



Gustavo Concha, President of Les Clefs d'Or New Zealand.

In a true show of trans Tasman support the Australian Executive Committee headed to New Zealand at the end of May to join with our Kiwi colleagues in marking their 15th anniversary celebrations. Back in 1994 the New Zealand Chapter was first welcomed into the international family of Les Clefs d'Or during the World Congress hosted in Sydney. It was a time of great celebration for our near neighbours and a credit to the Australian Executive Committee at the time (Tony Facciolo, Alfred Jasinski and Tony James) who had worked tirelessly in preparing the New Zealand Chapter for full admission to the Society.

From those humble beginnings the New Zealand membership has grown steadily over the years increasing from 12 (the bare minimum required to establish a new section) to a healthy 25 members across the country. The Australian Executive was also joined on this visit by Derek Fenn, the founding President

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of the New Zealand section who in recent years has been based at Palazzo Versace on the Gold Coast.

High on the agenda for discussion during the AGM was New Zealand's own bid to host the Les Clefs d'Or World Congress in 2013. President Gustavo Concha launched the bid with great fanfare at the recent China Congress and judging by the reception he received from our international membership he can expect a positive outcome when the verdict is delivered in Lisbon next January.

Les Clefs d'Or Australia bids a fond farewell to the ever popular Simon Rose as he commences an exciting new phase in his career. Simon has just left for the UK where he has been appointed Chief Concierge at the InterContinental London Park Lane, his first overseas posting in a career that spans almost 20 years. Having previously worked at the ANA Harbour Grand and The Westin Sydney hotels in Sydney, Simon has spent the last three years at the InterContinental Sydney. Notwithstanding the immense challenge his new position will pose, Simon is excited about the prospect of working in one of the world's

great cities as it prepares for the Olympics in only three years time. As a regular on the Sydney concierge scene Simon will be greatly missed and we wish him the very best of luck in his new position.

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