

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 and a half 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.

Many Interchanges are cancelled due to lack of delegates. Please stress to your LICs that delegations of 6 do work and can provide for a very close Interchange experience. If it is too difficult for the LIC to reduce the size of a delegation to match that of the partner country, an option used very often is to ask if the partner country has parents that are willing to host an additional guest. Encourage your LICs to be flexible when it comes to delegation sizes.

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.

PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION IN THIS
NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR LICs

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1. IIC HAS A NEW BABY

Although it took more than 9 months, I am pleased to announce the arrival of the NEW INTERNATIONAL INTERCHANGE GUIDE.

The new arrival can be viewed between the hours of 0:01 and 23:59 at the following hospital web site: www.cisv.ca/iic

Many thanks to the kind staff at cisv.ca.generalhospital, especially <Dr.> Roman Parzei without whose expert help and guidance the site would not be available.

Within the new Guide there are many references to the "Common Guide".

Unfortunately IO is still perfecting this part of the grand master Consolidated Guide and therefore is not available on any web site. If enough people request to see certain parts of the Common Guide, I will include excerpts in the next IIC Info News.

Please advise your LICs of the new IIC web site at www.cisv.ca/iic and the existence of the Interchange Guide. The Guide is intended for the use of NICs and LICs and not necessarily for parents of Interchange. If you wish to give parents an Interchange Guide, ask them to download the "Family Guide for Interchange" on www.cisv.org/guides

The proud chair and <Dr.> Roman hope that you enjoy the IIC Web Page.

2. "YES VIRGINIA THERE IS A....."

Over the past year there have been many 'hot spots' within the family of CISV countries. Last fall or last spring, depending on which side of the equator you live, Indonesia literally exploded. At that time I asked all countries that had ICs with Indonesia not to act in haste and wait and see.

I am very proud of all participants and therefore glad to announce that the Interchange between Norway and Indonesia planned to start December 19, 2002, did take place. I received an email from the Indonesian NIC about the IC which I want to share with all of you. It reads as follows:

"Dear Heinz,

I just want to tell you about our IC Indonesia Norway.
the IC was Great.

All the children .leader, JL, parents work together.

They seem close and closer, understanding each other. I'm happy that we will reach the Goal.

-In Social activity, very touching. They went to The Fisherman village, very poor people. They make some game for the children, Drawing competition. The IC children bought their painting with their own pocket money.

- Children enjoy very much in their family week.

- We just finish with our mini camp, in the middle of Botanical garden.
Very beautiful scenery.

Children express their creation, discuss etc. The end of the mini camp is the handicap day, where all the children as an handicap people during the day, then they make an evaluation at the dinner time, where all the parents came for serving them with the Indonesian traditional culture.

-Tracking in the traditional village, where all the children learned how to make a traditional puppet, learned dancing, music, food etc. They clean the Water buffalo in the rice field, like the village people do.
Children enjoy very much and they know very well the culture.

- to day children played football, basket ball. They made some competition with other CISV ers (ex IC).

I send you some of the picture of our activity. I hope , it will not make your file be full.of it.
Thankyou for your kind attention.

Best regards:
Mira Wisendha. "

I think the email speaks for itself and is a wonderful example of the CISV spirit that we hear so much about. If anyone wishes to see the pictures, I am sure that INA will approve, I will gladly send them to you.

3. ADDRESS UPDATES

→ *not to be published online*

4. WS FOR LEADERS

This will most likely be of interest to European & middle eastern countries.

Italy is hosting a Regional Training Workshop for Leader Trainers (TTT Workshop 2003) on March 14th-16th 2003. Al those interested or wishing more information can contact Nico Montorsi at n.montorsi@it.cisv.org or leaderstraining@it.cisv.org

5. DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN. - Preliminary formation of delegations & family orientation

FEB. 28 - Administration Fee payable to IO for cancellations after this date

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

MAR. 31 - Matching of Delegates to be completed

MAR. 31 - No more Interchange matches after this date

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

Dates Past

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

Oct. - Start selection of delegates & leaders

Nov. 1 - Advise IO and or IIC of 2003 IC Acceptance or refusals
- 1st contact with partner chapter

DEC. 31 - Last day to cancel 2nd half of a previously started Interchange

Now, most other CISV Programmes also have a NewsLetter. Most are very 'fancy schmatzie' affairs set up from News Letter Templates available on the web. One of these days when I have more time away from my day job, I will try also try. BUT in the mean time, I hope that you are not too embarrassed by the fact that IIC does not have a 'Cecil B. DeMills' type NewsLetter. I do however hope that it remains informative and serves your purpose.

One thing that I would like to do, as I have done with NOR & INA Interchange, is to include more "feel good stories" about Interchanges. BUT I need your help on this one. I am sure that many countries have national papers / reports that contain happy stories of the IC experience. Please send them to me and allow me to share them with all NICs.

Also

If you have any interesting pictures of IC, please send them to me and I will see if the good <Dr.> Roman can place some of them on the IIC Web Page at www.cisv.ca/iic

Dats all for now folks
Stay Well
Keep in touch
TTFN
Yours in CISV
Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair