. '57, Zurich; Dominik Betschart Affil. '63, Zurich; Sven Akerstrand Affil. '64, Stockholm; Jürgen Wolf Affil. '69, Dortmund and Niels Olsen Affil. '71, Copenhagen**, all instrumental in making successful Annual Meetings possible in their areas. Others like **Christian Petzold Affil. '67, Helmut Strondl Affil. '68; Charles Williams Affil. '68 and Heinz Schumacher Affil. '71** contributed serving as Officers on the European Chapter Board. The Affiliates members have continued to play an even more important part after the formation of national European chapters started up in 1995, to mention a few: **Thomas Tritschler Affil '92** as President of the **German Chapter** and his successor **Andreas Martin Affil '97**, as well as **Mario Kiefer Affil '74, Philippe Bijaoui IMHI '92 and Dr. Wolf Wagschal Affil'96** as members of local chapter boards and the Regional Board.

The European Fund-Raising Activities.

The Summer School Scholarship Program.

In 1964 a scholarship program was started to help young promising European hoteliers attend “**Summer School**”, now the **Professional Development Program (PDP)**. The first scholarship was realized thanks to the generous donation by dean **Robert Beck ’42** on behalf of the Hotel School.

The following year, the program picked up speed with four recipient attending courses in the then seven-week program which was operated during June and July. In 1967 there were seven recipients and by 1977 there were fifteen. According to recipients, studies at Cornell changed their life and started them on a successful hotel career. Many later became prominent leaders in the hospitality industry, like **Dieter Huckestein Affil. ’68**, CEO of Hilton Hotels and President of IH&RA; **Thomas Wachs Affil. ’69**, Maritim Hotels and **Emanuel Berger Affil. ’70**, who was named **HOTELS Magazine Hotelier of the World 2004**, just to mention a few.

The driving force behind the Summer School scholarship program from its inception in 1964 was **Rudy Münster’62**. For 26 years Rudy devoted a tremendous amount of time enthusiastically soliciting scholarships and administering the program. Contributions to the scholarships have come from suppliers to the industry, hotel companies in addition to regular generous contributions from the European members.

In 1990 **Deiv Saluts kij ’71** took over the responsibility and has since led the program to new heights. In total scholarship funds for more than **\$600.000** were collected and awarded to over 600 recipients **by 2006**.

In 2010 started a special **PDP Scholarship** in memory of **Leif Thorné PDP ’73**.

The main European Scholarships.

In 1984 the creation of an **endowed European Chapter Scholarship** to benefit full-time European students in the undergraduate and Master programs was approved. **Peter Streuli ’62** was a driving force behind the start of this fundraising and thanks to the generosity of the many Chapter members the scholarship fund was endowed already in 1985. The drive did not stop there, the next was a fully endowed Memorial scholarship for **Ralph Starke ’52** and his wife Wilma, the beloved “**Billie**”. No sooner was a Memorial scholarship

for **Erik Schau-Larsen '73** fully endowed in 2005, before the collection of a new one started up. In addition, through the generosity of **John Mariani (Hon.)**, a **European Banfi Scholarship** of **\$500.000** was established in 2004.

There are presently **five EMEA Endowed Scholarships** totalling **USD 1.238.000**, all administrated by **SHA**. In 2016 the **EMEA Region PDP Scholarship** was renamed the **CHS Deiv Salutskij EMEA PDP Scholarship**, honoring his tremendous contribution over the past decades to the CHS EMEA region for raising scholarship funds, by soliciting and as MC at the traditional **Deiv's Auction**.



In 1988 The Chapter contributed \$ 120.000 to the **Legacy of Leadership** for the renovation of lecture room 217, renamed the **European Chapter Room**. Here, **Tord Moe Laeskogen '96**, **Liv Knudsen Braathen '93** and **Christina Staalstrom '95** pointing to the listing among "President's Circle Contributors" to the **Leadership Campaign** on the plaque outside the School Library.

How the CHS EMEA Chapters can support GMP scholarships!

The **General Managers Program (GMP)** at Cornell Hotel School is considered by **CHS EMEA** extremely important for the promotion of The School. The executives attending have been important ambassadors for Cornell. They are active members, and many are Board members in the CHS EMEA chapters. We recommend the CHS EMEA chapters to follow the example of **Chapter Norway**, that together with **HSMAl Chapter Norway**, in 2003 started an annual **"Young Hotelier of the Year" Award**, with the winner attending the General Managers Program, funding provided by contribution from partners

in the hospitality, hotel, and travel industry. It turned out to be a great success, so as a result, in 2010 a **“Hotelier of the Year” Award** was started for established hotel executives.



**CHS President Deiv Salutskij
and «Young Hotelier 2008”
Robert Holan GMP '09.
Robert is now Chapter Pres.**



**Executive Education Director Tom Kline
and “Hotelier of the Year 2010”
Ragnar Palsso GMP '10.**

Cornell Hotel Society Global Presidents from EMEA Region.

Rudy Münster '62 was elected **CHS Global President** in 1996, as the first member from **EMEA region** for the position.

Leif R. Evensen '66, after serving as **European Chapter President 1975 – 1977, EMEA Regional Vice-President 1996 -2002** and thereafter member of the **CHS Executive Committee**, became **CHS Global President** in **2005**.

Deiv Salutskij '71 became **CHS Global President** from EMEA Region in **2010**, having served as **European Chapter President 1977 – 1979** and **EMEA Regional Vice President 2005 – 2007**.

Both Leif and Deiv became members of the European Chapter at the **Paris 1971** meeting, which means celebrating 50 years of membership in 2021. Deiv has organized a total of 6 European meetings and Leif 4 over the years!

Liv Gussing Burgess '91 became **CHS Global President 2013**. As of **2016** she is the **CHS Foundation President**.

Deniz Omurgunelsen '00 became **CHS Global President 2015**.

CHS Honorary Memberships.

Ueli Prager (HON.) for contribution to and promotion of **The School** and sending numerous employees to the Executive Education programs and hiring graduates for his **Mövenpick Hotels**.

John Mariani jr. (Hon.) (Art. 54) has contributed more than anyone to CHS in Europe. He has, since he first attended the London meeting in 1975, contributed **Banfi wines** at all the annual meetings, being host at **Castello Banfi** for 150 members at the **2002 Florence** meeting and at the **1982 meeting in Rome**. He has generously supported the Summer Scholarship Program by establishing a separate **EURO 500.000 European Scholarship**.

Kurt Ritter (HON.), President & CEO, **Rezidor Hotel Group** has over the years sent numerous executives of the company to study at AMP, GMP and PDP. Rezidor has contributed generously to the **“Hotelier of the Year”** Award.

Jeff Weinstein (HON.), Editor in Chief, **HOTELS Magazine** for the many occasions of promotion of Cornell Hotel School in his magazine.

David McMillan (HON.), when CEO of **International Hotel & Restaurant Association** for the partnership between IH&RA and The School.

Russel Kett (HON.) Director **HVS London** for outstanding contribution to the Cornell Strategy Conferences in Europe

Asmund Haare, (HON) Owner **First Hotels Scandinavia**, for supporting employees' study at GMP and PDP. His son Simen is a graduate. He also gave valuable contribution at the **1996 European Chapter meeting in Stockholm**.

Niels Chr. Pedersen (HON.), Managing Director **Supranational Hotels** for generous contribution to the European Summer Scholarships.

Olav Thon, (HON), Owner of **Thon Hotels Norway**, and **Belgium** (largest hotel operator in Brussels) for generous contribution to the Norwegian Award programs that supports study at GMP. In addition, Thon Hotels yearly sends an executive to attend GMP

Benson Whitney (HON), US Ambassador to Norway, for his educational support benefitting study in USA for Norwegian students.

Børrea Schau-Larsen (HON). Together with late husband **Erik** establishing the **Cornell Seminars** with Cornell Professors at **Solstrand Fjordhotel**.

Michael Nowlis (HON), for his contribution to the EMEA Region and The School when dean of the **IMHI Program** at **Cornell-Essec**, as **CEO** of **International Hotel & Restaurant Association** and as Chairman of **CHRIE International**. Michael was part of the organizing committee for the **1997 Paris meeting**.

Morten Thorvaldsen (HON), CEO Thon Hotels has been a **Main Sponsor** for the **Young Hotelier** and **Hotelier of the Year Awards** and has encouraged main hotel chains and industry suppliers to contribute. He started in 2007 a program sending annually one of the **Thon Hotel General Managers** to study at **GMP** and is actively promoting the program to the hotel industry.

Petter Anker Stordalen (Hon), Owner and Chairman, Nordic Choice Hotels, Petter Stordalen has great devotion for The Cornell School. He has been invited twice to speak at **The Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series**, in 2013 and 2017. His daughter **Emilie** graduated from Cornell Hotel School in 2015 and his son **Jacob** in 2000.

Nordic Choice Hotels is a Main Sponsor for the **Young Hotelier** and **Hotelier of the Year Awards**.

Kenneth Braithwaite, (HON), US Ambassador to Norway, and **Vidar Keyn, (HON), Head of Commercial Section, US Embassy to Norway. Ambassador Braithwaite** merits the nomination for his support of Cornell Hotel Society soon after his arrival in Norway in 2018, being introduced to our activities at an **American Chamber of Commerce, Meeting, (AmCham)**, where Chapter Norway is member. **Vidar Keyn** merits the nomination for his support of CHS Chapter Norway's activities as liaison to the **US Embassy**. He is member of **AmCham** Board.



Ueli Prager 'HON receiving the Honorary Membership diploma from Regional VP Leif R. Evensen and Swiss Chapter President Dr. Wolf Wagschal.



From left, Leif R. Evensen, VP, Kurt Ritter 'HON w/Diploma Rocco Angelo, CHS President and Stefan Diederichs, Benelux Pres.



Jeff Weinstein 'HON, Editor in Chief HOTELS Magazine, receiving CHS Honorary Diploma from Rudy Münster and Leif R. Evensen in 2003 at the annual ITB reception in Rudy and Anne Lee's apartment on Kurfürstendamm.



John F. Mariani 'HON and daughter Christina receiving Best Wine Award!



Michael Nowlis 'HON



Russel Kett 'HON, Director HVS London Office, receiving CHS Honorary Diploma with HVS' owner Stephen Rushmore' 67, Stephen Rushmore Jr. 96, Leif R. Evensen, EMEA-VP and Cécile Belaman '91, EMEA Secretary present.



David McMillan 'HON, CEO International Hotel & Restaurant Association, receiving Honorary CHS Diploma at a Cornell reception during ITB in 2006. From left Rudy Münster, Deiv Salutsij, McMillan, Leif R. Evensen and German Chapter President, Thomas Tritschler.



US Ambassador Benson Whitney receiving CHS Honorary Diploma at a reception in his office in 2010. From left Kjersti Ringholm GMP '08, Leif R. Evensen, Past CHS President, Ambassador Whitney, Tord Laeskogen '96, Vidar Keyn, US Embassy Head of Commercial Section and Simen Haare '99.



Börrea Schau-Larsen ‘HON at a reception in Oslo 1997 w/**CHS President Rudy Münster** and **Leif R. Evensen**, VP, CHS EMEA Region.



With **Asmund Haare** in 2000 at Chapter Sweden Mtg.



Olav Thon ‘HON, owner of **Thon Hotels**, receiving special **CHS Honorary Membership Plaque** from **Past CHS President Leif R. Evensen** at a Thon Hotels Reception in 2011. **Thon** related that the friendship with **J. Willard Marriott** and **Bill Marriott Jr. ‘HON**, had inspired his own hotel developments.



Morten Thorvaldsen 'HON, receiving the CHS Honorary Diploma in 2017.



Petter Anker Stordalen 'HON, left, with Chapter Norway Board, from left, Trond Bastiansen '92, first Chapter President; Siri Tunold, GMP '94; Henrik Stahl, GMP '95; Robert Holan, GMP '09, Chapter President and Leif R. Evensen, '66, Past CHS Global President.



Vidar Keyn, left, and Kenneth Braithwaite holding Braithwaite's Diploma.

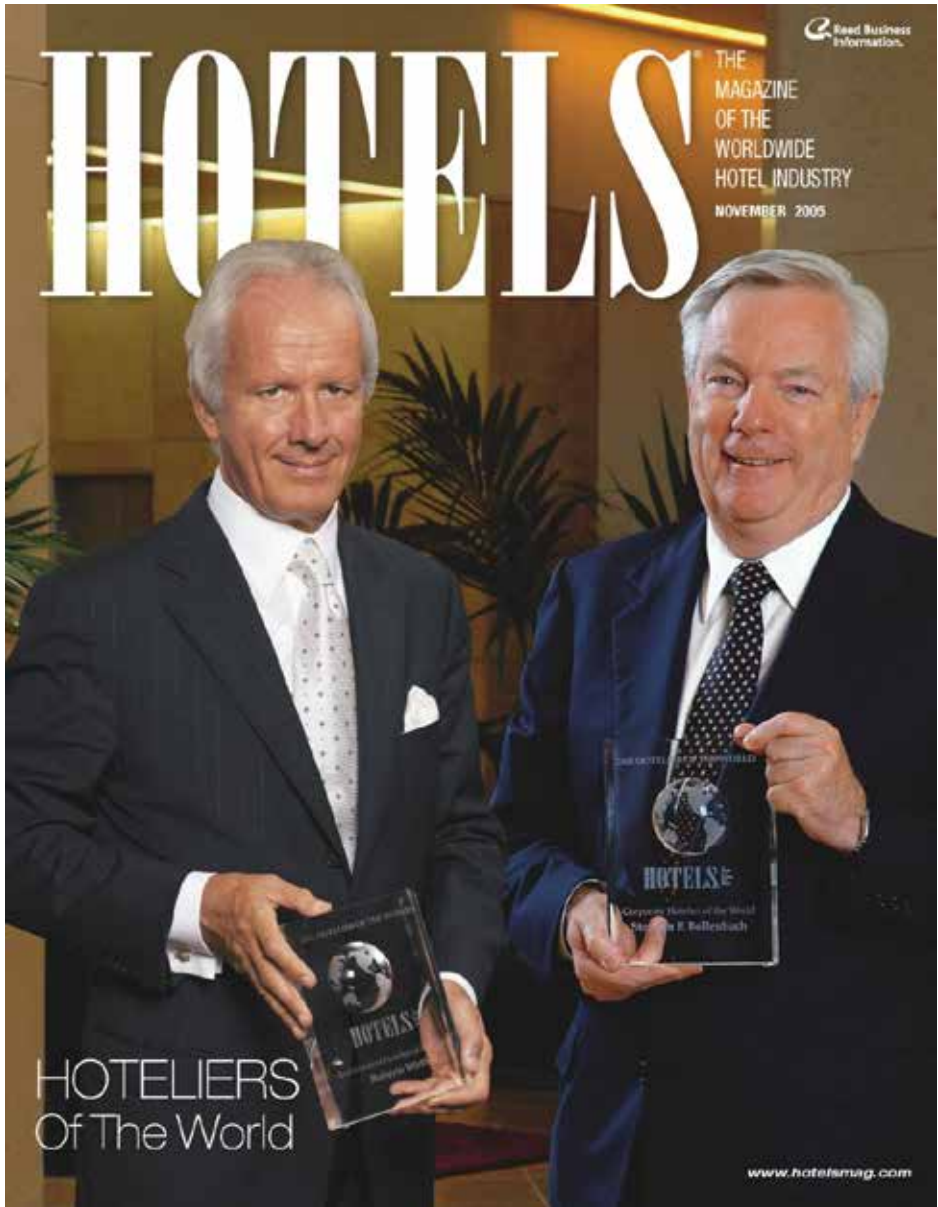
CHS EMEA members HOTELS Magazine "Hoteliers of the World".



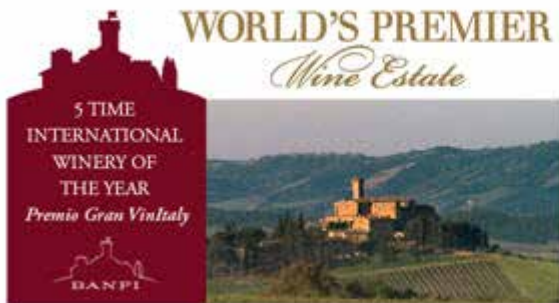
Kurt Ritter 'HON, "Corporate Hotelier of the World 2002".



Emanuel Berger, AMP '99, "Independent Hotelier 2003".



Our own Roberto Wirth '75, owner of Rome's landmark, Hotel Hassler, was named "Independent Hotelier of the World" 2005. His CHS friends know what fantastic achievement this award is for Roberto, the warm hearted and friendly gentleman whom The Cornell Hotel Magazine rightfully called the "Roman Prince of Hospitality". His mother, Carmen Bucher Wirth, was also named "Independent Hotelier of the World", in 1992.



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