


ANNUAL REVIEW

2014



international

building global friendship

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CISV
EDUCATES
AND
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ABOUT US

CISV International is a global organization dedicated to educating and inspiring for peace through building inter-cultural friendship, cooperation and understanding. Founded in 1950, today we are a federation of member associations in 71 countries with more than 200 Chapters or local groups. In over 60 years we have given many thousands of people the experience of their lives through our educational programmes.

Our innovative, fun, non-formal peace education ‘learning by doing’ programmes begin with our original and unique Village programme for eleven-year-olds. We offer an exciting blend of seven international camp-based, family exchange and local community programmes – each with its own character. Through our programmes, we help participants develop the skills they need to become informed, responsible and active global citizens who can make a difference in their communities and the world.

CISV International is a UNESCO partner Non-Governmental Organization, holds participatory status with the Council of Europe, and is a candidate member of the European Youth Forum.

FOREWORD

2014 was our first full year as a Governing Board, with all of us getting used to different roles and working practices, and rolling out the revised international structure. It was a satisfying and exciting challenge.

Most excitingly, we now have our Regional Delivery Teams in place and working – teams of volunteers who provide direct support and assistance to our Chapters. These teams are central to our commitment to put our Chapters, and the volunteers who run them and organize our programmes, at the heart of everything we do.

Through consultation with our National Associations and Chapters, we know we have a shared ambition to grow CISV, which will guide us as we start the process of developing our next strategic plan and a long-term vision. We are also looking to confirm our mission and values, to ensure that our plans and vision are in alignment with them.

We held our first ‘virtual’ election of new members to the Governing Board in 2014. Our sincere thanks for their hard work and dedication go to Arthur ‘Tuca’ Carvalho and John Gayoso, who both stood down. Our congratulations and warm welcome to Luis Akle, who stood for re-election, Daniel Edelshaim and David Kruse-Pickler.

Our thanks also go to the volunteers and staff in the international structure. Some of them have long involvement with CISV International, some are new - all of them have shown a commitment to working together for the success of our organization and the benefit of our Chapter volunteers. It is through our dedicated volunteers in our Chapters that we deliver on our purpose to educate and inspire action for a more just and peaceful world; we cannot thank them enough.

Governing Board and Secretary General

Massimo Crudeli
Chair of the Governing Board

Gabrielle Mandell
Secretary General

Bjørn Andersen Samming
Vice-Chair

Luis Akle

Soliman El Ashkar

Leah Donelan

Daniel Edelshaim

David Kruse-Pickler

Juan Carlos Lozano Herrera

Florentine Versteeg-Vedana

Outgoing Governing Board members in 2014

Arthur Carvalho (2013-14)

John Gayoso (2013-14)

OUR REGIONS

CISV has three administrative regions: Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Europe, Middle-East and Africa. Each region consists of a cluster of our National and Promotional Associations and their Chapters.

Within each region we have dedicated volunteer support teams, led by Regional Coordinators. They offer our Chapters and National Associations support and advice in their specialist areas to make sure that our programmes are run safely, our volunteers are trained and have the resources they need, and that our regional events are well-organized.

- **Chapter Development**
- **Educational Programmes**
- **Risk Management**
- **Training and Quality Assurance**
- **Conference and Events**

To contact our Regional Coordinators and their teams, please look at the Running CISV International section of Resources on www.cisv.org



2014 REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Together with partner organizations European Educational Exchanges-Youth for Understanding, European Federation for Intercultural Learning and Experiment in International Living, CISV International hosted a Seminar on Intercultural and Global Citizenship Education. The seminar, which was held in Hamburg in June 2014, brought together four international networks with a shared commitment of contributing to a more just and peaceful world.

60 people attended (including 18 CISVers) from 21 countries, and worked on areas of training, educational resources, leadership and participation, and advocacy and partnerships.

We had guest speakers on the topics of diversity and intercultural communication, how to motivate volunteers, and organizational development. All of our participants were very engaged and creative and during the event had already started drafting action plans for further cooperation between the four networks.

Following an invitation to our International Risk Manager, Steve Lavelle, to speak at a Scouts event, CISV International has become a partner organization in a funding bid led by Scouts associations in Europe to develop e-learning modules in risk management.

Two members of our Training and Quality Assurance Committee, Tamara Thorpe (CISV USA) and Jennifer Watson (CISV GB), were invited to present on self-evaluation and competence development at the Fifth Forum on Intercultural Learning and Exchange.

Our educational focus was on Diversity. Divers, a team of CISVers from CISV Norway and Colombia, produced and published 'Kaleidoscope' a diversity educational resource.

In 2014 we held six Regional Training Forums, offering over 30 trainings and meetings for nearly 400 participants. We certified 150 new national trainers through our Train-the-Trainers trainings and offered online recertification to existing trainers.

We launched a website and opened registration for our first Global Conference, which will be hosted by CISV Norway.

THROUGH 2014, CISV HELD

231

international programmes for

8,555

participants.

7,713

people were involved in

50

Mosaic local community projects run by our Chapters.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES AND EVENTS

- **20th CISV Ecuador**
- **CISV Slovenia** became a full National Association
- **CISV Morocco** became a Potential Association
- **We recruited for two new staff positions** - International Risk Manager and Chapter Development Manager
- **We began a comprehensive review** of our Junior Branch

FIRSTS IN 2014

- **CISV Lithuania and Romania** hosted their first Step Ups
- **CISV Bulgaria, Chile, Guatemala and Macedonia** FYR ran Mosaic projects for the first time
- **CISV Vietnam** hosted their first Youth Meeting
- **CISV Latvia and Poland** hosted Regional Training Forums for the first time
- **CISV Cote D'Ivoire** hosted its first international programme, an International People's Project
- **We launched an introductory booklet**, 'A Little Bit About CISV' - available on our website now in Portuguese, Spanish and German (thanks to CISV Brazil, Honduras and Austria)

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

We will hold our very first Global Conference in Oslo, Norway. We will be joined by representatives from Chapters worldwide and guest speakers Jeremy Gilley of Peace One Day and film maker Genevieve Bailey (I Am Eleven).



Oslo

Our educational focus will be on Conflict and Resolution; CISV Colombia and Norway will research and produce educational resources on the theme through their Jirafa Project

We will be examining our mission, 15 year vision, and values to guide us in our strategic planning

We will start production of a short animated 'introduction to CISV' video

We will be doing the preparatory work for the development of an Alumni Association and developing a new fundraising strategy

- **CISV Guatemala** - 60th anniversary
- **CISV Honduras** will host their first Step Up
- **CISV Faroe Islands** will host their first Youth Meeting
- **CISV Croatia** will host their first Seminar Camp
- **CISV Peru** will host their first Village
- **CISV Czech Republic and Greece** will host Regional Training Forums for the first time

CISV EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Since our first Village in 1951, our volunteers have organized 6,989 international programmes for 266,328 participants worldwide. All of these programmes and so much more happen within CISV's Chapters. CISV has 229 towns and cities worldwide. Most of our Chapters have a youth-led Junior Branch.

VILLAGE

Our flagship camp

- Age 11
- 28 days

INTERCHANGE

2-way family exchanges

- Age 12-15
- 14-28 days

YOUTH MEETING

Smaller regional camps

- Age 12-19+
- 8 or 15 days

STEP UP

Camps planned by staff and participants

- Age 14-15
- 23 days

SEMINAR CAMP

Camps planned and run by participants

- Age 17-18
- 21 days

INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE'S PROJECT

International community projects for adults

- Age 19+
- 14-23 days

MOSAIC

Local community projects

- For all ages
- Up to 12 months



Visit www.cisv.org

- To read more about CISV International
- To learn more about our educational programmes
- To find details of CISV near you
- To find out about international volunteer opportunities
- To find out how to support CISV

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