



# Servas Monthly News



September 2005

## International World Peace Day

The International World Peace Day was on 21 September.

I noticed it passing. I headed an email to a friend with that as a title to go with the date. I mentioned it in some classes. Not a very constructive way for a member of a peace organisation.

What could I have done? .....

1. Given it a 5 minute discussion in every class.
2. Put a poster up in the staff room.
3. Got on with those Amnesty letters that I am always meaning to do.
4. Written letters to papers and magazines.
5. Talked about it with other members of staff.
6. Done an editorial on it for Servas Monthly News.

Out of those I have done one of the items and that only because I put it there to show I had done something. I am not impressed with my efforts.

What did **YOU** do?

What were you doing on 21 Sept 2005?

Please let us know how much more constructive you were.

## Hurricanes and others .....

The weather is something that affects us all. Recent weather has had an adverse effect on many. Weather problems in Vietnam may have less media footage than those in America but are just as important for those involved.

In this issue some people have responded to these effects.

## Web site change:

Servasnet has moved from Yahoo to servas.org for its server.

Use this site to discuss Servas and the world with other members. A place for your voice to be heard. Get using it.

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## One of many .....

During the last month or so, at times in the past but not hopefully at times in the future, there has been debate, at time acrimonious about the relationship of Servas with other similar clubs. There are many clubs around the world which offer sharing of ideas, experiences, accommodation. Each has its own interests and types of members. People with many interests may be members of a number of these clubs. Ways of people meeting others of a similar mind to themselves. Servas is one of many. However we have the common interest of people. We need to get on together in a non-competitive way, to be friends and to share together. To quote Hospitality Club:

Our Forum is moderated just like Servasnet, and we DO accept comments about Servas. And for me Servas is NOT a competitor, but a PARTNER.

### **EXCO applauds two amazing meetings in Vancouver**

*The Vancouver meeting organized by Penny Pattison of Servas Canada and Mary Jane Mikuriya of USA Servas and a team headed by Dan with many others in early August was remarkably creative and productive. Its experience proved the intense value of people-to-people relations fostered by Servas. The conference was officially greeted by “a local First Nations elder who symbolically welcomed us onto his beach, using a metaphor for the ocean-front land that had been the holy ground of his fore-fathers. As part of the ceremony a woman was spreading eagle feathers on the crowd, sharing one of the most treasured possessions among native people, a true welcoming gesture.*

*Throughout the conference we shared “experiences about peace and travel, personal experiences of hosting or being a guest, a very interesting exploration of what it means to be from Canada or the United States, as well as youth perspectives and experiences in Servas. The organization is making a targeted effort to reach out to young people to spread the message of peace through travel to the next generation.”*

*Helga Smith of NYC, a marathon runner, spoke about her taking a group of blind people to run on a regular basis. Pablo Chufeni from Argentina shared his no-cost language exchange program for young Servas members in countries like Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Brazil, Canada and the United States. Through his model programme youth may stay with other Servas members while learning English, Spanish, Portuguese or French from Servas volunteer teachers.*

*The Asian meeting of National Secretaries hosted by Servas India, will connect with some of these themes of good communications and behaviour in Servas. It will advance the Distant Vote concept (presentation by Catherine Calderon in consultation with Chris Patterson) and will tackle technical issues for further development in the Asian Region.*

*Gary Sealey Interim Programme Chair, eGA*

### Servas meets in Vancouver



*Conference attendees*

*A joint Servas Canada - US Servas conference was held August 5 - 7, 2005 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada and was a rousing success. About 90 attendees were welcomed to the conference by Shatseeakum, an Elder of the Musqueam Nation, whose people inhabited the land the University was built on, and by Vancouver City Councillor Tim Louis, a long-time peace and social justice activist.*

*Evaluations were consistently high for the program, the fellowship and the outstanding milieu in one of the most spectacular summers on record in the Pacific Northwest.*



*SERVAS Youth at Work*

*Favourite activities included the inner-city tours of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside neighbourhood, held as optional activities on Friday and Monday morning, and an informative and lively session on similarities and differences between Canada and the US. Kudos to Penny Pattison and Dan Rubin for all of their hard work organizing the conference. There will be a more complete report to follow on the conference in upcoming newsletters.*

Meetings, Get together, Seeing each other

Get together in London

Please note the change of venue. It is no longer Boswells. The new venue is Pontefract Castle. This is in Wigmore Street, London W1. The nearest Underground Station is Bond Street. Date: First Monday in every month. Time: 6.30 onwards. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Germany -The Baltic Sea Surrounded by nine countries

In the northernmost corner of Germany, next to Flensburg and even closer to the sea that the Germans call "Ostsee", (East Sea) (Baltic Sea in the English speaking countries), the next yearly assembly of Servas Germany will take place from Friday Sept 23rd to Sunday Sept 25th 2005.

How did the meeting go? Would someone like to share it with the rest of us?.

SERVAS YOUTH "PATAGONIA'06 Get Together!!!"

San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina 13 - Jan 23, 2006

First international Youth Meeting in the Southern Hemisphere (All of you are invited, does not matter how young or old you be) Contact: Pablo Chufeini



Servas General Assembly

Latina, Rome, Italy 2 - 8 April 2006

What do YOU think should be discussed. Discuss this with your National Secretary before the end of September. Make sure your country is represented.

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Servas Britain

Frolic in the Forest of Dean 2006

Friday 17th March - Sunday 19th March

Yes, the annual weekend gathering and AGM will be held at a highly recommended (relatively) luxurious manor house in delightful surroundings in the Forest of Dean (Wales/Glos border), with easy M5 access.

Reserve the date in your diaries now!!

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## Languages

<p><b>Language</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In the long run it would be good to be able to publish a booklet of useful words and phrases in a range of languages for the Servas hosts and travellers.</p> <p>Our fourth language is Finnish</p>		<p>Zero</p> <p>One</p> <p>Two</p> <p>Three</p> <p>Four</p> <p>Five</p> <p>Six</p> <p>Seven</p> <p>Eight</p> <p>Nine</p> <p>Ten</p> <p>Twenty</p> <p>Thirty</p> <p>Forty</p> <p>Fifty</p> <p>Sixty</p> <p>Seventy</p> <p>Eighty</p> <p>Ninety</p> <p>Hundred</p> <p>Thousand</p> <p>Do you eat meat?</p> <p>Where do you live?</p> <p>This is my sister</p> <p>This is my brother</p> <p>This is my mother</p> <p>This is my father</p> <p>This is my son</p> <p>This is my daughter</p> <p>What music do you like?</p> <p>Have you visited the town?</p> <p>Where are the shops?</p> <p>Is there a market?</p> <p>Thank you for your help.</p>	<p><i>Nolla</i></p> <p><i>Yksi</i></p> <p><i>Kaksi</i></p> <p><i>Kolme</i></p> <p><i>Neljä</i></p> <p><i>Viisi</i></p> <p><i>Kuusi</i></p> <p><i>Seitsemän</i></p> <p><i>Kahdedsän</i></p> <p><i>Yhdedsän</i></p> <p><i>Kymmenen</i></p> <p><i>Kaksikymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Kolmekymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Neljäkymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Viisikymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Kuusikymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Seitsemänkymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Kahdeksankymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Yhdedsänkymmentä</i></p> <p><i>Sata</i></p> <p><i>Tuhat</i></p> <p><i>Syötkö lihaa</i></p> <p><i>Missä asui</i></p> <p><i>Tässä on sisareni</i></p> <p><i>Tässä on veljeni</i></p> <p><i>Tässä on äitini</i></p> <p><i>Tässä on isäni</i></p> <p><i>Tässä on Poikani</i></p> <p><i>Tässä on Tyttäreni</i></p> <p><i>Mistä musiikista pidät</i></p> <p><i>Oletko Käynytkaupungissa</i></p> <p><i>Missäovat kaupungit</i></p> <p><i>Onko Täällä kauppatoria</i></p> <p><i>Kiitoksia Auustasi.</i></p>
<p>Hello</p> <p>How are you</p> <p>Goodbye</p> <p>Be seeing you</p> <p>Have a safe journey</p> <p>Best wishes to your family</p> <p>Do come again</p> <p>Peace</p> <p>Please</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>That's nothing</p> <p>Where is the toilet?</p> <p>Left</p> <p>Right</p> <p>Straight on</p> <p>Behind you</p> <p>Where do I sleep</p> <p>I am vegetarian</p> <p>Where is the nearest telephone?</p>	<p><i>Hei</i></p> <p><i>Miten voit?</i></p> <p><i>Näkemiin</i></p> <p><i>Nähdään</i></p> <p><i>Turvallista matkaa</i></p> <p><i>Terveisiä perheellesi</i></p> <p><i>Tulevudesaan</i></p> <p><i>Rauha</i></p> <p><i>Ole hyvä</i></p> <p><i>Kiitos</i></p> <p><i>Ei Mitään</i></p> <p><i>Missä on vessa</i></p> <p><i>Vasen</i></p> <p><i>Oikea</i></p> <p><i>Suoraan</i></p> <p><i>Takanasi</i></p> <p><i>Missä voin nukkua</i></p> <p><i>Olen Kasvissyöjä</i></p> <p><i>Missä on lähin Puhelin</i></p>		

## Host and Travel Reports

### Visit of Mr Peter Postel From Hamburg Germany during the month of May 2005

By L V Subramanian, Bangalore

I have been hosting travelers from Germany/France/Switzerland but I would like to narrate my family's experience of hosting Mr Peter from Hamburg Germany who came for a period of 2 nights and stayed at my place almost for a week understanding our culture, way of living and our family value systems.

I got an email from Mr Peter aged 52 of Hamburg and he wanted to know whether he could stay with me for a couple of nights. I explained that I was having my aged mother (who could not move about much for opening the door etc ) and my daughter who was school going. He confirmed back that he would adjust to our family schedule and he would not be a hindrance to us. I reconfirmed with an welcome invitation that he could spend the two nights at our place. He arrived at our place and understood our family relations. He showed us his credentials and photos of his family. He valued respected and adopted Gandhian values and was a strict vegetarian and teetotaler and fitted in perfectly with our family.

He was a computer programmer working for the University and had taken a year off from his work to be in India and understand the diverse cultures prevailing here. He had traveled all parts of India and stayed with different families and enjoyed his stay with all.

He was keen to know about our customs, how we did pujas. I took him to temple and also to the shops and made him familiar with the bus numbers and bus stops. I thought he will have difficulty but he could manage to travel and reach home well in time. He would help me while preparing dinner and soon learnt the art of making rasam and sambhar during his stay at our place.

He helped my mother with the little household chores and also spent a lot of time speaking to her in English and understanding our culture. He saw the goodness of our joint family and asked me about why I keep my mother with me. I told him about our Hindu philosophy as to how children take care of their aged parents. He became very emotional and said " I am in Hamburg and my mother at the outskirts village all alone but after having seen you take care of your mother, I will also take her with me to Hamburg to the place where I stay." And this he confirmed after reaching Hamburg that he has brought his mother. This gave me and my mother lot of happiness since we could impart some of our valuable hindu value based advise to him which he accepted willingly.

He is regularly in contact with me and has sent us photographs of his family and children and also invited us all to visit Germany and stay at his place.

We found this association a wonderful experience and do look forward to similar ones in the near future.

*from Servas India Newsletter*

### Servas friends made, thanks to Hurricane Rita

At 12:30 am on September 23, I was awakened by a phone call from a Servas Peru traveler, Roxana Suarez, fleeing Houston, Texas with her brother and friend as Hurricane Rita approached. She asked if my husband Jeff and I might be able to shelter them and their two dogs. While we offered to share our home during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we did not reach any Servas hosts in need of our offer, and so I was delighted that a Rita evacuee had called, and I immediately answered in the affirmative. Our weary travelers arrived at 2:30 am after a long, hot, 22-hour trip that should have taken 4 hours on a "normal" day.

While our guests spent most of that first day at our home sleeping and recovering from their stressful journey, we went to work. My cynical co-worker exclaimed that he would never leave strangers alone in his house, where they could "wipe me out." I knew that I could never adequately explain how much the mutual trust inherent in the Servas host-traveler relationship has enriched our lives over the years. Instead, when I go to work tomorrow, I will tell my co-worker what greeted me that afternoon when I returned home: our kitchen was overflowing with groceries that they purchased, other thoughtful gifts awaited us, and more importantly, our refreshed and very grateful guests greeted us with warm hugs.

We enjoyed a weekend sharing food and wonderful conversations. Roxana cooked us a traditional Peruvian meal, and she and her brother Edgardo offered information about their culture. My husband, Roxana, and I shared information about Servas and its philosophy with Edgardo and Mehl, who were not members. Under these emergency conditions, we did not worry that they were not official Servas travelers. However, we explained to them that the best "thank you" that they could give us would be to join Servas themselves, which they promised to do. On our last evening, we gave them "WAGE PEACE" bracelets from the American Friends Service Committee as a memento of our weekend and reminder of the mission of Servas. Finally, we toasted our new friendships and the positive impact of Servas on all of our lives. Our Hurricane Rita evacuees arrived as strangers, and left as family. Our dogs, on the other hand, are just glad that their dogs left, period.



*Story submitted by Celia Pechak*

## Comments on Disasters

### *Can Servas Friends Help in Time of Disaster?*

*Again this year, the world has seen several terrible disasters – the Asian Tsunami, War Victims in Sudan and Middle East, flooding in Mumbai and now, Hurricane Katrina along America's Gulf Coast.*

*Could Servas assist people in their long re-building phase, to help re-build homes and communities, following such disasters?*

*For the first phase, of Rescue, our Servas networks may be limited to what we who live near the disaster can do locally.*

*And even for immediate Relief, it seems that Servas people may best to contribute through others – although where Servas exceptionally well-trained members like Gurdev and others in Servas India. There, strong leadership facilitated the use of Servas networks and personal resources to aid victims of the Asian Tsunami.*

*According to Servas history, Servas began by helping workers travel to areas needing reconstruction, at least in some areas, in the 1940's.*

*What can we learn from our history, to apply to the great needs of our times?*

*Might Servas reach out, to welcome new travelers, areas of need, where they might work locally with others, e.g. Red Cross?*

*Is there room in Servas for study/discussion of the causes of these disasters – unheeded poverty and poor nature conservation practices among them – to determine how to avoid the worst risks?*

*Your thoughts?*

*Gary Sealey*

*Peace Secretary [peacesecretary@servas.org](mailto:peacesecretary@servas.org)*

### Thoughts on Peace

Hi All

I am sending this letter to the group in order to check - What do people in the wide world think about our chance to peace in Israel - according to the terms we are in.

If we can have peace in South Africa, peace is attainable anywhere. If you think of where we come from and compare it to where we are now, it makes you realize that miracles do happen.

*Tracey In Durban, South Africa*

### Views from Chile

I am surprised to see that there is not even one message of support or thinking in ways to support those that are suffering due to the hurricane.

Servas Chile contacted directly the hosts in the area and now we are collecting money that we will send to a host that works there helping directly (no administrative expenses) with those most in need, mainly poor blacks (african americans).

May be other national groups can try to help and also be prepared for the next disaster to help those in need, as proposed by the Peace Secretary Gary Sealey ?.

May be we are just writing too much how to get more members (a very important issue) and forgetting the essentials of Servas without even realizing it.

Servas is not a question of money, as most give our work for free, but emotions and about to know each other

*Gaston, Chile*

### Faith and Hope in Life

*I'm the peace secretary of Chile, and think that the most important for the people of this terrible experience, is not lose the faith and hope in the life, the earth it's our home, and maybe we have to learn any things of this success, and restore us across this.*

*The members Servas of this zone can give a great help for the damage people, receiving them in their homes. A good idea would be communicate this, across de Servas bulletin or others forms.*

*My english it's not very well, but I hope that this fine grain be a message of mitigation of pain.*

*Best regards,*

*Claudia Nercasseau, Secretaria de Paz,  
Servas Chile*

EXCO .....

... is currently meeting to prepare the Agenda and other elements of the eGA fixed for Latina, in April, 2006. Consultative sessions have been held with many national secretaries, by new low-cost long distance telephone. Others will take place. Quite a number of sessions have been recommended. With these, there has been a good deal of work undertaken by a Working Group, along with heroic personal effort by Chris Patterson of New Zealand to prepare rules and statute for the Distant Vote. The eGA Registration form, and Criteria for travel support have also been completed. Download your copy from [www.siexco.org](http://www.siexco.org) and send it soon. An Election Rules workbook has been distributed (thank you for the early, helpful responses!) Please prepare your plans for an exciting and productive meeting which will guide Servas growth and protection.

Financial Reports have been created for review by the eGA; and they are intended to resolve almost all outstanding issues. A Host List Request Team has been created to produce much greater efficiencies, with essential information protection, of Host Lists. Translator Teams, Editing Teams, and others, will help ensure high quality communications. To aid Global Outreach and improve service, the Servas Internet Page is being re-designed. Servas Statutes are also to be revisited, with legal assistance, to make the working rules clear, complete, and helpful and in complete conformity with host-country modern legislation. A special, Opening Day and pre-orientation activity are being considered, to help make sure everyone starts on the same page of the Agenda!

Please see more information the web page: [www.siexco.org](http://www.siexco.org) You are welcome to contribute to the eGA discussion on [www.servasforum.org](http://www.servasforum.org)

**A Servas International UN delegation is networking with 3,000 representatives of other justice-seeking organizations, in NYC in Sept.**

This meeting follows energetic activity of the Servas group in New York at UN Department of Public Information. Webcasts of the DPI briefings can be monitored at: <http://www.undpingoconference.org/>

Servas International has accreditation to attend many UN meetings, all over the world. SI delegations can meet with other justice-seeking accredited groups, governments, negotiating groups, development programmes, etc. Qualified Servas Travelers and Hosts can be accredited to such meetings. The agendas are usually known in advance, and preparation and study for them is an opportunity to create friendships and to develop lasting educational value.

Behind the scenes, there are many vital issues, a lot of energetic volunteer and professional work, and critical issues to be decided and funded by the justice-seeking groups in the UN community, and by governments. A lot of these people could be attracted to Servas, as new travelers. We are experimenting with new Servas International business cards, designed by Mary Jane Mikuriya, to help welcome personal attention to Servas. (Ask for your own Servas International business card, to join our outreach activity!)

The UN wants to encourage more Southern involvement, and Servas is well-positioned to provide it.

Talk, of course, is no substitute for action. Servas can also encourage personal growth and individual actions to advance these global subjects. For instance, it has been proven that travelers respond strongly to personal briefings, so there can be a direct reduction in environmental impacts through good interview techniques and attentive hosts.

You are also welcome to spread the word and to contact me directly. You are also welcome to link with others in the SI delegations at New York: Mary Jane Mikuriya, Noema Chaplin, Rolande Hodel (who is working to establish an AIDS drug factory in Cameroon), and with SI delegates in Geneva and Austria, Hilda Burer and Angelika Hoffmann. We cherish your advice and input; we can help you help the UN and voluntary networks achieve great goals.

Gary Sealey  
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## More UN, Get Involved

### Birth of new United Nations Institution -- and a major UN initiative

A new institution of the UN is being established:

- 1) a global Human Rights Council, likely to be announced at the end of the current General Assembly of the UN
- 2) a major initiative: "High-Level Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor" to be announced 13 September, 2005.

The New Human Rights Council, to be centred in Geneva, is part of the UN Reform. It would strengthen the UN focus on Human Rights.

Unlike the Human Rights Commission, which now meets only 3 months annually, the Human Rights Council will be a 12-month per year UN activity. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Louise Arbour -- is making rapid progress.

As an official ECOSOC non government organization (ngo), Servas can accredit observers, if there is interest.

This means organizing work, linking with other observers, meetings with interested Servas people and organizers, attending discussions -- including discussion of the founding documents of the Council -- reviewing its agenda, networking with other observers in Servas and others, such as those in CONGO and introducing Servas to them, etc. (Thank you, Angelika, for your notes!)

Because Servas is not specialized in Human Rights, our observers do not require the expertise indicated at the following web site. But some knowledgeable Servas people would certainly be helpful -- both in Geneva and Servas Human Rights "ambassadors" in other regions of the world.  
[http://www.ishr.ch/about%20ISHR/Training/AGTC/AGTC-presentation\\_2006.htm](http://www.ishr.ch/about%20ISHR/Training/AGTC/AGTC-presentation_2006.htm)

Servas observers may focus on, say, a limited range of rights identified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (which however leaves out some recently-recognized rights, such as "environmental rights"). For instance, we may be interested in the rights to travel and migrate, the rights of Youth, or in the Rights of the Poor. This could contribute to the new Commission on ... the Poor, below.)

Alternately, Servas Human Rights observers, might ask national secretaries across Servas to suggest priorities.

2) High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor. Norway, with support from the governments of UK, Canada, Egypt, Guatemala and Tanzania proposed this to the UN. The Commission would continue for 2 years. It would be headed by former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, and centred in New York, and will be announced on September 13.

Many -- probably most -- in Servas are not poor. But there is some feeling that Servas is being blocked, particularly in Africa, because of its environment of poverty. Poverty puts people on the margins. It breeds violence, risk, and suffering and environmental damage.

Please let me know whether you are interested in assisting in the birth and nurturing of the Human Rights Council a new UN institution. Or give me the names of someone you think would be interested. Also let me know whether you would like to monitor and network and report to Servas on the Commission on ... the Poor.

Please send me your advice. Please also note: for youth and others qualified and interested in career advancement there may be some new positions and internships at the UN, as a result of these initiatives.

Gary Sealey, [peacesecretary@servas.org](mailto:peacesecretary@servas.org)

*From the ed:*

*There is so much we can offer. Let us share with each other what we do offer in all spheres of life. And with this sharing so encourage others to offer and then share.*



## 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

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#### **Date:**

January 14th (Saturday) to January 21<sup>st</sup> (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](http://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.

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#### **Registration:**

The registration for PATAGONIA'06 will be on January the 14<sup>th</sup> (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.

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#### **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.

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**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](mailto: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

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:n33438@datamarkets.com.ar) (for Myrtha Comes).

[cintia\\_a@arnet.com.ar](mailto:cintia_a@arnet.com.ar)

[argentina@servas.org](mailto: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 – Doblás 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 ([pablochfueni@yahoo.com.ar](mailto:pablochfueni@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](mailto:cintia_a@arnet.com.ar)

[argentina@servas.org](mailto:argentina@servas.org)

[pablochfueni@yahoo.com.ar](mailto:pablochfueni@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.

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