



IIC Info News

News Letter of the CISV International Interchange Committee
for National & Local Interchange Coordinators

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Picture of IC Committee

Go To

www.cisv.ca/iic

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PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER WITH
YOUR LIC's and Other Friends of Interchange
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HI & WELCOME BACK

September brings with it a new CISV Year and the organization of new Interchanges starting in 2004. 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.

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 are listed to the left and who also will be more than please to answer any of your questions.

I would like to specifically introduce to you the newest rookie of the IIC - Jacopo from Italy. Past members of the IIC wish him lots of fun in the IIC. I would also like to introduce a third group of active participants in the IIC whom we refer to as "The Friends of Interchange". They are: Amina D. from LJB; Anna M. from SWE; Cynthia C. from CRC; Dani R. from ITA; Manu E. from ITA; Guil B. from BRA; Joan P. from USA; Milly H. from INA; Rita C. from BRA and Walter from AUT. We thank these friends for their opinions and input into the Interchange Programme

NEW GENERAL GUIDE
for Programmes &
**INTERCHANGE
GUIDE**

Go To
<http://resources.cisv.org.guides>

**FAMILY IC GUIDE
FOR PARENTS**

Go To
www.cisv.ca/iic

**INTERCHANGE
SPECIFIC FORMS**

Go to
www.cisv.ca/iic

**INTERNATIONAL
FORMS**

Go to
<http://resources.cisv.org.guides>

**“Official”
IIC Web Page**

www.cisv.ca/iic

2004 & 2005 INTERCHANGE MATCHES

At the AIM all trustees in attendance were given the results of the Final Round 3 IC Matches and a list of email addresses for all NICs. Hopefully these were passed on to you. If not, please let me know and I will forward them to you. For those countries with multiple ICs, the ICs should now be distributed to your various chapters & LICs.

Your LICs should be making contact with the partner chapter as soon as possible and agreeing that they will USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS to establish an interchange. A NEW VERSION of the "Intent / Agreement To Have An Interchange Form" as found on www.cisv.ca/iic must be exchanged between LICs. 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 encourage them to look at "Interchange Checklist for Communication between chapters before NOVEMBER 1 of the First Phase of the Interchange" which can be found on the web site www.cisv.ca/iic.

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 INTEND 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.

PRACTICES

1. AIM 2003 Documents: All AIM 2003 documents can be found at <http://resources.cisv.org/documents/aim>. This web site contains all the committee reports for the year 2002 – 2003, all motions, all presentations on workshops, IEC Survey results, and EDR Report on 21 day Villages. Unfortunately, the web site does not yet contain the approved committee reports for 2003 – 2004. If you are interested in the IIC report for '03-'04, please let me know and I will forward it to you.

DATES TO REMEMBER
IC's STARTING
JUNE / JULY 2004

45 Days After IC
Ends - Interchange
Evaluations by LIC to NIC

October 1 –
Interchange Evaluations –
Send to IIC

November 1 – NIC
confirms / refuses AIM
matches to IIC

Intent to Interchange Form
exchanges btw LICs

Nov. 15 to Mar. 31

Obtain new or re-matched
Interchanges

2. DPAF: IO requires these report to close out their books on the Interchanges from this year.

3. Incident Reports: If your Interchange had any incidents that required medical or special attention, then an Incident Report must be filed with IO. If you are unsure if an Incident Report needs to be filed, do it anyway just to be save. The Incident Report can be found at <http://resources.cisv.org/forms>

4. Find Your IC Friends: If you are looking for some lost IC friends from 1963 or even 2003, register your name at the new CISV web site <http://friends.cisv.org> Every Interchange, Village, etc is listed on this site.

INTERCHANGE IS NUMBER ONE

This past year the IEC (International Executive Committee) conducted a survey on all CISV Programmes. The two surveys conducted were:

1. Participant & Cancellation Study (excluding Interchange)
2. National Association & Chapter Survey

A complete PowerPoint presentation and a Word Document Commentary can be found on the web site <http://resources.cisv.org/documents/aim>

From the second report some interesting facts about Interchange are presented.

When asked: "If you could choose what to host, list your order of preference ? "

Survey Says: 1. Interchange ; 2. Village ; 3. Summer Camp ; 4. Youth Meeting ; 5. Seminar Camp ; 6. IPP

IIC Says: We always knew we were the best -:) See the survey to find out why

When Asked: "What attracts people to CISV Programmes ? "

Survey Says: 1. Travel ; 2. Making New Friends ; 3. Educational Content

IIC Says: Once we attract the participants with the number 1 reason, it is up to us to show them the real reasons to belong to CISV. I find the third reason very important to the IC Programme – it stresses the need to develop a theme for each Interchange.

When Asked: "Greatest Problem When Hosting Interchanges ? "

Survey Says: 1. Finding leader ; 2. Donations ; 3. Finding Host Families

IIC Says: Check out the web site to find out what the problems are in the other Programmes

When Asked: "Greatest Problem Sending to Interchanges ? "

Survey Says: 1. Financial ; 2 & 3. Recruiting leaders and participants

IIC Says: Reason #1 is kind of a surprise and 2 & 3 are not unexpected. This is one of the major reasons the ' IIC Survey on Cancellation Rates ' concluded in the study presented as part of the AIM papers.

DATES TO REMEMBER
IC's STARTING
DEC, 2003 / JAN. 2004

OCT. 15 - Application Forms for traveling delegations received by hosting chapter for matching

OCT. 31 - Matching of Delegates to be completed

OCT. 31 - No more Interchange matches after this date

NOVEMBER - First group meeting of parents, delegates, leaders & LIC

NOV. 1 - Final Notification of Travel Plans

30 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL - Notify traveling delegation of final hosting plans

3 DAYS AFTER HOSTING STARTS - LIC sends DPAF & Risk Management Checklist to IO & NIC

Please go to the web site and read the National Association comments

ON WHY some people leave CISV ?

ON WHAT attracts people to CISV ?

ON PROGRAMME Committees !

ON HOSTING Preferences !

ON SENDING Delegates !

ON Cancellations !

ON Training !

IN MEMORIAM

Last month a dear friend of mine died – Dick Blenkiron. A man that many of you knew years ago when he was LIC of the Victoria Chapter in Canada and a few knew him directly as an Interchange Leader to Brazil & Mexico . For those of you that attended AIMs/IBMs you will have known him as the Trustee for Canada who loved to sing, dance and who usually was the last one to leave the party. Dick loved his work in CISV but most of all he loved life. Of interest may be memoriam web site that has been set up for Dick at www.cisv.ca

IC STORIES & PICTURES WANTED

If any of you have some neat IC stories or adventures from the past summers ICs please send them to me so I can share them with the rest of you. Also, some pictures that can be posted on the IC web site would also be welcome.

Keep in touch

TTFN

Yours in CISV

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair.

LEADERSHIP IS

What follows was part of a video used to close the AIM 2003, from

Priorities for Life

Robert K Cooper, PhD.

Video Edge Productions

[www.priorities for life.com](http://www.prioritiesforlife.com)

Some CISV Facts

Since 1951, a total of 4,497 International CISV activities have been held with 170,000 participants from 100 countries.

Today, 65 nations participate in CISV activities, and there are over 150 chapters around the world.

Each summer, over 7,000 people, most of them children and youth (aged 11 – 18) participate in CISV's international programs.

There are close to 40,000 CISV members worldwide.

CISV's international volunteer staff devotes a total of **over 250,000 hours** each year to running CISV's programs.

Leadership is...

The act of making a difference,
The ability to achieve results through people,
Who you are when no one else is looking,
Knowing what you're best at, what brings light to your eyes, and what you love most to do, and then doing it.
Honoring the greatness—and uniqueness—in others.
Knowing how deep the place is from which life flows.
Connecting every day to your deepest and most enduring values.
Doing whatever it takes to honor your word, care for your family, make a difference in your work, give hope to the people around you.
Experiencing life, not from looking in from the rim, but front and center.
Making adversity your ally.
Greatness is born during tough times and unexpected circumstances.
Knowing that from time to time you have to look backward to see forward.
Excelling instead of complaining.
No one has to lose for your to win.
Knowing when to come up for air.
Having an irrational sense of hope.
Being grateful for every genuine effort, act of kindness.

Knowing you're mostly unused potential and committing yourself to liberating the other 90% of your hidden capacity.

Leadership is...

Knowing that every day you have the same number of minutes as Edison, Lincoln, Galileo, Thoreau, King, da Vinci, Gandhi, Mother Theresa, Mandela, Einstein,
Aligning your daily efforts with Big Dreams and Great goals.
Glancing farther ahead,
Viewing life as a laboratory instead of a stage.
Challenging times are meant to be a test of spirit, not theatrics,
Knowing that the gap between what can be imagined and what can be accomplished has never been smaller.
Learning faster than the world is changing,
Constantly discovering and applying new strengths, talents, and passions.

Leadership is...

Valuing even the smallest moments of inspiration.
Facing the truth about weakness—first in yourself, and second in others—and managing these weaknesses out of the way.

Leadership is...

Learning from every stumble and setback.
No excuses.
No blaming.
No defensiveness.
Trusting enough to be trusted,
Having a curious mind,
Having a listening ear, an open heart.
Acknowledging that every day is a battle for control,
Not of the world around you,
but of your response to it.

Leadership is...

Envisioning how your choices and actions today may influence the next ten years.
Never forgetting from how far back a human being can come and still make a difference.

Leadership is...

Knowing that your path has a purpose beyond where it leads.

“Things which matter most
should never be at the mercy
of things which matter least.”

Goethe

Leadership is...

Knowing that the biggest risk in life is not to risk at all.
Being fun to be around, the way you used to be when you had no money.
Knowing that home is where the great are small and the small are great.

Doing all you can to have the heart of a lion,
The skin of a rhino,
And the soul of an angel.

Living so that when other people think of integrity, enthusiasu, commitment, and
caring, they think of you.

Leadership is...

Knowing you were born to make a difference in the world,
Can't play it safe,
Can't sit this one out.

The time is now,
The leader is you.

If not now, when?