

certificate in 2002 and Irene has been invited to present her model to EU experts. The hotel has also been awarded the ISO 9001 Quality certificate. As a co-director, Irene's specialist areas are in quality and ecological management as well as finance, floor service, reception and for the personal well-being of the guests. She is a founder member of the environment commission of the Tenerife Hotelier's association, ASHOTEL. The youngest of the siblings, Enrique, is also its "public face" but he insists that he and the rest of his family

guests' well-being. He was awarded the Tourist Initiative Centre's young businessman of the year prize in 1999, sits on the committee of ASHOTEL and has also served on the management committee of the Tenerife Association of young business persons since 2005. The hotel's consistency of service, ecological responsibility and quality has not gone unnoticed in the trade. Every year since 1995 the tourism giant TUI has awarded the top 100 hotels in the world with a Holly prize. The Tigaiga is one of only two hotels in the world, the only one

has made this difficult. Also, how to ensure no-one is left out and how to make sure all the contributions were back in on time are difficulties recognised by all editors everywhere. So they decided once again to be groundbreakers and started a blog for all old friends, current and members of the team, clients and anyone else who has something they'd like to say. You can find it on <http://en.tigaiga50.com>. After the death of their father, there was a plethora of honours, plaques, busts and events organised, which the family are only



are only cogs in the wheel and that they all work together with the rest of the "team" (which is how he refers to their 45 employees) to make the hotel the extremely welcoming and comfortable paradise that their many repeat visitors appreciate so much. He graduated with Abitur from St Blasien College in the Black Forest, serving his apprenticeship as a hotel keeper in Cologne. He passed the cuisine course in Dortmund, gathering experience in Cologne, Murcia and Bem before returning to the island and the Tigaiga in 1996. He is head of safety and in charge of restaurants, kitchens and maintenance services. He is also in charge of the

in Spain which has won an award every year since its inception - 14 in all, so far. Over half a million holidaymakers join experts in selecting the winners. It is not surprising they are such consistent winners, the home from home atmosphere that encourages so many of their guests to return time after time and means that some of their staff have been with them for over 50 years, the welcome and care is obvious from the moment you cross the doorstep. The family had considered editing a special book to commemorate this special birthday, however the perennial problems of who to invite to contribute and who not so as not to offend anyone

just beginning to assimilate. An annual award for tourism has been instigated by the Tenerife hoteliers' association and the Ministries for tourism and the environment which bears his name and a group of organisations are even now working to make one of Enrique Talg Wyss' dreams come true, a coastal walk to join San Juan de la Rambla with Santa Úrsula, passing through Los Realejos, Puerto de la Cruz and La Orotava. Despite the crisis, the hotel will maintain its policy of continual renovation and improvement, although perhaps on a smaller scale than they would like. Enrique tells us they have lots of ideas and a, "cupboard full of plans,"

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but will have to bend with the wind for a short time before more ambitious changes are introduced. However they are confident that they will come through stronger than ever. With its stunning tranquil location and impeccable service, the Hotel Tigaiga just begs to be visited. There is always

something to see or do and in particular this year, excursions, walks, a painting competition, exhibitions of old photographs, the annual vintage car rally and road trip, an open day for neighbours in Taoro Park and Tigaiga and two spe-

cial folklore concerts with dancing. Non-residents are always welcome for a visit, to organise a special event, communion, wedding or simply for a Canarian/International cuisine lunch or dinner. You can be sure of a very warm reception.



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