

Dear friends of CISV & Interchange

Trusting that you all had a terrific past few months. For those that went to the IBM it was truly a memorable experience and I hope that you share it with others that were unable to attend. And speaking of the IBM.....

IBM NEWS FLASH

Interchange History was made at this years IBM. This years Round 3 Matchbox was the shortest in CISV recorded history- 71 minutes long. The 'old-timers say they remember Matchbox sessions of up to 240 minutes. You all need to be congratulated for making the entire matchbox process so efficient right from Round 1 through to Round 3. Special thanks to the Frank Steffen & Lynne for the many extra hours they put into streamlining the procedures.

September is the start of a new CISV & CISV Interchange year. Some say that Interchange is the most challenging CISV Programme to do successfully. Through these News Letters we hope to make your IC life a little easier and where ever possible provide guidance through the labyrinth of Interchange. I am always available to answer any questions that you may have - no question is too small. At this time I would also like to introduce to you the members of the International Interchange Committee who also will be more than please to answer questions.

Full Members:

Frank Steffen - GER
Manu Medeghini - ITA
Maria Luiza Pereria - BRA
Ondrej Rathousky - CZH
Mamiko Watanabee - JPN

Co-opted Members:

Amina Fakh - LJB
Basma Alami - JOR
Monica
Werkelin-Parenmark - SWE
Walter Ring - AUS
Vickie Breedlove - USA

FOCUS OF IC FOR THIS YEAR

Over the past two years the IIC has stressed COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION & COMMUNICATION with your partner NICs & LICs in setting up & implementing an Interchange These are still the 3 most important things in providing a successful IC to the people who really matter in CISV - our youth. We have also promoted the concept of being flexible in settling up the parameters of an IC - that is, group size, composition of group, leader gender, time of year, length of IC. This still applies, however, we have found that some LICs have expanded the limits of being flexible to the detriment of the IC Programme .

Therefore, we would now like to focus on the procedures of running an Interchange, dates & dealines and adherence to Rules & Regulations in the Guide & Basic Rules. This is a reminder and you should remind your LICs that there is no flexibility in the Basic Rules - for your information the Basic Rules are attached.

The IIC is here to help you have successful Interchanges. We look forward to providing you with all the help & assistance you may need. Compliance to the

Guide & Basic Rules will go a long way in reaching our goal of providing memorable experiences for the entire Interchange Family.

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***** PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR LIC'S *****

1. ADDRESS LIST OF NICs & LICs

Under separate email I will send the latest address list. Please check it for accuracy and advise of any changes or corrections.

2. NEW IC'S FOR 2002 & NOVEMBER 1

At the IBM all trustees in attendance were given the results of the Final Round 3 IC Matches. Hopefully these were passed on to you. If not, under separate email I will be sending you the results. For those countries with multiple ICs, the ICs should now be distributed to your various chapters & LICs.

By September 15, if your LICs have not done so already, they should be making contact with the partner chapter and agreeing that they will USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS to establish an interchange. An 'Agreement To Have An Interchange form that you can use is attached. The agreement should be signed by November 1. By November 1 the LICs do not need to have a delegation formed, and, they do not need to have the leaders in place. THE FORM OUTLINES YOUR GOALS FOR THE INTERCHANGE and sets out some of the basic parameters.

Please convey this information to your LICs and feel free to use the attached form if you do not have one already. Also attached to this email is an "Interchange Checklist for Communication between chapters before NOVEMBER 1 of the First Phase of the Interchange" which you may wish to also send to the LICs. You may of course alter any of the attachments to suit your countries specific needs.

One thing that your LICs will have to advise you of before NOVEMBER 1 is if they intend to proceed with their Interchange. In 99.999% of the cases the matches have already been agreed to. For those of you that had a representative at the Round 3 Matchbox, a reminder that at that time you agreed to the matches - therefore, I would not expect to see any cancellations. If your country did not have a representative at the Matchbox, - by previous emails you have agreed to the listed Round 1 results.

Please advise IO (and only IO) by NOVEMBER 1 if you intend to proceed with the Interchanges you were assigned from the IBM. If we do not hear from you by November 1 by default we will presume that your Interchange will take place.

Please advise IO and myself , by NOVEMBER 1, if you DO NOT INTENT TO PROCEED with the Interchange from the IBM. In your communication, please include a detailed explanation of why you do not wish to proceed with the IC.

Reasons that you should not accept from your LICs are:

- I do not have enough delegates
- I do not have a leader
- I do not like the chapter I am matched with

3. EVALUATIONS

As reported last year evaluations forms are still under review both IO and the IIC. It is hoped that by next year we will have stream lined the evaluation forms. This will be the priority of the IIC at next years IBM - this year we concentrated & completed updates to the Guide. And speaking of the Guide, it contains a number of evaluation forms namely:

(a) Leader / Delegate / Parent Confidential Interchange Evaluation Forms - IIC 4.8.1A.1 & IIC 4.8.2.A. - which are now available electronically and are attached. As I have said last year, what form the evaluation takes matters not to me - as long as there is an evaluation of some kind done by the leaders, delegates and parents. These forms can be used as sample guides and that it be left up to the LIC / leader the exact format the evaluation will take. Of course, if you find these forms suitable, please use them as is.

(b) Questionnaire Report Forms for LICs and Leaders - IIC 4.9.1.A & IIC 4.9.2.A. Same type of comments apply to these forms as in (a) above. These Questionnaire forms are to be sent to you, the NIC, who in turn sends a copy to IO and the IIC. AS if we do not have enough forms ; Last year IO asked the ILTC to prepare a generic leader evaluation that could be used for all programmes. This form is to submitted to IO. Unfortunately, the electronic copy that I have is not formatted properly and I would suggest you contact your local / national leadership training committee for this form - if you can not get it from them let me know & I can send you what I have.

4. USEFUL MANUALS

At this years IBM two mini workshops were offered by the IIC - one on Educational themes and the other on Parent Involvement. At the workshops two 22 page manuals were distributed, namely, "Educational Themes in Interchange" and "Family Guide for Interchange". Hopefully a copy of each was passed on to you so that you can distribute it to your LICs. If you do not have a copy of these manuals let me know.

5. HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Believe it or not, the year 2002 marks the official 40 anniversary of the Interchange Programme. So what do you think we should do to celebrate??? Does anyone want to come up with a logo???? Please let me know your thoughts .

6. DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 15 - Latest - 1st contact with partner chapter for ICs starting in yr.2002

- Just a quick email to say hello and that I am matched with you

Sept 15 - LICs submit evaluations to NIC

Sept 30 - NIC submit Programme evaluations to IO, IIC, LT, NA

NOV. 1 - ACCEPTANCE OF 2002 MATCHES - advise IO only

- SET PARAMETERS FOR THE INTERCHANGE, # delegates, time, #
leaders etc.

- Refusal of 2002 Matches - advise IO & IIC

So that's all for now, a lot of material to digest and distribute - go to it
guys, give it your all.

Keep in touch

TTFN

Yours in CISV

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair