



# CIF WORLD NEWS

## THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

October 2005

### CIF Executive Committee Members

#### **President**

Lambrini Ninetta D. Zoi  
43 Argirokastrou Street  
156 69 Papagou  
Athens  
Greece  
ninetta.zoi@cifinternational.com

#### **Vice President**

Zarin Gupta  
702, Beach Apartments  
J.P. Road, Versova  
Andheri (West)  
Mumbai – 400 061  
India  
zarin.gupta@cifinternational.com

#### **Secretary**

Maria Hierlinger-Gudat  
Im Junkerstück 1 B  
56076 Koblenz  
Germany  
maria.hierlinger@cifinternational.com

#### **Treasurer**

Birgitta Holm  
Katarina Bangata 43, 3 trp  
116 39 Stockholm  
Sweden  
birgitta.holm@cifinternational.com

#### **Member-at-large**

Nadine Rogue  
41 rue Petion  
75011 Paris  
France  
nadine.rogue@cifinternational.com

#### **Member-at-large**

Leo Heikkilä  
Vuorimiehenkatu 18 B 21  
00140 Helsinki  
Finland  
leo.heikkila@cifinternational.com

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.cifinternational.com](http://www.cifinternational.com)

## Foreword

by the CIF World News editor



The CIF Newsletter has been a major binding and communications instrument of the CIF community. Over the years as it has evolved from the Cleveland International to CI Magazine to CIF Newsletter it has left behind foot prints of important thoughts, events and the evolution of the community. Nüket Atalay, from whom I now take over as the editor has done a commendable job and has set standards that, would

be difficult to emulate. Thank you Nüket for leaving a lively legacy, and I do hope that I live up to the expectations of CIF members from the CIF Newsletter.

When I think about how I could possibly do justice to my responsibility I am first left contemplating on what the purpose of the newsletter should be and what we all are expecting out of it. I realize that there is a very limited News value in the newsletter, given the age of e-mail, sms, internet, msn messenger etc that we live in. The value of the News letter lies in it being a personal inter communicator between members, can be held and felt, can be preserved and re referred to, can be a valuable archive and can bond members. The content of the newsletter will therefore determine its value to the members. While I do expect most of the content to originate from members themselves presenting their thoughts, suggestions, professional experiences, case studies, or any material that they may like to share with other members, I do as the editor plan to add articles etc drawn from other sources that may add value to our knowledge base.

I plan to segment the newsletter into **Current Events** (where present members and executives will be invited to update other members on events, activities etc) and **Horizons** (where I will add articles etc that look beyond today and can help us get better and more useful as a community) and **Nostalgia** (and invite senior members to contribute from their past interactions and memories). Interspersed of course will be interesting anecdotes, photographs, jokes, comments etc relevant to the members.

The newsletter is now available online on our web site:

[www.cifinternational.com](http://www.cifinternational.com) and articles and other contributions that I am not able to accommodate in the printed copy I will include in the online version (where space and budgets are not a constraint). So please send me any material (including photographs) that you may like to share with other members. In case of photographs please indicate at the back the context and the people in the photograph to make it meaningful. Letters to the editor can cover any thing that you deem appropriate including criticism (criticism of the editor included) suggestions etc. Anonymous letters will only be considered for inclusion if they are not critical of any individual. All material can be sent via e-mail to my address [zarin.gupta@cifinternational.com](mailto:zarin.gupta@cifinternational.com). If posted send it to the postal address printed on the back cover of the WN. Scanned photographs or digital photographs and other material are also welcome.

**CIF**  
**National Branches**

**Aotearoa/New Zealand & Australia**

President: Sarah DeSouza  
c/o Social Work Department  
Auckland City Hospital  
Private Bag 92 024  
Auckland 1001  
Aotearoa/New Zealand  
Phone: +64 9 307 4949 ext 25391  
sdsouza@adhb.govt.nz

Secretary: Shirley Worland  
shirley\_worland@health.gld.gov.au  
website: www.cif-anzau.org

**Argentina**

President: Dora del Teso-Neumann  
Uriburu 1438,1A, Buenos Aires  
(C1114AAN)  
Argentina.  
Phone: +54 11 4806 1588  
ddelteso@unimoron.edu.ar

Also contact:

Patricia Gandara de Marshall  
andara@ub.edu.ar

**Austria**

President: Judith Lamatsch  
Bennogasse 8/17  
A-1080  
Vienna Austria  
Phone: +43 1 408 39 98  
cifaustria@yahoo.com  
website: www.cifaustria.at

**Cameroon**

President: Kalle Albert Masango  
P.O. Box 525  
Kumba  
Cameroon  
Phone +237 762 3217  
Fax: +237 33 2183  
cifcam@yahoo.com

**Czech Republic**

President: Marketa Skalicka  
Antala Staska 31  
140 00 Praha 4  
Czech Republic  
Phone: +420 2 414 41364 (h-Prague)  
+420 40 6262363 (h-Pardubice)  
Fax: +420 2 248 26860 (work)  
skalicka.marketa@quick.cz

**Estonia**

President: Galina Kilk  
Kentmanni 10-28  
10 116 Tallinn  
Estonia.  
Phone: +372 6 447 321  
galinakilk@hotmail.ee  
website: http://cifestonia.ee

I would like to thank all those who have sent in these following articles. Enjoy reading the newsletter and lets get more interactive.

*Zarin Gupta, Vice President, CIF International*

---

## Message

### From Martha Ollendorff



Martha Ollendorff, wife of Henry Ollendorff, graced the Bonn Conference as the senior most patron of CIF

" I am proud to see that our program has been adopted in so many countries, more than a dozen around the world. I found it very heart warming that so many of the participants even from 50 years ago are still involved and that I was able to meet them.

I love CIF and each of you"

*Editor: Thank you Martha for just being there.  
Thank you for your encouraging words. We Love You!*

---

## Message from past editor

### by Nüket Atalay, Member, CIF Turkey



I received many mails addressed as "dear all", and I know I will miss them after the Bonn conference when I no longer hold an office.

I went on the CIP program in Cleveland 1963, when the US government gave full support to Henry Ollendorff's project to unite social workers and youth leaders from around the world. We were part of a program that gave us vision to be creative for the

rest of our lives, hope and motivation to change what we could, the energy to try to make the world a livable place for many people whom we could help.

After my CIP experience in the States, I was not only a professional social worker, but also a lifetime volunteer. In 1993 we organized our National Branch in Turkey and I was the president. I had the opportunity to represent my country at the conferences in Jamaica in 1995, Scotland 1997, Holland 1999, Italy 2001, India 2003 and Germany 2005. I worked on the CIF International Executive Committee for four years, two years as a member at large and two years as vice-president I worked with very capable CIF presidents like Yvonne Chanyl from Hungary, Purnima Mane from India, Agneta Björklund from Sweden and Ninetta Zoi from Greece.

I made many friends from around the world and visited many countries.

CIP/CIF has touched many lives like mine. We constantly gained energy from one another, and hopefully contributed to peace and understanding among human service professionals around the world. I am proud to be a part of this organization and to have contributed to it at some point in its history. I hope it will continue to exist and touch the lives of many more people.

I would like to say good-bye to all of you as the past editor. I would like to urge each and every reader to contribute to the world news and the CIF International activities... I wish good luck to Zarin Gupta as our new editor and I know I will be looking forward to getting the future issues.

**Finland**

President: Rita Hongell  
 Turku  
 Finland  
 Phone: +358 10 368 0316 (work)  
 GSM: +358 50 539 9524  
 Fax: +358 9 19128430  
 rita.hongell@om.fi  
 website: www.cifinland.org

**France**

President: Mireille Boucher  
 c/o Michèle Auburtin (Secretary)  
 71 Rue F. Christ  
 02000 Laon  
 France  
 Phone/Fax: +33 23 23 30 79  
 cifrance@wanadoo.fr  
 mirboucher@aol.com  
 website: www.cif-france.org

**Germany**

President: Ilse Hoffmann  
 Fuchsweg 49 a  
 85598 Baldham  
 Germany  
 Phone: +49 8106 378980  
 info@cif-germany.de  
 website: www.cif-germany.de

**Greece**

President: Elisavet [Veta] Bakagianni  
 CIF Hellas  
 P.O. Box 4071  
 10210 Athens  
 Greece  
 Phone: +30 210 6427856. ext 282 (w)  
 Fax: +30 210 6462741(work)  
 info@cifhellas.org  
 website: www.cifhellas.org

**Hungary**

President: Lajos Szabo  
 Koru u.8, 2100  
 Gödollo  
 Hungary  
 Phone: +36 28 430 436 (work)  
 or +36 20 414 0384  
 lszabo1@fibermail.hu

**India**

President: Zarin Gupta  
 P.O. Box 1235  
 Mumbai  
 Maharashtra  
 India  
 Phone: +91 22 2369907  
 Fax: +91 22 2414038  
 info@cifindia.org  
 website: www.cifindia.org

**Israel**

President: Edna Bar-on  
 4 Achimeir Str.  
 Tel-Aviv 69126  
 Israel  
 Phone/Fax: +972 3 642 1204  
 barone@barak-online.net

## From the President's desk

by Lambrini-Ninetta D. Zoi President, CIF International



My first CIF Conference was the 19th in Dourdon-France, 1991; participating in CIP in 1989 I missed the 18th held in Vraona-Greece. Then I was blessed to be able to attend all the next ones but the 21st in Jamaica, 1995. I know there are many CIF Friends who have been to more, but I also know that every CIF Conference is very special in its own way and yet I have clear evidence that even CIF Conferences are

evolving and improving. And this summer we celebrated the 50th CIP Anniversary at this excellent recent Conference in Germany! All of us privileged CIF Members who have participated in the 26th CIF International Conference came back home indeed rejuvenated! Full of energy and enthusiasm to go on supporting CIF ideals, and working for the achievement of our aims and goals! We certainly became richer and more skilled in building bridges-enabling dialogue after this wonderful week – it was an excellent Conference, Congratulations CIF Germany!

General Assembly revised Article 5 of the CIF International Statutes, fulfilling a requirement of the Bonn Court and in this framework officially welcomes all ISP (German AGJ Programme) alumni to join CIF! Before the Conference intense and long hours, very fruitful Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings took place at the comfortable and pleasant premises of the Gustav-Stresemann Institute and under the warmth hospitality of our German Colleagues. As usually you will soon receive the Minutes that will freshen up the memory of the ones who were with us and inform all the others of our sharing and achievements, decisions and future plans. Board of Directors (present 22 of the 28 Branches and CIPUSA), besides our traditional agenda, with the kind volunteer support of our dear Dorothy Faller made significant further steps in the Strategic Planning Process that has been decided at the BD Meeting in Athens, 2002 and is practically ongoing since Goa in February 2003.

Amongst them are:

- The adoption of the CIF International Mission Statement: "The Council of International Fellowship provides professional human services development and training through intercultural exchange."
- A number of practical, structural common strategies
- Set up the following Sub-Committees/working groups:
  - ❖ Finance Advisory Committee: Mieke Weeda (The Netherlands), Håkan Berggren (Sweden), Birgitta Holm (Sweden), Issy Bruce (U.K.), Joshio Koike (Japan).
  - ❖ Committee for Fund-raising: Daumantas Gudelis (Lithuania), Mireille Boucher (France), Ilse Hoffmann (Germany), Lajos Szabo (Hungary) and Zarin Gupta (India), Zarin in charge.
  - ❖ Marketing Committee: Edna Bar-On (Israel), Inge Bierbrauer (Germany), Ulla Zumente-Steele (Latvia) and Zarin Gupta (India), Zarin in charge.
  - ❖ Committee to write the Strategic Plan: Edna Bar-On (Israel), Shirley Worland (Australia) and Dorothy Faller (U.S.A.), Dorothy in charge.

The 27th CIF International Conference will take place in Cleveland, USA in 2007! The 2006 BD Meeting will be held in Paris courtesy to hospitality of CIF

### Italy

President: Mimmo Merola  
Via Gramsci 66  
81055 S. Maria C.V.(CE)  
Italy  
Phone: +39 06 862 141 38  
TeleFax: +39 823 846 276  
mimmo.merola@iol.it  
cifitalia@cifitalia.it  
website: www.cifitalia.it

### Jamaica

President: Cecil Johnson  
Avesbury Avenue  
Kingston, 6  
Jamaica W1  
Phone: +1 876 927 9526  
  
Secretary: Vinnette Morris  
109 Border Avenue  
Kingston 19  
Jamaica W1  
Phone: +1 876 927 9526  
Fax: +1 984 7916  
mayfairhotel@cwjamaica.com

### Japan

President: Daisaku Maeda  
Shimotakaido, 5-13-8  
Sigunami-ku Tokyo  
Japan  
Phone: +81 3 3304 0278  
Fax: +81 3 5374 32 81  
PAGO3342@nifty.ne.jp  
goukaku@nichiyu-kouza.com

### Kenya

President: Ronald Miller Mbehelo  
P.O. Box 10450  
Nakuru  
Kenya  
Phone: +254 37 44052  
Fax: +254 37 45739  
cif\_kenya@yahoo.com

### Latvia

President: Ulla Zumente-Steele  
Lacplesa St. 43/45-11  
Riga LV-1011  
Latvia  
Phone: +371 914 2588  
ulla@Rgsl.edu.lv

### Lithuania

President: Vygandes Rautkas  
Antakalnio g.68-88  
LT-10300 Vilnius  
Lithuania  
Phone: +370 615 50308  
ciflithuania@yahoo.com

### Netherlands

President: Trudy de Wit  
CIF in the Netherlands  
PO BOX 202  
3500 AE Utrecht  
The Netherlands  
cifnetherlands@hotmail.com

France that celebrates its 40th Anniversary! Board of Directors finally, with the support of our Nomination Committee, i.e. Gunvor Brettschneider, Jane Ollendorff and Market Skalicka have elected the new CIF International Executive Committee for 2005-2007. My re-election to the position of President makes me feel very honored and at the same time the onus of helping forward our very special CIF organization in a faster and faster changing world! But I am not alone; you have elected a highly skilled and motivated team:

**Vice President:** World News Editor: Ms. Zarin Gupta from India

**Secretary:** Ms. Maria Gudat-Hierlinger from Germany

**Treasurer:** Ms. Birgitta Holm from Sweden

**Member at Large:** Exchange Programmes Coordinator: Ms. Nadine Rogue from France

**Member at Large:** Webmaster & Contact Persons Coordinator: Mr. Leo Heikkila from Finland.



**The Executive Committee**

(L to R) Birgitta Holm, Nadine Rogue, Leo Heikkila,  
Maria Gudat-Hierlinger, Zarin Gupta and Lambrini-Ninetta D.

Our outgoing Vice-President Nüket Atalay and Treasurer Mieke Weeda have volunteered to work with the newly elected Executive Committee until the end of 2005! We are all very thankful for the precious serving so many years and their willingness to support the handing over to the newly elected EC Members. I am proud to tell you that since the end of the Conference the 8 of us are doing regularly our CIF "homework" or "night shift" as we joke amongst ourselves, sitting in front of our PCs!

We aim to keep on building bridges using both our traditional and high tech tools for:

- ❖ Networking and cooperation amongst Branches and Contact Persons to support the establishment of new Branches at countries that the efforts of the Members have brought the necessary results,
- ❖ Motivating and activating new Contact Persons,
- ❖ Encouraging Branches that wish to start a CIF Exchange Programme,
- ❖ Keep the excellent and mutually beneficial cooperation with CIPUSA, so we can continue the long tradition of sharing and enabling younger generations to benefit from becoming CIF Members by participating in CIPUSA and CIF Exchange Programmes, Conferences etc.

Join efforts with us. Every single CIF Member is invaluable to our special organization, in developing new methods of promoting international understanding and world peace!

**Norway**

President: Gro Ormstad Berge  
 Varstigen 14  
 1470 Lorenskog  
 Norway  
 Phone: +47 67905240  
 gro@berge.gs

**Slovenia**

President: Dominika Marolt  
 Smoletova 12  
 10000 Ljubljana  
 Slovenia  
 Phone: +386 61 348 889  
 Fax: 386 61 333 647  
 dominika.marolt@gov.si

**Sweden**

President: Paula Kaaremo  
 c/o CIF-Sweden  
 Karlbergsvagen 80 nb ög  
 S-113 35 Stockholm  
 Sweden  
 Phone/Fax: +46 8 3231 21  
 info@cif-sweden.org  
 paula.k@privat.ufors.se  
 website: www.cif-sweden.org

**Switzerland**

President: Irene Hilfiker  
 Espenhotweg 42/6  
 CH-8047 Zurich  
 Switzerland  
 Phone: +41 31 382 28 22  
 Fax: +41 31 382 11 25  
 i.hilfiker@bluewin.ch

**Tanzania**

President: Mathen S. Mponda  
 PO Box 9532  
 Dar-Es-Salaam  
 Tanzania  
 Phone: +255 51 861413

(Secretary: F.N. Mvunjapori)  
 Phone: +255 51 112 185 (home)  
 +255 51 133002 (work)  
 Fax: +255 51 116420  
 cif\_tz@hotmail.com

**Turkey**

Vice President: Abdullah Karatay  
 Korukent E-9, Levent  
 Istanbul  
 Turkey  
 Phone: +90 505 756385  
 cifturkey@hotmail.com  
 akaratay@yahoo.com

**U.K.**

President: Isabella Bruce  
 CIF Scotland (UK)  
 36 B Princess Street  
 Perth PH 28 L J  
 Scotland  
 Phone: +44 1738 626 404  
 Fax: +44 1738 622240  
 bruceij@aol.com

# 50 years of CIP – Bonn Conference

by Ilse Hoffman, President, CIF Germany



## BUILDING BRIDGES FOR PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

From the bottom of my heart I want to say THANK YOU to all who helped make a success of our conference under the Auspices of Dr. Wolfgang Thierse, President of the German Parliament.

Prior to the conference, our time was filled with intense hard work and coordination, sometimes frustration because of lack of financial support and the concerns of inadequate registrations... all this was forgotten the very second I stepped into the institute waiting for the CIF-Family to arrive. Left behind was the anxiety in the organization team and the group helping at the site. Everything worked fine together and we felt like clockwork working together - to achieve ONE GOAL: the 50th anniversary held in Germany.

31 nations had registered, 30 had arrived with their "boats" at river Rhine to celebrate with us. We deeply regret that our colleagues from Cameroon could not leave their country due to visa problems, but we carried them in our hearts and often spoke about them.

### Our special honor

Martha Ollendorff together with Frank and Jane were kind enough to make the long trip from Atlanta to Bonn to participate in the conference and the celebration held in Darmstadt August 1, when the street sign for Henry Ollendorff was officially unveiled.

Members from all present nations and generations never felt like strangers to me. Together with 200 guests we could celebrate our 50th anniversary with the vital CIF spirit. The minute details prepared by us were very well appreciated by participants. In addition to excellent speakers and workshop leaders, and a wonderful setting of the institute at the Rhine, we were able to achieve our goal 'to organise a modern conference with a heart'! Two exhibitions contributed in a unique way towards understanding the topic of dialogue: "Religions of the World" and "Making Memories Matter" – 21 memory crates told the personal histories of life in Europe. We successfully provided nutrition not only for the brain, but also for the stomach. We could combine the interests of all ages with the LIVING spirit of CIF.



## USA

President: Micheal Cronin  
116 Pinehurst Ave. #G11  
New York  
NY 10033  
USA  
Phone: +1 212-927-8375 (home)  
+1 609-652-4329 (work)  
mcronin@mcronin.com

## CIP USA

President & CEO: Lisa Pardy  
Council of International Programs USA  
1700 East 13 Street  
Suit 4ME  
Cleveland  
Ohio 4414-3213 USA  
Phone: +1 216 566 1088  
Fax: +1 216 566 1490  
lisapurdy@cipusa.org  
website: www.cipusa.org

## CIF

### Contact Persons

#### Brazil

Ms. Aurea C. Ferreira  
Rua das Rosas, 230 apart 1  
Praca da Arvore  
Sao Paulo  
SP-040 48000  
Brasil 72000-000  
Brazil  
Phone: +55 11 5078 7168 / 710 98 467  
cfaurea@yahoo.com

#### China

Mr. Ye Lin  
No 9 Lane 410 Hong Gu Road  
Shanghai 200 335,  
P.R. China  
Phone: +86 21 62611828  
eeinc@public.4.sta.net.ch

#### Denmark

Ms. Susanne Otepka  
Lillegardsvej 9  
3450 Alleroed  
Denmark  
Phone: +45 48 17 74 26  
otepka-jacobsen@teliamail.dk

#### Ghana

Trinity Yevo  
P.O. Box 778  
Akatsi Volta  
Ghana  
Fax: +233-966-22256,  
wofaoworae@hotmail.com

#### Kyrgyzstan

Ms. Gulayim Ismailova  
296, Saliev str.,  
Bishkek  
Kyrgyzstan  
Phone: 29 5362  
gulayim@mail.ru

The new experiment of the market of the nations gave all of us a joyful evening by dancing singing and shopping. The last night, after the banquet dinner, we danced all together with Klezmer music and the dance master led all of us so wonderfully through the dances we didn't want to stop. This spirit carried me through this week and still keeps me going. It was indescribable.

I think Henry would be proud to see the spirit of CIF; it was hopefully as he would have wanted it.

## Culture Conflict & death by Günter Bierbrauer, University of Osnabrück



By the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century culture and cultural identity became key elements in ethno-political conflicts. By ethno-political conflicts I mean all forms of aggression, which are carried out against other groups because they are perceived to be different in terms of their ethnicity or cultural or religious beliefs. Since massacres have occurred in all parts of the world, in nearly all cultures and religions, we are tempted to believe that they are part of "human nature".

Two "theories" of human nature are very popular to explain human aggression. One family of theories belongs to the realm of biological and evolutionary explanations. The other popular explanation why human beings mass kills their fellow humans goes back to Sigmund Freud. War, says Freud, is part of men's nature because of its biological roots and therefore not avoidable. Both theoretical frameworks are not only too simple to explain massacres but they also discount our culpability. Massacres, however, are the products of human creativity not of instinctual forces. They are uniquely human and fundamentally social. All massacres were justified by the perpetrators, such as the ethnic cleansing in Kosovo or Hitler who called for the destruction of "inferior" humans. Nazi propaganda fostered antagonistic attitudes towards the "enemies" of Germany, namely Jews and idealized the Aryan race as superior to all others. As mentioned before, the account of collective violence in terms of innate aggressions or our biological heritage has many difficulties. Collective phenomena are the province of social psychology and also of sociology, anthropology, and political science. We still do not understand how it is possible for an otherwise peaceful collectivity to engage in mass murder. As I have pointed out, there is some commonality in terms of the motivations of individuals who we recruited to engage in mass murder: They do it for a higher purpose; they do it in order to protect their culture against enemies; they are even willing to sacrifice their own lives if it serves a higher purpose.

The major premise of my talk is the assumption that culture is more than a system of shared practices. Rather, culture serves a major need in human existence, namely to provide a source of existential meaning. As pointed out by the German sociologist Max Weber in 1904 culture gives meaning and importance to our lives in an otherwise meaningless universe. The idea that culture is a major source of meaning as it imbues and links our individual lives with social and perhaps transcendental meaning was taken up by a group of social psychologists (Pyszczynski, Solomon, and Greenberg, 2003) who combined insights of existential philosophy, psychoanalytic theorizing and assumptions of social psychology to form a model which they labeled "Terror Management Theory". According to the authors of Terror Management Theory, the main function of culture is to alleviate anxiety caused by the awareness of our possible death. To summarize, the basic tenets of this theory are:

**Madagascar**

Mr. Theodoric Rajaonary  
 Block 15, porte 5,  
 67ha North West  
 101Antananarivo  
 Madagascar  
 Phone: +261 20 22 28799  
 rajaonary2525@yahoo.com

**Morocco**

Mr. Abdel-Aziz El Boudiri  
 Children's Home  
 B.P.21-AHFIR 600.50  
 Morocco  
 elboudiri.aziz@caramail.com

**Nepal**

Mr. Krishna Acharya  
 NDA, Central CBR  
 P.O.Box 2001  
 Jorpati  
 Nepal  
 acharya\_krishna@yahoo.com

**Palestine**

Mr. Majed Abdulfattah  
 Welfare Association  
 P.O.Box 6269  
 Shu'fat Jerusalem,  
 Palestine  
 abdufattaftm@jwelfare.org

**Peru**

Ms. Nelly Galliani Chiok  
 Avda. Del Ejército 1774  
 San Isidro  
 Lima 27  
 Peru  
 TAN\_pong\_meng@mcads.gov.sg

**South Korea**

Prof. Sunwha Moon  
 Social Welfare Dept  
 Pusan National University,  
 Pusan 609-735  
 South Korea  
 swmoon@pusan.ac.kr

**Spain**

Prof. Tomasa Bañez Tello  
 C/Violante de Hungria  
 23 5009 – Zaragoza  
 Spain  
 Phone: +93-790 75 15  
 tomasaba@tomasaba@unizar.es

**Taiwan**

Mr. Matthew Kuo  
 5, Lane 17  
 Pai-Jen Street  
 Hsin Tien  
 Taipei Hsien  
 Taiwan  
 matthew3077@yahoo.com.tw

(1) Because of their capacity to reflect upon their own death and possible annihilation, human beings experience a constant source of existential threat and anxiety.

(2) There must be some kind of psychological buffer which protects us from this awareness; otherwise we would not be able to function.

(3) According to Terror Management Theory, a dual component cultural anxiety buffer has evolved to fulfill this function. The two components of this buffer are self-esteem and the particular worldview to which we are socialized. Pursuit of self-esteem and faith in the cultural worldview provide protection from the fear of death.

(4) The anxiety buffer is activated when people experience a threat toward their cultural worldview or their self-esteem. In other words, the encounter with death-related stimuli leads people to increased pursuit of self-esteem and faith in their cultural worldview. When people are asked to think about their own death they tend to rigidly defend or protect their worldview. Any challenges to our worldviews of death related thoughts activate the anxiety buffer because its main function is to control anxiety concerning our vulnerability and mortality. In other words, the encounter with death related stimuli lead people to increased pursuit of self-esteem and faith in their cultural worldview. When this happens the anxiety buffer is activated in the form of negative reactions toward those who are different because they challenge our worldviews. Terror management Theory opened a new understanding of the intricate relationship between culture and death. Threat to our cultural worldviews can mobilize individuals and 2 groups to fight and even die when certain additional conditions are met: These are low self-esteem and death related thoughts in conjunction with a promise of immortality. These conditions may explain some of the causes of Islamic terrorism as pointed out by Pyszczynski et al. (2003) in their book "In the wake of 9/11. The psychology of terror." The core idea of Western civilization is human equality irrespective of heritage, creed and color. However, respect for different worldviews does not come about through mere appeals to human unity. In order to make a multicultural world or society work, we have to understand the forces which prevent multicultural tolerance. This research seems to suggest that we need to better understand the dynamics of the potential threat that other worldviews can provide. Particular individuals and groups who are or feel marginal, disrespected often harbor deep resentment against the Western mode of living and find moral justification for their violent behavior in political-religious ideology.

---

## Why did it work so well?

by Dagmar Demme, Member, CIF Germany

Six board members and fourteen others from all over Germany met seven times over weekends for two years and continued communication by phone or e-mail and some regional meetings in subgroups. All the other volunteers were asked to be helpers, it worked perfectly and you have seen this big group on the stage. It was clear that we all wanted a conference 'with heart' in order to combine head and heart!

The start was not easy as we had to deal with a big burden of not knowing if we would get enough financial help. This meant a lot of pressure for the board members and we can only admire that they did not give up. The enlarged organizing team was very aware of this big problem and tried hard to stop any resignation and always found some way of hope. You all have enjoyed that beautiful place and that was of course also a basic prerequisite for the success for the conference. I myself have had in the beginning a lot of doubts if we can make it at all. We all shared Henry's vision of creating more understanding and working towards peace in our still war-ridden world, and



understanding and working towards peace in our still war-ridden world, and we all had the same basic motivation to do something about it.

For us as a German Branch it was a big challenge to do this conference and to re start our German Branch which had nearly collapsed and we were very happy that new members from more recent programs took over responsibility as board. – I was delighted to see how our group was a wonderful tool for the work we wanted to do and I do understand much better our theorists like Erik Erikson and Victor Frankl, just to name my favorites, with their references to life long development and the specific task of growing in all phases of life and in certain contexts. I guess we all remember our group work teachers, be it in

SASS/Cleveland with Grace Coyle, Betty Hardford and Mary Louise Somers or elsewhere and especially I want to mention Gisela Konopka from Minneapolis, who like Henry had to leave Germany and later taught us to use the skills of group work for understanding and respecting diversity and function in the democratic life style. They all impressed us being authentic. This genuine attitude was continued by the leadership of Ilse Hoffmann and our board and then also was taken over by the organizing - team members. We all cherished her competence and her acceptance for continuously evaluating all the many different working steps in the group.

We also experienced how strong program and relationship is intertwined and were happy to handle our conflicts and problems so well and mostly in this cheerful positive way. Respect, understanding, acceptance and support came naturally to us and had not to be 'discussed' as values, they were just lived and this way many, wonderful creative ideas and suggestions came up and grew so rapidly that we had to work on a frame of reality to do all what is necessary and make choices. The cohesiveness of the group grew rapidly in this atmosphere of so much support. It was possible that the frustrations were held to a minimum and bearable for those who had to suffer from cut backs of their ideas.

We also learned to communicate clearly and tried hard not to hurt anybody. The subgroups which met as regional groups in between the 7 week-ends, mostly held in Kassel, understood themselves especially also as support givers and carried through their tasks with a high understanding of responsibility for the whole. It was amazing that because of the general attitude each one could function in a very autonomous way. We were very lucky that one group member took constantly and actively over the role to remind us not to be too intellectual but to consider also the "heart aspect". Germans tend to be so seriously involved with the "head" and often forget the humor! But this member taught us that laughing and creativity is a wonderful part of life.



The German organizing team



## A message from Jane and Frank Ollendorff

"It was such a pleasure to attend the CIF International Conference in Bonn, Germany, to see old friends and meet new! CIF Germany captured our hearts with the Building Bridges theme based on Henry Ollendorff's vision. We especially appreciate Wilhelm Wannemacher and his persistence leading to the dedication of OLLENDORFFPLATZ.

Thank you to Anita Gerdes and to all who participated in the very special dedication ceremony in Darmstadt, Germany. The beautiful bouquet of flowers you presented to Martha made it all the way home through U.S. customs!

We look forward to seeing you all in two years at the next CIF Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio U.S.A."

## Extracts from the Diary of ... Antje Harms-Zwerger, Member, CIF Germany



"Ilse Hoffmann asks me from where we know each other - probably from the conference in Konigstein 1980, no, she has not been there; where I am from Augsburg aaaahhhhhh; she is from Aichach, 26 km away. I am working in Aichach too, so are you the Ilse Hoffmann I emailed some months ago and who is the director of the Lebenshilfe in Aichach, where I am working at the family counseling agency ???!!!!!! YES!!!!!! And then unbelievable looks and wows and hugging each other, with this wonderful feeling of getting to know each other on the CIP background. This is what happens with e-mail it does not say where one lives!! The Organizing team of the Bonn Conference 2005 has a mailbox for each delegate; another special idea!"

"The Opening ceremony everyone colors his or her flag for a boat to stick it then to the bridges in the Plenum I put mine to the Kohlbrandt-Brucke in Hamburg close to Zenobia's boat from India on which I read: all ships in the harbour are safe, but that is not what ships are for. Lets all sail out to the seas of peace and understanding and Sarosh from India writes on his boat 'There is a time and place even you do not know where to go'.

"Agency-visits: Gerhard leads about 15 of us to a visit to the Synagogue. Judith Lamatsch (Minneapolis 1977) and I find out that both of us know Livia Calice from Vienna; Livia was one of my Feldenkrais teachers during my training in Kossen/Tirol and Judith lives in Livia's house below her!!!"

"Sightseeing tour through Bonn in bus 3: I hear Veta (President CIF Greece / CIP 1986) sing a Greek song for Leo (CIF Finland / USA 1988-89) 'Strosse to stroma sou gia dio' one of my favorite Greek songs; and I join in. All of us along with Veta's beautiful voice sing songs from the CIF songbook prepared by the organizing team!!! And I got goose pimples when we sang the old German song 'Am Brunnen vor dem Tore' and Veta sings it with Greek words! Please mail it, Veta!!"

"Closing Ceremony: The German Organizing Team announce the next CIF Conference will be in Cleveland, Ohio. Ilse and her team hand over a Schwarzwald Kirschtorte to Lisa (CIPUSA President) using the colorful bridges to meet and then Ilse asks me to tell about the creation of the bridge during the workshop with Wolfgang Rattgers. Wolfgang will now give the bridge to a day-care center in Bonn to be used for peace and understanding!

The Kletzmer musicians practice for the Closing Ceremony and Dinner-Party tonight. Ann Ellsie Morger (CIP 1983) gets inspired by the music and her dancing inspires me, music is building bridges!"



*Editor: Sorry Antje, I had to leave a lot out for lack of space. But do continue with your DEAR DIARY!*

## The Grantees Reflect Excerpts from conference reports

Photo: H Berggren collection



## Zenobia Rustomfram, CIF-India

In 1979 the CIP USA Program in Minnesota was a turning point in my professional career. I had harbored a wish to return for another CIF program some day. After 25 years that wish was fulfilled when I secured a grant from CIF International to attend the conference in Bonn-Germany. The most obvious learning that has occurred is the realization that conflicts cannot be resolved with quick fix solutions, rather for long term peace to prevail we need to nurture an atmosphere of listening, caring, sharing, respecting and understanding. Examining our attitudes and committing ourselves to valuing individual views and differences – not similarities, appealed to me. Achieving these through the skill of Non Violent Communication where two parties can be encouraged to express their concerns honestly and openly, though difficult, can be a goal to work towards.

The exhibition on Memory boxes was moving and created empathy for those who shared the hard times. There was a very good balance between entertainment and learning. The recreation gave one an opportunity to practice what was learnt through the lectures. Compared to the lectures the Workshops barring a few lacked the intensity. Organizing a conference of this magnitude was no mean task and CIF Germany with their warmth, tenacity of purpose and good team skills have given us a role model to emulate.

All I can say is that the boats so lovingly given to us in Goa in 2003, inviting us for a Dialogue, set sail, anchored at the GSI Harbor under the Bridges of Peace and Understanding, are once again ready to embark on their journey to distant shores and fulfill their mission. Thank you CIF International, CIF Germany and CIF India for making my dream a reality.

## Patricia Gándara de Marshall, CIF-Argentina

I will only tell my experience, and as Prof. Dr. Barbara Mettler had expressed in her keynote address using the metaphor "The Blind and the Elephant", from me you will just have a part of the elephant. During the first three days it was like being in a small United Nations as I participated in the Board Director meetings representing Argentina. The conference was just as I expected: professional presentations updated and focused on subjects that allowed us to build bridges and each meeting gave me ideas to work for a program in Argentina starting in 2006-2007. The agency visits gave us an option to be in touch with a variety of services available. I visited the Deutsche Welle Central Radio Station where we had an interview with the producer of the radio program "Inside Europe" which gave me a feeling of freedom and diversity with which they are orientated.

I would like to make a special mention of the exhibition "Making Memories Matter" - as it is a subject that I had to work with to finish my specialization in "Training of Trainers" for my postgraduate degree at the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina. This experience really built bridges! Not only between people, but also to the future...





---

## Eliska Rothová, CIF-Czech Republic

What I liked the most was the presentation by Prof. Meibon – it was nearest to my heart and the way in which I would like to work. She presented the solution-oriented approach to dialogue and work, identifying positive things and creating images that can work. She stressed also the work with ourselves – that we are the ones who can create our reality. We can lay stress on the negative things and problems, or on the positive possibilities, new ways and solutions. I realize that the whole atmosphere of the Conference was 'solution oriented. I was deeply touched by the workshop done by Dirk Kuhl – Dialogues between descendants of the Holocaust survivors and Nazi descendants. Thanks a lot also for the book about this topic. Idea of the project of TRT groups – to reflect and trust and story telling technique brings me a lot of new understanding and also questions about reflection of our past in the Czech Republic.

Visit to the Bonn Jewish Synagogue was also very interesting. I heard about 11 survivors of Holocaust who started a new Jewish Community after the war and how this community is dealing with 1000 of new Jewish people arriving from former Soviet Union in the last two decades. They have a big task: to build bridges between soviet life and Jewish life in a liberal society. These people are 'spoiled' by social control and don't understand liberalism (what I know from my home). People don't have work and don't speak German. They have two communities: social workers and Synagogues school, where they want to teach children: German and Hebrew languages and Jewish habits and religion... It's too much for all of them.

---

## Krishna Acharya, Nepal

The abstracts of Prof. Dr B.Mettler on "the Power of Dialogue and the Peace keeping on the Balkans of Elke Gross, were wonderful input for all of us with regard to the peace keeping process. The abstracts presented in culture, conflict and death by prof. Gunter and Abraham's Children of Dr. K.J Kuschet in the context of ongoing situation of social problems in every society, community and nation in the world were very relevant. The social situation of German is quite different as compared with my country but the feeling, sentiment, behavior of every human being is the same in the world.

The interesting events in the conference such as; closing ceremony with Bands and beautiful songs, delicious lunch and dinner, auction party, documentary films which are unforgettable and precious activities still remain in my mind. I was successfully encouraged by CIF Germany, CIF India and CIF International to open the branch in Nepal soon with regard to the CIF Exchange program.

---

## Alexander Oware, Ghana

How would I have known all these people from several countries and continents without CIF? I feel greatly pleased for being able to participate in the Bonn conference. I deem it as a great experience. My journey to Bonn was colored with difficulties of obtaining a visa for travel. At a point in time, I felt it was time to give up but considering the fact that one scarcely enjoys a grant, I persevered and chalked success at the end of the day. Except for my presence, the entire continent of Africa would not have been represented. I am happy that Africa showed up at long last. We in Africa neither face west or east-we forever face forward.

The lectures were quite impressive just as the workshops as the topics discussed related to the main theme of the conference. The lecture on mental models to me was the best lecture. However, I had thought that some core



topics on social work would be discussed, but that was missing. I think perhaps in future CIF international can issue a communiqué at our conferences and impress governments or influence them in their decision-making.

The social aspect of the program was also very important to me. I had the wonderful opportunity of seeing names I have seen in the world news and on Internet in person. I was happy I saw personalities like Mieke. She had been "faceless" all that while, but here I was face to face with her. The many people I met were like brothers and sisters to me. Others were more of mothers, very eager to assist and very free to share the little they had with me. The flyers brought by participants provided me with much information concerning countries I may not be in a position to visit. Indeed the conference was a wonderful social discourse and I have no regrets for the time and the resources spent on it.

Kindly allow me to end this piece by expressing my sincere gratitude to the entire board who offered me the grant, CIF Sweden for their wonderful support and all the wonderful people who organized and participated in the conference

---

### Majed Abdulfattah, Palestine

Meeting people from more than thirty countries around the world coming from the same or relevant profession and educational background, but with different social background did enrich the discussion.

Some of the outcomes of the conference:

- ❖ Getting to know new people from around the world and having new friends. Opening new cooperative channels with people from different places in the world.
- ❖ Opening a new era for discussion around sensitive issues concerning all of us, even though the focus of most of the speakers was with reference to terrorism in America.
- ❖ Knowing that people do accept each other on personal values and judge them on their way of thinking rather than on their ethnicity, religion or origin.
- ❖ Unfortunately, some of the attendance were less understandable and would not accept professional inputs as it contradicts with their own point of view.
- ❖ Speakers came from one part of the world and not from different backgrounds.
- ❖ Follow up on the conference needs to be continued in building contacts between participants.
- ❖ In the coming conferences, having speakers from different parts of the world.

---

### Lajos Szabo, CIF-Hungary

As a President of the CIF Hungary, I was my first Board of Directors meeting before the Conference. I introduced myself to the Board in my new position. It was a great challenge for me to join in with the workgroup of the Strategic Planning. I have got lot of new information. I am very grateful for the supportive atmosphere of the workgroup helping me to take part in this important work and in an effective way.

This Conference made it possible for me to meet with Gunvor Brettschneider and my friends in CIF Finland, reminding me of my first participation in CIF



program nearly 20 years ago. It was the first occasion for me to go to abroad from a politically close country and to meet with them, was one of the most important turning points in my life.

The main Programs of the Conference were very well-organized and informative and gave me new ideas about the social challenges in Europe. In the second part of the Programme I participated in a very special workshop with Angelika Thrilling about the reminiscence work, and I had the opportunity to see the very impressive exhibition of Memory Boxes. Because of my professional interest I visited the Haus der Bonner Alterhilfe. It was important experience for me to see this excellent care system and I was able to compare with our institutional care finding some new ideas to my work at home.

The informal part of the Conference Programme was excellent with the splendid boat trip on the river, the National Market and the Farewell Party. This Conference is unforgettable for me, and I am very grateful for the financial support of CIF International for my participation.

---

### Lorena Choroszuca, Uruguay

Before I left my country I was really very eager and nervous because this would be my first time in the CIP Conference. Day by day was coming with many expectations, hopes and happiness cause on Monday 25th of July I was supposed to meet new people from different cultures and with many goals in common, with many things we wanted to share with, with many bridges for build together. Finally Monday came and everything began to work out.

When I went to the Opening Ceremony of the Conference "Building Bridges for Peace and Understanding" I was really impressed with all the people that came for the event. This was only the beginning of this wonderful experience I shared in Bonn which grew up day by day. Personally, this Conference was a special "gift" in my life, since the moment I went to Bonn and met all of these wonderful people, my soul was really enriched by them.

I have met people from all around the world, with other languages, costumes, attitudes, religions and values but at the same time, with many things we were identified with. I was really impressed of how people were so kind and nice with the others. They were very interested in each other, they help each other and everybody really wanted to build "bridges" between the different countries we were from. Other thing that I was impressed with was when I met two women from different countries who were together in the same program of CIF 30 years ago. This was so exciting! I've heard them talking about their experiences at this moment and this was incredible!

I want to mention some of the names of the persons I have met but it would be not fair to say only some of them since I can't tell you too many names, so I prefer to say that all of them have made a change in my life, they have a "space" in my life.

I have grown much more with this opportunity and I have friends whom I feel I've made connections and I know that if I want to visit their countries I will have a "space" in their souls. Finally, I would like to say that in this Conference I felt as a piece of a big "puzzle" where each of us was essential for build it. Each piece needs the other to have a meaning. If you have only the pieces without the shape, you don't have the real significant, because you need the totally in order to find the goal you want.

Each one of us is very important but the most significant point is when you build bridges with others, when you understand the others and you want to grow and to have success with people. We have the power, we have the tools to "create" the world we want, so we have to put our power to improve and foment good ways for peace, tolerance and understanding.



## Exchange Program Views

by Nadine Rogue, Coordinator, CIF Exchange Program



We went through the analysis of the answers of the Final Evaluation Report: FER. This new tool has been implemented at the end of the year 2004 and is complementary to the Annual Activity Report: AAR. It should help us to learn each other programs, exchange ideas and contribute to gain more consistency in our organization. The FER also allows us to keep track of the list of the participants for the

current year so that the names and addresses can be regularly put on the Participant Directory that has been updated until 2004 by now. Our goal is to merge this Directory with the one completed by CIP USA and to use it for various purposes and also keep track of the "CIP/CIF Family" around the world.

Amongst the difficulties in our Exchange Programs that were quoted are the visa problems especially for African countries and problems with the fake applications from countries without Branches that are indeed difficult to control. We also talked about the lack of money within our organization and consequently difficulties to set up our exchange programs. This issue was also discussed during the Strategic Planning sessions. The strategic plan and the implementation of a fund-raising committee could help a lot. We also mentioned the EU funds (Leonardo, Socrates) that could help to find more candidates within Europe. Each branch can work on it and investigate as this could be a way for the participant to obtain individual funds.

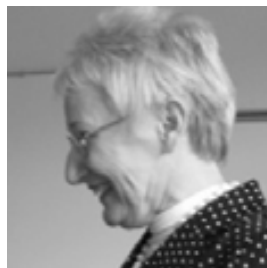
The beauty of our organization is that the general aim of CIF/CIPUSA programs are still there when we quote the feedback received from the 2004 participants to an Exchange Program.

"Meet the goals, new experience, new knowledge, become part of a global network, opportunity to have a professional/personal, cultural exchange from within, an eye opener, new insight in their work, learning different cultures, learn from each other, being exposed to another culture" were mentioned to as a benefit.

(Table of Exchange Program 2006 – Page 19)

## Strategic Planning for CIF Bonn

by Dorothy Faller, Faller International Training, LLC



The Board of CIF has really worked hard over the past few years to consider the future of the organization through the strategic planning process. We made especially good progress in Bonn before the Conference, to begin to set aside some of the old ways of doing things and look to the world of today. Our President, Ninetta Zoi, has given you the information about the new committee structures. It

is a major undertaking for any organization to refine its mission and goals, which we did through group processes in Greece, Goa, India and Riga, Latvia. Of special interest are the following decisions:

- ❖ We need to look at alternative ways for administrative support in terms of hiring for services and paying for expenses.
- ❖ We have outgrown the fully voluntary structure of our past, and will be exploring other avenues in which to grow.



### **Visit our national websites**

**Aotearoa** [www.cif-anzau.org](http://www.cif-anzau.org)

**Austria** [www.cifaustria.at](http://www.cifaustria.at)

**Estonia** <http://cifestonia.ee>

**Finland** [www.cifinland.org](http://www.cifinland.org)

**France** [www.cif-france.org](http://www.cif-france.org)

**Germany** [www.cif-germany.de](http://www.cif-germany.de)

**Greece** [www.cifhellas.org](http://www.cifhellas.org)

**India** [www.cifindia.org](http://www.cifindia.org)

**Italy** [www.cifitalia.it](http://www.cifitalia.it)

**Sweden** [www.cif-sweden.org](http://www.cif-sweden.org)

**and CIP USA** [www.cipusa.org](http://www.cipusa.org)

- ❖ We are looking at standardization of the exchange program curriculum across the branches.
- ❖ We will have a review of the membership fee by the next Executive Committee meeting.
- ❖ We are formally linking web sites with the International Federation of Social Workers.
- ❖ We are embracing many new forms of technology in terms of general communication and meetings.

It is not easy for this organization to consider changes, but the Board feels that change is critical to sustain us. It is a special pleasure for me to work with this Board in such a participative way, and to have the wonderful support of our President, Ninetta.

If anyone would like to have the working papers from our activity in Goa, Riga and Bonn, please let me know by e-mail: [dorothyfaller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dorothyfaller@sbcglobal.net).

---

## European Social Work

### by Maria Stefani, CIF Italy

The Parma University school of social work has promoted the EUSW Thematic Network Project named "Communalities and differences on social work", and invited the CIF Italy to participate among other 35 participant, mainly schools of social work. The project following the Socrates scheme has been approved and obtained the EU financial support for a two years terms beginning on 2003. Annamaria Campanini is the coordinator of the project and she presents it.

At the dawn of the 21st century, the new Europe has to face many problems of different nature: some of these rise from integration of people coming from non-European Countries with different cultures, habits and backgrounds; other problems are the result of economic poverty appearing in new forms; further problems come from the so-called "relational poverty" or from the difficulties accompanying families and individuals in their life cycle in relation to a post-modern complex society.

Furthermore, in recent years, European countries have faced different experiences, which have necessarily required different approaches, bringing Social Work educational and professional structures to tune their expertise in accordance to the national needs. Today's result is the presence of institutions and operators highly specialised in their regional needs and demands but still partially unable to respond to the needs recognized by both Europe as a nation and the most recent issues concerning workers' mobility across European territories. Hence the need to develop connections among the various European actors in Social Work in order to develop common approaches to issues of equality in social education, social rights and treatment.

In order to help create a European approach to Social Work the Thematic Network Project wants to achieve these objectives:

- ❖ To identify commonalities and differences in social work education across all European states;
- ❖ To develop sources of reference for social work teachers, students, institutions and practitioners to enable them to compare and develop European social work curricula;
- ❖ To access European practice and placement opportunities;
- ❖ To access information about pre- and post- professional social work courses all over Europe;

*All mankind is divided into three classes:*

*those that are immovable,  
those that are movable,  
and those that move"*

*- Benjamin Franklin*

- ❖ To access information about social work research opportunities and projects to facilitate new initiatives;
- ❖ To create international courses, organized by member institutions, delivered across Europe. These courses open to all European students and social work actors, will also draw upon contributions of experts from outside the EU.

The most innovative aspect of this project is that until now very few steps have been undertaken towards a European dimension in Social Work education: building educational links across the EU should inform and enhance practice developments. Extending the use of information technologies will make this task easier.

Furthermore, it has to be pointed out that this is the first real Europe-wide initiative of this sort since past experiences were related to smaller scale initiatives, involving fewer partners and not from all over Europe. Additionally, this network has the potential to create and sustain higher levels of transparency in delivery and evaluation of Social Work programs. A thematic network is believed to be the most suitable instrument to develop a shared knowledge base, which should strengthen Social Work both as a discipline and as a profession. Taking into consideration both the multi-cultural structures of the network and the need to enhance a European approach to Social Work, pedagogical and didactical approaches will directly reflect the nature of the project itself.

The network offers opportunities for partners to meet, to discuss and debate potential for moving from pedagogical teaching and developing more didactic methods focused on needs identified by students themselves.

- ❖ Direct beneficiaries of the project will be:
- ❖ The European institutions of Social Work
- ❖ The students of Social Work
- ❖ The professionals operating across Europe
- ❖ Organizations and associations
- ❖ Users of services provided by social workers

The main output of the project has been the book "European Social Work" edited by Annamaria Campanini and Elizabeth Frost that represent a fresh attempt at developing overview of basic information about social work in 24 European countries, and the summer school that took place in Parma on July 2005, for 35 students and 15 teachers.

To participate at the TNP gave to the CIF Italy the opportunity to share his small, but very unique experience of exchange programs, and to improve the attitude to transfer experiences.

Now the TNP is over but a new, even more ambitious project is starting "EUSW – A European Platform for Worldwide Social Work" has been officially approved by the European Union – DG Education & Training and the first meeting is already planned on the October 27 –30 in Calabria at Arcavacata University. More information can be found on the website

[www.eusw.unipr.it](http://www.eusw.unipr.it).

It is still possible to join if you like.

The last note: I know that many CIF members are involved in EU projects of the agencies they work in, and I think it will be useful to share these experiences in order to find out if there is any opportunity for a CIF proposal to the EU.

*"They always say time changes things,  
but you actually have to change them yourself"*  
- Andy Warhol

---

## First EP in Baltic States

by Karin Luscher, CIF-France

Baltic States - Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have their own history, language and money, but they are all independent since 1991 and members of the European Union since 2004. Though their culture is integrated with Europe, (Riga for example was a big Hansea city) they have kept their individuality, especially the language, when they were separated from the rest of Europe during the Soviet time. How was life then? We - the 5 participants of the first Baltic program (12th May to 13th June 2005): Tuva (Norway), Agneta (Sweden), Anu (Finland), Rana (Turkey) and Karin (France) - sought for answers, again and again from our colleagues and host families.

In the communist period social problems didn't exist officially, so there was no need of social workers either. For example handicapped people and children with difficulties were hidden behind the walls of institutions. After independence, the social work had to be invented, created and the social workers educated. We got the impression that the Baltic professionals did so, with a lot of energy, intelligence and low salaries. They studied the social organizations in other countries, especially in Scandinavia and adapted them to the local needs. We were also a little bit envious of the liberty and possibilities they had to create, to experiment, often with less bureaucracy.

The first professional question we were repeatedly asked: Do you work in a non governmental (NG) or in a governmental service? This distinction is very important in the Baltic states in the social field: the first one seems to have the most dynamic and young professionals, the second more money and the power of control. We, as participants, were interested in how the Baltic's treated the Russians, who were the 'oppressors' during the occupation and now the poor, uneducated and often alcoholic.

In the children care houses or drug centers 80 % are Russian children; so the professionals working there have to speak Russian. This conception of integration was quite venerable from the French one for example, and a lot more comprehensive, realistic with enough tolerance of the former oppressors. There was obviously no consideration of generalization.

---

## CIF's latest Branch

by Shirley Worland, Secretary, CIF Aotearoa/NZ/Australia

Kio ara/Giddy (Greetings)

If you're finding it hard to get your tongue around this name, let me assure you it gets easier with practice. A-O-TEAR (as in tears of joy) O-A is the first peoples' (Maoris) name for what the white people were later to call New Zealand. Australia is just a short trip away over the Tasman Sea. Now that the geography lesson is over, let me tell you a little of the how our Branch came about. Back in 2000, Sarah De Souza from Aotearoa and myself from Australia went on program to India. We both agree it was one of the greatest experiences in our professional lives and we came back to our countries eager to share this experience with others. Over the next three years, we spoke at conferences and wrote papers encouraging our colleagues to share our dream to start a branch "down under". Gradually, others went on programs and in April 2004, we had the required alumni and interested persons to start a Branch. Since then, membership has continued to grow steadily and we made the decision this year to offer our first exchange program over 6 weeks in September. Unfortunately, as the date drew closer, we had only 1 confirmed participant and were forced to cancel the program.

## Special announcement from CIF France

### Join us and Celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next fall in Paris!!!

Please write in your agenda and  
have fun with us for

#### LES 40 ANS DU CIF-France

September 29–1 October 2006

More information to be coming on  
our website: [www.cif-france.org](http://www.cif-france.org)

As a joint branch, spanning different cultures, landscapes and placement opportunities, we are confident we can provide an exciting and innovative program. So, if you are looking for that very different experience, I would encourage you to consider applying to our 2006 program. Check out the website for more information – [www.cif-anzau.org](http://www.cif-anzau.org). We will be happy to answer any queries.

## Aurora University with CIF Hellas

by Miriam Neugabauer, International Social Work Practice Course

The experience that I had in Greece is hard to put into few words. First and foremost, it was a life-changing trip for me. After my trip to Greece with Aurora University, I am able to fully understand International Social Work. I was given an inside vision of the social work process in Greece. I was also able to take time to experience the rich culture of Greece. Through seeing the sites and hearing the historic tales of Greece, I was able to walk away with a rich and full experience.

Dr. Munira Merchant offered a course in International Social Work, at the Aurora University, and this program was designed and implemented in partnership with CIF-Hellas.

The program began with a series of lectures at the Athens Centre ([www.athenscentre.gr](http://www.athenscentre.gr)), covering the subjects of: Greek Modern History, The Hellenic Welfare State, History of Social Work Education in Greece, and An Overview of Greek Economy.

The main points from the Athens Centre Director Mr. Yiannis Zervos' passionate history lecture were how young Greece is as a modern country due to the Ottoman Occupation and how Attica, the prefecture that Athens is in, has a long history of accepting immigrants.

CIF-International President Ms. Lambrini-Ninetta Zoi (MSW) gave the lecture on Hellenic Welfare State. The identification and definition of Greece as a Mediterranean Welfare State Model was the focal point. Several members' efforts stood out and need individual recognition including Elisaveta Bakagianni, Danae Christophorides, Mary Giannikaki-Kustelou, Pantelis Katzolis, Eleni Mavrogiannaki, Nota Papavasileiou, Catherine Psarouli, Afroditi Sakka, and Lambrini-Ninetta Zoi.

## About this document

[Change size](#)

[Use content list](#)

[Web](#)

[Editors](#)

[Print](#)

[Copy/change content](#)

[Copy right](#)

It's possible to change the size of the document in the tool bar (+, – or the wanted percentage)

The content list (on the left) can be hidden/taken back with a click on "bookmark"

[www.cifinternational.com](http://www.cifinternational.com)

World News editor: Zarin Gupta, [zarin.gupta@cifinternational.com](mailto:zarin.gupta@cifinternational.com)  
E-version editor: Karin Holmqvist, [web@cif-sweden.org](mailto:web@cif-sweden.org)

This publication can be printed but it is optimized for the screen why photos might come out a bit dull.

It's not possible to copy or change the content.  
World News e-edition is made to be distributing as a whole publication.  
If you are interested in a special article or photo – send a message to the editor. Your request will be forwarded to the author/photographer

© [CIF International](#), [Tanketal.se](http://Tanketal.se) and each author/photographer.  
CIF Branches have permission to send and print it in this format.

# CIF /CIPUSA - International Exchange Programs 2006

## Program 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 + Hungary <sup>5.1</sup>	4 weeks + 10 days	April 21 May 18 May 28	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English, German if possible	350 € <sup>5.2</sup> 150 €	Dom. travel	4 to 5
New Zealand and Australia	6 weeks	Sept Mid Oct	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	\$375	Dom. travel	5
Finland	5 weeks	April 21 May 27	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	No fee	Dom. travel + allowance	7 to 8
France	5,5 weeks	May 14 June 22	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	French	No fee <sup>6</sup>	Dom. travel + allowance	12 to 15
Germany <sup>7</sup>	8 weeks	Sept-Nov	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	German	No fee	Allowance	20 to 22
Greece	4 weeks	May 2 May 27	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English, Greek if possible	400 €	Dom. travel	5
India	6 weeks	Nov-Dec	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	400 €	Dom. travel	7 to 12
Israel	3 weeks	April 21 May 12	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	\$300	Partial Dom. travel	2
Italy + Slovenia	3 weeks +1 week	Sept Oct	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	English, Italian if possible	200 € 100 €	Dom. travel	4
Jamaica	4 weeks	Sept 25 Oct 22	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	\$300	Dom. travel	4
Netherlands	4 weeks	March 18 April 14	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	100 €	No	4
Norway	4 weeks	April-May	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	No fee	Dom. Travel	7 to 8
Scotland	6 weeks	May June	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	No fee	Partial Dom. travel	10
Sweden	5 weeks	April 21 May 27	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	No fee	Dom. travel	6 to 8
Tanzania	5 weeks	June 18 July 23	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English Swahili	\$ 400	Dom. Travel + allowance	6 to 8
Turkey	4 weeks	April 28 May 26	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	English	300 €	Dom. travel	4 to 6
CIPUSA	1 to 18 months	Anytime	None	English	Variable	Allowance	Open

<sup>1</sup> Dates/Details are subject to change from year to year.

<sup>2</sup> Deadline is for applications from people living in countries without a national branch. In countries with national branches the deadline may be earlier.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the registration fee, application fee can be charged by countries with national branches that send the application to a program.

<sup>4</sup> All exchange programs provide participants with housing - usually host families living during the program.

Either an allowance (pocket money) is provided and/or domestic travel cost in the country during the exchange programme.

<sup>5.1</sup> Hungary and Czech Republic have a joint exchange program with Austria every second year. In 2006 Austria + Hungary have a joint exchange program. Therefore there is no program in Czech Republic in 2006.

<sup>5.2</sup> Fees can be waived on request

<sup>6</sup> From countries where there is a support from the French embassy.

<sup>7</sup> The German program is funded by the German government but planned and implemented by an alliance of welfare organisation/institutions - AGJ.