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Message from IIC

Dear Friends of Interchange,

I am very happy to present the first newsletter of 2008; I hope you will find the information in this issue interesting and useful.

February is one of the most challenging months in the Interchange Programme; the negotiation phase is over and most LIC's are working on the final details. Some challenges may arise, the guidance and ability to solve issues of the NIC's is vital to ensure that all their ICs will take place this year.

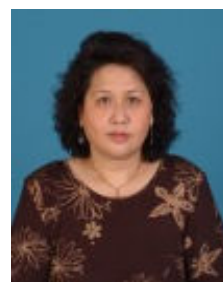
In this issue you will read about the 2 successful interchange stories that took place during the last year in different regions of the world (France, Indonesia & Japan), an article about the importance of building relations with your interchange partners, important deadlines and reminders for February and March - Cancellations without Penalties, Rematch-Process, how to find a new Match and sending delegate information to host countries and details on how to register for the Interchange Workshop in Sao Paulo. Then learn about the new branding guidelines and our new interchange logo. Finally meet the last members of our committee.

And remember the International Interchange Committee (IIC) is working through its Regional Contacts to help you achieve successful interchanges. If you have any questions or need help, contact your respective Regional Contact.

From all of us in the IIC, our best wishes to all the interchange families around the world in this new year.

Cynthia Cañas, Costa Rica

Introduction to the IIC members



Hi, I'm Yulia from Indonesia. I was born and still live in the capital city, South Jakarta. I have 3 graduated boys who were all

CISV leaders. I became a CISV member at 1996 when my 2nd son joined an IC program with Brazil/Sao Paulo, and since then I fell in love with IC and became a LIC for nearly 5 years. I attended the IC workshop in Graz, Austria during AIM(IBM) and since 2005 I was chosen to be the chapter President till the end of this year, so hopefully I will have more time to help the IC in my region in 2008. I'm self employed in a family bussiness as a marketer, hopefully I can be a useful hand for making the IIC more success.



My name is Gerhard Grubb Waaentz, I'm 36 years old and working as a school teacher at a boarding school in Denmark

with English and Physical Education as my main subjects. I have been in CISV since 2000 - where I was "lured" into participating as a leader in an

Interchange. Since then I have done a lot of different things within CISV; another IC to Brasil, been the NIC for the last five years, done a YM in Sweden and been camp director for both an IPP and this year for the great Buddy Building Village in Denmark. I hope that I can be able to help out in the international work with the IC programme because I think it is one of the most exciting programmes in CISV, but also one with a lot of challenges to participants, leaders and families. Besides CISV and reading I love football and have been a football coach for the last 18 years - right now coaching a boys U-14 team, which I am really enjoy.



Monica, loves to play golf; has a son, a daughter and 2 grandchildren.

Was NIC for Sweden for more than 6 years and has been part of the Interchange Committee since 2001. She teaches Swedish as a second language.

Stay tuned.... In the next edition of the IIC newsletter you will find all about Paola

Building Relations with your Interchange Partners

Some weeks ago, as I was going through some of my old CISV papers I ran into a couple of CISV NEWS from the early 1980s. At that time some of you might have already been participants in CISV programs, so did I; others might have been dreaming of meeting many new friends in an interchange some day, or maybe some of you were not even born. As I read the articles, letters and messages from people all over the world, I realize that there are still things that didn't change over time; the relations we once build are still there. Friends looking for friends, greetings, phrases and words reminded me of the wonderful experiences we all made in CISV activities.

This time of the year is important to start with your own networks, start building relations with NICs, LICs, parents, delegates, leaders, and interchange partners. In a few months your interchanges will take place and the relations that you have build through the coming months will become stronger when delegations meet face to face.

The base of every new relation started with the first communication between partner NICs and LICs last year. It is your responsibility to continue with this communication and to ensure the communication continues with the leaders and families.

**"Each friend
represents a world
in us, a world
possibly not born
until they arrive,
and it is only by
this meeting that a
new world is born".**

Anaïs Nin

As part of this new relation, all NAs holding interchanges in 2008-2009 should have completed and signed the (IC-FIA) Interchange Friendly Intent / Agreement between Chapters Form; and sent it to Jay at the IO before January 15th. If you still have not sent it, please do so.

There are two other important deadlines to be met in the following weeks:

FEBRUARY 29TH - Last Day for Cancellations without Penalties

For Interchanges starting in June/July/August of 2008, the last day to cancel the IC without any penalties is February 29th. For Interchanges that start December 2008 / January 2009 the last date to cancel the IC without any penalties is August 15th.

If you, as NIC, need to cancel an IC at any time, please keep the following procedures in mind:

1. Help and support your LICs in finding ways that '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 a very close Interchange experience.

If saving the interchange was not possible, follow the next steps.

2. For multi-Chapter NAs: If one chapter in your NA can't fill the delegation, please check with other chapters in your NA. One might have a long waiting list of

applicants and might consider an additional IC. Chapter changes are possible. Please contact and inform your partner NA/NIC. If saving the interchange was not possible, follow the next steps:

3. If no other chapter in your country wants the IC, notify IO and your partner NIC of the cancellation using the "Interchange Cancellation Form" and send the Cancellation Form to Jay Warriner at the IO to jay.warriner@cisv.org or fax to + 44 191 261 4710. Both chapters must complete the "IC Cancellation Form". Especially the cancelled chapter should give all information needed for the Open List and a rematch. Those are: age group, short/long, requested regions, possible dates for the hosting and travelling, e-mail address of NIC.

4. LICs notify their partner LIC, only after informing their NIC. If possible try to be more personal and talk directly to the LIC by telephone. Just think how you would like to receive the news.

After February 29 / 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 general "force majeure" includes things as acts of war, strikes, natural disasters, etc.

The penalties will be collected by IO. The penalties listed in Info File C-11 may only

"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: "What! You, too? Thought I was the only one".

C.S. Lewis

be a portion of the total penalty. The other part consists of costs incurred by the other chapter in the preparation of a hosting programme (booking the mini-camp site) or in the case of a travelling delegation, flight costs of purchased tickets.

If you are having trouble completing your delegation don't wait until the last minute to cancel, your partner needs time to find a solution!

Rematch-Process: Finding a new Match

After an interchange has been cancelled, you need to look for another partner.

Jay Warriner from IO sends out the Open List of Interchange Requests whenever a change is made. The list is sent to all NICs that still have a request on the Open List. If NICs feel that they would like to give additional information, please drop an e-mail to Jay. There is no automatic system to match countries from the Open List, since requests on the Open List usually exist because there is no match possible.

Since no match is possible and no automatic matching is done by IO or IIC, a NIC need to contact another NIC from the list and ask if they might be interested in an Interchange. Usually some of the data does not match. E.g. your favourite partner from the Open List is looking for Central Europe, but you are from North Europe. Don't worry, they might be willing

to accept, since there are not many chances. You also might find out that dates will not match, but you can ask to make a long IC instead and go July and December. Everything is possible and it's up to you.

If NICs don't have certain reasons, in some case travel costs would differ too much, they will contact their chapter, discuss the option of having an interchange and come back to you. As soon as both NICs agreed, send an e-mail to Jay at IO and she will issue a new IC number.

Even if you can't make a rematch now, you might consider the option to go for an IC next years.

Rematch-Process overview:

- The first step is to look at the open list (IO will send the final open list in the first week March after cancellations have been received)
- According to the options of this list contact NICs from countries that could make a new match with your country
- If both countries agree on a new match, inform Jay at the IO immediately, but before March 31st.
- IO will assign a new interchange number
- Continue communicating constantly with your partner
- Send delegate information for matches to the host country.

"Those truly linked don't need correspondence. When they meet again after many years apart, their friendship is as true as ever."

Deng Ming-Dao

You need an Additional Match: MARCH 31st. - Last Day for new IC Matches

During these months of applications, one of your chapters might find out that they need an additional interchange. They might have much more applicants than expected, etc. So, the NIC should contact Jay at IO and ask to be placed on the Open List. Please send her all data needed for an interchange: age group, short/long, requested regions, possible dates for the hosting and travelling, possible number of delegates, e-mail address of NIC. Jay will send you the latest Open List. From there you follow the procedures for the Rematch Process.

There is one difference between a rematch and a new match: The last day of March is the deadline for new IC matches. Since interchanges might be cancelled late IIC might allow a rematch for a cancelled delegation in April, but not for new Interchanges. The reason is that IIC believes that the preparation phase for an interchange is approximately three months – and this is the minimum time for an additional IC request. Since a cancelled delegation has already started with preparation IIC might consider a new match for cancelled delegations in April. IO and IIC usually empty the Open List in May, since no more matches should happen then.

MARCH – The pairing month – send Delegate Information Forms to the host country

The first country that will host the interchange is responsible for making the delegates' pairing. For all interchanges beginning in June/July/August 2008, LICs must collect Information Forms and send them to the partner country. The first host does the pairing and sends their own Information Forms back to the other LIC. They are accompanied by a list of suggested partners. When you receive the list of suggested partners, check it and confirm it to your partner LIC. Keep up the communication with your partner LIC, but also bring both leaders in contact. Their close contact is needed to ensure further planning.

Remember, the relations and networks you have will help you to establish successful and enjoyable Interchanges – for the delegates, the leaders, families and yourself. After all, that is the reason why you are doing this – your CISV families will appreciate all your efforts.

Cynthia Cañas, Costa Rica

Successful Interchange stories

Lyon-Jakarta 2006-2007

Hello to all of you,

The delegation from Jakarta came to Lyon on July 2006 and in the summer of 2007 we met again in Jakarta. What a great experience!!!!

We were so pleased and excited to meet our partners again, to live in their

families, to discover another country and culture. We did so many things : swimming in a river with cows, walking in rice culture, meeting so many and so different people, going to the mosque, tasting and eating so many different kinds of food. When I came back home it took me a week to eat again french food. I enjoyed so much these noodles, and of course to share such nice time with fun, laughter, seriousness, respect and good mood.

I just want to say : thank you, thank you so much to the CISV that gave us this great and marvellous experience, thank you to all the delegations, many thanks to our Indonesian friends.

A big thank you to my partner and to his family, I will never forget you all.

My real hope is to stay in contact, to be friends for ever. I miss you and I will never never forget you.

Good bye to you all, Love from **Alex**



Another thing : a few days before Christmas we had a call from Rhea, the Indonesian leader. She wanted to come for a few days on Christmas. She arrived

on the 24th of December, It was difficult to organise delegation time because all of the french kids were on holidays. So she stayed with my family. We shared Christmas time with her : we had gone to the church, she tasted our traditional food and she enjoyed so much to eat snails. On the 26th of December we went to the mountains, in the French Alps, Meribel a very famous ski resort. When we arrived she had to wear some hot clothes. She said she feels like a moon man. We had gone sledging and it was so much fun.

All was white, the sun was shining. We took the cable car and climbed up to the mountain at 3000 m of altitude. You can not believe how nice it was. We saw the Mont Blanc and had lunch with another french boy from the delegation who was spending some days there aswell.

It was so beautiful to know that it was the first time for her to be in a such a great place, and that she has discovered this place with us - my mother, my sister and I. Each time we go there, my little sister says that she will remember all her life, the first time here with Rhea. She wrote us the following: "One of my best experiences, maybe next time I will try to ski".

It was awesome for her and for us. I could'nt imagine that our friendship will become so strong, so emotional. Once again thank you CISV.

I know one day I will go back to Indonesia to meet all my friends, they can come to

France whenever they want and I'm specially waiting for you Rhea, to teach you how to ski. I know I have friends for life in a country far from my France but so near in my heart.

Love and Peace,

Alex ,my little sister Constance and my mother, Fabienne.

Interchange Program Indonesia– Japan 2007-2008

The Interchange Program of Indonesia and Japan was held in one year. The visiting period was on 24th July – 14th August 2007, then the hosting was on 21st December 2007 – 6th January 2008.

Through this program all participants, families and leaders have learned that living in different culture and point of view needs big effort. Even Indonesia and Japan are Asian, both of them have a lot of differences that all participants must understand.

Delegates from Japan learned that Indonesia has a variety of ethnics, languages and cultures. Wherever they traveled in Indonesia they met different cultures that they do not see in Japan.

On the other hand the Indonesian delegates found that Japan is a unique Asian country. It means that Japan has its own culture and point of view which is different from other Asian countries.

From those reasons both delegates agreed that Japan delegates “see” something from “one” point of view but Indonesian delegates “see” something

from “variety” point of view. These experiences have successfully taught both delegations how to live in harmony with differences that will lead to build global friendship. As our theme of hosting was CIRCLE of FRIENDS, through the Interchange program of Indonesia and Japan we have made the circle bigger.

CISV’s tag line maybe relatively new, but it describes what all our programs have been helping us do for many years: building global friendship.

From 11 year old Villagers to 18 year old Seminar Campers, the world’s kids have been making friends around the globe since Doris Allen gave birth to our organization. But even more than CISV’s camp-based programs, Interchange helps entire families, sometimes several generations of families, to build lasting friendships that can go back and forth across our oceans numerous times. Interchange delegates and their families have hosted their partners’ family members (even grandmothers and cousins) long after the match was finished; they have flown across the miles for such things as a semester of study in their partner’s school, or their partner’s Bar Mitzvah, or a wedding or other special events; they have developed friendships that last a lifetime.

Ade Mirzanthy (Indonesian Delegates Leader)



New Branding Guidelines and Interchange Logo

Our organization has a new face and all publications and communications should follow the new branding guidelines. All NIC's, LIC's and leaders must become familiar with these guidelines and start using them in all written documents. You will find all the details in, <http://resources.cisv.org/branding>

The Interchange Programme also has a new logo. This logo should be used by anyone involved in interchanges, e.g. for participants pages, general interchange presentations in chapters, etc.



IIC Online Resources:

Webpage International Interchange Committee: <http://www.cisv.org/iic>

All Forms relating to the Interchange Programme:

<http://resources.cisv.org/docs/main?action=query.execute&doctype=3&context=2>

All Guides relating to the Interchange Programme:

<http://resources.cisv.org/docs/main?action=query.execute&doctype=1&context=2>

Send a message/ question to the Chairperson:

[mailto: interchange@cisv.org](mailto:interchange@cisv.org)

Send/request Information regarding Interchange to/from IO:

[mailto: jay.warriner@cisv.org](mailto:jay.warriner@cisv.org)

Attend the IC workshop in Sao Paulo, Brazil

March 19 - 23, 2008

If you will like to learn more about how to prepare a successful Interchange programme, join the IC workshop to be held in Sao Paulo next March.

You will have the opportunity to learn about general themes of the IC Programme such as communication, tasks & roles, matchbox, practices, forms, recruitment & selection and rules & procedures.

The IC workshop is addressed to everyone who currently or in the future will hold a position in the IC programme: NIC, LIC, Tutor/DC, Leader-trainers, Leaders/JL and any other person with additional interest in the administration of an IC. Parents who think of supporting CISV in future years are welcome.

Register online before February 28th,

At:

<http://www.europe.cisv.org/odc/forums/southamerica/index.html>