

# AiO 4th AGM 2018

The Westin Cape Town Hotel Cape Town, South Africa

20-22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018









# **Welcome Message**

from **Gary Dale Cearley,**AiO Logistics Network's Executive Director

"I am extremely happy to be able to return to Cape Town. Everyone who knows me will vouch for that. There is something about this place that I just feel at home in. It is a smaller cosmopolitan city full of interesting and friendly people and surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty. It has an intriguing, yet unfortunate, history. Everything about this place entices me.

Cape Town is just simply a queen city.

This is why I know that Cape Town as a setting is an exceptional place for our new and old friendships to be kindled. There are not many better places to work on getting new business and building on lasting partnerships. While here we should set our minds to working on our common future together as we help make one another more prosperous. But I also want to make sure that you come to know and appreciate the city of Cape Town and the province of Western Cape as I do. I promise that if you do this you will find a way to return."



# **About Cape Town, South Africa**



A coming-together of cultures, cuisines and landscapes, there's nowhere quite like Cape Town, a singularly beautiful city crowned by the magnificent Table Mountain National Park.

#### **Natural Wonders**

Table Mountain National Park defines the city. The flat-topped mountain is the headline act, but there are many other equally gorgeous natural landscapes within the park's extensive boundaries. Cultivated areas, such as the historic Company's Gardens, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and Green Point Park, also make exploring the city a pleasure. Follow the lead of locals by taking full advantage of the abundant outdoor space: learn to surf; go hiking or mountain biking: tandem-paraglide off Lion's Head; abseil off the top of Table Mountain just a few of the many activities on offer.

#### **Art & Design**

Human creativity is also self-evident here - it's one of the things that made the city a World Design Capital in 2014. From the brightly painted facades of the Bo-Kaap and the bathing chalets of Muizenberg to the Afro-chic decor of its restaurants and bars and the striking street art and innovation incubators of the East City and Woodstock, this is one great-looking metropolis. The informal settlements of the Cape Flats are a sobering counterpoint, but these townships also have enterprising projects that put food from organic market gardens on tables, or stock gift shops with attractive souvenirs. People & Culture

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Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and traditional African beliefs coexist peacefully in this proudly multicultural city. Given South Africa's troubled history, such harmony has been hard-won and remains fragile: nearly everyone has a fascinating, sometimes heartbreaking story to tell. It's a city of determined pioneers - from the Afrikaner descendants of the original Dutch colonists and the majority coloured community to the descendants of European Jewish immigrants and more recent Xhosa (isiXhosa) migrants from the Eastern Cape. They all bring unique flavours to Cape Town's rich melting pot.

#### **Beyond the City**

Wrenching yourself away from the magnetic mountain and all the delights of the Cape Peninsula is a challenge, but within an hour you can exchange urban landscapes for the charming towns, villages and bucolic estates of Winelands destinations, such as Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. Hermanus is a prime whale-watching location, and also a base from which to organise shark-cave diving. Further afield, the delights of the Garden Route unfold, with more inspiring scenery to be viewed on thrilling drives down the coast and over mountain passes.





# The Spouse Club



As a new addition to this year's event, we are introducing the spouse club!

Having been to Cape Town before, we know what a magical and fantastic location it is. Therefore we are sure there will be a number of our members who will want to bring their partners this year.

As such, we would like to arrange some group activities for your spouses to enjoy whilst the hard work and meetings go on.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 there will be a welcome lunch, as well as a group tour

to visit Table Top Mountain. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018, is yet to be determined, as we want to make this extra special!

These activities are in addition to the two social functions (cocktail reception and banquet dinner), which the spouses will also be able to attend.

\*Please note the spouse club is only applies for registered spouses with the event and there is no additional cost.



# **Preliminary Agenda**

| Date                      | Time          | Activity                           |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 | 19:00 - 19:30 | Registration                       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 | 19:30 - 21:00 | Welcome Cocktail                   |
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| 21st May 2018             | 8:30 - 9:00   | Registration                       |
| 21st May 2018             | 9:00 - 12:00  | Presentations                      |
| 21st May 2018             | 12:00 - 12:30 | Group Photo                        |
| 21st May 2018             | 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch                              |
| 21st May 2018             | 13:30 - 17:00 | One-to-one meetings                |
| 21st May 2018             | 18:00 - 22:00 | Banquet Dinner                     |
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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018 | 9:00 - 12.30  | One-to-one meetings                |
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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018 | 13:30 - 17:30 | One-to-one meetings                |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018 | 17:30 - 18:00 | Prize Draw and Conclusion of Event |

## Costs

| Attendee     | Normal Rate  | Early Bird Fast Pay Rate* |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1st Attendee | USD 1195.00  | USD 995.00*               |
| 2nd Attendee | USD 1145.00  | USD 945.00*               |
| 3rd Attendee | USD 1095.00  | USD 895.00*               |
| Non-Member   | USD 1195.00  | USD 1095.00               |
| Spouse**     | USD 395.00** | USD 395.00**              |

<sup>\*</sup> Valid for those who register before 20th January 2018 and make payment within 5 working days from their registration.

## **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship packages at the AGM are a great way to maximize your exposure and benefit from attending. If you want to be remembered within the group, investing into sponsorship is a great way to market your company to the community.

There are options to suit all budgets! If this sounds interesting and you would like to discuss the sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at:

Sponsorship@AiOlogistics.net



<sup>\*\*</sup>Spouses are allowed to attend the evening social functions and spouse club activities only. They will not be allowed to enter the meeting venue or attend the one to one meetings.

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## **ROOM RATES:**

### **Deluxe Rooms**

Room Type Single Double

Deluxe Room R 3,200.00 R 3,550.00

### Please be advised:

- These rates are quoted in South African Rand and are per specified room, per night. The rate is inclusive of complimentary breakfast, served in Restaurant Thirty7.
- Rates include 14% VAT and 1% Tourism levy
- The above rates are applicable over the above stated period for this specific group..
- The Hotel has pleasure in confirming complimentary internet access to all in-house guests





# The AiO AGM 2017 Recap – Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Last year's event was a huge success. Held in the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, forwarders from all over the world came together to network and create new business opportunities!

Don't miss out this year!









More photos from the event!

