

Dear CISV Interchange Friends

As I sit here contemplating the contents of this Newsletter, I am listening to a most wonderful CD . The newly released CISV Songs CD is a real treasure for any CISVer. For what its worth my two most favourite songs on the CD are "Vem kan segla" and "Dona Dona" - sorry Tom. Anyway, thanx to CISV-Iceland and all the Nordic performers for all their efforts for a job well done.

Anywho.....

Trusting that the past few months have been good to you. For many of us it was an opportunity to get recharged with the CISV spirit in Finland OR a time to spend with family and friends OR a time to ,as they say, 'to vegg'. I also hope that the month of July saw the start of many successful Interchanges.

BUT

September brings with it a new CISV Year and the organization of new Interchanges starting in 2003. I sincerely hope that you and your LICs will find enjoyment in organizing the ICs for our youth. Also, that when needed you find the wisdom of Solomon to resolve any difficulties that may come your way.

At this years AIM I met many of you for the first time and let me say the pleasure was all mine. It is one thing to 'converse' with you using email but it is great knowing the face that reads the email.

To others that I have known from before - what can I say except that it is always wonderful to see you again. Again, it was my pleasure in getting to know some of you better than I knew you before.

And to those that I do not know or have not met I hope that one day we will personally get to know each other.

And to those that are new NICs - welcome to our global IC family. I hope that your new position turns out to be all that you expect and hope for.

No matter what stage our acquaintance or friendship is at; I know we will all work together keeping in mind what we are trying to achieve - encouraging our youth respect for cultural differences and the development of their self-awareness so that they can become global citizens striving for a more peaceful world.

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 . 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
Maria Luiza Pereria - BRA
Mamiko Watanabe - JPN
Monica Werkelin-Parenmark - SWE
Vickie Breedlove - USA

Co-Opted Members:

Basma Alami - JOR
Walter Ring - AUT
Emanuela (Manu) Medeghini - ITA
Jannicke Bjerke Falch - NOR
Lise Elboth - DEN

PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION IN
THIS NEWS LETTER WITH YOUR LICs

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1. ADDRESS UPDATE

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

2. 2003 - 2004 INTERCHANGE MATCHES

At the AIM 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, your LICs should be making contact with the partner chapter and agreeing that they will USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS to establish an interchange. An 'Intent / 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 the IIC (and only IIC + partner chapter, of course) by NOVEMBER 1 if you intend to proceed with the Interchanges you were assigned from the AIM. If we do not hear from you by November 1 by default we will presume that your Interchange will take place.

Please advise IO , partner chapter and myself , by NOVEMBER 1, if you DO NOT INTENT TO PROCEED with the Interchange from the AIM. 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

Over the past year and at this years AIM; the IIC has discussed the various evaluation forms that exist for Interchange (attached is a listing of the these forms). It is the opinion of the IIC that many forms are either duplicated or not necessary and hence we have deleted them from the new 2002 Interchange Guide. However, it does not mean that they may not be of use to you or the local chapters. Many of the evaluations deleted from the new guide are needed only by the local chapter or NA to evaluated the operation of the Interchange Programme. By deleting them from the 'official' guide the IIC is giving you and your local chapters the opportunity to develop evaluations specific to your needs or to continue using the old forms.

In order for the IIC to evaluate the performance of the IC programme we only need one form to be returned to us by October 15. The new improved & user friendly "02 IIC Evaluation Form" which is attached as a Template with the file extension " .dot " . This new form has drop down menu boxes and self expandable text boxes. Open up the attachment and follow these instructions:

Save the file in C:/Windows/Application Data/Microsoft/Templates as a " .dot " file NOT a " .doc " file. Make sure that you keep the file extension .dot for the template. Open WORD and click File/New in general templates you will find the new template "02 IIC Evaluation Form" with the drop down boxes and expandable text boxes, ready to be used for your evaluation and ready to be sent to the IIC directly by the Internet.

Evaluation forms needed by IO & Leadership Training can be obtained on the internet at www.cisv.org/forms

4. NEW 2002 INTERCHANGE GUIDE

Over the past half year the IIC has been working with IO on a Consolidated Guide for every CISV Programme / Activity. Basically the guides are divided into two parts. The first part is common to ALL programmes / activities and the second part is specific to each programme / activity. At this years AIM , Maria Luiza & Vickie worked long hours to prepare the "New 2002 Interchange Guide" for inclusion into the IO Consolidated Guide. It is hoped that by December / January, the Consolidated Guides will be placed on the Internet.

When it happens, we will let you know. In the mean time please ask your LICs to make reference of the 'Family Guide for Interchange' which can be found on the internet at www.cisv.org/guides

5. DATES TO REMEMBER

Attached is an Interchange Calendar containing Interchange deadlines. The key dates are as follows:

3rd Programme Day - Send in DPAF & Risk Management Checklist Report

September 15 - Evaluations due to IO & Leadership training
45 days After End of IC

October 15 - IIC Interchange Evaluation Form due to IIC
70 days after end of IC

October - Yikkes!@# - Begin selection process of delegates
& leaders

November 1 - Confirm ICs with partner chapter & IIC

Zo, that's all for now. A lot of material to digest & distribute to your LICs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email. If you wish to talk I can be reached at + 519 696-3418 BUT please remember the time differences.

Keep in touch

TTFN

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair