

Dear NICs & Interchange Family

Trusting that you all had a safe and joyous holiday season.

As NICs it is now that you enter one of the most challenging parts of The IC Programme. As local chapters begin to finalise the details of their Interchange; difficulties may arise that will require your guidance and resourcefulness to solve. I have faith in each of you that you will do your utmost to ensure that all ICs will take place this summer.

Probably 90% of all planned ICs are well underway to providing a memorable CISV experience for many young people. But the next month may test your creative abilities to find ways to ensure that these Interchanges happen. Help and support your LICs in finding ways the 'save' an Interchange.

Wishing you success in your individual endeavours in establishing successful and enjoyable Interchanges - just remember for whom we are doing this - our youth will appreciate all your efforts.

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1. ADDRESS LIST UPDATE

→ *not to be published online*

2. IO & DELEGATE SUPERVISION

In the last IIC Info News the issue was raised about providing delegate supervision during the time they are at home. I received very few responses from non-IIC NICs concerning the questions I posed. I also said that I would give you IOs response to my concern. Here it is.

"Thanks for raising the questions you did about the wording in the IIC Guide

on adult supervision of participants when parents are away from home.

David <CISV International President and I have looked at the section

and have discussed the issues.

1. Re. Age: CISV rules treat 21 as the age of "adulthood", so that we believe that "adult" should be read as someone 21 or over.

2. It is perhaps reasonable to think that at some point during an interchange, the parents will have to absent themselves for work or other commitments. They need to take reasonable steps to ensure that the participants are well cared for in their absence. If they bring in a "baby

sitter", that outside party would not be covered by CISV's insurance. The CISV Public Liability Policy does cover CISV and its member volunteers (presumably the parents) in carrying out the "business" of CISV."

Now combining this with the Memo of December 15, 2000 from IO included in the last IIC Info News, what does all this mean re: Delegate supervision. Unfortunately the Memo addresses primarily 'outside parties' in a camp setting so we are left to do some interruption for an IC. To me this means..

- a) The person providing home supervision for the delegates must be at least 21 years old.
- b) The person providing the home supervision need not be the parent of the host home.
- c) The person providing the home supervision needs to be a volunteer member of CISV who is covered by 'the CISV Public Liability Policy' .
- d) The person providing the home supervision / outside party needs to be carefully screened and 'their participation be approved by your Chapter / NA Board.'
- e) 'A youth participant should never be left alone with an outside party'.

As you can see the least complicated form of home supervision is that provided by a parent. Please discuss this issue with your LICs. If the LICs are concerned about home supervision encourage them to ask the partner chapter what kind of home supervision will be provided.

3. UPDATE ON 2001 INTERCHANGES

After the IBM there were 117 arranged ICs. To date we have had only 12 cancellations with 4 rematches. Therefore as of this email we have 60 Short ICs and 49 Long. This compares with last years numbers of 54 & 55.

4. IC CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

Although I do not like to use the 'c' word, and until we find a better one, cancellation will have to do. Maybe we should be like the other CISV Programmes and use the word 'hand back the IC invitation' Anyway, if you in the end find it necessary to hand back / cancel an IC, please keep the following procedures in mind.

(I) Notify the partner LIC. If at all possible try to be more personnal and talk directly to the LIC by telephone. Just think, how would you like to receive the news. And remember, give plausible reasons why you can not proceed with the IC.

(ii) Notify your partner NIC of the cancellation and give reasons.

(iii) As NIC, you would probably know by now but ask other chapters in your country if they can pick up the IC.

(iv) If no other chapter in your country wants the IC, notify both IO and myself of the cancellations AND giving reasons for the cancellation at the following email addressees:
CISVIO@dial.pipex.com and BBL4pines@golden.net
or at the following fax numbers + 44 191 261 4710 and + 519 696 3418

Another reminder to you and your LICs that the critical date to return cancelled Interchanges for ICs starting June / July / August without penalty is February 28. For Interchanges returned (cancelled) between March 1 and April 30 a penalty of 230 Pounds will be assessed to the chapter initiating the cancellation . After May 1 the penalty is 460 British Pounds.

5. INTERCHANGE WORKSHOPS

At the moment two IC WS are planned.

One will be planned for the first 2 days of the ARC meeting which will be April 19 to 23. Cost of the ARC meeting is \$400US. No cost has been determined for the WS.

The second WS is planned for Lithuania in April for the Promotional countries of Europe. Others wishing to attend most certainly will be welcome. Dates and cost of the WS are not known at this time. For further information about this WS please contact Finn Pertersen of Denmark.

6. DATES TO REMEMBER

Please pass on these dates to your LICs. The dates are all in the IC Guide.

February 28 - Last day to cancel an IC without penalty

February 28 - Delegate Application forms sent to hosting chapter

March 31 - Matching of delegates to be completed

MARCH 31 - Last day for re-matches from Open List. AFTER THIS DATE NO IC MATCHES WILL BE ALLOWED

April 30 - Notification of travel plans sent to hosting chapter

May 1 - Send in IC requests for ICs starting 2002 - yikes !!

30 days before - send visiting chapter your hosting plans

7. KEEP THE FORK

The attached email was sent to me recently and it made me smile. If this touches you the way it did me then we have something in common.

Please keep in touch with any concerns you may have

Yours in CISV

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair