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Message from the IIC

In this busy time when many new Interchange matches are ready to begin, we want to thank all NICs, LICs, leaders, parents and delegates who have worked so hard to plan programs that meet the goals of CISV. This has been a tough year, when economic crises, swine flu fears and political unrest have caused some matches to be cancelled and others to be postponed. Congratulations to all who have persevered, and given so much time and effort to help our youth delegates and their families realize the wonderful experiences that Interchange has to offer!

Friends Registration, Address Lists

A friendly reminder: Address Lists are due within two weeks of the end of the first phase of your Interchange. And the process could not be any easier!

Each delegate, leader and junior leader needs to register on the CISV Friends web site (<http://friends.cisv.org>) and claim participation in their Interchange. LICs/NICs may also register. Either a leader or one of the LICs/NICs will be the “Activity Manager” and will approve the delegates as participants.

At the beginning of the first phase, the Activity Manager should export the data into a spreadsheet and make sure all the delegates are listed (any missing details can be added to the spreadsheet). Then, after ensuring that the correct reference number is at the top of the sheet, this Address List is sent to Jay at IO via email.

It's not too early to go ahead and send Jay your Address List—right now! By the time you read this, you will have received an email reminder from your ReCo, including detailed instructions about exporting your Address List.

PDPEF Reminders

In our last newsletter we gave you hints on dealing with the PDPEF in small bits, so it will be nearly finished by the time the visiting delegation departs. If you followed our hints, you already filled in the sections under the **GREEN** bars (quick, do it now if you forgot!).

Now, when your visitors arrive, you will fill in the parts under the **YELLOW** bars. In Section 2, Goals and Indicators (under the **PINK** bar) have already been decided on and typed in the form, so only sections under the **RED** and **BLUE** bars are still left to finish by the end of the host phase.

By the way, the IO released an updated version of the PDPEF on 22 May 2009. Your Friendly ReCo will send it, along with updated Guidance Notes, by the time you read this article. However, if you already started filling out the older version of the form like you've been trained to do, during the planning of your host program, IIC will not expect you to change to the new form this year.

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Police Checks

While the IIC continues to review this topic, the decision was made that police checks of host family adults will not be required for 2009 Interchanges. The Interchange Guide has been amended to state that, "Police checks of adults in the host family are highly recommended." (IC-4.10.2 and IC-8.1).

Deadlines

June 25: IO will notify NAs of the First Round Matches for 2010

July 25: NAs confirm Round 1 Matches, or give reason for refusals

Two Weeks after First Phase:

Address List due to IO

Two Weeks after Host Phase:

PDPEF due to IO

First day of AIM (August 4): IO

will notify NA of Round 2 Matches

During AIM: Second Round confirmed and Third Round conducted

Activities in Human Rights in 2009

This announcement is from the international Educational Development and Research Committee (EDR):

"As a step to increase the educational quality of activities offered on programs, we are encouraging that every program hosted contain at least one Human Rights activity this year..."

For further information and suggested activities, go to <http://resources.cisv.org/edr/>



Participants at the Interchange Workshop in Hamburg Germany April 29-May 3, 2009