

Dear Friends of Interchange

It has been some time since last I emailed all of you. Over the past two months I have talked to many of you about various things and I hope that our conversations have been of benefit to you. This time of year is a very busy time in CISV. All CISV programmes are in the final stages of being planned & organized. I hope that the planning of the Interchanges with your LICs has gone well and that all is in place for the best year ever. If you need help or clarification on any IC issue please call any member of the IIC or myself... we are all here to help you with your Interchanges

PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION IN
THIS NEWS LETTER WITH YOUR LICs

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1. ADDRESS UPDATES

→ not to be published online

2. NIC THEME FOR 2002-2003 - 'THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX'

A small test to see if you are thinking with the right side or the left side of your brain. Read this carefully and think twice before you give your answer

You are driving along, on a wild stormy night. A deadly tornado is behind you . You pass a bus. Fifteen kilometres down the road you see three people waiting at a bus stop and they wave you down. You stop and see...

1. An old lady who is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life
3. Your perfect soul mate, a person you have been dreaming about all your life.

Which one would you choose, knowing that there can only be just ONE passenger in your car?

STOP.....you have 10 seconds to think of your answer

Now,.... Scroll down for the ultimate answer NO PEEKING

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The simply answer:

"I would give the car keys to my old friend, who would take the old lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams."

Sometimes, we gain more if we are able to give up our straight line thinking and think "Outside the Box." Cleaver story, but what am I trying to tell you. If you know email me & I will share the answers with you the next time.

3. COMMENTARY ON HOSTING

Many of your LICs are now preparing their hosting agenda. As they are, it is your obligation as NIC to remind the LICs that Interchange is a family centred CISV Programme and not intended as a tourist sight seeing excursion. Please impart this to your LICs. The LICs should be reminded that a balance must be struck between family activities and group outings.

Most activities of an IC are already pre-determined I.e. Arrival, Home Orientation Day, Welcome Party, National Night, Family Week, Mini Camp, Mini Camp Recovery Day, Farewell Party, Departure etc.

For a 2 year / 4 week hosting IC - approx. 16 of 28 days are taken up by must activities, based on group activities every 2 days leaving 4 or 5 activities to be planned

For a 1 year / 2 1/2 week hosting IC - approx. 11 of 17 days are taken up by must activities, based on group activities every 2 days leaving 2 or 3 activities to be planned

REMIND THE LICs to submit their hosting plan to the partner chapter for review, at least one month prior to their departure. In fact, for any questionable activities, the partner chapter should be involved in the early planning. Also, remember to tell your LICs that it is permissible for the partner chapter to ask for amendments in the hosting agenda on activities that they are uncomfortable with.

4. UPDATE ON 2002 MATCHES

The number of new Interchanges starting in 2002 is 78 (34 Long & 44 Short). This is down about a dozen from the last two years but up by half a dozen over 1999. Considering what has been happening in the world over the past 9 months; I think you all need to be congratulated for your efforts in insuring the large number of ICs starting this year.... be proud of what you have accomplished, many are!

5. 2003 - 2004 MATCHBOX

I would hope that your NA has given all of you the attached "Interchange Matching Data Sheet" to fill out and hand back to IO by June 1. Initially I thought this form was to be part of the NRF. but however it gets back to IO will be alright. When making your requests for 2003-2004 think about the following:

a) If you wait till Round 3 at the AIM / IBM to get your matches, there is a 75 % chance that it will be cancelled. If you get your match in Round 1 (submit by June 1) , there is approx 70% chance that your IC will succeed. These numbers are based facts... I am not making them up.

b) 56 % of Interchanges starting this year were short and 44 % short

c) The number one reason for delegates not being matched with their partners by March 31 is that the delegation can not be completed because you are still looking for 1 or 2 more delegates. Think very seriously about smaller delegation sizes, right from the start. Delegation sizes of 6 can work just great..... ask the Summer Camp & Village people about the benefits of a smaller group.

d) Promotional countries need the approval of the IPC before they can ask for Interchange matches

For your information is an attachment showing the matchbox Procedure.

6. AIM INTERCHANGE WORKSHOP

The IIC will be presenting an Interchange Workshop at the end of the AIM / IBM on August 10 & 11th (Saturday & Sunday). Attached is the proposed agenda. The main presenters will be Manu E. from Italy, Jannicke B-F. from Norway and Ondrej R. from Czech Republic. Frank Steffen & myself will be there for the Saturday to provide moral support. The Workshop is billed as a Workshop for European Category 'B' and European Promotional Countries. Many of you may already have had an IC workshop in either Austria, Canada, Philippines, Mexico or USA.. If you or any of your LICs need a refresher course why not join our European cousins.. I don't think they would mind if you attended. If you require additional information, please contact Manu E. or myself for an Application.

7. DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR. 31 - Matching of Delegates to be completed

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

June 1 - Submit your 2003 IC Requests to your National Office or IO

June 25 - Round 1 Matches for 2003-2004 back to the NAs and / or NICs

July 25 - Acceptance / Refusals of Round 1 Matches, Request for additional ICs, First Open List for '03-04

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

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Yours in CISV

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair