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Message from IIC

Dear Interchange Friends . . . Here's another exciting issue of our IIC Newsletter—please relax for a few minutes and catch up with the world of Interchange!

Your IIC (International Interchange Committee) has new leadership. At the AIM in Florence (August 2008), we said a fond farewell to Frank Steffen of Germany, who served as Chair of the committee for the past three years.

We are very pleased to welcome our new Chair, Cynthia Cañas from Costa Rica! Cynthia was an eleven-year-old delegate to Village (just a few years ago), and credits that experience as being “one of the most important and inspirational” of her life. She went on to participate in Interchange and other CISV programs, as a youth delegate, leader and staff. Cynthia also served on the national board of CISV Costa Rica, including several years as President, and was the coordinator of the AIM 2003 in Costa Rica. Professionally, Cynthia studied International Business and now travels throughout Central America representing a global consumer goods company in its Public Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility programs.

Cynthia will be assisted this year by the new IIC Alternate Chair, Eileen Weber from the U.S. Eileen will continue as ReCo for the Americas, and will also Coordinate all the IIC ReCos. She has just finished a five year tenure as NIC USA, and formerly participated in three Interchanges as an adult leader. She has also served in other CISV roles, including Chapter President, National Secretary and National Trainer for CISV USA.

We have other people to introduce: at the AIM in Florence, the IIC recruited some new young energy for the committee. You will meet Anca Barcu (ROM), Sara Husdal (DEN), Manu Melsa (GER) and Semira Tesfamicael (ITA), so keep reading! And of course our other committee members continue to work hard to make Interchange even better and stronger: Ayat Abdel Mooty (EGY), Christine Stremsoerfer (FRA) and Yulia K. Noor (INA), plus Frank Steffen (GER) and Vickie Breedlove (USA), who have stayed to finish a few tasks. And we must mention our dear Editor of this Newsletter, Ronit Sharir (ISR)—she is waiting to hear from you with news and photos of your own Interchange successes. Please send items to Ronit at iic.editor@cisv.org.

But enough about us—enjoy the rest of this issue! **Eileen Weber (USA)**



New IIC Chair, Cynthia Cañas (CRC) and Alternate Chair, Eileen Weber (USA)



IIC at AIM 2008

Introduction to New IIC Members



Anca is my name, I'm 25 and I come from Romania. I've been with CISV since I was 11, I've learned a lot of great things, had wonderful experiences and now I'm glad that I have the chance to give something back. I've recently joined the IIC and I'll be working on training, guide update and internal resources among other things. I'm easy to spot because I have really long black hair, almost 1 meter long :)



Hi, I'm Manu from Germany/Hamburg. My second life started in 2003 when I participated in my first program. Now, after almost 8 years of studying educational science and 5 years of CISVing as a leader and Staff (Village, IC, SC, NLTC, LIC, TTT etc.) I'm almost done with my academic studies and I realized that I need to achieve new aims in CISV. For my NA I do Local Trainings for Interchange, I'm a member of the NLTC and I'm involved in the LIC. For CISV International I'll be the connection between the IIC and the ILTC, where I am a committee member as well. Tadaa – here I am. Nice to meet you!



I'm Sara, the new ReCo in Northern Europe. I'm Swedish but live and study Medicine in Denmark. My first CISV-experience was 18 years ago and I'm still very excited about our organization. Since August 2008 I'm involved in the IIC, and I really enjoy working with the Interchange program.



Hi! Im Semira, but you can call me Sami. I was born on the 3rd of August 1984, from Eritrea but living in Italy since 2006 and a student of science of communication. I have been in CISV since 2007 as a leader for village, interchange, summer camp, staff for youth meeting (age 16-17) and AIM. To add up I have done and keep doing different things in my chapter and nation wise. My future has to be involved in international relations and peace-keeping organizations and off course CISV. Well, this is me, hope to cooperate and do great things together with all the IC crew.

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Correct Ages for Interchange

For programs beginning in the summer of 2009:

For an A group (12-13's): Delegates' birthdays should fall between 1 June 1995 and 31 August 1997.

For a B group (13-14's): Delegates' birthdays should fall between 1 June 1994 and 31 August 1996.

For a C group (14-15's): Delegates' birthdays should fall between 1 June 1993 and 31 August 1995.

For a Junior Leader: The birthday must fall between 1 June 1988 and 31 August 1991, and he/she must also be at least four years older than the oldest youth delegate.

An Adult Leader must have been born anytime prior to 1 June 1988 (but we encourage you to use more mature persons).

For programs beginning in the winter of 2009:

For an A group (12-13's): Delegates' birthdays should fall between 1 November 1995 and 31 January 1998.

For a B group (13-14's): Delegates' birthdays should fall between 1 November 1994 and 31 January 1997.

For a C group (14-15's): Delegates' birthdays should fall between 1 November 1993 and 31 January 1996.

For a Junior Leader: The birthday must fall between 1 November 1988 and 31 January 1992, and he/she must also be at least four years older than the oldest youth delegate.

An Adult Leader must have been born anytime prior to 1 November 1988 (but we encourage you to use more mature persons).

How to respond if your partner country asks you to accept a delegate who is not the correct age:

"Our chapter cannot select a delegate who does not meet the age requirements specified in the Basic Rules of CISV. Not only would we risk a sanction by our National Association, the NA might be at risk of sanctions by CISV International. If your chapter/NA selects and sends a child for us to host who is not the correct age, we will do our best to find a good match in the Interchange delegation, and will treat the child hospitably. But we cannot endorse or approve of the selection."

Eileen Weber (USA)

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Pending PDPEF Forms

Thank you to all the NAs that have completed the PDPEF forms and sent them in time to IO. The information in these forms is vital for the IO and for our interchange program. PDPEF forms will not only give IIC feedback on how to improve the Interchange Program, it also allows IO to do the correct billing to your chapter/NA.

PDPEF forms should have been completed and sent to IO within 2 weeks of the end of a short program, or 2 weeks after the hosting phase of a long program last JULY/AUGUST. In other words forms for the following matches are more than 2 months past due (as of 10 October 2008):

I-002 SWE	I-010 POR	I-013 SWE
I-016 SWE	I-017 DEN	I-021 SWE
I-029 SWE	I-030 GER/ITA	I-032 SWE
I-040 GER	I-044 DEN	I-046 SWE
I-049 AUT	I-053 SWE	I-056 ITA/GER
I-057 SWE	I-058 NOR	I-062 NOR/ITA
I-064 GER	I-075 SWE	I-080 GER
I-087 BRA	I-091 GER	I-095 ESP/ITA
I-102 GER	I-105 SWE	I-106 SWE
I-107 SWE	I-108 GER/SLO	I-111 ISL
I-112 ESP	I-116 ESP	I-117 POL
I-118 POL	I-119 NOR	I-120 ITA

If you sent your form after 10 October, thanks! The IIC is available and happy to help all NICs and LICs to complete the forms, please let us know how we can help you.

Cynthia Cañas Escoto (CRC)

Interchange Tasks for October and November

As your new 2009-10 Interchange matches begin, we want to remind you of two important deadlines:

[Interchange Matchbox Confirmation Form \(ICMF\)](#) due to IO by 31 October.

NICs should list each of your matches by reference number, with the local contact information.

[Interchange Friendly Intent / Agreement between Chapters \(IFIA\)](#) –

this form should be exchanged both ways between partner LICs by 1 November.

[Correspondence between partner LICs](#) should already be underway for new matches that begin in 2009.

Recruitment for delegates, families and leaders has begun. To help you figure out the correct ages for all applicants, please refer to the article “Correct Ages for Interchange,” on the previous page.

Coming Soon in 2009

The Interchange Guide is undergoing a complete review and update. In our December issue we will let you know about our progress with that task. We will also offer Interchange Workshops in Asia and Europe next spring. And we are continuing to improve training materials and methods. Stay tuned for more to come! **Eileen Weber (USA)**

Interchange Success Story: Italy-Colombia 2008

IC's worth ANY effort!!!

The chapter of Modena, Italy was matched with the chapter of Medellin, Colombia for a 2 year's interchange and the first part was to be held in Italy in 2008. During the winter season everything was ready, except the issue of the visa for minors to come with their leaders to Italy. This was solved only with the use of personal contacts and intensive work for 1 month on both sides. A new interview in Bogota and the passports and visas were finally ready for departure.

8 Enthusiastic kids and 2 leaders arrived for the first part of the activity at the end of June. In 3 short weeks all the Italian families and their guests learned a lot about each other, about culture, history and habits. All Italian parents learned a lot about Colombians, attitudes and that Medellin has gone through a major political/cultural change being a center of interest as a forerunner in modern society's development. The Italian families now look forward to the second part of this activity bringing the Italian culture and friendship to Medellin in 2009.

Fighting against Bureaucracy to start this Interchange was really worth the effort!!! **Semira Tesfamicael (ITA)**

Our Interchange friend at IO

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Italy – Colombia delegations 2008