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PARTNERSHIP

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During the round table meeting held on September 21, 2007 at the International Conference Centre in Geneva, ICVolunteers signed a new partnership agreement with the National Civic Service of Senegal (SCN), a structure under the auspices of the Ministry for Youth and Employment, which promote citizenship, active participation and volunteerism among young people. The SCN is an alternative to the military service and offers different areas of involvement, such as the environment, health, literacy and digital solidarity. It mobilizes 18 to 35 year old students or graduates "in the building of national works". The partnership is going to link the national Agriculture Volunteers Programme, – which since 2003 has trained 1054 volunteers and has created 75 agricultural farms in all the departments of Senegal - to the ICV project on *Breeding Information Points in the Sahel Region*. Agriculture Volunteers will become field-connectors for the implementation of the "breeding information points" which will disseminate information related to epidemiology, the weather, the environment and socio-economic issues.

More: <http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=271>

FEDERATION

ICVolunteers at the Internet Governance Forum

The Internet Governance Forum is an outcome of the Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which took place in 2005. Chaired by Nitin Desai, the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser for Internet Governance, and Hadil da Rocha Vianna, Director for Scientific and Technological Affairs in Brazil's Ministry of External Relations, and hosted by the Government of Brazil, the second meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will take place in Rio de Janeiro from 12 to 15 November 2007. ICVolunteers has been invited as a leading promoter of cybervolunteering and also as official representative of Maaya, the World Network for Linguistic Diversity (www.maaya.org).

Maaya will act as a catalyst during 2008, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly the International Year of Languages and by the European Union the Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

The IGF will address an important range of Internet-related topics, such as *Public Participation in Internet Governance, Access and Connectivity for Remote, Rural and Dispersed Communities, Human Rights and Neutrality in the Internet, Open Standards, Multilingual Global Internet, Digital Education, Cybercrime, Security and Privacy Challenges, Consumer Protection, Strategies for Developing Countries*.

More: www.intgovforum.org

CYBERVOLUNTEERING

ICVolunteers at the ARNOVA Colloquy

Founded in 1971 as the Association for Research on Non-profit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) is a neutral, open forum committed to strengthening the research community in the emerging field of non-profit and philanthropic studies. With more than 1,200 members, ARNOVA brings together both theoretical and applied interests, helping scholars gain insight into the day-to-day concerns of third-sector organizations, while providing non-profit professionals with research they can use to improve the quality of life for citizens and communities. Principal activities include publications, electronic discussions and special interest groups. The annual conference, which will be held in Atlanta, (USA), from 14 to 16 November 2007, brings together researchers, scholars and practitioners from around the world to present and discuss papers related to issues in non-profit studies, voluntary action and philanthropy.

ICVolunteers has been invited to participate in a colloquy regarding *Online Volunteering in International Contexts*. Jay Wilson will be representing the CyberVolunteers Programme and will be presenting a case study entitled "Distance Volunteer Selection and Management: Scientific Development Projects in Africa benefiting from Volunteer Effort". The discussion will revolve around finding good solutions to managing volunteers at a distance, taking into consideration language and cultural barriers. Specific issues to be discussed include selection and training of volunteers, online management and documentation, and volunteer recognition.

More: www.arnova.org

GOVERNING BODY

Swiss General Annual Meeting

The General Assembly of ICVolunteers-Switzerland, the Swiss branch of ICVolunteers, will be held in Geneva, on 29th November 2007. The annual meeting will start at 7 p.m. The formal part will be followed by a social moment of exchange. For more information and to sign up for the meeting, please contact jerome.arondel@icvolunteers.org. On the agenda: activities in 2007, future strategies and perspectives, programme and budget for 2008.

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VOLUNTEERING

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Upcoming conference volunteer opportunities include activities around the following events: *International Congress África-Occidente* (14-16 November 2007, Huelva, Spain); *Swiss Proteomic Society Annual Congress* (3-5 December 2007, Lausanne, Switzerland); *Youth Debate: Fuel for the Future* (4 December 2007, Geneva, Switzerland); *Salon de Rhône-Alpes* (10-12 December 2007, Chamonix, France); *Forum for Peace in the Middle East* (14-16 December 2007, Madrid, Spain); *Aid and Trade Forum* (29-20 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland).

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