

Hello All ICers

Trusting that this email finds you all well & healthy and that all your Interchanges are going equally well. And speaking of ICs - where should we all be with them. I think you all know where you should be with them - at the very least all your chapters should have made contact with their partner chapter - RIGHT. Thank you all for agreeing with me.

This IIC Info News is going out a little later than I had hoped for. My excuse is that I was waiting for something from IO that arrived this past week. However, we all know that sometimes Mr. Procrastination comes to visit all of us and we can not get rid of him. Anyway this will be the last one for this year, so I wish all of you a safe slide into the new year. Or for you really die hards - new millennium.

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#### 1. ADDRESS LISTS

Attached is the latest address list for NICs & LICs. Needless to say, if there are any error or omissions please let me know so that they can be included in the next Info News

#### 2. RESULTS OF IBM CLINICS

Attached is the report concerning clinics held at this years IBM. You will note that the report is void of country names. At this point in time names are not really that important. What is important are the lessons that we all can learn from these clinics. Please share them with your LICs so that they may also learn from someone's else's heart aches. Special thanks to Manu and the rest of the IIC Committee for their hard work and for this report. The report raised many issues that need to be address by the IIC and the IO. If you or your LICs have any comments please pass them on to the IIC.

#### 3. EVALUATIONS

In the last IIC Info News we talked about evaluations for Interchange Programmes. Some of you have sent them in and I thank you for them. Sometimes it is said of evaluations ' well who will look at them". I promise you that I will look at them and where necessary, appropriate action will be taken. If there are leadership issues involved the ILTC will be advised. By making all concerned aware of the issues that Interchange faces, I would hope that with time some of our frustrations will diminish.

One thing that I have gleamed from the evaluations thus far is that 60% to 70% of all ICs do not have a theme. As an educational organisation it is of utmost importance that the LICs are encouraged to have Interchange Themes. To help you in this regard a manual has been prepared for themes. If you need a copy of it please let me know.

#### 4. PROGRAMME RULES & SAFETY

Attached is a memo from the International Risk Manager which is self explanatory. Please pass this on to your LICs.

#### 5. DELEGATE SUPERVISION

Some time ago I asked IO a question regarding the supervision of IC delegates. The concern is as follows:

Going through the existing Guide I have a major concern about one of the statements therein. Under 3.2.2 - Role and Responsibilities of Delegates and their Families - B - For Hosting it says:

"An adult should be at home during the visit. If both or the only parent works, an adult family member or neighbour should be available for supervision,"

I look at the above statement in light of Risk Management issues and just shake my head. If a neighbour supervises the delegates while the parent(s) are at work and something happens due to negligence on the part of the neighbour, does the Chapter / IO liability insurance cover this ??

Also, what constitutes an adult as far as RM & Liability Insurance?? Do we apply the same age criteria as for adult leaders - anyone over the age of 21. The Guide nor the Basic Rules address this situation of 'adult supervision'. I imagine in some countries anyone over the age of 18 is adult - clearly this is not what we want, but clearly based on the wording the option of an 18 year old supervising a 15 year old delegate is possible.

What is even worse, the wording says "should". It does not say 'must' or 'is obliged to'. Therefore, the way I read this clause, parents need not have any supervision of the visiting delegate while they are at work. How's that for a RM concern?? I believe we know the answer to the above and it is a question that must be discussed with the IIC. For now I would like to have a legal opinion on supervision of Interchange delegates while they are at a hosting home and how it impacts on Risk management.

Can we as a Committee / organisation come up with 'Non negotiable rules', suggestions, guidelines for adult supervision or are we bound by the rules of the hosting country??

The Secretary General has responded to this question. In the next IIC Info News I will share her comments with you. In part the Programme Rules & Safety Memo from IO address this concern. But I would like to hear your opinions and those of your LICs. To help you with your comments please consider the following questions:

What kind of supervision does your country provide?

What kind of supervision does your country expect when the delegate is being hosted?

In your country, at what age is someone legally considered an adult??

How old would you want the supervision to be?

Would you be satisfied with a neighbour looking after your delegate?

Looking forward to your comments

## 6. JUNIOR LEADERS

No doubt many of your LICs are contemplating a Junior leader. Attached are the NEW guidelines that were developed at the IBM this year for JLs . This is different than the one issued last year and this version should be re-issued to your LICs.

## 7. INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE

At this time of year I almost feel that I should say sometime profound and insightful or the very least very clever. Sometimes it is better to let others say what you can not find words for. The attached instruction for life I find in my limited life experiences to be very true. If you agree with me then feel free to pass the instruction on to someone you care deeply about.

Keep in touch

TTFN

Hugs

Yours in CISV

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair

p.s. To whom it may concern

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apologies for any spelling mistakes..... PEACE & contentment to all