

## INKATERRA'S GUESTS 2015



### Werner and Lena Herzog:

“I am celebrating the friendship with José Koechlin and Jorge Vignati,” said Werner Herzog about his most recent visit to Peru. For Inkaterra’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the legendary filmmaker and his wife, renowned photographer Lena Herzog, visited three Inkaterra properties in the Cusco region, established in natural areas where Herzog produced some of his iconic films. The only filmmaker to have worked across seven continents and regarded by François Truffaut as “the most important

film director alive”, Werner Herzog has an oeuvre of nearly seventy features, five of these made in Peru (including *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* and *Fitzcarraldo*, co-produced by Inkaterra founder José Koechlin). Honoring an extraordinary career, Centro Cultural PUCP and Inkaterra co-organized a retrospective during the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Lima Film Festival, as well as a presentation for the book *Werner Herzog: A Guide for the Perplexed*. The festival came to an end with a tribute to Werner Herzog at Gran Teatro Nacional, where he received the Spondylus Trophy and stated in Spanish that “The virgin forest of Peru lives in my soul. In my soul lives Urubamba River, Marañón River, Santiago River. Long live Peru, long live this country I am fond of.” Herzog will premiere his latest documentary, *Lo and Behold, Reveries of the Connected World*, at Sundance Film Festival. Watch the trailer here: <http://www.avclub.com/article/werner-herzog-laments-internet-lo-and-behold-rever-230223>



### **Herpetologist Zoltan Takacs:**

Renowned herpetologist/toxinologist Zoltan Takacs, who is a member of National Geographic's 2015 Emerging Explorers program, visited from July 13<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Inkaterra's areas of influence in Madre de Dios to carry out research on snakes and other venomous animals in the Amazon rainforest. He was assisted by explorers Chris Verna and Barrington Irving, French herpetologist Pierre Berthon and the Inkaterra Asociación team. Among snakes found, stand out a two-meter shushupe (*Lachesis muta*) and a 1.5-meter coral (*Micrurus lemniscatus*). One of the project's main objectives is to study animal venoms that can be used in medicines to treat various ailments such as high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic pain and heart attacks. Dr. Takacs holds a PhD in Pharmacology from Columbia University and has co-invented the designer toxin technology, which creates a large number of animal toxin variants and screens for those that bind a potential drug target. He has been featured in National Geographic Channel in several snake documentaries, and has traveled to 133 countries.



**National Geographic Explorer Barrington Irving:**

In 2007 Barrington became the youngest pilot to fly around the world solo. He visited Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica along with herpetologist Zoltan Takacs and cameraman Chris Verna to promote environmental conservation in the Peruvian Amazon. Now a member from National Geographic Emerging Explorers program, Barrington rose above many obstacles during his boyhood in Miami, before building his own plane, accomplishing his historic feat and graduating magna cum laude from an aeronautical science program. His experiences inspired him for the foundation of nonprofit

Experience Aviation, which offers young students career opportunities in aeronautics. “Kids want to be challenged, but today too many are bored and uninspired. I want to use aviation to excite and empower a new generation to become scientists, engineers, and explorers,” says Barrington Irving.



**Tundi Agardy, Director of Marine Ecosystems Services Program for Forest Trends:** Selected by TIME magazine as one of the 50 most promising young leaders in America (Dec. 1994), marine conservationist Tundi Agardy specializes in promoting politics in benefit of marine biodiversity, integrated to coastal and marine planning, fishing resources management and oceanic zoning – themes she has explored in various books that assess today’s ocean managing. Her leadership in organizations such as Sound Seas and Forest Trends has allowed her to work in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, North

American and the Pacific. Tundi was invited to Peru by CAF and during her stay in Peru she visited the Inkaterra Cabo Blanco project last August, to assess land development and marine spatial planning for the marine reserve proposed by NGO Inkaterra Asociación–ITA to the Ministry of Environment. With her support, progress is expected for the declaration of the country’s first marine protected area, while ITA continues training local communities on ecotourism and the sustainable management of resources via artisanal and sport fishing.





**Saudi Prince Sultan bin Salman Al Saud:** After a special luncheon organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Palacio de Torre Tagle (Lima), Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Supreme Commission for Tourism and Antiquities of Saudi Arabia, travelled to the City of Cusco. His Royal Highness was invited by Inkaterra Founder and CEO, José Koechlin, to visit Inkaterra La Casona. After a private tour around the first Relais &

Châteaux property in Peru, the Saudi Prince requested a photo. “I want to share with the world my experience in Cusco” the Prince stated. Sultan bin Salman Al Saud arrived to Peru in his private jet, piloted by himself. He was Colonel of the Royal Saudi Air Force and in 1985 became the first Arab and the first member of a royal family to fly into space, when he was a payload specialist on STS-51-G Discovery, the eighteenth flight of NASA’s Space Shuttle Program. Sultan bin Salman represented the Arab Satellite Communications Organization (ARABSAT) in installing the satellite ARABSAT-1B.