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THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



The Three Brothers in RIGA  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

*Nüket Atalay, Istanbul*



**Dear CIF'ers,**

As the editor of the World News for another term, I have been thinking seriously about how we can make the best use of our publication. We are told that the CIF Newsletter was started a long time ago in Germany, "to connect people who had previously taken part in the American CIP programs". The first few issues were filled with memories, personal achievements and family news.

Later "the Newsletter" became the "World News" and it began to include highlights from lectures and conferences. It was a bulletin of not only feelings, but also thoughts.

It carried pictures and news of cultural events that CIFers have taken part in different parts of the world; it promoted our programs and informed readers in different countries about our aims and expectations.

I believe that the CIF World News is widely read, because it is written in simple English, and it

is not heavy with scientific jargon.

It is about human service professionals who represent different countries, religions and cultures, how we mix with host families and learn to live and laugh together. It tells about the exchange programs that teach participants that people, no matter where they live, have similar needs and that the professionals who learn to help them have similar problems. It helps us accept diversity, bring people from different cultures closer, and that

the world does not have to be a place of unhappiness, friction, conflict and violence.

Each reader's experience is unique, and the World News is a tool we use to share what we have enjoyed with others, who may then experience it in the future. If we were to number the past newsletter issues, this one would be the 33. This tells us a lot about our continuity, and our conviction that we can make positive differences in the lives of people with these CIF programs.

We must not live in the past. We must realise that our needs are changing, and therefore, if we want to continue our existence we need to plan ahead. We have to think about the principles which gave Henry Ollendorff the will to begin the CIP. As human service-professionals, we must learn to face new social and political problems and we must know how to change with them. As CIF International wants to

"make new friends and keep the old", we also want to develop ourselves within the existing realities. One such reality is computer and internet technology. Our World News is presently experiencing this change. The Swedish National Branch has published the World News in e form, and has given access to paying members. Several National Branches have their own e bulletins, they sometimes include articles from the WN.

I would like to thank all those who have sent e mails to the editor. Comments and contributions are always most welcome; I believe we need to improve our publication. We may need to experiment with the internet, improve our format. I plan to publish the next two issues based on your suggestions and support, and hope that CIP International will continue to publish the World News, in its different forms and colors, for many more readers, for many more years..

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Lambrini-Ninetta D. Zoi, Athens, 15th July 2004*



## Dear CIF Colleagues,

From 2nd to 4th of July, 2004 we had our CIF Board of Directors' (BD) Meeting in Riga Latvia. CIF Latvia, one of our younger Branches hosted both CIF International Executive Committee (EC) Meeting and BD Meeting. We enjoyed their warmth hospitality, their efficient planning ahead and the easy way of serving the needs of the meetings in the modern and beautiful premises of the Riga

We also appreciated a lot the chances to get to know as much as possible from interesting and beautiful Riga and Latvia at the very limited time we had left after our busy working schedule. We all have more evidence of how important it is for us CIF Fellows serving this unique organization to have the chance to get to know and experience another country and our Branch there! So, I would like to give a huge vote of thanks from all of us to dear Ulla Zumente-Steele, President of CIF Latvia and dear All in CIF Latvia!

*20 out of the 27 Branches plus CIPUSA were present at the BD meeting.* Unfortunately there were no representatives from Argentina, Cameroon, Hungary, Japan, Kenya, Slovenia, and Tanzania and they were really missed!

For nearly three days we

worked hard together, struggling with English language; we exchanged information, swapped ideas, compared difficulties, met decisions and generally had a good time supporting each other!

We had two special guests at the meeting:

**1. Mrs. Dorothy Faller** former BD Member from CIPUSA, who prepared and facilitated the Strategic Planning Process (SPP) Session at the BD Meeting in Riga, as the Coordinator of the SPP Planning Group that was put together at the BD Meeting in Athens in October 2002 and started the SPP at the CIF International Conference in Goa in February 2003. BD decided to continue the process both via Internet working groups until the Bonn CIF International Conference and in the framework of the BD Meeting in Bonn next year.

2. **Mr. Hakan Berggren** from CIF Sweden, Member of the Financial Advisory Group that was put together at the CIF International Conference in Goa in February 2003, who is a Professional Accountant and as a qualified Auditor offered to audit the CIF International accounts and support the work of CIF EC and especially the Treasurer. He gave his presentation to the BD and answered all our questions in an excellent comprehensive way.

We are all very thankful to their valuable contribution!

After BD Meeting in Riga I have the great pleasure and special honour to welcome to our Organisation *the 28th CIF Branch, namely CIF Aotearoa/New Zealand and Australia, also known as CIF-Trans Tasman Branch!* Our very enthusiastic and hard working CIF Fellows in Australia and New Zealand were in close cooperation with the EC this last year; they had their inaugural meeting on 25th March 2004 and completed successfully the process of forming their CIF Branch by being registered on 3rd June 2004!

Congratulations! We wish you long years of pleasant and successful CIF serving!

CIPUSA is launching a new additional training opportunity for a changing world the **"Community Leadership Program"**!

CIF Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are starting a new CIF Exchange Programme the ***Baltic CIF Exchange Programme!***

We welcome these new wonderful offers and wish them successful results!

CIF Germany is at the peak

of the preparations for the *26th CIF Conference "Building Bridges for Peace and Understanding" commemorating the 50th anniversary of CIP to be held in Bonn in July 2005!* Let us put our efforts together to meet as many as possible in Bonn next July!

CIF spirit and experiences in learning from one another hold us together committed in our CIF! This exceptional word organization that forms a network of senior and young social workers and other professionals from the human development field linking the actual abilities, trends, knowledge and experiences, keeps on regenerating its members. At times that money and profit seems to be all it matters, we are going on with enthusiasm, altruism and devotion, aiming, striving and working voluntarily for the promotion of peace and international understanding through educational and cultural exchange programmes providing high quality professional development and training opportunities around the world!

For me besides hard work it is indeed a special privilege to serve as the CIF International President together with strongly motivated also hard working EC and BD Members!

Our twofold wish and main goal for the immediate future is to give the chance to as many as possible colleagues to participate to CIF and CIPUSA International Exchange Programmes and to encourage all CIF, CIP/CIPUSA and ISP-Germany alumni to become CIF Members to go on enjoying the CIF experience and to contribute actively CIF! With best wishes .....





Under the Auspices of the President of the German Bundestag (Federal Parliament) Wolfgang Thierse, MdB, the 26<sup>th</sup> International CIP Conference will be held on July 25 - 30, 2005 in Bonn.

The subject is  
"Building Bridges for Peace and Understanding",  
commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CIP.

In 1955, Henry B. Ollendorff started an exchange program for youth leaders and social workers in Germany, his country of birth. Having a Jewish background he emigrated from Nazi-Germany to the USA and became an US citizen. Over the years the initial Cleveland International Program (CIP) became a success story with several thousand participants from over 120 countries - a good reason to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CIP together with this conference.

Key issues of Henry B. Ollendorf were: get to know other people - understand them better - live and work peacefully together. These issues are still as valid today as they were 50 years ago and therefore the topic of our conference is fully in line with the ideas of the founder of this program.

Our world is full of contradictions, discrepancies and conflicts. People from different ethnic, religious or social backgrounds have difficulties in speaking to each other; even bigger are the problems of understanding each other. The need for a dialogue is evident.

The topic of our conference therefore is the idea of building bridges. Bridges for a better understanding, bridges to facilitate a peaceful and harmonic living together. The key issue will be the dialogue as an instrument of understanding. A wide variety of speakers will approach the subject from cultural, political, social and religious aspects.

Globalisation, social destruction, pressure on the underprivileged, lack of labor and positive perspectives create an environment, which does not ease a way into a better world.

But we believe: a better world is possible. Our discussions may offer a slight chance to contribute to this process in a positive way. For sure it will be exciting and a rewarding experience for everyone.

Besides the presentations of the key speakers there will be workshops to go deeper into the subjects. Let us share the experience about ways of dialogue and conflict solutions in your countries. Agency visits will allow getting an insight into practical social work in Germany.

We also want you to get to know this beautiful country, so we will visit the city of Bonn, the hometown of Beethoven, we plan a boat trip on the river Rhine and if you want to stay a little longer, there will be two post tours, one to the eastern part and another one to northern Germany.

We want to invite you to the conference. Do come and participate in the encouraging atmosphere, share with us your thoughts, feelings, experiences and ideas.

The Gustav-Stresemann-Institute in Bonn is more than just a conference venue. Besides offering all possible modern facilities, which a conference center needs, it is beautifully located near a wide park area close to the River Rhine and the former government center. It will provide an ideal environment not only for the official part of the conference but also during the informal get-together with friends in between or in the evening. In total there are 330 beds in 210 single and double rooms, all with shower/WC, telephone, radio, TV. Have a look at the website of the Gustav-Stresemann-Institute: <http://www.gsi-bonn.de>.



**CIF Conference 2005  
in Germany  
Registration Form**

Personal Data	
Last Name	
First Name	
Date of Birth	.....(Day).....(Month).....(Year)
Place of Birth	
Sex	Male:                      Female:
Nationality	
Address  (as used in your country)	
Telephone	
Fax	
E-Mail Address	
Present Profession	
Are you a member of CIF	Yes:                      No:



## Travel



All information how to get to the conference site and about the post conference tours please find on a separate page. For more updated information please have a look at our website

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## The weather in Germany



Normally this period should bring us perfect summer weather with a lot of sun and temperatures around the

20-25 C. But what is normal these days. So don't forget a sweater and some rain protection. Usually the nights will be cool, so we do not need air condition.

## Prices and Payment

The conference fees will include full room and board from lunch on Monday, July 25 until breakfast on Saturday, July 30. The meals will include breakfast, lunch, coffee in the afternoon, dinner.

	<u>Double Room/person</u>	<u>Single Room</u>
for CIF members (and their family)	Euro 550.--	Euro 590.--
for NON-members (and their family)	Euro 590.--	Euro 630.--
Children (up to 14 years)	Euro 350.--	
additional day incl. board (before and after the conference)	Euro 80.-	Euro 85.-

There will be no deposit or advance payment, because of the high bank charges. But we will need the **full**

**payment by March 31, 2005 at the latest** (available at our bank account). For payments reaching us later than this date, there will a surcharge of Euro 90.—per Person.

Please remit the relevant amount in Euro to this account:

CIF-Germany

Konto-Nr. 2715878

BLZ 585 501 30

Bank: Sparkasse Trier

CIF-Conference 2005: First name, Lat name, Country and clearly state that all bank charges will be for your account, i.e. for us free of charge.

## Deadline

**All bookings must reach us by March 31, 2005 at the latest.** Besides the higher conference fee it is doubtful, whether individual wishes can be considered. So, please send us you registration in time.



## The Post Conference Tours

### **The German Hanseatic - Cities** (Tour 3)

1<sup>st</sup> day: From Bonn to **Bremen**, arrival at noon. Walk through the historic center of Bremen with the "**City - Musicians**", the **Cathedral and Böttcherstrasse**. Proceed to **Hamburg** in the afternoon.

2<sup>nd</sup> day: Sightseeing tour in Hamburg . **Reeperbahn, Jungfernstieg, St. Pauli, the Alster Lake** are some highlights. Harbour boat trip. In the afternoon leisure time or a trip to the countryside of Hamburg the **Altes Land**.

3<sup>rd</sup> day: **Lübeck**, a glorious medieval town, **Wismar** is another one belonging to the **Hanseatic League**. Both towns earned classification as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. Your hotel for the night will be in **Schwerin**.

4<sup>th</sup> day: After a short sightseeing tour through **Schwerin**, return to Frankfurt and/or Cologne.

**Price p.P. in double room: 305,00 €**

**Extra Fee for single room: 20,00 €**

## Munich / Bavarian Castles (Tour 2)

1<sup>st</sup> day: From Bonn to **Munich**, arrival in the afternoon. Walk through the center of Munich. You may spend the evening in one of Munich famous beer gardens.

2<sup>nd</sup> day: Half - day sightseeing tour to all the important places if interests like **Nymphenburg Castle**, the **Olympic Park and Stadium**, **Maximilianeum**, **Isar - Gate**. In the afternoon there will be leisure time.

3<sup>rd</sup> day: Enjoy the picturesque landscape of **Upper Bavaria**. **Benediktbeuren**, **Mittenwald**, the baroque **Monastery of Ettal**, **Castle Linderhof**. Your hotel for the coming two nights will be in Halblech, next to Füssen.

4<sup>th</sup> day: See the most beautiful corner of southern Germany, the **Schwangau** and visit the two world-famous royal castles **Neuschwanstein** and **Hohenschwangau**.

5th day: On the way back you will see **Heidelberg Castle**, the **Old Bridge**, **Bismarck Square**, etc. Return to Frankfurt and/or Cologne.

**Price p.P. in double room: 390,00 €**

**Extra Fee for single room: 72,00 €**

## Berlin / Spree Forest / Dresden (Tour 1)

1<sup>st</sup> day: From Bonn to Berlin, arrival in the afternoon. Walk through the **Nikolai - Quarter** in the historic center of **Berlin**.

2<sup>nd</sup> day: Sightseeing tour with the highlights of the capital of Germany: **Ku'damm the famous shopping-mile**, **Europe-center**, **Potsdamer Platz**, **Brandenburg Gate**, **Museum - island**, **Bellevue Castle**, **Olympic stadium**, etc, etc.... In the afternoon trip to **Potsdam**. See the historic old town, **Sanssouci Castle**.

3<sup>rd</sup> day: **Romantic Spree Forest**, the "Venice of the North" southeast of Berlin, visit the last ethnic minority in Germany, the "Sorben". In the evening arrival at **Dresden**.

4<sup>th</sup> day: Sightseeing tour with the "**Blue Wonder**", **Pillnitz castle, Loschwitz and Blasewitz, Semper Oper, Hofkirche, Frauenkirche, Albertinum and the "Green Arch"**. In the afternoon trip to **Meissen** with the famous China manufactory and Castle **Moritzburg**.

5<sup>th</sup> day: Goethe made **Weimar** the literary capital of Europe. Enjoy the famous old town which earned classification as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. In the afternoon return to Frankfurt and / or Cologne.

**Price p.P. in double room: 365,00 €**

**Extra Fee for single room: 80,00 €**

All three trips start at the conference site Bonn and will end in Frankfurt or Köln/Bonn airport according to your wishes.

All three trips include

- Travel in a modern, comfortable coach with all amenities,
- Hotels \*\*\* or better incl. breakfast,
- all rooms with shower or bathtub and WC,
- sightseeing tours as described above,
- experienced, English speaking tour guide



Our Executive Committee met in Kassel on April 2-4,2004 and worked on issues related to CIF International. We were very fortunate to have with us our friend Inge Bierbauer and Ilse Hoffman, president of CIF Germany with her sweet little, one year old son, Maximillian.

# MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

*Mieke Weeda*



## CIF CONFERENCE 2005, BONN, GERMANY CALL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE GRANTS

Dear CIF Members and Friends,

In this **World News** you will find all the information from CIF Germany about the CIF Conference in 2005.

As you all know, CIF International will provide again grants to make it possible for some members from the developing countries and countries of Eastern Europe to attend this Conference.

This is also the moment for the Treasurer of CIF International to send out the request for additional funds. CIF International has already money for some grants. This comes from the balance of the funds not used for the former Conference in Goa, India plus the interest we will receive in 2004 over the existing grant-funds - the Henry and Martha Ollendorf Fund, the Paul and Sonja Unger Fund and

the Finland Fund. This gives us sufficient money to offer 3 grants for Conference Fees for and to provide some support towards the travel costs for 3 members.

You can imagine that we would be very happy to offer more grants, but this can only be done when we receive extra funds. It is very simple: the more money we receive for grants the more members we can invite. From the past experience we know that this is one way to make the Conference in Bonn a great success.

Therefore we like to invite the National Branches and all individual CIF members to see whether it is possible to give some extra funds for this purpose. As has become

the case over the last few years, grants are designated to cover the costs of the Conference Fees - for Bonn this will be €550 / around USD 650 - and/or to cover (part of) the travel costs involved. Any amount you can spare is welcome and highly appreciated. The additional funds coming in will be used for the Fees or Travel support at the discretion of the EC and in accordance with the Guidelines.

If you as an individual member or a National Branch feel that you can assist, please inform the Treasurer how much you can contribute, preferably before 31 December 2004. Knowing how much money is available will help in the planning and the selection procedure.

You can send the money to one of the following accounts:

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

IBAN code for the Euro account: NL18ABNA 0552313386

Or

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

IBAN code for the Dollar account:  
NL85ABNA0579910717

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 Conference 2005.**

If you wish make a contribution under USD or Euro 100 and not pay the then relative high bank costs, you can also pay in cash during the Conference it self. In that case it is even more important that you let the Treasurer know of your commitment in writing.

Thank you all in advance for your consideration and the EC is looking forward to hear from many of you.

***On behalf of the EC, Mieke Weeda, Treasurer CIF International***

## INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CONFERENCE GRANTS



As you know, 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.

These grants are only offered to members from developing countries and countries in Eastern Europe, with some exemptions left to the discretion of the Executive Committee (EC). The grants provided by CIF International are mainly towards the fees of the Conference. Only in case CIF International or the organising country receive additional funds, we might be able to provide also 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 Germany. The number of grants available depends totally on the amount available and the costs of the Conference. At this moment we expect to have — from the balance of former years and the expected income from the interest of the special Grant Funds — sufficient funds available for 3 Conference Grants and/or for some support towards travel for 3 members. We hope that we will be in the position to offer more grants when we get additional funds.

Certain guidelines — including 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 consider clear and complete applications, which allow us to make decisions without having to go into 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 requesting 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.
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)
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.
8. The grantees must send a short report to the EC on the Conference through the Treasurer. These reports will be shared with the BD.

Procedure:

☞ **All applications must come through and be endorsed by the National Branch.**

☞ **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 Contact Person we will consult the Contact Person.

☞ **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.**

☞ All applicants need to mention the CIP and/or CIF programme(s) participated in, with the place and the year.

☞ Applicants have to mention whether a grant was ever received before and when.

☞ The National Branches or the Contact Persons (for those candidates without a National Branch) must recommend the candidates for the grants.

☞ The applications and recommendation must be sent, in writing, to the Treasurer of CIF International. This can be done by email

☞ The EC will make the selection of grantees before **1 March 2005** and will inform the National Branches, Contact Persons and individuals concerned.

**Please note that the Closing Date for receipt of applications for the Bonn Conference is 31 December 2004.**

**Email:** [mhw@act-intl.org](mailto:mhw@act-intl.org)

## Bridges of Friendship and Solidarity

*Regine Dubery, CIF France*

Regine Dubery lives in Troyes, a city of 60 000 inhabitants, 150 kilometers east of Paris. Almost every year she organizes practical training or hosts participants from various countries. She is therefore a privilege witness of some of the wonderful exchanges that are still going on when the participants are back home. Her experience is the best illustration of the bridges of friendship and solidarity that we can all build together around the world.

After their practical training, **Margaret STEEL from Scotland** (1988) and **Damira YAGOUDINA, a teacher from Russia** (1993), remain in written contact with students from primary schools in Troyes. Furthermore, school materials and funds have been sent by a French teacher to the Russian students. The following year the French host families were invited to TCHELIABINSK for a 15-day trip with the Russian host families.

4 years later the same French host families and Regine hosted Damira and 3 of her colleagues with their husbands, 15 people in total, for a walking holiday in a typical mountain cabin in Queyras (Alpes du Sud). They have wonderful memories of cooking, sport and intellectual exchanges.

**Annette STRUWE, a social worker from Sweden** (1991), came back to introduce us to her husband and to bring back to Sweden a painting by Jean MARREL, a famous painter from Troyes who hosted her with his wife Genevieve.

**Eliane RACHED is a social worker from Lebanon** (1994). After her training in Troyes a non-profit organization called «EPARTAGE-AUBEE» was created that helped «ESESOSBELE», a center for handicapped children in Beyrouth. The host families in France and their friends supported the center's projects by sending

money and people there. We collected money through garden sales and parties. **Anne-Marie PAVY** (host family and nursery nurse) was a volunteer for 2 months at «ESESOTEBE». Eliane also organized a 15-day trip for one of the French host families in Beyrouth with professional and tourist visits. We also took Eliane to the French Alps for a week's holiday in Haute-Savoie in 1999.

**Christine DERREY**, a psychologist from Troyes who hosted **Dora VAIK** from Hungary in 1999, went to visit Dora there for 15 days. Dora also returned to Troyes with her fiancée in 2003.



In 2002, we hosted **Jean-Robert MADOZEIN**, the coach from the national basketball team of **Bangui (Central Africa)**. As Jean-Robert is so skilled in his professional and personal relationships and also because it is so difficult for him to work as a social worker with kids in the street for a non profit organization in his country, he went back home with a load of sport materials offered by the social services in France. Thanks to **Pierre DESCAVES**, a real stream of solidarity flowed among host families and friends that helped to collect money so that Jean Robert and his wife were able to repair their fridge and start their small business of making home made food again. Funds are currently raised so that Jean Robert's two daughters can be enrolled at the Lycee of Bangui.

These various exchanges were created because of the willingness of the host families to share their day-to-day life with social workers from around the world.

## CIF is building bridges...

*Abdullah Karatay, CIF Turkey*

Bridges create relationships between things; what makes life meaningful is the 'relation' that bridges you to others. When you lose your relationships, you become weak, impoverished in meaning and in the course of time you are transformed in such a way you cannot be defined any more. You lose your reference world, which is the main source to define the world outside you.

Human beings have common feelings. What make them so different from each other is their relationships. Without relationships, common values are forgotten and the estrangement process begins. Hereafter people define others by using basically the prejudices that they develop..

One the main problems with the

establishments of national borders is that borders divide and make people define "the other nations", and this causes national prejudices. Human estrangement is hereafter a source of national conflict. This causes big damages to humankind. I believe, CIF in a modest but very meaningful way to remove borders between people.

Big projects supported by the European Union and/or modest attempts like our CIF exchange programs make an important contribution for the struggle to overcome human estrangement. These programs may not change all the systems, but they

certainly help make concrete changes in peoples lives. The bridge that I regained during the CIF Riga (Latvia) meeting had such an effect on me and my family members.



This is my story: Before the first World war, my wife's parents lived in Batumi, Georgia, at the time the city belonged to the Ottomans. After the collapse of Ottoman Empire and the establishment of the Republic of Turkey, Batumi was given to the USSR and my wife's family (the Koyuncus) became USSR citizens. It is well known to historians that during the Stalin Period, there were two big waves of exiles from different parts of the USSR to Siberia; one in 1939 and the other in 1949. Koyuncu family was found 'suspicious' by the regime and subjected to exile in 1949 from Batumi to Siberia.. There were not just Turks in Siberia but many other 'suspicious' people from many different other nationals; Tartars, Germans, Latvians, Russian, etc. They lived there for nine years and formed new relationships in Siberia, some even got married there. After the exile ended, everyone wanted to go back to their country; but the country they wanted to go back was not as they imagined.. Their houses and their land was given to other USSR citizens by the government.. Therefore, each had to start a search for a new way of living.

All eight Koyuncu brothers and sisters had to find their individual solution to exist. One of eight stayed in Siberia and still there; one sister stayed in Kazakhstan; four brothers and sisters migrated to Turkey in 1966; only one sister achieved to come back Batumi and is now living there. The last one Remzi Koyuncu met a Latvian girl in Siberia, and after exile they went to Latvia together. This was how all the family scattered in different countries. At the beginning they tried to keep close relationship, but in the course of time they began losing contact with each other. Each one developed new relations in their new social milieu; and each one was a citizen of a different country. One Siberian, one Kazak, one Georgian, four are Turks and the last one is Latvian.

Remzi Koyuncu, my wife's uncle, who lives in the countryside of Jelgava, Latvia moved there in 1957 with the Latvian girl he married in Siberia. At the beginning he tried to keep his relationships with his brothers and sisters. And he even visited them during USSR period. But in time, his relationship with them was cut. He was now a Latvian, oriented to Latvia; he

rarely got any news from his brothers and sisters. For the last fifteen years, contacts with him were lost. All his brothers and sister were anxious about his life.

When I found out that I was going to represent Turkey at the CIF-BD meeting in RIGA, my wife and I had the idea of searching him. Before going to Riga I asked the help of Ulla Zumente-Steele from CIF Latvia to reach Remzi Koyuncu. Ulla was able to locate his address and telephone number. Then Remzi's brothers called him up from Turkey. They regained the relationship they had lost for so many years.

I met Remzi in Jelgava, Latvia. The man I met was a Latvian in appearance. We managed to converse in Turkish, but he had a limited vocabulary and spoke with difficulty. He thought of himself as Latvian. He made plans for himself and his children as a Latvian. But what about his past? He seemed to forget many things about his painful past, maybe they were somewhere very deep in his memory.. We spent one whole day together in his house, chatting, speaking about past, about different habits of Turks and Latvians,

and he offered me 'pork' and 'home made vodka'. We had a nice day, I was expecting some show of emotion all day; and the moment came when I showed him the photos from his youth, photos from fifty years before. He built bridges to his past; he remembered 'young' Remzi, his brothers and sisters, his childhood, the old country, his pains, happiness, and of course his old loves.

When I witnessed all that happened, I felt the same emotions and was very much at home with him. I remembered once more that we as human beings share the same basic feelings of love, desire, hate, etc. All those emotions that make us human beings.

This again made me realize that the CIF ideal to contribute to human understanding by bringing together people and helping to learn something about each other's life. Many thanks to all the people who contributed to start and develop the idea of CIF. Now the bridge broken between Istanbul and Riga was rebuilt. I hope there will be many more bridges, and no more prejudices among us. 27.7.2004



Programme Dates/Details <sup>1</sup>							
Country	Length	Dates	Deadline <sup>2</sup>	Language	Registration Fee <sup>3</sup>	Support by <sup>4</sup>	No of Participants
Austria + Czech Republic (+ Hungary) <sup>5</sup>	4 weeks + 10 days	May 13 June 10	Dec 1st	English German if possible	350€ 130€	Dom. travel	4to6 3
Finland	5 weeks	Apr-Jun	Dec 1st	English	No fee	Dom. travel + allowance	7 to 8
France	8 weeks	May 8 July 2	Dec 1st	French	No fee <sup>6</sup>	Dom. travel + allowance	12 to 15
Germany <sup>7</sup>	8 weeks	Sept-Oct	March 1st	German	No fee	Allowance	25
Greece*	4 weeks	April May	Dec 1st	English, Greek if possible	400€	Dom travel	6 to 8
India	8 weeks	Nov-Dec	March 1st	English	\$550	Dom. travel	10 to 15
Israel	3 weeks	May 2	Dec 1st	English	\$250	Dom. travel	2
Italy + Slovenia	3 weeks + 1 week	June	Dec 1st	English, Italian if possible	200€ 100€	Dom. travel	4
Lithuania Latvia Estonia	4 weeks	May 13-22 June 2-12	Dec 1st	English	to be determined	No	Upto 7

		April 2-29	Dec1st	English	75 €	No	4
Norway	4 weeks		Dec1st		No fee	Dora, Travel	7 to 8
Scotland	6 week*	April 30- June 11			No fee	Dom. travel	8
Sweden	6 weeks	Apr 1- May 16	Dec1st	English	No fee	Dom. travel	8 to 12
Tanzania	4 weeks	June21 July 17	March1st	English Swahili	\$360	Dom. travel	6 to 8
Turkey	4 weeks	April 29 May 27	Dec 1st	English	300€	Dom. travel	4 - 6
CIPUSA	1 to 18	Anytime	None	English	Variable	Allowance	Open

- 1 Dates/Details are subject to change from year to year.
- 2 Deadline is for applications from people living in countries without a national branch. E In countries with national branches the deadline may be earlier.
- 3 In addition to the registration fees, applications fees can be charge by countries with national branches that send the application to a programme.
- 4 All exchange programmes provide participants with housing - usually host families living during the programme. Either an allowance (pocket money) is provided and/or domestic travel cost in the country during the exchange programme.
- 5 Hungary and Czech Republic have a joint exchange programme with Austria every second year. In 2005 Austria + Czech Republic have a joint exchange programme. Therefore there is no programme in Hungary in 2005.
- 6 From countries where there is a support from the French embassy.
- 7 The German programme is funded by the German government but planned and implemented by an alliance of welfare organisation/institutions - AGJ.

For more information, please visit our web site, [www.cifinternational.com](http://www.cifinternational.com) that also give you access to the national branches and their webs when available.

# Council of International Programs USA

## Community Leadership Program

*Lisa Purdy, President and CEO of CIPUSA*

I would like to thank the CIF Executive Committee and CIF Latvia for hosting a wonderful and productive CIF Board meeting in July 2004. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow CIF members and to learn the goals of CIF for the next year.

While CIF is currently focusing on strategic planning CIPUSA has begun evaluating some of its programs. For nearly 50 years Henry Ollendorff's organization has been providing educational and cross-cultural exchange programs to professionals from around the world. In continuing the spirit of Henry Ollendorff, connecting people to people, CIPUSA has designed the Community Leadership Program. This program will bring communities from around the world together to deal with common community challenges.

CIPUSA has been awarded funding by the U.S. Department of State to begin its **Community Leadership Program**. This program will connect communities around the world with communities in

the United States for high level, short-term professional exchanges. This new community-based program will focus in four major fields: women's and children's development, environmental management, HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness, and small business development /community investment. The goal of this program is to have groups of 5-10 people from a related field from the same community come to the U.S. where they will receive one month of academic and practical training and meet with their U.S. professional counterparts. After completion of the U.S. portion of the program, 5-10 U.S. professionals in the same field will train in the community abroad.

CIPUSA created this program with our alumni in

mind. Our intention is to apply Henry's vision to the needs and challenges that many communities face today. Ideally this is an opportunity for CIPUSA and CIF to work together. We hope that CIF alumni will apply for this program or else help us identify individuals who may be interested in participating in this program. We think this is an excellent way to work together while helping all of our programs grow.

For further information about the Community Leadership Program or an application please contact Lisa Purdy at. We hope to hear from you!

## The one you feed

An elder Native American was teaching his grandchildren about life.

He said to them. "A fight is going on inside me... it is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves."

"One wolf represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."

"The other stands for joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith."

"This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."

They thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather,

"Which wolf will win?"

The old man simply replied... **"The one you feed."**

## International Study Program of the Federal Republic of Germany (ISP) for Specialist Staff in the Fields of Child/Youth Welfare and Social Work

The program includes discussions, visits and practical work in different German towns. The practical work takes place in the statutory and voluntary sectors of youth and social services and in different spheres of action, as e.g. activities for children and young people, mainly in the form of leisure time provision; different forms of socio-educational provision for children with problems; personal or social state of need; work with young offenders, with handicapped children or young people; etc. In this way participants are introduced to the theory and practice of youth and social work in Germany. The program provides an opportunity for an exchange of views and a comparison of professional experience with colleagues from many countries. The participants can get to know and understand the Germans and in Germany living foreigners in their everyday life and, through a cultural program, will learn about the political, cultural, economic and geographical situation of the Federal Republic.

Eligible for a grant are all those who are engaged fulltime or on a volunteer basis in the field of social work and social help (Sozialpädagogik) in organizations or institutes for child/youth welfare and social work.

Full time professionals considered for ISP include social workers, qualified youth workers, child care workers and special needs teachers. Other professions may also be considered if they are engaged in practical work in the areas mentioned above.

For more information please contact Ilse Hoffman at [info@cif-germany.de](mailto:info@cif-germany.de)

# The WORLD NEWS, a History

*Nüket Atalay, editor*

According to Gisela Sensfelder, from Germany, this is the story of our international newsletter which was originally started in 1959.

Marlies Hornberger, also from Germany, prepared and printed the newspaper until 1971. Since then, the newsletter has had several addresses and editors.

1971-1975, the editorial committee was in Sweden.

1976-1985, Max Faulkner from the United Kingdom.

1987-1988, Phillippe Tafour from France,

1989-1993, Yvonne Csany from Hungary.

1994- 1997, Roland Mattison from Sweden.

1998 -2001 David Middleton from Scotland UK

2001 to date Nüket Atalay from Turkey has been the editor of the WORLD NEWS.

Until the spring of 1998, it was known as the CIF NEWSLETTER; then in September 1998, it became Vol. 2, Number 2, World NEWS. If we number all the newsletter to date, our present one is the number 33.

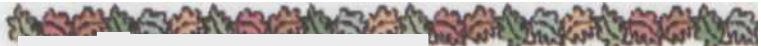
Now, we are trying to collect all the past issues to complete our archives. We have copies of every issue since 1993. If any of you have copies dated before 1993, could you mail them to the present editor. We would appreciate your assistance.



If you want to read about CIF International, click to: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council\\_of\\_International\\_Fellowship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_International_Fellowship) where our German member Gerhard Schmidt wrote about our organization. Thank you Gerhard for your contributions... There are links to Henry Ollendorff and Social Work.

"If you want to write in your native tongue about a subject for Wikipedia, have a look at [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org). You also could translate the short article about CIF and H. Ollendorff into your language and add it to the encyclopedia."

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