



IIC Info News

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

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2004-2005 Picture of IC Committee
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PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER
WITH YOUR LIC's and Other Friends of Interchange

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 finalize 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 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.

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.

And now a few words about the terrible tragedy in Asia. Soon after December 26 the IIC & IO were very relieved to learn that 3 Interchanges in Thailand and Indonesia were not affected by the Tsunami. I am sure that the delegations from Denmark and Brazil have had an experience that will not be forgotten.

In the past weeks much has been written about the tragedy in India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and surrounding area. As an engineer I belong to and support another volunteer organization called Engineers Without Borders – EWB. The Tsunami has brought to the fore many facets of the present state of affairs in areas and countries that are not as blessed as we are. The following is a reprint from EWB and expresses the world tragedy beyond that of the Tsunami.

GENERAL GUIDE for all CISV 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/forms>

“Official” IIC Web Page

www.cisv.ca/iic



IMPORTANT



IOs currently updating their web pages. For current IO related forms & guides, pls use those on www.cisv.ca/iic

POVERTY AND THE ASIA DISASTER

What is the difference between a starving and scared villager in Darfour, a family devastated by a Tsunami in Sri Lanka or Indonesia, and a women struggling to meet her family's needs day in and day out anywhere in the world?

What is the difference between disaster relief, reconstruction and long-term development.

We would like to take this opportunity to stimulate your thinking about the link between poverty and disasters -- to highlight the opportunity for the world to help in the aftermath of disasters and to undertake poverty alleviation activities that reduce people's vulnerability to disaster. We also touch upon the role that organizations play in disaster response, rebuilding and poverty reduction.

We have put together an information page which introduces the topic and points you to some resources to learn more. We cover:

- Natural Disasters and link to poverty
- Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance
- Rebuilding Efforts
- World Poverty in comparison to the disaster
- Long-term development
- Why doesn't EWB work in disaster relief?
- Why are there not more opportunities to volunteer to do disaster relief or rebuilding with aid organizations?

Please visit our site at

<http://www.ewb.ca/content/en/news/povertydisastersdevelopment.shtml> to learn more about these issues.

STRATEGIC PLANNING – PART 3

In the last issue of IIC Info News we reviewed and explained the SP process and the part that each committee plays in attaining the ultimate vision of

BY 2009, BECOME A LARGER NETWORK OF SUCCESSFUL NAs IN EVERY CONTINENT

and the 5 priorities set forth at AIM 2004.

Thank you to those that participated in the discussion of the goals that Interchange should follow in attaining the vision and the five priorities. The outcome of these discussion are that the IIC has set the following goals for Interchange:

Leadership - Have a system in place for global leader selection, training and evaluation by 2006

Financial - 1. Assist weaker nations through the formation of an

DATES TO REMEMBER IC's
STARTING JUNE / JULY

January – Formation of delegations
& parent orientation

February 28 – Last date to cancel
without penalty

February 28 – Send Delegate
Information Forms for delegate
pairing

February 28 – No new matches after
this date

March 1 – IC Date Confirmation
Date – Form IDCF

March 31 – No re-matches

March 31 – Pairing / Matching of
delegates completed

April – 1st Group Meeting

May 1 – Notify Partner of Travel
Plans & Hosting Agenda

May – Select Destinations for 2006

June 1- Matching Data Sheet to IO

Interchange Development Fund

2. Provide professional information for fundraising

Co-operation - 1. Joint venture with organizations having similar goals to that of Interchange
2. Run quality measurement information systems for Interchange

Avoid Exclusion - Promote discussion and awareness of the disadvantaged and groups with specific challenges

Strengthen Chapters - 1. Offer Work Shops for Interchange in every country
2. Establish an Interchange Training Taskforce

The above will, in the next years be the focus of the IIC plans. A review of your current plans and actions indicates that some of these goals are being addressed now. Any further comments you may have would be welcomed and appreciated.

FEBRUARY 28TH COMETH

For Interchanges that start in June / July of 2005, the last day to cancel the IC without any penalties is February 28. For Interchanges that start December 2005 / January 2006 the last date to cancel the IC without any penalties is August 15, If, as NICs you need to cancel an IC at any time, please keep the following procedures in mind.

(i) Notify the partner LIC. If at all possible try to be more personnel and talk directly to the LIC by telephone. Just think, how would you like to receive the news.

(ii) As NIC, you would probably know by now but ask other chapters in your country if they can pick up the IC.

(iii) If no other chapter in your country wants the IC, notify IO and your partner NIC of the cancellation using the new "Interchange Cancellation Form" and send the Cancellation Form to Gill Edgar at CISVIO@dial.pipex.com or Gillian.Edgar@int.cisv.org or fax to + 44 191 261 4710

After February 28 / August 15 cancelled ICs are subject to financial penalties imposed in accordance with Info File C-11. The only exceptions are cancellations due to "force majeure" in which case the penalty is about 25 Br. Pds. It is my understanding that "force majeure" includes such things as acts of war, strikes etc.

The penalties will be assessed and assigned by IO. The penalties listed in C-11 may only be a portion of the total penalty. The other half can be costs incurred by the other chapter in the preparation of a hosting Programme or in the case of a traveling delegation, the flight costs of purchased tickets.

★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★

Updated Interchange Calendar
available on www.cisv.ca/iic

DATES TO REMEMBER IC's STARTING

DEC'05 / JAN. / APR. 2006

June 1- Matching Data Sheet to IO
for 2006 Destinations

August 15 – Last date to cancel
without penalty

August 15 – No new matches after
this date

September 1 – IC Date Confirmation
Date – for Dec / Jan ICs

October 15 – Send Delegate
Information Forms for delegate
pairing

October 31- No re-matches

October 31 – Pairing / Matching of
delegates completed

October 1 – 1st Group Meeting

30 Days Before Arrival – Notify
Partner of Travel Plans & Hosting
Agenda

Feb 1 – IC Date Confirmation Date –
for Apr. ICs

TO JL OR NOT TO JL

Every year around this time there are always discussions about making the inclusion of a Junior Leader in the Interchange compulsory. Jannicke B-F and Frank S. have entertained the IIC with their counter view points on this matter which I would now like to share with you.

Why is it a positive thing to have a JL in an IC? (View point by Jannicke)

Having a JL in an IC has never been mandatory, and it has always been up to the chapters to decide whether they want to have it or not. One of the main reasons for not having it, is that it costs a lot of money. Going as a JL with an IC is not automatically paid by the parents of the delegates. The parents have to pay for the leader, but there is no rule saying that they have to pay for the JL. Of course this makes it harder to find a JL, especially if the JL will have to pay everything by herself.

Still, having a JL gives you a lot of advantages and makes a lot of things easier before, during and after the IC.

First of all, you will all the time have two leaders in each group, something which is practical when you have to split the group in two of practical or security reasons etc.

Second, having a JL makes the leader's job easier. Even though the leader still is the responsible person for the whole group, you will have the opportunity to divide work tasks between the leader and the JL. A lot of the tasks you have to do during an IC is no problem getting help from the JL to do, for example activities, driving the delegates around, be in charge of different tasks and activities, be a supportive person for the youths etc.

Third, a JL is closer to the youths in age, so the youths might feel more secure on telling the JL about problems they feel they are facing in the IC, and then the JL can pass this on to the leader.

Fourth, it is good to have two different sexes in the leader's group. If you have a male leader, the girls in the delegation might feel more secure on a female JL, talking to her about "girl's things".

Fifth, if any of the youths are facing any kind of personal problems while abroad (sickness, illness, death in the family etc), it is a possibility that the JL goes back home with that youth. In a situation like this, you will still have an adult staying with the rest of the group wherever they are. There is a certain bonding between leaders and delegates that makes it easier to have the leader stay instead of having to ask another foreigner / a person the youths don't even know, to be in charge of the group if the only leader has to go home or to the hospital with one of his' youths.

According to all these points, I do recommend all ICs to have a JL and a leader while organizing an IC. Maybe a solution to the financial problem by having a JL, could be that the chapter covers 50 percent of the JL's costs? At least when the delegation gets bigger than 8 delegates it should be a JL in the IC.

At the point you have more than 10 delegates, the international rules say that you have to have a leader and a JL, or two leaders.

DATES TO REMEMBER IC's STARTING

DEC'04 / JAN. / APR. 2005

30 Days Before Arrival – Notify Partner of Travel Plans & Hosting Agenda

3 Days After Start of Interchange - DPAF to IO

2 Weeks After Completion of Interchange – LT Evaluation Form & Staff / LIC Recommendation Form

30 Days After Completion of Interchange – Programme Director's Form to IO

April – IIC Evaluation Form

THREE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO FOR A SUCCESSFUL INTERCHANGE

1. Communicate
2. Communicate
3. Communicate

An opinion for not making a JL compulsory (View Point by Frank)

Even if there is a strong recommendation of the International Interchange Committee (IIC) for having a Junior Leader (JL) as a second adult in an Interchange (IC), there are some obstacles about it. In a one chapter NA or in smaller CISV chapters, it is difficult to find enough suitable participants for all positions in an IC. For this reason the group is often limited to six or eight delegates and one adult leader. Often the number of members is not of a suitable size to have enough Juniors in the age of 18 and up, so the recruitment and selection of a leader is difficult enough.

Furthermore, the inclusion of a JL into the IC group is associated with higher costs. As the leader's travel costs are already paid by the parents, taking a JL will double these additional costs. In a country with a slowed down economy these additional costs might mean that parents will refuse to send their child as an IC delegate.

Another big issue is the training of the JL. The International Leader Training Committee (ILTC) has to emphasize more on the relation of JL and leader. If the role of leader and JL is not clear a JL might end up being just an extra delegate. This might end in frustration for both leader and JL.

Next to the given arguments it is impossible for some countries to find CISV participants of the JL age group. In some countries young people who leave school have to go to army duty or they just leave their country to study abroad. In this case making a JL compulsory for all ICs would mean that no ICs can happen with this country.

For the given reasons the IIC should leave the rule about having a JL in an IC as a recommendation.

link to the Junior Leader Guidelines:

http://www.cisv.ca/iic/Junior%20Leader%20Guidelines_Aug00.doc

ADDRESS UPDATES

BRAZIL – NIC
New Email Addresses
ritaccosta@veloxmail.com.br or
interchange@cisv.org.br

AUSTRALIA – Alternate NIC
Barry Plant
Plant.barry.n@edumail.vic.gov.au



WHO WILL TAKE HOLD OF IT ?

**Motivational Speech
By**

Doris Allen

www.cisv.calic

GETTING AN IC STARTED

After the selection of delegates, most Interchanges start with a meeting of all participants and may be chaired by the LIC. The following is a **suggested agenda** for the 1st meeting and some of the things that need to be considered for an Interchange. The format and items to be discussed will no doubt vary depending on your country and the preparation work that has been done.

- Introduction of Leader? and LICs
- Introduction of Parents & Delegates
 - introduce your child
 - previous CISV experience
 - found out about CISV from.....
 - what I would like my child to get out of this IC experience
 - what I as a parent would like to get out of this CISV experience
- Excerpts from CISV " Family Guide for Interchange "
 - photocopy & distribute Guide for next meeting
- Delegate Meeting - Leader and delegates can separate from the main parent meeting and get to know each other & chat about 'stuff'
- Interchange Programme Fee
- Practices of Organizing an IC
 - **Guide To CISV International Interchanges**
 - **Minutes of Meeting**
 - Select recording secretary - 1 person; host family; previous host family
 - distribute minutes of meeting with copy to Interchange Coordinator
 - meetings can rotate from one delegate house to another
 - who will chair meeting? Leader will oft times be occupied with kids
 - **Budget**
 - select treasurer(s)
 - determine budget for the interchange.
 - **Travel Uniforms - Optional**
 - Invite leader for Dinner or Family Outing
 - get to know your leader, have her/him get to know you. Remember he/she will need to have all the understanding and help you can give.
 - Discuss any private concerns with your leader
 - **Letter Writing**
 - matching is complete, encourage your son/daughter to email his/her partner. Parents are also encouraged to do the same .



*APR – Revised Mini
Camp Guide*

*FEB – Interchange
Jeopardy*

JUN – 3 Way IC Guide

- **Hosting Plans**

- submit your hosting plan to the Interchange Coordinator , for review, at least one month prior to departure

- 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

- 2 Yr. IC - 16 of 28 days taken up by must activities, based on group activities every 2 to 3 days leaves 4 activities to be planned

- 1 Yr. IC - 8 of 14 days taken up by must activities, based on group activities every 2 to 3 days leaves 2 activities to be planned

- brain storming session - each person pick 3 activities that cost money

- each person pick 3 activities that cost no money

- **CISV Commitments**

- obligations to CISV do not end when delegates return home and the interchange is finished

- **Process for Decision Making**

- by vote
- by consensus

- **Determine Rules of Group Activities**

- **Mini Camp**

- dates as per schedule
- parent input to be discussed with leaders and camp

directors

- **National Night**

- delegates and leader usually determine programme

- **Forms ,Documentation**

- Numerous CISV forms to be filed out - distributed by

leader

- are passports / birth certificates in order and up to date.

For delegates of divorced parents, additional documentation may be required

- **Research**

- do research on character of country you are going to and / or of the character of the people in that country i.e cultural differences

- **Next Meeting**

Did You Know.....

While sitting upright

Lift your right foot off the floor & make clockwise circles.

NOW

While doing this, draw the number “ 6 “ in the air with your right hand.....

Your foot will automatically change direction of rotation

ODDS & ENDS

1. Interchange IC Numbers

When corresponding with the IIC & IO please use the identification number (ex. I-2005-199). It saves a lot of time trying to guess which IC it is and also which year.

2. Interchange Cancellation Form

Just a reminder that if you wish to cancel an Interchange, both chapters must complete the “ Interchange Cancellation Form “ which can be found on www.cisv.cisv.org or on www.cisv.ca/iic

2. Usage Matrix

As we all know CISV has Guides, Info Files, Documents, Forms & Presentations AND lots of them. Ever wonder what files apply directly to you or just to the leader or just to the parents. The document centre on resources.cisv.org can help your sort this out. BUT to help out IC participants directly; we have placed on the web site www.cisv.ca/iic an IC Usage Matrix that will list the documents that are of interest for just the Interchange participants.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE

Looking through some old CISV info I came across the criteria that Doris Allen used to select the delegates of the 1st Village more than 50 years ago. Here they are:

- ability to learn quickly
- an outgoing, friendly nature
- acceptance by other children
- good health
- a stable emotional makeup
- the ability to transmit the experience to others after camp
- a real desire to Be friends with children from other countries

Not much has changed in 54 year of CISV, eh!

Till Next time
Stay Well
TTFN
Yours in CISV
Heinz Boehnke - IIC Chair

