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Tulips are found wild in the Mediterranean coast countries. Because of their beauty, western countries, have cultivated them. This picture shows the tulips that were grown from the seeds presented by our Dutch treasurer Mieke, to the former editor for the World News, David. They are doing splendidly in his Scottish garden. A good example of CIF exchange/interchange.

Message from the EC President:*Agneta Bjorklund*

Dear CIF-members,

This is the second time that I sit down at my computer to write all of you a message from the EC. Almost a year has passed since we were elected in Italy last summer. We have had one meeting with the committee as we reported in the last edition but all the time we are communicating over the Internet exchanging questions and answers, ideas and views on different issues.

Since our last message Munira, our vice president and web-master, has been struggling with the web page and if you check it now you will see some changes. Other efforts have been put down by Zarin, our secretary, to finalise the registration process of the new board and our new statutes with the authorities in Bonn, Germany. Nüket is working hard on the World News and we all saw how well she has done so far in the last issue of the World News. Mieke, our treasurer, is busy with our finances. Marie-Claire, who is responsible for contacts with the exchange programs has been out of touch with the rest of us due to health problems. I have tried to cover some of her work in order to provide you with an updated list of exchange programs. I also try to stay in touch with the branches and keep us all in the EC updated on what is going on. So, as you can see, we are all using what little spare time we have aside from our regular jobs, to keep things going in CIF.

Right now we are in the midst of planning a Board of Directors' meeting in Athens late October when the EC will have a chance of meeting face to face again. The board members of CIF-Hellas are assisting with all the practicalities needed to organise such a meeting.

As you will see, while reading this issue of the World News, CIF-India is progressing in the preparations for the next conference that will take place in February of next year in Goa, India. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you there!

Until then I and my fellow-members of the EC will stay busy with the CIF-International chores, but in a couple of weeks I will take a break to relax, reload my batteries for more CIF-work and enjoy the Swedish summer during my summer vacation.

Warm regards to all of you.

World News Editorial for July 2002*Nüket Atalay*

Dear World News Reader,

In less than a year many of us, ex-participants of CIP-CIF exchange programs of the past 48 years, will meet in Goa, India. Our reunion will rekindle memories of friendships with unique international experiences. At some point in our lives, we have all experienced a series of culture shocks and surprises in meeting people so different from what we were accustomed to. The moment we stepped into an exchange program, we met people who spoke different languages, people with different skin colors than ours, with thoughts and beliefs that we had not heard before; people from Iceland, China, Kenya, from all over the world.

We had impressions that we will never forget. We learned to listen, to understand that our way was not the only way. We were the lucky few who had this opportunity to meet and live with people different from ourselves; hear about social issues and their solutions from the perspective of the host country. We learned to make peace, to follow and to lead.

April 23rd is a day we in Turkey celebrate as Children's Day. That day the Turkish parliament was established in 1920 and the founder, K.Atatürk, our first president, thought the day would be a gift to children. In the recent years, children aged 8-15 from the world over are invited to Turkey to celebrate our Children's Day. They come together, they are hosted by families with children about the same age. For about a week, these children who cannot talk to each other, perform their folk dances, sing and play together. They share their joy, hopes and dreams. When the United Nations had their special session on Children in May 2002, Turkey proposed to make April 23 the World's Children's Day....

The CIF members are the children who share Henry Ollendorff's dream, many years after Henry is no longer with us. It is up to us to bring meaning to the conflicts in the world. To act as change agents in bringing understanding, harmony to our environment. This is the only way hatred and violence can be stopped. We know that each person is unique and valuable, we can listen to different points of views, because through our experiences we know that shared

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IMPRESSIONS FROM JULY 2001 CONFERENCE IN ITALY**The Family Feeling - Impression on the Conference 2001***Valter Parve, Pärnu, Estonia*

CIF is one of the greatest possibilities I know to help us restore international relationships, to get a better understanding of the democratic society and personal responsibility and be self critical. My first and strongest memory is the meeting in the Sassone Conference.

Several generations in former Soviet Union were cut off from the normal human and professional communication and now we try overcome this historical gap. We like to get more information about our neighbours - in the Swedish 2000 exchange program, I met colleagues from Latvia and it was useful to learn that their solutions to social problems could be sometimes more suitable for Estonia, due to similar backgrounds.

At Sassone, the first workshop was the most interesting one for me. We discussed globalisation and particularly its influence on human rights. Very useful were visits to the institutions. If the public welfare of our transition- countries are looking for partners, the activities of the Catholic church could be a good example of altruism for all in need.

To me the most important aspect of the conference was to refresh old and get new contacts. For me as a lecturer of social work I was able to make contacts with Merseburg University, probably our students will have opportunity to listen to Mr Wolfgang Berg's course on social policy next September. And may be a wider collaboration (incl. the student exchange) will be possible in future.

Our local branches (the Estonian one was registered last winter) have to learn management of CIF seminars and conferences to be able arrange those in future and the high-level work done by the Italian team and CIF board is very good model for us. I am not afraid to be too emotional - all CIF friends together listening to the folk-music in excellent presentation or having common singing under the Mediterranean stars is something very meaningful and important even today, O SOLE MIO is still with me.

*Impressions continued***Diversity: A Resource or a Menace for the Third Millennium Society** *Tanya Kuderova, CIF Czech Republic*

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the CIF conference in Sassone. I was one of 220 from 28 countries. This CIF conference was my first therefore I was looking forward to this experience with a great anticipation. As I participated in the Norwegian programme 2000 I was also hoping to meet some of the other participants from Norway during the conference in Italy again.

The programme itself consisted of a combination of lectures, discussion and workshops; also one field visit was included. I have experienced a lot of interesting and stimulating presentations and events during the conference and also the whole concept of the programme helped us in better understanding to the Italian society and culture.

Among the workshops, I have chosen the one with the title "Different people among us" as I work with people with disabilities. The purpose of this workshop was a comparison and exchange of different experiences in various countries in their relation to people with special needs. We focused on the distinction of legislation, policy and practice in care for people with special needs. Due to limitation of time, the problematic was focused on mainly from the educational point of view among children.

Much attention was given to the problem of integration or inclusion of children with special needs, which was agreed to be an important but also demanding, specific and delicate process.

We could see that in some countries there has been a long tradition of integration (e.g. Italy, Norway, Sweden) compared to the others where the long tradition of education within special schools and the official period of integration started quite recently (e.g. Czech Republic, Slovenia).

It is always very important to have an opportunity for interaction and sharing information and experiences among us from diverse cultures. We are able to compare our views and beliefs in the professional field and our level of success in finding solutions to problems.

I would say that the conference planning committee must have been working hard, as the conference was a stimulating and enjoyable occasion and it gave me a lot of memories. It was a pleasure meeting you in Italy and I hope we will meet again.

Editor's note: We would like to congratulate Tanya, who had a baby boy,

David on April 4th, 2002. Good luck to baby and family.

My experiences in the Sassone Conference

Ágnes Juhász from Hungary

I attended the CIF Conference 2001 as the Representative of CIF Hungary. The principal theme, the double approach of diversity is current nowadays. It was interesting to obtain an insight into the Italian society from that perspective which had been fairly unfamiliar to me. In my country the issue of immigration is not very significant but it is present and we can learn from other countries in accommodating newcomers in the future.

The workshop that I attended was remarkable. The personal and professional values that we were thinking and talking about have their relevance and validity in my work. I would like to thank each of the organizers, the EC for the excellent inspiration. Since I work at a university where social workers are trained, I took the opportunity to visit La Sapienza University, where the School of Social Work is. I was mainly interested in the structure and content of the training. The visit was very informative and thought provoking.

The Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee election were special experiences for me. I can't forget the nice musical events which provided a special atmosphere and gave a chance for making



Swedish Participants at the 2001 Conference

several new acquaintances and friendships.



Dutch Participants at the 2001 Conference

C I F MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 28th July 2001 Sassone, Italy

Zarin Gupta, Secretary

Minutes of the last General Assembly in The Netherlands were accepted and the Agenda of the meeting was approved.

President Purnima Mane welcomed all the members. The message from Munira Merchant, the vice president who was unable to come to the conference was read. The secretary, Ursula Schmidt was unable to come due to ill health.

The president thanked CIF Italy for organising the conference on 'Diversity a Resource or a Menace for the Third Millennium Society'

The main activities of CIF International since the Netherlands conference of 1999-2001 were the EC meetings held in Sollentuna Sweden, Istanbul Turkey, and Sassone, Italy.

Statutes which were passed at the last general assembly will be amended (Article 5 and 8) as required by the Bonn office where Cif international is registered.

President Purnima informed that now we have 23 national branches. 3 new branches were formed (Cameroon, Kenya, and Tanzania) and 2 reactivated. (Switzerland, Japan).

She gave an overview of the work done while she was the president for the last 4 years and she welcomed the new committee to take over. She said that the challenge for the new committee was to encourage starting of more branches in developing countries, building up membership, develop newer exchange programs, to find stronger sources of funding and to ensure regular payments of fees.

Report of Board Of Director's Meeting: The Board of Directors met on 23rd and 24th July and again on 28th July for elections. Purnima briefed the assembly on the major issues and decisions made at this meeting. She noted that Romania, Uruguay, Morocco, Algeria, Estonia, Uganda, and Nepal were considering setting up national branches.

Purnima informed that CIF Germany had produced a booklet on the history of CIP/CIF and Henry Ollendorf. The protocol for the functions of contact persons was being worked on. A new set of guidelines for proposing and organising a conference was ready. Guidelines for the auction at the conference was being worked on.

Minutes of GA continued

The next conference will be held in Goa, India in 2003. CIF/CIP USA and CIF Germany will hold discussions with regard to the conference in 2005 and 2007 since 2006 is the 50th year of CIP. Both the countries are reviewing possibilities for hosting the next conference.

Next board meeting would be held in Athens, Greece hosted by CIF Hellas on the 25th-27th of October 2002.

Dorothy Faller reported that the CIPUSA program was going well through the nationwide network of 9 affiliate offices. The updated directory of the CIP participants are ready. The application form for the program is on the website. There is a flyer ready for information about CIP, which could be given to donors, agencies and anyone who wants to know about CIPUSA. She also informed that CIPUSA and CIF USA are in close contact with each other and work goes on smoothly.

Mieke Weeda presented the assembly the audited statement of accounts. She noted the audited accounts for the year 1999-2000 and possibly 2001 would be presented at the next Board meeting. So though the statements were not audited, she did present the statement of accounts. As of 17th March 2000 the balance sheet assets was of \$60,648,61 and liabilities of \$12,24,000. Therefore the equity capital was \$48,40,861. She also informed that for the year 1999 there was more income than expenditure. Guidelines for the expenditures for the EC @ BD meetings, start up funds for new branches and for conference grants has been prepared. Payment of membership fees has been updated. She advised that the World News would be sent only to paying branches and to paying individual members. This time 10 grants were given towards conference fees (+ one extra grant through the CIF Italy). 7 grants towards travel costs were given. The grants went to members from Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, India, Jamaica, Kenya, and Turkey. The funds unused would be used for the conference in 2003.

Editor of CIF World News and WEB site David Middleton informed the assembly that the World news was regularly revised and an interesting format developed. David reported that the expenditure for the postage of CIF World News to all the branches and individuals cost \$1,000 (approx).

Concerning the WEB Site of CIF international, David noted that the site was quite popular among members and public. He suggested that it had to be managed by a volunteer overseered by an EC member or a web master had to be appointed like CIPUSA.

CIF International which is registered at Bonn, Germany had sent in the revised statutes to be registered. The authorities at Bonn have

Minutes of GA continued

asked us to further amend our statutes. All members agreed to the amendments and passed it.

Zarin Gupta, President of CIF India, introduced the assembly to the next conference site in Goa, India. The Theme of the Conference would be 'The Evolving Family in the 21st century-A Social Work Challenge'.

Jane Ollendorf announced the results of the elections for the new Executive Committee 2001-2003. The new EC is: President: Agneta Bjorklund, Sweden, Vice-President: Munira Merchant USA, Secretary: Zarin Gupta India, Members at Large: Nuket Atalay Turkey, Marie-Claire Laurent France. Jane Ollendorf welcomed the new EC and wished them all the best.



Participants of CIP 1963 Cleveland Program mat at the 2001 Conference in Italy.

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values lead to shared vision. When we develop a vision that promotes coexistence we are creating a common goal.

We need to spread our hopes and dreams of a more livable world in and across borders.

In Margaret Mead's words, "Changes in the world can be made with the will of just a few people".

Message from the Council of International Programs USA.*Dorothy A. Faller Secretary General & CEO CIPUSA*

The participant from Kenya spoke about the work being done by her and the other members to develop CIF in and around Africa.

Greetings to everyone from the Council of International Programs USA.

CIPUSA is experiencing a difficult period after the horrible attack on September 11, 2001. This, plus the U.S. economic slowdown, have meant a year of cutbacks and new ideas for the future. We are beginning to recover.

The 9 affiliates of the Council have placements in the areas of social work, and CIPUSA welcomes candidates. Our application form is on the website, www.cipusa.org.

There will be a new J-1 category for students, called "interns." This is for students age 20 or over, who are in a professional sequence in school. They can stay for up to 12 months, and must go home to graduate. CIPUSA will be able to bring these persons. Please help us to connect with the schools you think are appropriate.

We are requesting that our government again fund this program, since we feel it is so necessary, especially now. Also, we expect to apply for funds for exchanges for the Islamic world.

Our Chairman since April 1999, Seth Taft, is leaving the job as Chairman, and will be succeeded by Dr. Eugene White. We are planning a Gala event to honor Seth on July 19, 2002. I will be retiring October 1, 2002, but expect to remain closely connected with the organization.

Thank you to all of the persons who wrote in response to our request about the changes in their lives which they attribute to their experience in this program. Many of the letters were very moving, and most were astonishing.

Thank you, too, for those who sent some funds to assist us to survive this period of time.

*How many social workers does it take to change a light bulb?
"The light bulb doesn't need changing,
it's the system that needs to change."*

The art of getting to know a new country and maintaining vivid memories...*Olga Grandlof -Participant of the Turkish Exchange program in 2002*

Travelling is always special. It means getting a break from the daily grind, a break that we all need. The Swedes of today are a travelling breed. We live in a country that is lacking light and warmth, a country where every hour of sun is carefully registered. Therefore we need to "fill up" on sunlight to manage the dark and cold Swedish winter. Almost every Swede loves the Swedish summer, they love the nights that never get really dark and the blooming meadows. But there are times when the summer doesn't keep its promises of light and warmth, when the clouds are blocking the sun and the temperature hardly ever rises above 19 degrees Celsius. Those are great times for the travel agencies that are selling vacation trips to warmer countries.

My first trips to Turkey were nothing but escapes to the sun. As a "sun tourist" in Turkey one can enjoy warmth, the sea, good food and different shopping. But being in Turkey as a participant in the CIF-program is a completely different thing. After spending a month in Ankara and Istanbul my knowledge of the country has greatly improved!

These lines are written the day after my return to Uppsala after four weeks in Turkey. After being away for so long it usually takes time to "land" again. All impressions need to be sorted and there are several ways to do that. To look at postcards, souvenirs and gifts, to analyse and catalogue all the writing from different study tours or maybe to tell your loved ones about the trip are some of the ways.

I have spent time in Turkey during the spring when the leaves on the trees are fresh and green, several fruit trees are in bloom and the air is filled with the scent of all the flowers that have just come out. Many of my previous impressions of Turkey were now proved to be wrong. I always thought that the country was lacking in water, but that couldn't have been more untrue. Turkey borders to three seas and has several rivers and lakes.

Memories of an exchange program continued

I, who live in Sweden where the forest are one of the greatest natural resources, realised that also Turkey has an abundance of great forests.

The Turkish landscape is incredibly varied. That I could see and enjoy when I travelled by bus through the country on a trip that started in Ankara and ended on the outermost part of the Mediterranean coastline in a little fishing village named Kash. During my trip I also found myself travelling down a road that went through first a steppe-like landscape, then green hills and fertile meadows. Then the road narrowed and continued into a rocky area with high, snow-covered mountains on one side and the shimmering blue sea on the other. The CIF-program in Turkey didn't only give me a chance to see the Turkish nature but also allowed me to see a glimpse of Turkish family life. Although all my host families were social workers, their homes and family lives were as varied as the Turkish landscape. I lived both with families of two generations and in single households.

To leave a country where one has spent a month is an almost painful process. Trying to "bring the country back home" in a suitcase is difficult. I could keep vivid memories of Turkey for a while back in Sweden by bringing with me Turkish tomatoes, cucumbers and halvah, Turkish handicraft, dried plants and postcards with pictures of landscapes and culture buildings. I can now build a temporary temple at home with all these things and look at them with a feeling of love and a wish to return to Turkey. And although those things will wither with time, my memories won't. The deep impression that the country has left in my soul will remain there long after the Turkish tomatoes are eaten.

Along with CIF International, several countries have setup their web sites. We encourage you to visit them:

www.cifinternational.com www.cifitalia.it
 www.cif-germany.de www.cif-sweden.org
 www.cipusa.org www.cifindia.org

CIF/CIP Exchange Programmes - Plans for 2003

Details of each program may be subject to change, please check with branch

Country	Length	Dates	Deadline	Language	Regr. fee	Support	Particip. o.
Austria/ Czech Republic	4 weeks + 10 days	April- May	Dec. 1 st	English + German if possible	\$300+ \$ 120	Domestic travel	46
Finland	6 weeks	April-June	Dec 1 st	English	No fee	Dom. travel + allowance	7-10
France	8 weeks	May-June	Dec 1st	French	\$1000*	Dom. travel + allowance	12-15
Germany**	8 weeks	Sept-Nov	March 1 st	German	No fee	Allowance	12-15
Greece	4 weeks	March-April	Dec 1 st	English	352 Euro \$300	Some dom. Travel	6-8
India	10 weeks	Nov-Jan	March 1 st	English	\$650	Dom. travel	10-15
Israel	3 weeks	May	Dec 1 st	English	\$250	Dom. travel	2
Italy/ Slovenia	4 weeks	September	March 1st	English	\$200	Dom. travel	4
Kenya	4 weeks	March	Dec 1 st	English	\$450	Dom. travel	6-8
Netherlands	4 weeks	May-June	Dec 1 st	English	150 NLG		5-6
Norway	6-7 weeks	May-June	Dec 1 st	English	No fee	Dom. travel	7-8
Scotland	6 weeks	May-June	Dec 1 st	English	No fee	Dom. travel	6-8
Sweden	6 weeks	Apr- May	Dec 1 st	English	No fee	Dom. travel	8-12
Turkey	4 weeks	Apr-May	Dec 1 st	English	\$300	Dom. travel	46
United States (CIP)	4,12 or 18 months	Any time	None	English	Variable	allowance/ housing	Open

* From countries where there is no support from the French embassy.

**The German program is funded by the German government but planned and implemented by an alliance of welfare organisations/institutions.

*A social worker is facing a mugger with a gun.
 "Your money or your life!" says the mugger.
 "I'm sorry," the social worker answers, "I am a social
 worker, so I have no money and no life."*

**CONFERENCE Update 2003 Goa-India:
The Evolving Family in the 21st Century -
A Social Work Challenge**

Zarin Gupta, Presydent of CIF India

You may be aware of media reports of tensions between India and Pakistan that have given rise to some countries advising their citizens not to travel to this region or to leave this region for the time being. We are keeping ourselves abreast of the developments and current indications are that the tensions are easing. We are going ahead with full preparations for the International Conference in Goa, in February 2003 as planned and expect tensions to ease further given the political and diplomatic activity at the highest level and the positive statements of heads of governments of both nations to avoid any war. You may therefore like to complete your registration formalities for the conference, if you have not already done so. Registration can be done online on the CIF India website - www.cifindia.org or by filling the registration form in the newsletter and posting it to cifindia.

We have already received a good response and are confident that this would be a great conference.

Details on the conference theme, call for paper presentations, workshops, visits pre and post conference, costs etc are all available on the website.

Those interested in presenting papers need to send in their abstract to cifindia not later than 1st October 2002. The details of the format are attached here and also available on line. Those who would like to carry out a workshop please contact the cif india secreteriat.

Let us work towards a unified tension free world and WECOME TO GOA INDIA.

Conference Update continued

Program

February 21 - Arrival of EC members

February 22 - Meeting of EC members and Arrival of Board of Directors

February 23 - Meeting of Board of Directors

February 24-28 - Conference in Session

March 1 - Leave after breakfast for post conference tours

CIF INDIA is looking for papers on the following topics:

- Social Work with changing family's structure
- Family enrichment across the life cycle
- Impact of chronic and life threatening diseases on the family
- Families with disability
- Families affected by mental illness, substance abuse and suicide
- Violence in the family
- Family policies and laws from current practise to future needs
- Helping families to cope with socio-economic, political, ecological changes
- Impact of social, political, ecological changes on the family

Guidelines on the Submission of Abstracts

1. Abstracts are to be submitted in English.
2. Abstracts can be sent by email as a file attachment in Microsoft Word format to info@cifindia.org or by Postal Mail.
4. Abstracts should be prepared as follows:
 - Title
 - Author (name, job title, corresponding address, city, country, nationality, telephone, fax, email, institution, discipline).
 - Other authors (name, job title, institution, country)
 - Abstract's text (maximum 300 words)
5. Submission deadline: October 1. 2002
6. In submitting an abstract, the author warrants that the paper is original, and that it has not been published or presented previously.

**CIF CONFERENCE 2003 GOA, INDIA
Registration Form**

Please fill in the Registration Form and fax it to 91 22 6516363.

Last Name :.....
 First Name :
 Date of Birth (d...../m...../y.....) :
 Place of Birth :
 Sex: Male..... Female.....
 Nationality:
 Address (as used in your country):

 Telephone:
 Fax:
 Email address:
 Present Profession:.....
 Are you a paying member of CIF ? : Yes..... No.....
 Have you participated in a CIF programme ? : Yes..... No.....
 If Yes, give details (Country, Year):.....
Person to be informed in case of Emergency :
 Name:
 Relationship:
 Address:

 Telephone:
 Fax:
 Email address:

Registration Form continued

ACCOMODATIONS

I would like to share the room with:
 No Preference (Traveling alone)
 Yes, I have a Preference
 If No, Please skip the next section.

If Yes, Please fill in the following:

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Number of Adults:
 Number of Children:
 Names, Age, and Relation to Delegate of all accompanying persons:

Please indicate if you would be interested in details on organized activities for children ? : Yes..... No.....

TRAVEL

How do you intend to travel to GOA?:
 Plane..... Train.....Car..... Coach/Bus
 Date of Arrival (d...../m...../y.....) :
 Date of Departure (d.../m..../y....):
 Are you interested in the pre-tour ? : Yes..... No.....
 Are you interested in the post-tour ? : Yes..... No.....

If you wish to arrive earlier, or leave later, than the scheduled conference dates, please inform us before 25th December 2002 so that we make the necessary arrangements for your extended stay. The extra costs will be intimated to you.

Please inform us of your travel details as soon as you confirm your travel bookings. Please send all details to info@cifindia.org

FOOD PREFERENCES:

Vegetarian..... Non-Vegeterian.....

THANK YOU.

**APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR GRANTS - CIF CONFERENCE
2003, GOA, INDIA** *Mieke Weeda, Treasurer, CIF International*

Dear CIF Members and Friends,

The year 2003 will bring many of us together again at the Conference in Goa, India. As usual, CIF International will provide grants to make it possible for some members from the developing countries and countries of Eastern Europe to attend this Conference. In the Conference in Italy, 8 members could participate due to these grants.

We have already some funds available for grants for the India Conference, from the interest of existing funds, like the H.B. Ollendorf Fund, and the Finland Fund. You can imagine that we would be very happy to offer as many grants as the last time. However this can only be done when we receive extra funds. The more we receive the more members we can invite, which will be one of the ways to make the Conference in India a great success.

Therefore we would like to invite all the National Branches and all individual CIF members to see whether it is possible to provide some additional funds for this purpose. Any amount is appreciated. As has become the case over the last few years, grants can be designated to cover the costs of the Conference Fees and/or to help to cover (part of) the travel costs involved.

If you think you can assist us, please send the money to one of the following accounts:

55 23 13 386 ABN AMRO (Driebergen) for those who prefer to pay in Euro.
Or

57 99 10 717 ABN AMRO (Driebergen) for those who prefer to pay in USD.

The payments should be made out to:

The Council of International Fellowship, P/a. Ms. H.H.W.Weeda.

Jagersdreef 142, 3972 XH Driebergen, The Netherlands.

Additional information for bank transfers, for both the Dollar and Euro/Guilder account:

Name of Bank: ABN-AMRO Nederland Location: Driebergen, Swift code: ABNANL2A

Please mention clearly the purpose: **GRANTS / Fees Conference 2003** or **GRANTS / Travel Conference 2003**. Unearmarked money will be used at the discretion of the EC.

When you wish to provide a grant, please notify the Treasurer before October 15th, 2002.

**INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CONFERENCE
GRANTS - CIF CONFERENCE GOA, INDIA 2003**
Mieke Weeda, Treasurer

The India Conference is coming closer and many of us are already making plans, calculating, counting vacation days. Some of us, in particular from developing countries and countries of Eastern Europe would love to join, but cannot afford it. CIF International has certain designated funds for grants. To become a candidate for such a grant an official application has to be made to CIF International.

The grants are only offered to members from developing countries and countries in Eastern Europe, with rare exemptions left to the discretion of the Executive Committee (EC). The grants provided by CIF International are mainly towards the fees of the Conference. If CIF International or the organising country receives special funds, it might be able to provide some assistance towards travel costs.

The Board of Directors of CIF International has delegated the final decision regarding the selection of grantees to the EC, in consultation with the national Branch of the country hosting the Conference, in this case India. The number of grants available depends totally on the amount available and the costs of the Conference.

Certain criteria and procedures have been established for the application and the selection of the grantees. These are based on decisions made during former Board meetings. They give a clear outline for the preparation of an application. When wishing to apply, look at those carefully and follow them as closely as possible. We only will look at clear and complete applications, which allow us to make decisions without having to go into further, time-consuming correspondence.

The criteria are as follows

1. In general only one full grant per country will be given per year.
2. In general only one grant will be given to a member in a lifetime, but no more than twice in a ten years period and not at two consecutive conferences. (EC Members may receive exemption)
3. The financial need of the candidate has to be beyond doubt.
4. The candidate should have a history of involvement within the National Branch and must give a written commitment to be active in the future. Candidates of countries without a National Branch must be seen as having the potential to start a National Branch and commit him/herself to work towards this goal.

Applications for conference grants continued

5. The candidate must have paid his/her membership for at least two years. The candidates with no National Branch must bring at least two years fees. (This can also be done through the auction of items.)
6. The selected grantees must agree to attend the Conference and its relevant meetings from the beginning to the end (must not leave early/arrive late)
7. The selected grantees are expected take on responsibilities during the Conference, assigned by EC, e.g. help with auctions, sale of pins/lottery tickets, etc.

The grantees must send a short report to EC on the Conference through the Treasurer.

Procedure:

- 4 All applications should come through and be endorsed by the National Branch.
- 4 In the case of applications from countries with no National Branch, but with a Contact Person, it is advised to go through and get endorsed by the Contact Persons. (Please look for names and addresses in the World News.) This means that individual applications from countries with a National Branch will not be accepted and will be sent to the NB for follow up and endorsement. In case of applications from countries with a CP we will consult the CP.
- 4 Applications from countries where there is no NB and no Contact Person, a possible reference person from the CIF or CIP programme attended has to be named.
- 4 All applicants need to mention the CIP/CIF programme(s) participated in, with the place and the year.
- 4 Applicants have to mention whether a grant was ever received before and when.
- 4 The National Branches or the Contact Persons (for those candidates without a NB) must recommend the candidates for the grants.
- 4 The applications and recommendation must be given, in writing, to the Treasurer of CIF International. This can be done by email.
- 4 The EC will make the selection of grantees before 31 December 2002 and will inform the National Branches, Contact Persons and individuals concerned.

The deadline for the applications for the Goa, India Conference is: 15 October, 2002

CIF ACTIVITIES REPORT for Year 2000*Munira Merchant, Vice President*

This report is compiled with data from data submitted by the following 19 countries- Austria, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Turkey, USA and CIP USA. Paid memberships range from 6 to 100. The following 10 countries had an exchange program in 2000- Austria, Scotland, Finland, France, India, Israel, Sweden, Norway, The Netherlands, CIPUSA.

All countries now are connected by e-mail and several have web pages-Sweden, Italy and Finland is working on it. All countries diffuse information about CIF/CIP programs, mail the CIF World News with costs covered by the national branches. The number of meetings held of the CIF members ranged from none each year to as many as one each month. Italy, of course, topped the list with having many many meetings. Several countries are involved in selection of candidates. Finland appoint a committee each year of 3 to 4 members who are responsible for the selection process for candidates interested in both CIP or CIF programs.

The number of participants sent to CIF/CIP programs

Country	CIF	CIP
Norway		1
Netherlands	2	
Turkey	5	
Hungary	2	
Austria	2	
Finland	7	
India	Not available	
Sweden	9 includes both CIF and CIP	
France	2	
USA	5-6 application (don't know how many accepted)	
Scotland	1	
Greece	2	
Cameroon	4	3

Several issues that were identified as problems last year still appear in this year's list- lack of volunteers, host families, money and dedicated members. However, on a positive note all the exchange programs are an integral part of the selection process and dissemination of the newsletter and information about the CIF/CIP programs.

Finland had the unique program for Estonia and it is heartening to note that Germany has become active again. CIP-USA seem to be moving along very well with a tremendous leap in paid memberships.

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