

Goyal emerges winner in the clash of titans

The contest is over and the winner has been declared. **Subhash Goyal**, Chairman, Stic Travel Group, has been elected as the President of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO).

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IATO recently held its National Committee Elections in New Delhi. The elections were held for the posts of president, senior vice president, vice president, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer, honorary joint secretary, five executive committee members - active and

three executive committee members - allied. The newly elected office bearers will hold their terms for the period 2011-2013. In the 'president race', Goyal defeated Arjun Sharma, MD, Le Passage to India Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd. Two hundred fifty six active members

casted their votes to form the new committee. Goyal bagged one hundred eighty three votes out of the total votes casted.

Sarab Jit Singh, Travelite (India), who is also the President of Indian Tourist Transporters Association (ITTA) was elected as Sr. Vice President while **Rajeev Kohli** (Creative Travel Pvt.

Ltd) was elected as Vice President. **Lally Mathews** (Vacations Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd) was elected as Honorary Secretary while **Arun Anand**, (Midtown Travels Pvt. Ltd) was elected as Honorary Treasurer and **Lajpat Rai** (Lotus Trans Travels Pvt. Ltd) was elected as Honorary Joint Secretary.

The newly elected executive committee (Active) members are **Amaresh Kumar Tiwari** (A.T. Seasons and Vacations), **E.M. Najeed** (The Great India Tour Company Pvt. Ltd), **Rajiv Mehra** (Uday Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd), **Ramesh Wattal** (Welcome Travels) and **Ravi Gossain** (Ercos Travels Pvt. Ltd).

The newly elected executive committee (Allied) members are **N.S. Rathor** (Garha Tours Pvt. Ltd), **O.P. Mendiratta** (Parkland Group of Hotels) and **Sunil Gupta** (Travel Bureau).

"Now onwards you will see greater transparency in the functioning of IATO. Our focus will be on the needs of small members of the association. A monthly update on the functioning of the body shall go out regularly to our associates," said **Subhash Goyal**, President, IATO.

Sarab Jit Singh, Sr. Vice President, IATO said, "This is the first time a team has been formed that consists of skilled and experienced people. This team has a power that has never been seen. The newly formed committee has a will to do things without any fear or prejudice."

Rajeev Kohli, Vice President, IATO said, "We need to change the association from just being a logo on a business card to a facilitator of business. An association which does not see its members playing active roles is a dying association. IATO has seen a steep decline in its active member participation over the past four years. This needs to be reversed before we start losing members and become irrelevant."

Corrigendum

Please refer to our November issue, Hospitality Update, Page No. 28, in which we have mentioned Shapen as the name of the restaurant at The Surya New Delhi. However, the name of the restaurant is 'Sampan'. We highly regret this factual error.



IATO Team for Continuity, Togetherness & Progress

Arjun Sharma lead IATO Team for Continuity, Togetherness & Progress recently highlighted the achievement of the association in the last four years. The event that took place in New Delhi saw active participation from members of the associations and the trade.

