



Servas Monthly News



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Team work, helping others

To try and make the front cover of SI News more attractive to younger people I have been getting my Year 8 students (12 and 13 years old) to think up designs. Part of the work has been to scan through last years copy for ideas for the theme for 2006. A number of them have felt that Team Work would be suitable. I agree with them. All over the world we in Servas should be working together as a team. And as a team we should not just be looking at helping ourselves but looking outwards and seeing how we can help others. After all we are a Peace organisation and giving help should be one of our remits.

This team work for helping others is exemplified by Servas Pakistan. They have taken on board that the Kashmiri Earthquake has caused major problems and they are setting out to do something about it. They are doing it in a practical way. Not all of us can be there but we can show our help by funding what they are doing. Please read their article on p2 and then donate to help them. I know that some countries are already doing this. May plenty more do so.

Other cultures, other ways

An interesting discussion evolved on Servasnet about different cultures and different ways. Some people with pre-conceived ideas were horrified when people from other cultures behaved in a different manner to themselves. They voiced their opinions on Servasnet, starting a discussion about how cultures around the world see activities in different lights. eg: long time ago in Kenya I would occasionally have a meal with an Indian family who were my colleagues at work. The son of the family was put out that I naturally ate with my left hand. After all he was left handed but had to eat with his right hand. The joking comment was 'Well she is European, so what else can you expect'. In discussion after the meal I learnt why eating with right hand was expected. After that I respected the ruling, although sometimes I teased the son by using my left hand. There are plenty of small points that may seem inconsequential to us but are major in another culture. It is important that we learn these and respect them. That is an aim of Servas.

See page 7 Comments.

Youth

Do not forget the Youth Conference in Patagonia. The details put last time have been repeated this time to help remind you. See p 10 - 12.

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Please make sure that Servas: Monthly News is part of the subject heading. Otherwise if the email address is not recognised it may well get deleted before being read.

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Amigos en Servas:

Friends in Servas:

**Reciban un cordial saludo desde el Peru por el
56° Aniversario de Servas Internacional
Receive a cordial greeting from Peru for the 56°
Anniversary of Servas International.**

**Atentamente,
Sincerely,
Pedro Puente
Lima Peru**

News

EARTHQUAKE IN PAKISTAN AND SERVAS

A Message to Servas International

It is unfortunate for all the people who dwelt in the northern part of Pakistan. They did not even have an idea that they were about to face the most frightening incident of their lives. The people who lost their precious lives in this happening have gone to eternity & are not present any longer to see the miserable plight of their greatly injured parents, brothers, sisters, wives & innocent kids.

A few innocent children who had a narrow escape from this disaster are anxiously looking for their parents. They don't know that they will never ever be able to see them again. The eyes of all the witnesses are compelled to throw tears upon this pitiable lot, the death toll in the earthquake not reached hundreds or thousands but hundreds of thousands. The most beautiful view of green valleys and mountains ended up in graveyards with absolutely no charm behind.

At this miserable condition, Servas Pakistan has played a very important role, our National Secretary Mr. Muhammad Naseem Khan's request on the 56th Anniversary of Servas International at Lahore, made all the members of Servas to collect every possible donation including food, medicines, blankets, tents and other wearing woollen clothes. Servas Pakistan has also launched three relief camps with nine Servas volunteers at Lahore, Peshawar & Parachinar to collect and convey donations to the earthquake victims.

Donations:

I also humbly request to all the members of Servas International to take active part in conveying every possible help to the victims. It is also highly advisable to all the Servas National Groups of the world to donate at least US\$100 in the Servas Pakistan relief fund for the help of earthquake victims.

Please send your remittances to help the victims or you may directly send your donations to the following address:

*Mr. Muhammad Naseem Khan
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servas100@hotmail.com . pakistan@servas.org
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OR at:

*Mr. Muhammad Shahid
House # 247/3, Karim Park, Ravi Road, Lahore,
Pakistan.*

BANK DETAIL:

Contact Muhammad Amjad

People are seeking for your help. Hope to receive a good response.

In peace,

*Muhammad Amjad
Secretary Information Servas Pakistan.
E-mail: amjadservas@yahoo.com*

SERVAS INDIA

Many of you over past years attending General Assemblies will have met Harivallabh Bhai who was the founder member of Servas India. Word has been received from our dear friends in India of his failing health. Servas India National Secretary Dr. Ramesh Sharma is currently visiting the ashram at Baroda and I have asked him to give Harivallabh Bhai the news that "we are saddened by the news of his ill health and offer a prayer for his well being".

I am told that Harivallabh Bhai is considered as being the 'Mahatma Gandhi of Servas India'.

Geoff Maltby

Asia Meeting 23 to 25 Sept 05

Gandhi Peace Foundation Centre New Delhi

It was attended by Exco members and the Delegates from the Asian countries. This meeting enabled wonderful interaction amongst the National Secretaries and the Exco members and provided an opportunity to meet each other and know one another better. Interesting discussions ensued and ideas and suggestions came up and points for discussion at the forthcoming EGA at Rome was also recorded.

Exco members conducted technical workshops like :
Host List uploads/downloads - Mr Claudio Pacchiago,
Interviewing Servas Travellers by Ms Honora Clemens,
Newsletter Editions by Ms Honora Clemens,
Funding requirements and Finance by Mr Omer Ozkan,
Peace in World by Mr Gary Sealeys conducted on Servas website
Host list updating by Mr.Claudio Pacchiago-Host List Coordinator.

These were very informative, well appreciated by all.

Servas at the United Nations

SERVAS INTERNATIONAL AT UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION

(Geneva, 14 March – 22 April 2005)

During the six-week session, the Commission adopted 86 resolutions, 16 decisions and four statements by its Chairperson, Makarim Wibisono of Indonesia.

The Commission is composed of 53 member States. It is the World's foremost human rights forum . This sixty-first session was attended by about hundred observer States and more than two hundred Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

The subject of terrorism came up in several resolutions and decisions. Within the context of its agenda item on the protection of human rights, the Commission adopted a set of Basic Principles and Guidelines on the right to a remedy and reparation for victims of gross violations of international human rights law and serious violations of international humanitarian law. Concerning the question of Palestine, the Commission expressed grave concern about the continuing construction, contrary to international law, by Israel of the wall inside the occupied Palestine territory and demanded that Israel comply fully with its legal obligations.

In his address to the Commission on 7 April, United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan elaborated on proposals to reform the human rights machinery of the United Nations: A Human Rights Council could provide conceptual and architectural clarity, in parallel with the existing councils tasked to deal with security and development.

The action plan of the High Commissioner Louise Arbour, to be submitted to the Secretary-General, is said to be based upon three concepts: that human rights were universal and indivisible; that States remained the primary actors in the field of human rights; and that there must be implementation of human rights.

On agenda item "THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION", *SERVAS INTERNATIONAL* has associated itself with 13 other NGO's on a joint oral statement* addressed to the Commission during the plenary meeting, morning of April 18.

The sixty-second session of the Commission will take place from 13 March to 21 April 2006.

*Joint statement on behalf of: Soka Gakkai International; International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education – OIDEL; Servas International; International Association for Religious Freedom; World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women; Institute for Planetary Synthesis; Pax Romana; Women's World Summit Foundation; Lutheran World Federation; International Movement against all Forms of Discrimination and Racism; African Society of International and Comparative Law; Women's Federation for World Peace International; International Council of Jewish Women; and Australian Council for Overseas Aid.

SERVAS INTERNATIONAL AT UN SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

(Geneva, 25 July – 12 August 2005)

Created by the Commission on Human Rights and consisting of 26 Experts from five regional groups, the Sub-Commission undertakes studies and makes recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights. The Commission must approve all its resolutions and decisions. About hundred observers States and nearly a hundred Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) attended this fifty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission. The Chairperson was Vladimir Katashkin, himself one of the 26 Experts.

During the session 46 resolutions and decisions have been adopted.

Under specific human rights issues, this session of the Sub-Commission adopted texts concerning human rights and the human genome; discrimination against leprosy victims and their families; the World Programme for Human Rights Education; human rights and non-state actors; Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

The Sub-Commission decided on next year's composition of Experts for its Working Groups on minorities, slavery, indigenous populations, communications, and the Social Forum. The various studies and working papers undertaken by the members of the Sub-Commission had, to a large extent, helped to identify and develop new areas for further consideration.

The fifty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission will be held from 7 to 25 August 2006.

*Hilda Burer
Representative of SERVAS INTERNATIONAL to the United Nations in Geneva*

Languages - French

Language is an important tool of communication. When we understand each other we are more likely to be peaceful. Think of the problems that have arisen just by the wrong interpretation of what someone is trying to say.

In this section the aim is to build up a selection of words and phrases to help hosts and travellers communicate with each other and with other people. If you have words or phrases that you find useful then let us know. If you have languages you would like to share then let us know. For the moment the base language will be English, hence any non-English words and phrases must be accompanied by the English translation of them.

In the long run it would be good to publish a booklet of useful words and phrases in a range of languages for the Servas hosts and travellers.

Our fifth language is French
(*French speakers, please send me the corrections!*)

Hello	<i>Bonjour</i>
How are you	<i>Comment allez vous?/Ça va?</i>
Goodbye	<i>Au revoir.</i>
Be seeing you	<i>A bientôt.</i>
Have a safe journey	<i>Bon voyage</i>
Best wishes to your family	<i>Meilleurs vœux à votre famille</i>
Do come again	<i>Ton retour sera bien venue</i>
Peace	<i>La paix</i>
Please	<i>S'il vous plaît.</i>
Thank you	<i>Merci</i>
That's nothing	<i>C'est rien.</i>
Where is the toilet?	<i>Où est la toilette?</i>
Left	<i>Gauche</i>
Right	<i>Droit</i>
Straight on	<i>Toutes droites</i>
Behind you	<i>En arrière</i>
Where do I sleep	<i>Où est-ce que je dors?</i>
I am vegetarian	<i>Je suis végétarien</i>
Where is the nearest telephone?	<i>Où est le plus près téléphone?</i>

Zero	<i>Zéro</i>
One	<i>Un, Une</i>
Two	<i>Deux</i>
Three	<i>Trois</i>
Four	<i>Quatre</i>
Five	<i>Cinque</i>
Six	<i>Six</i>
Seven	<i>Sept</i>
Eight	<i>Huit</i>
Nine	<i>Neuf</i>
Ten	<i>Dix</i>
Twenty	<i>Vingt</i>
Thirty	<i>Trente</i>
Forty	<i>Quarante</i>
Fifty	<i>Cinquante</i>
Sixty	<i>Soixante</i>
Seventy	<i>Soixante dix</i>
Eighty	<i>Quatre vingt</i>
Ninety	<i>Quatre vingt dix</i>
Hundred	<i>Cent</i>
Thousand	<i>Mille</i>
Do you eat meat?	<i>Est-ce que tu mange la viande?</i>
Where do you live?	<i>Où habitez vous?</i>
This is my sister	<i>Voici ma sœur.</i>
This is my brother	<i>Voici mon frère</i>
This is my mother	<i>Voici ma mère</i>
This is my father	<i>Voici mon père</i>
This is my son	<i>Voici mon gosse.</i>
This is my daughter	<i>Voici mon fille</i>
What music do you like?	<i>Quelle musique aimez vous?</i>
Have you visited the town?	<i>Avez vous visité la ville?</i>
Where are the shops?	<i>Où sont les magasins?</i>
Is there a market?	<i>Est-ce qu'il y a un marché</i>
Thank you for your help.	<i>Je vous remercie que vous m'avez aider.</i>

Host and Travel Reports

SERVAS EXPERIENCES

Since joining Servas in 1993, Ben and I have made many new friends and learned a lot about the World and it's people.

We started as hosts while we were living aboard our boat in Eastern Australia and our first traveller was an English girl backpacking around Australia. Her parents were born in Pakistan but migrated to England after the war so we were given an insight into the problems of different values held by different faiths. We lived for three years in the Middle East in the 1960's so we already had some knowledge, but the personal meeting within our home helped our understanding.

Since that time we have hosted many interesting people, both in Australia and also in England from 2000 -2003 while we were travelling the canals in a barge. We joined Servas UK at that time.

We have also been Servas travellers and one of our first experiences was marvellous. Australia is a large country and we had driven our campervan from Brisbane to Darwin and needed somewhere to leave it while we sailed with friends to Indonesia. A Servas Host in Darwin promptly offered space and also offered their downstairs flat for a more comfortable bed when we returned!

Our most recent Servas travelling was during August, September & October this year when we travelled by train from Beijing to London. The journey from Beijing to St.Petersburg was with a small group tour but from then on we made new Servas friends.

In Potsdam we learned first hand about life as it was during World War II and the subsequent cold war period, we were also shown the beautiful gardens and the palace of Sans Souci. In Cologne our host gave us a personal tour of the cathedral, including climbing the tower (509 steps). He also showed us the beautiful gardens in Leverkusen, a space returned to the town by Bayer thus making the River Rhine accessible to all.

In Compiègne, 80km North of Paris, our hosts took us to an outdoor market and drove us through beautiful forests, we also had the opportunity to visit Paris and the Louvre and go to the top of the Eiffel Tower.

In England we stayed with Servas friends made when we were living on the barge. With Servas, meeting again is greeting familiar friends because of the unifying desire for peace and understanding among the peoples of the World. With each host, the problems of the World were discussed and we all agreed that , in a small but very important way, Servas was helping to break down barriers between countries.

*Ben & Jean Spencer.
Servas Hosts, Brisbane, Australia.*

Sahyadri Ayurveda Hospital, Peermade 685531,Idukki Dist., Kerala, India

I travelled in south India during August this year. During my travel I spent a fortnight at the Ayurvedic Hospital and Resort at Peermade in District Idukki in Kerala, a hilly area amidst tea gardens with excellent climate.

The Ayurvedic hospital is managed by Catholic Diocese of Kanjirappally, founded by the Present Bishop Mar Mathew Arackal and headed by the Executive Director Fr Augustine Kariapuram.

I discussed about our Servas philosophy with Fr Augustine Kariapuram & the Director, Dr Jacob Thomas MD(Ayurveda)PhD. They both felt much impressed about our Servas philosophy & agreed to allow 10% discount in the prevailing cost of accommodation and Ayurvedic treatments to any Servas traveller seeking Ayurvedic treatment from their hospital. The traveller will be required to produce some documentary proof of his/her being a member of Servas.

Our Servas travellers travelling in South India can visit the Sahyadri Ayurveda Hospital at Peermade which is known for excellence in Ayurveda.

The details can be found at websites:

www.ayurvedaexcellence.com

www.sahyadri.org

E-mail: pedes@satyam.net.in

Fax: 0091-4869-232096

Telephone:

0091-4869-232496, 232497, 232197, 232725

Surdev Singh

Servas India

A Visitor in Tacna

In February I had the opportunity to have my first Servas visitor, Ralph Hammond; it was incredible. As the day approached I was nervous; for him also it was the first Servas visit. But when we met personally I felt that something happened, we recognized each other with an unbelievable harmony. We were very anxious waiting for him, my friends and I, because everybody know he was coming, and he did. The most important thing was that everybody was interested in him; he shared our customs, practiced his Spanish, danced salsa very, very well We told each other things and shared confidences in a way that I am sure will never leave us. We didn't know if we'd see him again or not, so we wanted to take advantage of the time with him and let him feel the affection we felt for him. We enjoyed his presence to the maximum and when he said he would return we said we would always be waiting for him. We're still waiting for you, Rafa, wherever you are, FRIENDS FOR LIFE.

Kareen Rios, Tacna, Peru

The city of Tacna is located in the extreme south of Peru near the frontier with Chile. The distance from Lima to Tacna: 1,348 kilometers.

Comments

Other cultures, other ways

Traveller's tales

Here are some things I've found in my travels:

For some people it's not OK (or it is OK) to:

Show them the soles of your feet

Wear your shoes in their house

Hand them things with your left hand (because that's the hand they wipe themselves with)

Take their photograph

Eat with your fingers/Not eat with your fingers

Burp at the table

Talk about religion and politics/Not talk about religion and politics.

Anyone have any stories about what you've learned from people from different cultures?

Dan Schoeffler

Turkish toilets-(applies to many countries)

An excerpt from a guide to using toilets in Turkey:

"Many toilet stalls may be furnished with toilet paper, but it's traditionally used not to wipe but to dry your bum and hand after the splashing.

"Some older plumbing is not able to deal with wads of soggy toilet paper and will jam and overflow if much toilet paper is flushed into it. A waste bin is placed near the toilet and users are asked to put used toilet paper into the bin instead. This is fine if the paper is used only for drying, but unsanitary if the paper is used for wiping.

"Those who use paper for wiping may want to dispose of the first paper in the toilet, and any later papers in the bin--a workable compromise."

Dan Schoeffler

and

We never, ever wear 'outside' shoes in our home, and delight in educating the occasional traveller to walk in with street shoes. How silly it would be of us to expect them to know, or get upset if they don't.

There are many, many prohibited (and permitted) behaviours that are strange to us, but taken as givens where they are practiced. Observe, ask, and learn - it is all part of learning how to tolerate the diversity that enriches the world (or drives us apart - your choice).

Richard

In Greece, we are instructed to place used toilet paper in the bin and not down the toilet. Different countries/cultures have different assumptions.

I'm getting irritated at the rules and rigidity I'm reading on this thread. (from Servasnet)

I believe that Servas is about tolerance of and learning about other people and other cultures. I also believe that every visit, whether "correctly" carried out or not, is an opportunity for me to learn from someone else.

Let's share love and not rules.

Patricia Hughes

Children's viewpoints?

Greetings. I would appreciate your help getting these questions to young people under age 18, especially to teachers who might give them as a class assignment. I am collecting responses from children around the world, then will respond to their first question and report on their other viewpoints expressed in a book for kids.

1. If you could ask a question of the wisest person in the world, what would you ask her or him about something you would like to know?

2. What bugs you or bothers you in your daily life?

3. If there was one thing you could change about adults, what would it be?

4. If there was one thing you would change about yourself, what would it be?

5. What do you like to do for fun?

6. On a scale of 1 to 100, how highly would you grade your school? Why?

Anything else you would like to add?

What first name would you like used in the book to quote you? How old are you? Girl or boy?

What state/country do you live in?

Thanks very much.

Gayle Kimball, Ph.D., gkimball@csuchico.edu

Informal Support for Servas

I am a Servas host and traveller from Finland. I would like to invite all interested in disarmament, peace building, environmental matters etc. to the site www.care.com.

I am owner of a group Mayors for Peace support group: http://www.care2.com/c2c/group/support_group_mayors_for_peace

which is not directly affiliated with Mayors for Peace <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/>.

I co-host groups DEEP thought and Agenda Earth Rescue. We are starting in Mayors for Peace group informal support group of Servas not directly affiliated with Servas.

Care2 Connect is a global network of people and organizations making the world a better place. With over 5 million members it's a great way to learn about issues, organize support for your cause, keep in touch with old friends, and make new ones.

If you haven't already heard about Care2 Connect, it's an online social network that connects people with the causes they support and the people that support them.

Care2 Connect can help you:

* Support a good cause

* Connect with new and old friends

* Find local runners, birders, vegetarians etc

* Build your personal or organizational network

Please, let me know when you join Care2 and/or Mayors for Peace so we can connect. You are warmly welcome to join creating informal support group of Servas there.

Jouni Ylinen, Finland

Host Lists

Every year countries produce host lists which need to be available for travellers. These are co-ordinated internationally by the Exco Host list Co-ordinator. Following is summary of the work being done to improve the system.

A questionnaire has been sent to all National Secretaries to fill in to get better detail.

If you are a Nat Sec and have not received your questionnaire then please contact Claudio.

hostlistcoordinator@servas.org

Claudio Pacchiega, the Host list coordinator, in connection with Key list group (Laura Ragucci, Uwe Federer) and the Host list Group (Jorge Gonzales and others) is working hard to:

1. Have a proper Host List request form for letting host lists exchange better next year;
2. Work on electronic host list exchange in a protected area of website accessible only by authorized people (National Secretaries and Host list coordinators)
3. Various Buddying projects for allowing countries to print and distribute their lists (Mexico, India, etc.)
4. Having a reliable and updated Key list on the website
5. Caretaking ICT with website, programming and general communication
(see www.servas.org/siexco and www.servasforum.org, apart from standard www.servas.org site)
6. Helping newborn committee, appointed by Exco (Host List group) in studying new ways for bettering host list exchanging and their quality, based upon a democratic consultation with each country contact

More can be found on www.servas.org/siexco sub-site.

And from that every host and traveller has the responsibility, as part of the Servas team, to check entries in the host lists.

Hosts should ensure that when they re-new they have checked that their details are correct.

Travellers should let the National Secretaries know of any inconsistencies that they have found.

This is all part of working together as a team.

Editor

Extraordinary GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006 eGA2006 Update No. 7

(Although this is for National Secretaries it is also of importance to the general membership, so that they know what is going on.

If you are interested in posts or attending the eGA then you should be working with your National Committee so as to have a reasonable knowledge about what is expected.)

Registration Application form and Funding

In my eGA2006 Update No. 6 you were informed that the Registration Application form was available for downloading from our website at:

www.servas.org/siexco.

The form had been available for a few days but an amendment had been made to the area on 'funding'. You may have downloaded the first version of this form which stated that applications requiring funding from S.I. had a deadline of 31 October 2005. The 'updated' Registration Application form now shows an amended funding deadline of 30 November 2005.

After EGA2006 - where is the next General Assembly to be convened?

Delegates at the April 2006 EGA will discuss and vote on **when** the next General Assembly is to be convened. So I ask **you** this question.

"IS YOUR COUNTRY PREPARED TO HOST THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY?"

Have you never had the exciting challenge of inviting Servas members from all over the world to visit your country to participate in lively debate, cultural exchange and Servas friendship? Does your country have a strong ground support of Servas members willing to participate? If you think you can be part of this and can handle it, then I ask you to please come to Latina next April with your country's proposal to host the next General Assembly.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS AS S.I. OFFICERS AND S.I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Nominations Committee will shortly be contacting all National Secretaries seeking applicants who wish to nominate for positions as S.I. Officers also S.I. Committee Members at EGA2006. On receipt of correspondence from the Nominations Committee, I would encourage all National Secretaries to make it widely known amongst their Servas members that nominations are being called for.

Youth

SERVAS YOUTH PATAGONIA 06
GET TOGETHER



First International "SERVAS YOUTH" Meeting in the Southern Hemisphere

Dear Servas members, this project is focused on young people, on "YOUNG" matters and there is no age limit to participate. There is no limit to being young!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date:

January 14th (Saturday) to January 21st (Saturday) of 2006.

The place:

Campamento SAC (Servicio Argentino de Campamentos/Argentine Camping Service). Colonia Suiza - Bariloche – Provincia de Río Negro – República Argentina – Tel/fax (54-02944) 44-8508; (situated 22 km away from San Carlos de Bariloche city, right next to Goye rivulet and 1 km away from Cerro López). More info and photos on the web (www.campamentosac.com)

How to get there:

All the transport to Bariloche and from there to the SAC (Colonia Suiza) shall be paid individually by each participant. You can get to Bariloche by car (1700 km from Buenos Aires), plane or bus.

Plane: You can get flight tickets from \$ 400 for Argentine residents from US\$ 300 for foreigners. Also you can arrive directly from Chile, Brasil and another countries.

Bus: The trip from Buenos Aires to Bariloche costs approximately \$300/US\$ 100 (actual price) and takes about 20 hrs.

Car: Convenient if you have some more time and you have some stops in different tourist places on your way to Bariloche.

From Bariloche to the camp place you can get by public transportation (bus, \$2), taxi or remise for a maximum of \$ 25/u\$9. The PATAGONIA'06 organization team will fix a meeting point in Bariloche's downtown where the travellers can get information of how to get to the SAC.

Registration:

The registration for PATAGONIA'06 will be on January the 14th (Saturday), Between 11.00 and 19.00 hrs. Presenting your certification of inscription, you will be given a credential, activities program and all the necessary material for the event.

If someone should be arriving at some other time or day, we ask you to inform us beforehand.

Accommodation:

Accommodation is planned to be in cottages or tents without modifying the final price, the access to activities, or other kind of services

Cottage: The "Cumelén" cottage, next to the Goye river, has 39 beds organised in 3 rooms with 2, one with 6, six with 4 and one with 3 beds, and 6 bathrooms. The places in the cottage will be occupied by a strict order of complete reservation .

Tent: Once the places in the cottage are filled, the option is to sleep in tents next to the cottage, and use the sanitary installations of the camp place. If necessary, the organisation group will provide the tents but NOT the sleeping bags. It is necessary for participants who sleep in the tents to bring their own sleeping bags or to rent them in Bariloche.

The camp place has hot water 24 hrs a day for all participants. Everybody will share the same common place for the meals.



The price:

The price includes 4 daily meals, excursions, activities and workshops as detailed in the program. Children under 2 years old do not pay for their stay. Children between 2 and 8 years old will pay 50 % of the total price, while those over 8 years old will pay the 100 %.

If anyone should, for any reason, participate in the event less days than planned, they will equally pay the total price. The price does not include transport.

Locals: \$240

Foreigners: US\$ 160

SERVAS YOUTH informs that there is the possibility of economic collaboration in the price for those who ask for it. These requests will be evaluated and the interested person given an answer. There is no possibility to collaborate with the cost of transport of any kind. The inscription form can be downloaded from our web site and sent to pablochufeni@yahoo.com.ar

We inform you that these prices were fixed according to the actual costs, their continuity is subjected to the maintenance of actual economic parameters

The program:

Includes simultaneous activities, which will allow each participant the activity of his/her interest. There will be different proposals for young people and adults but without either being excluded. Some programmed activities are as following:

- Short trekking trips to Colonia Suiza (Swiss Colony) and the Panoramic Point
- 1 Day trekking trip and botany guided visit to Cerro López
- Thematic expositions: Participants are invited to propose presentations from their own country/region or from their Servas activities in their country/region.
- Workshop "Arts and peace"
- Workshops:
 - Gypsum masks elaboration.
 - Tango lessons.
 - Salsa lessons.
 - Cloth painting.
 - Spanish lessons.
 - Circular dances.
 - The music as a cultural exchange element.
- Talks and debates. Concerning Servas in general and particularly Servas Youth.:
 - The role of the youth in SERVAS.
 - International Program of youth exchange.
 - Possible programs to be developed at a local, national and international level.
 - Personal experiences.
 - Diversity meals.
 - "PATAGONIA'06" manifest for the EGA (Extra General Assembly) in Italy.

There is the possibility of including, in the program, some activities proposed by the participants themselves. Those who wish to share their knowledge or activities should detail it in the Registration Form and send a description of the activity and necessary materials before November 15th 2005, so that its inclusion may be considered by the Patagonia '06 organization team.

The program also provides some free times, either to be used as desired or to participate in any of the optional activities (with additional cost) like a visit to the Cerro Cathedral, to the city's downtown, etc.



Conditions for participation:

All participants, foreign or national, must be Servas members and present their Letter of Introduction (LOI) with stamps valid until the end of the event.

The foreigners, adults and youth, must show their Letter of Introduction with stamps valid until the end of the event, without exceptions.

National Participants that are not included in the Servas List Argentina 2005 must show a certification of approval of the admission interview or the LOI with stamp valid until the end of the event.

Participants under 18 years old must be under the strict responsibility of an adult.

Payment:

Reservations are transferable. Once the payment is made and if the trip can not be made, the reservation made can be transferred to another person. For this reason, there will be no refunds for paid reservations.

For organisation reasons, the deadline for making the reservation is **October the 31st.**

By **November the 30th** the payment must be completed.

The dead line to everyone from Argentina will be the second one, November the 30th. People that need to be included after that date will be considered by the organisation.

National Participants: The reservation will be booked with the payment of \$80, with a bank deposit in the following account "Banco Boston" N° 0501/01000968/66, (Caja de Ahorro en Pesos) under the name of Myrtha Comes.

Once the reservation is confirmed, the data of the deposit voucher (scanned or the operation number and date) with the participant's personal information shall be sent by mail to:

n33438@datamarkets.com.ar (for Myrtha Comes).

cintia_a@arnet.com.ar

argentina@servas.org

together with the Registration Form, one for each participant, whether adult, youth or children.

Foreign participants: The reservation must be confirmed by cheque for the total amount (US\$ 160 for adults and children over 8 years old, US\$ 80 for children between 2 and 8 years old). The cheque must be remitted to "Servicio Argentino de Campamento Masculino S.C.A." and sent by certificated mail or courier to the following postal address: "Cintia Amor – Doblas 117 – 6° B – (1424) Ciudad de Buenos Aires."
The check must be remitted so that it can be retrieved only directly in the bank and only by the S.A.C.

There is the possibility to send cash by "Wester Union" if a cheque is too complicated. For this, please contact personally Pablo Chufeni (pablochufeni@yahoo.com.ar) to arrange the shipment and reception of the money.

Once the shipment is made, an e-mail must be sent with copy to the following addresses.

cintia_a@arnet.com.ar

argentina@servas.org

pablochufeni@yahoo.com.ar

indicating the operation's details and number and all pertinent information, with the registration form, one for each participant, whether adult, youth or children.
