

## REPORT FROM THE LCI-CONFERENCE “Fiesta@50” 2009 – Bangalore, India

My name is Kjersti Sangnes, I am 41 years old, and I am a member of LC-27 Ringerike, Norway. This was my second LCI-conference – and my first visit to India. I was really looking forward to going to this conference, because it also was a great opportunity to see and experience a very different country and culture. I felt extremely lucky to be able to attend this 50 anniversary conference!

My husband and I had our own little pretour – to Mumbai and Goa. Mumbai was a big city – crowded and full of contrasts.



Goa was quiet, relaxing, luxury and beautiful beaches.



August 27 I arrived in Bangalore – unfortunately a little too late in time to join the parade... And because of that I had to dress on my own... planning to wear a beautiful Sari. You can imagine how difficult that was, so I dressed the best I could... Lucky as I was I met three beautiful, helpful Indian ladies who took me to their room and dressed me the right way! Thank you so much 😊 I felt so pretty 😊



Again we met great hospitality – a nice man drove us to the Welcoming party – in time. This was an amazing experience for my husband and I. All the colours, smells, beautiful clothes, the wedding couples, great food and drinks, music and happy people – it was stunning!



Tired and full of impressions we went to bed – ready to attend the AGM next morning.

The AGM is the most important meeting of the year. Lots of important matters are to be voted for and information will be given. I was not a counsellor – so I was just listening carefully and participating that way. I think it was an efficient way of handling such a long agenda. Instead of reading reports out loud, pictures were shown as a way of describing “the year”. This is a nice way of keeping the members to stay the hole meeting – witch I think they were! Thank you to the committee and the LCI board!



Having the LCI-president to come - Kjersti Irgens - also made the AGM quite special – and made me a little proud to be a Norwegian 😊



The home party on Friday evening was maybe my favourite arrangement. The hospitality of the hole family was touching. Their two young children showed us their ritual when guests arrived at their home – they were so sweet.



Saturday – we had the day of our own, which we spent on shopping. We bought beautiful silk carpets, Indian clothes for both my husband and myself and pashmina scarf.

In the evening we dressed for the gala-dinner, and had quite a long bus-ride... to get to the beautiful place the dinner took place. An unforgettable evening! The highlight I think was when Kjersti Irgens formally became the new LCI president!!





Participating on the “Fiesta@50” has given me new friends, shown me the hospitality of India, great tasteful food (I love it!), well organized conference (thank you!), great fun 😊.

Thank you to the committee for always being there – helping me and answering all my questions..

It has been an experience for the lifetime!

In service and friendship

Best regards

Kjersti Sangnes

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