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FEDERATION

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The Third Global Knowledge Conference (GK3) is a gathering of 2000 global visionaries, innovators, practitioners and policy makers, all geared to sharing knowledge and building partnerships. It will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 11 to 13 December 2007. The GK3 theme **Emerging People, Emerging markets, Emerging Technologies** is a dynamic focus on the interplay, interface and interweaving of issues related to Knowledge for Development and Information and Communication Technologies for Development within the context of evolving societies, economics and technologies worldwide. As a member of Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP), ICVolunteers will be organising a round table, participating in a high level panel jointly organized by the Global Alliance for ICT for Development (GAID) and GKP. ICV will also be leading the cybervolunteering group exhibition together with other NGOs from different parts in the world.

More: www.gkpeventsonthefuture.org

PARTNERSHIP

Ingénieur du Monde new partner of ICVolunteers

Ingénieurs du Monde (Idm) is an international NGO active in the fields of human well-being, improvements and development of populations living in emerging countries or regions. Its objectives are to propagate and share technical know-how, to educate and train specialists, to accompany the development of various engineers or technicians associations of all countries, to advise and support projects aiming at the creation of public or private structures, to encourage and development know-how and technological transfers. ICVolunteers and IdM met during the Humagora platform organised by the Philiias Foundation, in November, and signed a partnership agreement which provides the foundations for a collaboration in the field of the CyberVolunteers Programme.

More: www.ingenieursdumonde.org

ICV-BRAZIL

A new desk in Rio de Janeiro

ICVolunteers formalised its new ICV Desk in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at Converdencia, a non-profit organization with public utility status, working in the field of education for sustainability leading initiatives in the domain of the environment. Converdencia promotes the empowerment of people through building knowledge, proposing solutions and actions which enhance social, economic and environmental awareness. The team is composed of **Renata Moraes**, Institutional Coordination, **Isabella Vargas**, Project Coordination, **Lídia Olinto**, Cultural Coordination, and **Guilherme Sucena**, Institutional Relations. In its beginning, the ICV Desk in Rio will serve as a

focal point for the CyberVolunteers Programme and will follow two new projects: a documentary about innovative use of technology and the Brazilian branch of the School Project. Mario Roberto, a Brazilian ICV volunteer, will also be involved in the coordination of the Desk.

More: www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=country&id=124

ICV-SWITZERLAND

Swiss Proteomics Society Congress

The Biannual Congress of the Swiss Proteomics Society (3-5 December 2007, *Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne*, Switzerland) will bring together about 200 researchers, biologists and specialists working in the field of research related to proteins. A team of ICV volunteers has managed in collaboration with the SPS the conceptualization, organization and fund-raising for the congress and will be taking care of all logistics, welcoming services and sponsors exhibition during the 3 days of the event.

More: www.sps07.org

STAFF AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Team news

ICV welcomes two newcomers in the Project Management Team: **Emanuela Melis**, from Italy, and **Sue Hua**, from Canada. So far Emanuela is dealing with the IMAS-Master of Advanced Studies in Development Program (February-April 2008) and Sue is coordinating the Fuels for Future Conference, on 4th of December 2007. She is also assisting Lwiise Swai for the International Aid & Trade Event (29-30 January 2008). **Sonia Baeva**, from Bulgaria, is working with the Federation project development team, supporting Rabah Tounsi on the Reforestation Project. On the other end, **Thomas Gaudé**, our field officer for the Language and Migration project has finished his six months assignment. The ICV staff wants to warmly thank him for his important work.

VOLUNTEERING

Projects at glance

- *Fuels for the Future* (Geneva, Switzerland, 4 December 2007): 350 students are expected to participate in the youth debate organised at the International Conference Centre by Earth Focus Foundation and ICVolunteers on renewable energies. Volunteers for welcoming services and room supervision needed.
More: www.earthfocus.org
- *Foro por una Paz Justa en Oriente Próximo* (Madrid, Spain, 14 to 16 December 2007): The Forum aims to be a civil society driven platform of dialogue to help develop a new dynamics for peace in the Middle East. It offers to provide an alternative approach for the search of peace and stability which is based on multilateralism, international law and the possibility for peoples to assume their own responsibility. 60 interpreters and multilingual individuals are needed for this event.
More: www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projectsregions&id=313
- *Aid & Trade Event* (Geneva, Switzerland, 29-30 January 2008): 16 volunteers and 3 ICV desk coordinators needed. Tasks will be: registration and welcome, "Meet the buyer" corner supervision, reporting, technical assistance and filming.
More: www.aidandtrade.org
- The first ever *European Fair Trade Fair* (Lyon, France, 1-3 February 2008). Organised by Equi'Sol, the event will be held in two languages. ICVolunteers is looking for 8 interpreters to ensure interpretation from and to English and French during debates and round tables.
More: www.european-fairtrade-fair.org

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