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## Spotlight on Mumbai

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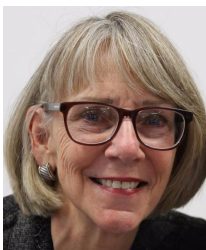
Greetings!

Wow, only three more weeks to go! Are you ready? Do you have your visa? Have you got something gold to wear for Foundation Night? Don't forget to pack your dancing shoes!

In the last week or so I have had a few requests for late registration. If you know anyone who would like to register, please have them [contact me](#) asap. You can also click on the late registration button below. Please note that hotel and tour bookings may be closed and that late registrants' information will not be able to be included in the Conference Directory as it has already gone to the printers.

I hope that you've enjoyed the Fun Facts about India. Don't forget, they might be important, so why don't you review them on your flight to Mumbai?

As we all make our final preparations, choosing what to pack, applying for a visa, and remembering all of the other details, be sure to check the list under Travel Tips to make sure you've got everything you need. Safe journeys everyone, and see you in Mumbai!



*Monica*

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You can get a discounted ticket on Turkish Airlines, the Official Airline of the Conference. Click [here](#) to get the promo code and book your ticket to Mumbai!

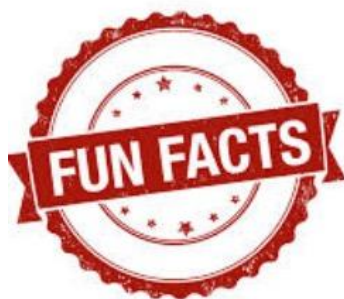
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## FAWCO 43rd Biennial Conference in Mumbai, India

March 30 - April 2, 2017

**REGISTER**

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The Golden Temple in India feeds a vegetarian meal to over 100,000 people a day regardless of race, religion and class.



Initially, diamonds were only found in the alluvial deposits in Guntur and Krishna District of the Krishna River Delta in India. Until diamonds were found in Brazil during the 18th century, India led the world in diamond production.

Every 12 years, a religious gathering called the Kumbh Mela occurs in India. The 2011 Kumbh Mela was the largest gathering of people with over 75 million pilgrims. The gathering was so huge that the crowd was visible from space.



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## Conference Business

### CONFERENCE PREPARATION

Coming prepared is important so that you can make the most of the Biennial Conference. Reading the [Annual Report](#) ahead of time is essential since only the highlights will be reported on during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) sessions. Please be sure to review the following documents before coming to the Conference in preparation for the AGMs and the vote to approve:

- [Minutes](#) of the last session of FAWCO's Annual General Meeting held in

[minutes](#) of the last session of FAWCO's Annual General Meeting held in Frankfurt last March

- [Proposed Slate for the FAWCO Board 2017-2019](#)
- [Proposed Slate for The FAWCO Foundation Board 2017-2019](#)
- [Revised Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations](#)

For those of you who would like to compare these revised proposed R&Rs with the first proposal that was sent out December 19, 2016, or with past R&Rs, please go to the [Resolutions](#) section on the FAWCO website.

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE



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The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised - 11<sup>th</sup> Edition*, shall govern the Conference on all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with our Bylaws and Administrative Guidelines.

Although the Board of Directors, Counselors, Committee and Task Force Chairs, Liaisons, Regional Coordinators, FAWCO Foundation, FAUSA and all club participants have no voting rights, they may participate fully in all Conference floor discussions.

Please wait to be recognized by the Chair, before speaking, and wait for the microphone. Before proceeding, **state the name of your club and your name.**

## SEATING OF DELEGATES

Each club will have up to three seats allocated to them during the General Sessions. Additional club members may sit in the last few rows. The FAWCO Representative or other voting delegate will need to be one of the three sitting in their respective assigned area. Clubs will be sitting in alphabetical order beginning with row two, from left to right if facing the audience.

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## Speakers' Corner



**Karla Bookman** is an American citizen who has been living in India for the past eight years. She studied Art History and Philosophy at The University of Pennsylvania, and then received her graduate degree in law from Columbia University. Karla practiced law at a New York litigation firm, and after moving to India, worked in the legal outsourcing industry in Mumbai for six years. She is now the founder and editor of a niche new media site called The Swaddle, which produces content for Indian parents.

**Tara Ramaseshan** is a public speaker, author, and amateur historian. She loves exploring connections between India's past and present, beginning with the ancient Indus Valley civilization that dates back some 6,000 years. Trained originally as a lab scientist, she took a MSc in Zoology and specialized in genetic engineering at University of Poona, then worked for two years at the Swedish pharmaceutical Astra Research Centre in India where she discovered her preference for working with people rather than microscopes. She abandoned the lab to begin a decade-long career at Proctor & Gamble India and became an expert on consumer product development research, with studies on a diverse array of consumers at P&G sites around the world. An avid reader, Ms. Ramaseshan is the author of several educational books for children published originally in English and translated into five vernacular Indian languages. She lives in Mumbai with her family.



**Jodie Sovak** is the Head of Community Relations at The American School of Bombay. She moved to Mumbai, India 12 years ago with her husband. She now has two school-age daughters. Before moving to Mumbai, Jodie enjoyed 8 years working as a mathematics teacher in both public and private schools in the US. She holds a BS degree in Mathematics and Secondary Education from Vanderbilt University and a MS in Mathematics from

Montclair State University.

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## Registration Information

### Let the Registration begin...

Registration for Conference Delegates and Guests starts on Wednesday, March 29. A special Registration Desk will be set up in the lobby of the Trident Hotel and will be open from 3:00-7:00 pm.

The location is to the left once you enter the hotel and is opposite the bookstore near the shopping arcade. The main lobby where you check in on arrival is to the right as you enter. In addition to the Registration Desk for the Conference, you will also find a desk for the FAWCO Foundation and an AWC Mumbai Hospitality Desk.

Registration on Conference days (March 30, 31, April 1, 2) will be located at the Conference venue noted on the agenda.



Welcome to the Trident!



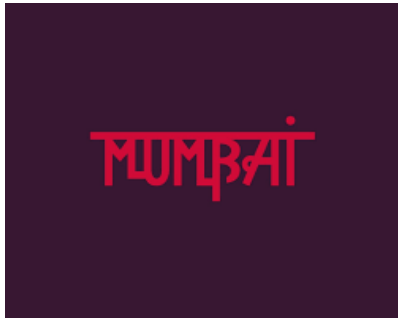
## Things to do at Registration:

- Collect Conference Bag containing the Agenda and other important information regarding the Conference, including your badge.
- Sign up for Guests to choose which two sessions they would like to attend.
- Hand over FAWCO Foundation silent auction items.
- Hand over items brought for AWC Mumbai charities.

As a reminder, the first of the four special Conference Happy Hours at the Opium Den Bar in the Hotel Lobby is from 5:30 - 7:00 pm on March 29 as well!

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## Mumbai Activities and Optional Dinners



Please don't miss out on the wonderful activities and dinners offered during your stay. We are almost full on the Wednesday Heritage Tour and Friday Street Food Tour, but all else is open, including the special, smaller tours open to your guests while you are at the conference. Please click [here](#) to go to the Cox & Kings dedicated website to learn more and sign up.

- The **Wellness Event** is designed so you have an interactive session with a practical experience and rejuvenate between the hectic Conference schedule. Radhika Vachani of [Yogacara](#), an expert in her teachings, will focus on wellness and share methods you can carry with you to maintain optimal mental, emotional and physical health through timeless practices of India. Enjoy a [lovely heritage venue](#) at a private members only club with a light continental dinner.
- The **Old Friends, New Friends Dinner** has a small group that will be leaving directly from the dinner to the airport and the AWCM Hospitality Desk will help organize transport for those people during the conference so don't shy away from attending just because you have a late flight that evening!
- The **Dharavi Tour** is one of AWCM Member favorites and will focus on the Women of Dharavi.

See you in Mumbai!

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## Top 5 Highlights from Past Spotlights

Please check past issues for restaurant recommendations, what to buy, local etiquette and many more interesting tips and useful information!



### 1. Money

- a. Be sure to advise banks and credit card companies that you are traveling to India to avoid unnecessary blocking of your card.
- b. Do change money at the airport for necessities, including tips, upon arrival.

- c. ATMs are generally available. Credit cards are widely accepted throughout India so your cash needs would be limited to tips and small purchases.
- d. The Trident can exchange your currency for Indian Rupees.

## **2. Plan your airport transfer on arrival ahead of time.**

- a. Pre-paid taxi - booked at counter before exiting the arrivals hall.
- b. Cox & Kings - a driver will be waiting for you outside the arrivals hall and will take you to the hotel. This is booked and paid in advance.
- c. Trident Hotel - a driver will be waiting for you outside the arrivals hall and will take you to the hotel. This will be billed to your room.

## **3. Staying Healthy and Happy in Mumbai**

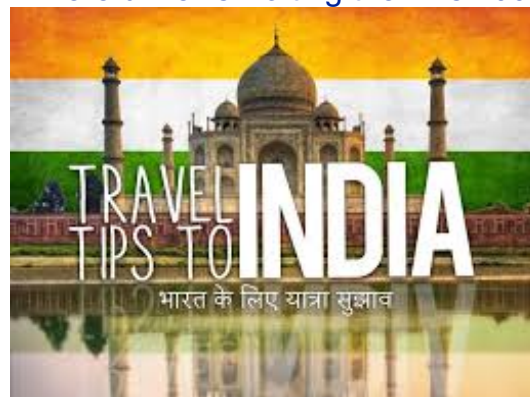
- a. Carry all prescription medicines in your handluggage in case of lost or delayed checked luggage.
- b. Please bring your preferred over-the-counter medications, such as Imodium, Advil, Tums or other medication for common conditions.
- c. You should carry hand sanitizer and tissues with you as clean water for hand washing and toilet paper is not always available when outside the hotel.
- d. The Trident has a doctor on call should you fall ill.

## **4. What to pack**

- a. Generally you will find India a bit more casual than other countries but no less fashionable.
- b. When visiting local sights, it is best to avoid shorts, tight clothing and tank tops without a covering blouse or top.
- c. Walking shoes or flats for outside the hotel is preferable due to uneven pavements.
- d. Sunglasses, hats, sunscreen and mosquito repellent are important when sightseeing.
- e. The Trident offers quality laundry services with a 25% discount for delegates and guests.
- f. The hotel provides shampoo, conditioner and hair dryers.

## **5. Tips on Tipping**

- a. 10% is the norm for bars and restaurants.
- b. Porters/Bellboys: Average is Rs 50/bag and Rs100/bag if large or heavy.
- c. Taxis and Tuc-Tucs: usually round up to nearest Rs 50/100 keeping a tip between Rs 20-50 for local service.
- d. For pre-paid taxis - 10% of the fare.
- e. For Airport transfer where driver is waiting then Rs 200-400 per trip.



- Be sure you have a valid Tourist Visa and check that the dates are correct.
- The Immigration Hall will have 3 lines, be sure you are in the correct one. If traveling with a friend or family member and you have different types of visas, you will need to go to the specific line for your specific visa.



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- E-Visas: please go to line specific for e-visas only. You will get your passport stamped with a proper visa. If they have a First/Business class line then be sure to have your boarding pass with you.
- Those with a traditional visa from a Consulate, Embassy or Visa Service Agency, your passport is already stamped so you go to the line for normal immigration. There is a First/Business Class line for traditional visas and you must have your boarding pass.
- If asked your purpose of visit, please do not mention CONFERENCE as we do not qualify under government rules as a conference and you could be rejected on arrival. Please say you are visiting India as a tourist.

- When you are finished with passport control, you will proceed to baggage claim. Once you have your luggage, you will, most likely, need to pass through baggage x-ray, then you are free to exit the arrivals hall.



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- As a reminder, changing money and booking of a pre-paid taxi are done before exiting the arrivals hall.
- For those that are being meet by the hotel or C&K airport transfer service, please exit the arrivals hall and look for your name on a sign.

And you are off to your hotel!

## The FAWCO Foundation Night

The FAWCO Foundation is celebrating 50 years of giving. Join us in Mumbai on April 1, 2017 on Foundation Night to commemorate your generosity to women and girls all over the world.

**Your Projects, Your Passions, Your Foundation**

### 50th Anniversary Program

Your generosity is our currency to fulfill a goal set in 1931 by FAWCO: to concentrate our efforts towards promoting international goodwill and



preserving world peace by supporting global efforts through giving. Since 1970, The FAWCO Foundation has awarded 305 education scholarships and awards to FAWCO members and their families. At the end of 2016, The FAWCO Foundation has distributed 130 grants to club-supported philanthropic projects in over 50 countries. On April 1, The Foundation is honored to present 50 Years of Giving to show how we use the money you give to develop and administer programs that improve the lives of women and children worldwide.

### **Number One Tip to Maximize Your Foundation Night Fun**

We recommend that all delegates and their guests pre-register their payment details with The Foundation prior to Foundation Night. You can do this either during your conference registration or at TFF's table any time before Saturday, April 1st. This will provide you with carefree shopping and bidding, and allow you to easily settle your account at the close of Foundation Night. Spend less time in the payment line and more time in the conga line.

### **Golden Memories: Live Auction**



Discover your **Golden** Tiger in Bandhavgarh National Park, India. We have a wonderful selection of destinations from India, Europe, North Africa, South Africa, and the United States that offer you a chance to create your own golden memories. This year, we are publishing a Live Auction Catalog.

Can't come but still want to bid? [Download](#) the catalog, submit a sealed bid and start planning your trip!

### **Small and Precious: Silent Auction Donation Requests**

The theme "Small and Precious" for the silent auction means that we think donors and bidders might appreciate something special that will easily fit into their suitcase. Precious comes in many forms from gift vouchers, to jewelry, to your heart's desire. Are you ready to pre-register your items? [Download the form.](#)

### **Charming**

This year, we celebrate the Butterfly Warrior as our conference charm and adorn it with a heart to commemorate the 50th anniversary of The FAWCO Foundation. Add the double charm in sterling silver (\$45) or consider an 18ct gold heart with the silver butterfly for (\$120). [Pre-order online](#) and pick up in Mumbai.



### **Raffles**

Haven't bought your raffles tickets yet? They are still available online: [Quilt Raffle / Ring Raffle](#). You do not have to be present to win.

### **Benefactor**

If you are unable to attend the conference in Mumbai but would still like to support the philanthropic goals of FAWCO, become a Benefactor! By donating to The FAWCO Foundation, you will be making a difference in the lives of women and children worldwide. Find out how we match your donation level with raffle tickets. [Click here to choose your level.](#)





*The heart that gives, gathers.  
Marianne Moore*

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