



## PRESS RELEASE

### And the ASATA Diners Club Award winners are...

**SOMERSET WEST, 21 MAY 2016** – ASATA and Diners Club are proud to announce the names of those travel professionals who have been singled out for the honour of receiving these prestigious ASATA Diners Club Awards.

The award winners were announced at a glittering ASATA Diners Club Awards ceremony held during the ASATA Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, at the stunning Lourensford Wine Estate.

The South African travel industry considers these awards a great accolade and acknowledgement of excellence, with nominations having been received from all over the country. The expert panel of judges took great care in scoring the entries through an anonymous review process to identify the worthy winners in various sectors of this exciting travel industry.

The ASATA Diners Club Awards recognise those individuals who consistently exceed expectations, display great people skills, have strong travel knowledge, and pay close attention to details, offer support client support, show initiative and set exceptional high standards to the benefit of their clients, the industry and in the interest of true professionals.

The winners in the eight categories are:

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS:**

- Exceptional Commitment:  
**George Argyropoulos** (Cruises International)



- Tomorrow's Leader:  
**Robyn Daneel-Spicer** (Sure Travel Stellenbosch)

#### RETAIL SECTOR:

- Corporate Consultant in a Travel Agency:  
**Tammy MacFie** (Reynolds Travel Centre)
- Leisure Consultant in a Travel Agency:  
**Evengeline September** (Club Travel Algoa Bay)
- Key Accounts Executive in a Travel Agency:  
**Chantelle du Plooy** (HRG Rennies Travel)
- Independent Travel Consultant (ITC):  
**Gail Parker** (Harvey World Travel)

#### WHOLESALE SECTOR

- Wholesale Consultant in a Tour Operator:  
**Jenny de Vries** (Beachcomber Tours)
- Wholesale Representative in a Tour Operator:  
**Deanne Allchurch** (Travel Vision)

Says **Otto de Vries**, CEO ASATA: “Congratulations to all our worthy winners and thank you to all those who took the time to nominate their colleagues, peers and employees.

“Our thanks to the judges who were selected for their expertise and standing in the travel industry. Their non-partisan participation and generous contribution of their time and expertise is greatly valued.



“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 these accolades.”

To find out more about the finalists, the winners and more details, visit the Awards website on; [www.asata-dinersclub-awards.co.za](http://www.asata-dinersclub-awards.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](http://www.asata.co.za).

## **ABOUT DINERS CLUB**

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