



**Dear Amicalists,**

It was wonderful to celebrate this year's International Friendship Day with you on Thursday and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing celebrations of this core value of AICR throughout our social media channels. Thank you to those who contributed online and thank you to everyone in the association for offering the invaluable gift of friendship to one another.

The International Committee spent last weekend on Zoom calls for our first online mid-year meeting. There was a great deal to discuss, considering 2020 has turned out to be a roller-coaster and the most uncertain of years our beloved hospitality industry has ever faced.



There are multiple updates and initiatives which the committee continue to work on, one of the proudest projects the International Committee has overseen this year is the new AICR App and we encourage you to utilise this communication tool to reap more benefits from your association.

A difficult update has been made with many factors in-mind, most importantly all of our friends' safety across the globe, was the venue of the 2021 congress. At the mid-year meeting it was agreed that we will postpone our planned congress in Doha Qatar to 2022. Our friends in Doha will postpone their warm welcome for one further year - to ensure they can showcase their city in the way it deserves. To this end, the next AICR International Congress will now be held from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and this slightly smaller annual gathering will be relocated to Geneva Switzerland, to best serve the majority of our members and all subject to any Covid-19 restrictions at the time.

We owe a great deal of thanks, understanding and support to our friends in Qatar and Switzerland for their flexibility and dedication to deliver a safe and accessible congress for 2021 and 2022.

Kindly mark the new dates in your diaries and be rest assured that your AICR friends are pulling together to deliver a wonderful congress next year that will be sensitive of the "new normal" we all find ourselves in. Further details of the AICR Geneva 2021 Congress will be announced in due course ... via our very own App!

With best wishes as always,

Amicalement

Your International Committee

(Arian, Dimitrios, Doris, Duncan, Egidio, Eike, Lilly, Louise and Marvin)



## ABOUT THE AICR

The AICR (Amicale Internationale des Sous Directeurs et Chefs de Réception des Grand Hôtels) was founded in 1964 on the Côte d'Azur in France by the Chefs de Réception of several famous Grand Hotels.

Over the past more than 50 years has developed into an international organisation represented in 15 countries and continuing to grow.

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