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#### FEDERATION

##### Languages & Migration Project

Intermediary reports of the “language & migration” study were finished by our Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain) and Geneva (Switzerland) teams, South Africa and France also being involved in the project. The studies show that 20 to 30% of migrants and association representing migrant communities confirm that targeted language assistance for migrants are needed in three main areas: school, administration and health. In Geneva, ICV’s language teams are collaborating with schools, working with parents, teachers and children. In Barcelona, community interpreters are helping at the local hospital. We will discuss all of that in Geneva on 27th March at the occasion of a roundtable bringing together representatives of the Federation from Spain, France, Switzerland, Mali and Brazil.

More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=initiatives&id=307](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=initiatives&id=307)

#### PARTNERSHIP

##### GenevaWorld

GenevaWorld is a cultural and philanthropic association. It organized a drawing competition which led to an exhibition and a book with drawings from 191 countries from around the globe. The topic was youngsters’ perception of the world. Currently, GenevaWorld is launching a new drawing contest and exhibition project focused on the on Children's views of child labour. The project is seeking for children from all over the world, who are or have been child workers, as well as those who have never been exploited, to express their feelings by sharing their drawings. The opening of the exhibition will take place in Geneva on June 12, 2008, at the occasion of the World Day against Child Labour and will also be shown at the UN Headquarters in New York during the autumn 2008. If you are aged 6 to 16, we invite you to submit your drawing to [info\[at\]genevaworld.com](mailto:info[at]genevaworld.com).

More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=342](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=342) / [www.genevaworld.com](http://www.genevaworld.com)

#### BRAZIL

##### ICV Desk in Rio de Janeiro

Since 10 November 2007, Converdencia, a Brazilian non-profit organization based in Rio de Janeiro, hosts a new ICV Desk of the international federation of ICVolunteers. Since its launch, the Desk has undertaken its first activities and is taking shape. Converdencia works in the field of Environmental Education, valuing commitments in favour of the environment. It is also developing educational programs and awareness throughout Brazil; facilitating projects on environmental and social responsibility. The partnership with ICVolunteers opens doors for Converdencia and provides an opportunity to further develop national and international volunteer opportunities, linking knowledge with needs through an international network.

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## **SPAIN**

### **ICVoluntari(o)s-Barcelona on the move**

Over a year has passed since ICVoluntari(o)s-Barcelona started its first programs and activities with success. Among these is the language and migration project "parla mi, parla aqui", a series of conferences and mobilization of volunteer interpreters around community involvement, as well as projects linked to cybervolunteering. With these activities and a growing network of people, there is now a need for more office space for the Southern European representation of ICVolunteers. In the presence of distinguished guests, the next General Assembly will be a moment to present the activity program, as well as the objectives for 2008. It will also be a time for social exchange of volunteer experiences, concluded with music and drinks.

More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=343](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=343)

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **International Master in Development Studies**

Interpreter trainees, by the dozen, came from four European countries to interpret (French, English, and Spanish) for International Master in Development Studies (IMAS) in Geneva from February to April 2008. Their role is to accompany students from Asia, French-speaking Africa, and Latin America so they can exchange ideas with students and professors from other linguistic regions of the world. In addition, they also will help students to present their thesis at the end of the course.

Plus: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php? what=prj&id=318](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=prj&id=318)

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **Aid & Trade – Conclusions**

For the third consecutive year, ICVolunteers was involved in different aspects of the Aid & Trade Event held in Geneva from 29 to 30 January 2008. Volunteers were involved in welcoming participants and room supervision. A team of Volunteers also wrote a series of session reports and documented the conferences and debates with photographs and videos. Among the key topics were: "Building Partnerships for Relief and Development", Business vs Ethics, Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), NGO Funding, Local Sourcing, Climate Changes. The Aid & Trade reports are now available on the conference website. Many thanks for the wonderful work done by all the volunteers.

More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=298](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=298) / [www.aidandtrade.org](http://www.aidandtrade.org)

## **TEC CORNER**

### **Youtube Channel for CyberVolunteers**

There is now a new Youtube channel for CyberVolunteers and ICVolunteers, from where you can download various documentaries made by ICV, including "Something from Nothing", documentary about the use of the Internet in Senegal and Mali, co-produced with CERN. Subscribe to the channel to get updates.

More: [www.youtube.com/cybervolunteers](http://www.youtube.com/cybervolunteers)

## **CYBERVOLUNTEERING**

### **E-TIC at Tech For Food**

Rabah Tounsi, ICV Project Manager, represented ICVolunteers at the conferences held during the Tech for Food Fair, on 28 February 2008. Our organization joined the "Tech For Food" programme, an international forum initiated by the media group TV Agri, with the support of the *Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales* (CNES) and the *Fondation pour l'Agriculture et la Ruralité dans le Monde* (FARM). ICVolunteers presented its history and field projects to the event participants. Rabah Tounsi explains: "I presented the E-TIC project, information hubs in the Sahel region, which is focused on the connection to the outside world of rural communities through Information and Communication Technologies".

Plus: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=305](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=305)

## **VOLUNTEERING EVENT**

### **IAVE biennial conference in Panama**

The next IAVE (International Association for Volunteer Effort) Conference will be held in Panama on the topic of volunteerism and development.

More: [www.volunteerconference2008.com](http://www.volunteerconference2008.com)

## **CYBERVOLUNTEERING**

### **Projects at glance**

- *Centre for Information Systems Training (CIST)* (Cambodia): ICV is looking for cybervolunteers for the South-East Asian organization.  
More: <http://cyber.icvolunteers.org> / [www.cistrain.org](http://www.cistrain.org)
- *Converdencia* (Brazil): ICV is mobilizing cybervolunteers for projects linked to sustainable development and environmental education.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=308](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=308)
- *Kilimanjaro International Institute for Telecommunications Electronics Computers* (Arusha, Tanzania): ICV is looking for technicians and teachers to share their knowledge with students in the field of engineering and IT.  
More: <http://cyber.icvolunteers.org>
- *Global Knowledge Partnership* is looking for technology volunteers. Efforts coordinated by PROTEGE QV, organization based in Cameroon.  
More: <http://cyber.icvolunteers.org>

## **LANGUES**

### **Projects at glance**

- *Translation internships* (France, Spain and Switzerland): ICV is currently recruiting interns in translation for the following language combination: French, English, Spanish and Catalan.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=271](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=271)
- *Project Coordinator for Maaya*. Maaya, World Network for Linguistic Diversity is looking for an intern to help with project management.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=initiatives&id=221](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=initiatives&id=221)
- *Internet Governance, Languages and Ethics*: conferences in Japan, 11-15 April 2008.

## **EVENT-RELATED VOLUNTEERING**

### **Projects at glance**

- *Handicap International: Diabetes Competence* (16 March - 18 April 2008, Lyon, France): Managing the programmes that Handicap International is developing in nearly 45 countries necessitates the organisation of regular workshops. Volunteer interpreters are involved.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=334](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=334)
- *Earth Focus Youth Debates* (15 & 17 April 2008, Geneva, Switzerland): ICV volunteers are in charge of the organization and logistics of the debates.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=344](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=344) and [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=345](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=345)
- *Red Cross: Health and Care Forum* (14 - 16 May 2008, Geneva, Switzerland): volunteers for various tasks during the event such as welcome & registration, reporting, editing, interpreting and room supervision.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=338](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=338)

## EVENT-RELATED VOLUNTEERING (CONTINUED)

### Projects at glance

- *2nd Global Access to Health Forum* (25 - 28 May 2008, Geneva, Switzerland): volunteers for various tasks during the event such as airport desk, welcome & registration, reporting, room supervision, info desk, helpers, bag packing etc.  
More: [www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=325](http://www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=projects&id=325)
- *Fête de la Musique* (Preparation April - June 2008) the event takes place on 20-22 June 2008, Geneva, Switzerland). For this fund raising event, we are looking for a coordinator (April to June 2008) as well as volunteers for the event. It's a fun event to volunteer for.  
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