



IIC Info News

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

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Picture of IC Committee

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YOUR LIC's and Other Friends of Interchange
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IF IT AIN'T BROKE.....

Greetings dear Friends of CISV & Interchange

It has been a few months since the last IIC Info NewsLetter. Over the past three years I have tried to issue a NewsLetter every month from September through to July. One of the main purposes of the NewsLetter was to provide some direction and guidance to you the NICs & LICs that make the Interchange Programme happen at the National and Local level.

Although I am always glad to hear from you – on any topic, small or large – during September & October I noticed that enquiries on the mechanics of the Interchange Programme decreased substantially from previous years. I then thought to myself “self, maybe the message is getting through and **they are listening and reading the Guide** otherwise there would be more questions “. So then I further thought that if things are going so smoothly, why not just leave it alone and see what happens.

And then I still had one further thought (yikkies !! 3 thoughts in a row) - “ **IF IT ANIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT** “, a very wise man once said (I believe he was a plumber).

And sure enough things are still going along just fine but I thought it was time to let you all know that the IIC is still here and that we will still be glad to hear from you. In the Interchange Programme success seems to be measured by the number of cancellations. I am most proud to report that, to date, we only have 1 Interchange cancellation.

Give yourselves a great round of applause. You have done a fantastic job to ensure that the IC Programmes in your chapters are successful and become a memorable experience for our youth. At this time I am reminded of the words of our founder, Doris Allen. At an IBM / AIM Doris gave an inspirational speech and it is one that I would now like to share with you.

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
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IIC Web Page**

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Doris said :

What it means for me to stand here and look at you... all of you

*I had an idea in New York. At the time I was living in Cincinnati. And when I got home, the idea would not go away. But I wondered, would anyone understand. What will I do with it? Finally I got the courage to tell a few people at my home **and look at what you have done.***

*Some how people did understand and did see the vision and it began to take form in terms of chapters. **And look what you are today***

*And I wish you could feel what I feel as I observe this. It is something that cannot be put into words adequately. But I look into your eyes and that thought who will understand and who will want to work for peace. And the idea lived and demanded expression **and there you were - you did understand***

*And you did have the motive to work and I am very much impressed by the work that you do, day after day, night after night. I am quite aware of it. And I want to try to feel the appreciation. Because I wondered what will happen to the idea. Who will take hold of it? Now I know. **I know who will take hold of it.***

*And I have seen at this particular IBM that I think I have not seen before in such strength, **and that is you.** Thank you.*

Doris would have very proud of the work that you do for CISV and the Interchange Programme. Now, I also know “who will take hold of it” - **and that is you** , the National & Local Interchange Co-ordinators. Be proud of your accomplishments towards our ultimate goal of world peace.

DATES TO REMEMBER
IC's STARTING
JUNE / JULY 2004

November 1 – NIC
confirms / refuses AIM
matches to IIC

Intent to Interchange Form
exchanges btw LICs

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

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

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

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

NEW EVALUATION PROCEEDURE

For this year the IIC is trying a new and hopefully improved programme evaluation procedure. In the past, the two main tools of the evaluation procedure were the Evaluation Forms and the AIM Clinics. Unfortunately the clinics always came before the October 1 Evaluation Form deadline. Issues and concerns from an NA were discussed at an AIM without the benefit of an Evaluation Form from the LIC or NIC and without the benefit of a counter response from the partner LIC or NIC.

For next years AIM'04, we would like to base the clinics on the Evaluations received prior to the AIM for concerns from the summer / winter 2003 ICs and the second leg of 2002 ICs. You will be advised prior to the AIM that a clinic is requested of your NA. By doing this, your representative at the clinic / AIM can come prepared with the facts and counter arguments – in the past many of the clinic representatives knew nothing of the concerns & issues being addressed at a clinic.

So far we have received Evaluations from about 1/3 of all Interchanges that started in 2003. Compared to the past years this is a decent return **but there is lots of room for improvement.** Therefore, it is not too late to send in the Evaluation Forms. An analysis of the Evaluation Forms will be done by the IIC up until May of 2004; so , **please** submit the Evaluations.

The IIC would very much love to read 'good' Evaluations . We don't always need to hear the negative issue of an Interchange. Let us hear about the 'good ones' so that they can also be shared with the partner chapters, ILTC, IPC and other all NICs.

ADDRESS UPDATES

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

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

New NIC for AUS

It is with great sadness and shock that we note the passing of Jack Gorman this past September. Jack was National Interchange Coordinator as well as being President of the Geelong Chapter.

New NIC

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JB, JBX & INTERCHANGE

International Junior Branch had a very interesting October NewsLetter which can be obtained through the resources.cisv.org web site or from www.ijb.ciev.org.

One thing in the IJB news letter that I want to draw to your attention:

1. IC is again well represented with an article from Jannicke.... tanx again - Jannicke
2. The news letter contains 3 articles on a programme the Juniors have called JBX. There are many similarities between JBX and IC with two huge differences:
 - Age for JBX is 16 to 20
 - No parent / family involvement

Some will remember from the AIM in USA, the great concern about lack of programmes for the 16 year olds and the IO task force that was set up to look at programmes for 16 year olds. Not too much came of this but it would appear the Juniors have taken the initiative to develop a programme for 16 year olds - and I applaud them for this. Please read the one article at the beginning of the News letter and the second near the end. IIC.

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.

I think the JBX is just great for IC and I think we should draw from the experience that the juniors develop through a JBX. As I see it, the two main areas are as follows:

- JBX works with camp themes and we could work together with the JBX organizers to develop an inventory of themes and theme templates that could be used by both groups
- the participants and BBs and BSs of JBX may wish to use and share their knowledge with IC by becoming Junior Leaders for IC or by becoming active in the Local Interchange Committee

The Juniors, especially those that have gone through the JBX programme, represent a huge resource for the Interchange Programme. They have tremendous energy and ideas, please do not overlook them when you are organizing Interchanges.

WELCOME & TANX

Things at IO have been given a little shuffle and a new addition. The International Office is pleased to announce a new staff member – Tracey Cairns whom will be replacing Jayne Thompson. In addition, as of January 1, Tracey will be responsible for looking after the Interchange Programme at IO. If you need any assistance from IO regarding IC Tracey can be contacted at Tracey.Cairns@cisv.org

So, please join me in welcoming Tracey into the IC family. We all hope that you find IC to be lots of fun to administer and that as NICs & LICs we can continue to work together to make IC one of the best CISV Programmes.

At this time we should all give Lynne a big round of applause for all the hard work she has done over the past years in administrating the IC Programme. Lynne will be assigned other projects at the IO and we wish her much success in her new tasks.

IN CONCLUSION

So another calendar year draws to a conclusion. I personally want to thank each of you for the many hours of volunteer work that you do for CISV and particularly for the Interchange Programme. At times I know that the work can be frustrating and I applaud you for your perseverance and dedication. Interchange is a wonderful programme, so different than

**THREE
IMPORTANT
THINGS TO
DO FOR A
SUCCESSFUL
IC**

1. Communicate

2. Communicate

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the other CISV camp based programmes. It is a unique programme and through your hard work we will all continue to make it the most unique CISV programme that CISV has to offer. Thank you, thank you all.

At this time of year may I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season. Give CISV a rest and enjoy the time with family and friends

Bonne anneblwyddn newydd ddadrfeliz natal, Roomsaid joulu puhikung ho sheng ten, Zorioneko gabon-hristos se rodi, krihstlindaja gezuar-kala christougena, s novym godom-felia ano nuevo, Een gelukkig nieuwjaar-sretan bosic, Bolgog karacsonny-vesele vianoce,

PEACE & contentment to all

Keep in touch

TTFN

Yours in CISV

Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair

