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ASATA Diners Club Awards Finalists announced

Johannesburg, 11 March 2016 – ASATA and Diners Club are delighted to announce those travel professionals who have been singled out by their peers and a team of illustrious travel industry judges for the exceptional service they offer their clients to be recognised in this year's ASATA Diners Club Awards.

The awards, which provide a platform for continuous improvements in skills and professionalism, recognise those individuals who consistently exceed expectations, display great people skills, have strong travel knowledge, pay great attention to detail and continually hone their skills.

Here are the finalists in the different categories with representation from different regions and companies. The Gala awards evening will be hosted at the ASATA Conference on the 20th of May.

LIST OF FINALISTS FOR THE ASATA DINERS CLUB AWARDS

Exceptional Commitment

George Argyropoulos	Cruises International
Linda Benwell	XL Millennium Travel
Lynn Howarth	HRG Rennies Travel

Tomorrow's Leader

Irene Ferreira	Reynolds Travel Centre
Robyn Daneel-Spicer	Sure Travel Stellenbosch
Yolanda Barkhuizen	XL Boland Travel



Corporate Travel Consultant

Anria Kruger	Tourvest American Express Travel SA
Tammy McFie	Reynolds Travel Centre
Tarryn Classens	Sure 24-7 Travel

Leisure Travel Consultant

Evengeline September	Club Travel Algoa Bay
Oriana Caldiera	Flight Specials Centurion
Sharlene Galloway	Sure The Travel Agent

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Charmaine McFarland	Travel Counsellors
Gail Parker	Harvey World Travel
Hayley Eberlein	Travel Icon e-Travel

Key Accounts Executive

Chantelle du Plooy	HRG Rennies Travel
Kristen Seeley	Reynolds Travel Centre
Phumla Mjoni	Club Travel Algoa Bay

Wholesale Consultant

Jenny de Vries	Beachcomber Tours
Ravi-Lee Loff	Thompsons Holidays
Vanashree Moodley	Thompsons Holidays



Wholesale Representative

Deanne Allchurch	Travel Vision
Lindsay Roberts	Cruises International
Phillipa Matshoe	Thompsons Holidays

Says **Otto de Vries**, CEO ASATA: "Well done to the finalists and thank you to all those who took time to recognise their their colleagues, peers, employees and for acknowledging other industry counterparts.

"Our thanks too, to the judges who were from different sectors of the industry but excluded any travel companies which the categories represented.

"And finally, our sincere gratitude to Diners Club for their very generous sponsorship of these prestigious awards and their laudable commitment, support and belief in the travel industry in recognising travel professionals and awarding them."

For more information on the ASATA Diners Club Awards, contact Jacqui McKnight on 011 293 0560 or Jacqui@asata.co.za.

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About ASATA

The Association of Southern African Travel Agents, simply known as ASATA, was formed in 1956. Its founders created a representative forum in the industry to promote professional service with security for both members and their clients. As a Section 21 Company not for profit, membership of ASATA is entirely voluntary and extends to South African Retail Travel Agents, Travel Management Companies and Wholesalers. Currently the Membership represents more than 85% of the industry including the head offices of most of the major brands. For more information, visit www.asata.co.za.



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