

My dear friends of Interchange

This past Thursday was truly a sad day in the life of CISV. Although the news of Doris' passing was expected it still was hard to see it in writing. She has passed on to the eternal peace that we strive for on this earth. Many of us were fortunate to have seen her, listened to her and talked with her. Her words , especially, "The Power of Love is stronger than the love of power" will be remembered forever. Many of us have been blessed with fond memories of Doris and they have been shared on CISV-List. If you have any that you wish to share please forward them and they will be shared with all.

In 1997, over a glass of wine, I had the opportunity to talk with Doris about the Interchange Programme. I asked her to tell me what makes IC so special. As she was 96 at the time her answer was slow in coming and she picked her words with the utmost care. I have not forgotten that she told me that "Interchange allows you to get personnel".

Over the past month you have all done your best to ensure that many of our youth will learn what it is to become personnel with someone from another culture. This year particularly it has not been easy to arrange Interchanges. You as NIC need to congratulate yourselves for a job well done and then pass on these congratulations to your LICs. If after February 28 you felt like a weight had been lifted off your shoulders, then please go to the following web site OR if you just want a chuckle go to the web site as well. Double click on the URL below and be patient for the music.

<http://www.geocities.com/SouthBeach/Tidepool/6517/page11.html>

PLZ SHARE ALL OR PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR LICs

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1. ADDRESS UPDATES

→ *not to be published online*

2. MATCHES 2002 UPDATES & REMATCHES

By March 9, 48 ICs were handed back / cancelled which is 40 % of those we started with after the IBM. At the present time we have 79 active ICs but >from the Open List I am hoping for more matches.

Actually I am hoping for a 2002 total of about 83 compared with 89 in 2001, 92 in 2000 , 78 in 1999 and 80 in 1998.

In accordance with the Trustee approved Interchange Guide, only those countries currently on the Open List are allowed to form new rematched ICs.

These rematches must be completed by March 31. No matches will be allowed after March 31. The reason for this rule is to help ensure that an early & timely communication between leaders and delegates takes place.

3. ELECTRONIC DELEGATE MATCHING & FORMS

Except for rematches that have occurred recently or that will still happen, matching of delegates is to be completed by March 31. An IIC form that has been used in to past to facilitate matching is the "CISV Interchange Delegate Application and Information Form - form IIC 4.2.A,B,C 90 ". Over the past years another Information Form has been used by more & more countries which provides more information about the delegate. This 6 page form is attached.

Increasingly, electronic transfer of delegate information is being used to facilitate & speed up delegates matching. CISV encourages the use of email with certain rules attached. the main rule is as follows

"No 'personal data', including names, addresses, e-mail addresses, fax and phone numbers, may be published / distributed electronically contrary to the wishes of the individual. When the individual is under the legal age of consent for her / his country, a parent may act for the "minor" to prohibit publishing. "

The above is taken from Info file R-11 (9941) which is attached. Before emailing personnel data of the delegate I urge you to read the attached and / or talk to your National Association. It is hoped that somewhere in your application forms for the family you have included the "Permission disclaimer" noted at the bottom of R-11

REMEMBER: Delegate matching is done by the first hosting country. Once the hosting country has completed the matches they are to be sent to the partner chapter for confirmation. A partner chapter can request matches be changed.

4. MATCHBOX PROCESS FOR 2003 2004 INTERCHANGES

Yikkés, you are reading that right - 2003 / 2004 approaches and again it is time to think one year in advance.

Now is the time that you as NICs need to collect matching data from your LICs . So, please ask your LICs to ask their local boards what destinations they would like for Interchanges starting in the year 2003.

The whole matching procedure is described in the attached file "IC Matchbox Procedures". The PROCEDURE IS DIFFERENT than last year so please read it carefully. I few things that I would like to bring to your attention are:

I) IF YOU ARE A PROMOTIONAL COUNTRY you must obtain approval from the International Promotions Committee (IPC) to participate in the IC Programme.

ii) Requests are submitted to YOUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE , do not send the request to the IIC or directly to IO .

iii) Deadline for submitting your requests / wishes to IO is May 1. The requests are now submitted on your behave by your National Association by way of the National Report Form

iv) You may only request a Region NOT A SPECIFIC COUNTRY OR CHAPTER. Attached is a listing of the various Regions used in the Interchange matchbox.

v) Special requests such as ICs for the physically challenged, single sex ICs, etc. must be so noted in English.

vi) IO will returned Round 1 matches to your NA by June 1.

In the past IO has issued the form " IICMDS - International Interchange Matching Data Sheet & LICMDS - Local Interchange Matching Data Sheet" . These forms will now be incorporated into the National Report Form (NRF) that your NA / PA will receive by April 1. Your NA / PA will be required to return the NRF to IO by May 1 which will include the requests >from your LICs. If you still have the LICMDS form, you may wish to >still use it with your LICs.

5. MINI CAMPS IN INTERCHANGE

A three day mini camp is a requirement of the IC Programme. It affords the delegates an opportunity to develop a closer relationship with their partner as well as with other members of the visiting delegation.

We strongly recommend that a co-ordinator be appointed to organize the mini camp. The co-ordinator sets up the logistics of the camp, similar to a Village or Summer Camp. The content of the mini camp is mutually agreed to by the co-ordinator, the leaders, members of JB and others with camp experience. With the help of a mini camp co-ordinator, the leaders can concentrate on emphasizing the educational component of CISV with the delegation and is not bogged down with organizational details.

Mini camps tend to be the highlight of the hosting agenda. Many chapters are exploring innovative extensions to the mini camp experience including:

- expanding one mini camp to 4 days
- in longer ICs, the use of 2 mini camps. The first is a short 'get to know you better' camp followed later on in the month with an Educational / Theme orientated camp and
- in short ICs, a 'get to know you better' mini camp in one country followed by the Educational Camp in the partner country

The attached document on Mini Camps was prepared by Frank Steffen as part of a comprehensive IC Workshop given by the IIC to requesting nations. We trust that it can be of use to your LICs - therefore, please forward the attachment to them.

6. DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB. 28 - Application Forms for travelling delegations received by hosting chapter for matching

FEB. 28 - Only cancelled countries on the Open List at this time will be allowed to rematch

NOW - Ask LICs to consider their IC requests for 2003

MAR. 31 - Matching of Delegates to be completed

MAR. 31 - No more Interchange matches after this date

APR. 1 - Obtain Matchbox data form on the NRF from your National Office

APR. 15 - First group meeting of parents, delegates, leaders & LIC

PRIOR TO MAY 1 - Submit your 2003 IC Requests to your National Office

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to email me. Please REMEMBER two things:

1. All concerns / problems have a solution
2. Include the IC ID number in all your communication whether to the IIC, IO or partner NIC.

Keep in touch

TTFN

Yours in CISV

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