



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE IAVE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

[This message comes from Eugen Baldas, Regional Representative for Europe to the IAVE Board of Directors and Chair of the board's Nominating Committee.]

Election Results

I am pleased to announce that Silvia Meruvia Landers of Bolivia has been elected by the IAVE National Representatives (NRs) as their representative to the IAVE Board of Directors. Her term of office will begin with the next board meeting, now scheduled for mid-May.

We are very grateful to Silvia and to our other two candidates – Win Mektripop of Thailand and Osama Mustafa Suliman of Sudan – for their willingness to put themselves forward for election. It is this willingness to serve that makes IAVE a strong, volunteer-based and volunteer-led organization.

One seat on the IAVE Board of Directors is reserved for the Representative of National Representatives. In the past, election of this person has taken place at the meeting of National Representatives held at the World Conference with only those in attendance having the opportunity to vote.

Last year, as part of its strategic planning and the amendment of the by-laws and standing rules, the Board determined that the election should take place electronically soon after the conference in order to offer all National Representatives the opportunity to participate.

While charged with representing the interests of the NRs to the board, she also serves as a full member of the board and will work in partnership with the Executive Director and the Regional Representatives to develop and implement both the overall strategy and the priority activities that will strengthen the National Representative Network and increase the effective volunteer engagement with IAVE of each National Representative.

The Election of a New Youth Representative

We have just launched the process for election of a new Youth Representative to the IAVE Board of Directors.

IAVE is committed to promoting and supporting a strong “youth voice” in global leadership for volunteering. To that end, two seats are reserved on the IAVE Board of Directors for Youth

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Representatives to be filled by people under the age of 30. The Board elects the Youth Representatives from nominees presented to it by the Nominating Committee.

In the Board's strategic planning and revision of the by-laws in 2012, it was agreed that there should be gender balance in these representatives – that is, one female and one male. When Mark Molloy's term as Youth Representative ends in July, we then will have one male Youth Representative, Daniel Buritica from Colombia.

Thus, we now are seeking **female candidates only** for consideration by the Board of Directors for election to the position currently held by Mark.

By decision of the Board, nominations will be received only from members of the Board, National Representatives and youth members (both voting and non-voting).

To be considered, candidates must be female and no older than 27 years of age by July 1, 2013. If elected, they must become paid members of IAVE before joining the board. Please note that IAVE's Board works in English. Candidates must be comfortable working in spoken English in meetings and written English in emails.

If you wish to make a nomination, please contact the IAVE National Representative for your country (see complete current list at www.iave.org/content/national-representatives) or contact the IAVE Secretariat at kenn@iave.org.

Thanks to all IAVE members who stand for election and who participate in the nominations and election processes.

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD...

Ruth MacKenzie, who was elected to the IAVE board as their representative by the National Representatives who met at the 21st IAVE World Volunteer Conference in Singapore in 2011, has announced her departure from Volunteer Canada. Ruth was there for 12 years, the last six as President and CEO. She is assuming the position of Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. Her term on the IAVE board ended with the election of a new Representative of National Representatives, reported above.

Dr Kang Hyun Lee, World President of IAVE, has thanked Ruth for her "deep commitment to the global volunteer community and IAVE and service as IAVE board member. Although your term was short, your impact was deep, particularly as we completed our strategic planning and our renewed commitment to strengthen our global network of National Representatives. Ruth's new email is rmackenzie77@hotmail.com.

Volunteer Canada's former Director of Programs, Policy and Applied Research, **Paula Speevak Sladowski** has assumed the position of Interim President and CEO of Volunteer Canada. As an organization, Volunteer Canada remains IAVE's National Representative for Canada.

As reported above, **Silvia Meruvia Landers** of Bolivia has been elected the new Representative of National Representatives to the IAVE Board of Directors. Silvia has a long involvement with IAVE. Her is how she described that work in the voting papers sent to National Representatives for the election:

"I served as IAVE National Representative for Bolivia on two different opportunities, introduced and promoted IAVE in Bolivia for over 30 years and during the times I served built membership and engagement of the government, the private sector and national and local non profit

organizations, including universities and church to recognize volunteering as a special force for change.

“In other involvements with IAVE, I organized a regional and a national volunteer conference and assisted in transferring the IAVE Secretariat from Australia to the US with the change of World Presidents. I was instrumental in strengthening communications between IAVE National Representatives in each region by facilitating information and building bridges of understanding among members and volunteers centers.”

The IAVE Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Silvia on to the board. She can be reached by email at silvialanders@gmail.com.

...AND NOT

We are pleased to announce that IAVE has renewed its contract with the Civil Society Consulting Group LLC (CSCG) in Washington DC to continue to provide IAVE's Secretariat. Kathi Dennis – kdennis@iave.org – remains as IAVE's Executive Director.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER CENTERS IN THE IAVE SPOTLIGHT

[This article was written by Ramona Dragomir, Atlas Corps Fellow from Romania, who is now working in the IAVE Secretariat with responsibility for supporting development of the Global National Volunteer Center Network and IAVE's worldwide network of National Representatives. She can be reached at Ramona@iave.org.]

One of the main features of the 22nd IAVE World Conference in London in December 2012 was the focus placed on National Volunteer Centers (NVCs) as the key leadership organizations for volunteering in their countries.

With the generous support of the Ford Motor Company Fund, IAVE was able to convene 42 representatives of NVCs from 35 different countries, representing all regions of the world.

They met three times – in a half day pre-conference session, at a working dinner and again in a working session on the final day. This offered them several opportunities to discuss issues such as how they can best provide innovative leadership for volunteering in their countries; build partnerships among themselves and with government and business; and be creative in securing the resources they need.

The Global National Volunteer Center Network

As a result of these meetings and with agreement of those NVCs present, IAVE is pleased to announce that work will go forward on development of the Global National Volunteer Center Network. This aligns with IAVE's mission of promoting and supporting the development of volunteering worldwide. The Global Network will be a place where NVCs can come together to exchange and generate innovation ideas and programming and build their collective capacity.

Wendy Osborne, CEO of Volunteer Now in Northern Ireland and a member of the IAVE Board of Directors, led the preparatory work for the NVC meetings. This included a survey of all known NVCs in 2011, development of the concept of the Network and planning for the London sessions. She also designed and managed the conference track of forums and workshops for Volunteer Centers.

At the end of the World Conference, the representatives of the NVCs present at the meeting set up a working group to oversee the actions steps for the upcoming period. Chaired by Wendy, the working group includes representatives of NVCs from each of the 6 IAVE regions:

From Africa: Georges Ouedrago (Burkina Faso) and Dr Tuesday Gichuki (Kenya);

From the Arab Nations: Yousef Al-Suwaidi (Qatar) and Sahar Alobad (United Arab Emirates);

From Asia-Pacific: Flora Chung (Hong Kong) and Mara Basanovic (Australia)

From Europe: Dr Justin Davis Smith (England) and Alzbeta Mrackova (Slovakia)

From Latin America: Slivia Landers (Bolivia) and Oscar Bravo (Peru)

From North America: Ruth Mackenzie (Canada) and Michelle Nunn, represented by Gared Jones, and Mei Cobb (USA).

The working group agreed on common goals for their work together, to recommend criteria on membership of the Global Network, objectives and appropriate structure for the Global Network and initial services required to meet the recommended objectives (e.g. information database, web site, vehicle for sharing information & best practice, networking opportunities.)

By connecting with their peers, NVCs are making themselves available to getting answers and support for some of the questions and dilemmas they face. "We want to support the growth of national volunteer centers around the world. We want to see them learning together and sharing their experiences," said Kathi Dennis, Executive Director of IAVE, recognizing the importance of networking as a way to strengthen both individual NVCs and the global volunteer community they serve.

AN IAVE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

[This article was written by Raaida Mannaa, consultant to IAVE for development of the Global Youth Volunteers online presence. Raaida is from Colombia and, in 2011, played a major role in planning and managing the Second World Summit for Youth Volunteering in Barranquilla, Colombia, a partnership effort of IAVE and Partners of the Americas. Raaida can be reached at raidita@gmail.com and also informs that she is @raaidamannaa.]

From the 8th to the 18th of March, invited by Warif-Princess Al Anood Center of Youth Development, IAVE National Representative in Saudi Arabia, I had the extraordinary opportunity to tour the Kingdom, sharing a series of speeches and conferences on youth volunteering global networks and the work we are developing with our Global Youth Volunteers platform.

Along with Sam Johnson, Founder of the Student Volunteer Army in New Zealand, and Issa Nesheiwat, Coordinator of Volunteers Programs at the Madrasati initiative in Jordan, and guided by the leadership of Hammam Al Juraied, Manager of the Warif Center, and the enthusiasm of his committed staff, we visited different universities around the country, where we shared our experiences and also heard from the students and leaders of volunteer clubs and the different social-based projects they are working on.

Our trip began in the city of Jeddah, where Othman Al Huzaim, Coordinator of Public Relations of Warif, welcomed us. In Jeddah, the largest seaport on the Red Sea, we visited Dar Al-Hekma College and King Abdulaziz University. From there we moved to Dammam, the capital of the Eastern Province and the most oil-rich region in the world, where we had the chance to visit

Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University and share a dialogue with a group of leaders and social entrepreneurs of the area at the Al-Tourki Group Business Tower.

The last stop of our journey took us to Riyadh, the capital and largest city of Saudi Arabia, located in the center of the Arabian Peninsula. We had the opportunity to speak at King Al-Faisal and King Saud Universities and also be part of a training program coordinated by Warif and the General Presidency for Youth Welfare.

The main goal of the program was to train 25 females and 25 males from all the regions of the Kingdom in a weeklong forum, addressing topics such as volunteering, creativity, innovation and networking. The group of trainees who completed the program have to go back to their communities and train 100 person each, multiplying the impact of the opportunity they got and spreading the message of volunteering and its importance for the development of society. The team of Warif, which celebrated their first anniversary on March 17th, will keep track of their work and provide a series of tools that will enable the growth of each of the trainees and the expansion of the Center all around the country.

During our stay in Riyadh, we also had the opportunity to meet with Prince Nawaf bin Faisal Al Saud, President of the General Presidency for Youth Welfare; Mr. Mohammed Saleh Al Grnass, Vice President of Youth Welfare; and Dr. Yousif Al Huzaim, Secretary General at Alanood Charity Organization and a CEO at Alanood for investment.

The welcoming spirit of the Saudi people, their concern to do good for their society and their awareness on the positive impact that volunteering has in their country, made the journey a unique experience full of inspiring stories, long term connections and a series of new ideas to collaborate in the near future. Shokran Warif!

UPDATE ON IAVE'S GLOBAL CORPORATE VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

[This article was written by Sarah Hayes, IAVE consultant who serves as director of the Global Corporate Volunteer Council. She can be reached at sehayes@iave.org.]

It is particularly fitting to give this update following the recent IAVE World Volunteer Conference in London, which focused primarily on corporate volunteering and was an exciting and successful event. We also awarded the first-ever IAVE Global Corporate Volunteering Awards at the conference. [See the report on the awards in the February 2013 E-IAVE or online at <http://iave.org/content/iave%E2%80%99s-first-global-corporate-volunteering-awards-presented-london-conference>.

GCVC launched at the IAVE World Volunteer Conference in New Delhi, India in 2006. We started with six founding members – Disney, UPS, Citi, Samsung, Levi Strauss & Co. and Vale.

Now, GCVC has grown to 42 members, global companies headquartered in Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America. We have held twelve meetings around the world, in addition to numerous conference calls and webinars on topics of importance to our members. In the six years since its launch, GCVC has become a “voice” for the global perspective on corporate volunteer programs. [A list of GCVC members can be found at <http://iave.org/content/our-members>.]

GCVC member companies conceived and sponsored our Global Corporate Volunteering Research Project, the final report of which was issued in 2011. A year later, GCVC member Telefonica from Spain sponsored and published the book *The Big Tent: Corporate Volunteering*

in the Global Age, written by IAVE Senior Consultant Kenn Allen. [Both of these publications are available on IAVE's website at <http://iave.org/resources/gcvc>.]

We are proud of our GCVC companies, who are dedicated to serious societal change through employee volunteering programs of many types and in every region of the world. You will see many of them highlighted in future E-IAVE publications and at IAVE events as we go forward. If you have the chance to interact with one of our companies in your part of the world, I encourage you to thank them for their support of IAVE and of making the world a better place through their employee volunteers.

NOW ON IAVE.ORG

Thanks to IAVE Secretariat staff member Ramona Dragomir you now will find...

...a complete, current list of all IAVE National Representatives at www.iave.org/content/national-representatives...and

...a list of all verified National Volunteer Centers at www.iave.org/content/national-volunteer-centres.

FROM IAVE MEMBERS

INSIGHTS ON VOLUNTEERING IN PANAMA

[This article comes to us from IAVE member Morgan & Morgan in Panama - www.morimor.com. It was written by Nelva Marissa Araúz Reyes who currently supports CSR consultancies at the firm.]

In the last thirty years volunteering, has gradually evolved from being in a modest position, to being recognized as a key player in the development of different countries. This has led citizens to participate in the design and implementation of actions aimed at obtaining the interest of the population, well beyond purely altruistic attitudes. This position, characterized by isolated and sporadic events, lacks the effective and coordinated actions that a regulation guiding the scope of collective works would have.

These actions have been promoted to an international level through UN's resolutions of the General Assembly, some of which are worth mentioning:

- Resolution 40/212 of December 17, 1985, where December 5th was declared as the International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development;
- Resolution 52/17 of November 20, 1997 in which the year 2001 was proclaimed as the International Year of Volunteers.

Both initiatives are intended to make visible the work of international volunteering and to encourage the discussion of its importance, prompting many countries to join the global commitment to recognize and celebrate volunteering as a way of achieving the Millennium Development Goals declared by the United Nations. These objectives aim to reduce poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination against women.

The Republic of Panama has not been immune to this global movement, therefore, organizations of various kinds and several national companies, among them the Morgan &

Morgan Group, have identified volunteering as an effective method of achieving an equitable society.

Panama has taken a more active role in the promotion and recognition of volunteering, hosting in 2008 the 20th World Volunteer Conference of the International Association of Volunteer Effort (IAVE, for its acronym in English), and participating in 2010 in the Latin American Conference on Volunteering, held in Bogotá, Colombia. The result of these participations was the need for Panama to have a law regulating voluntary work, associated with international practices.

Subsequently, in collaboration with IAVE Panama, civil society partners, and the private sector, the Morgan & Morgan Group, represented by a group of lawyers committed to pro bono projects, conducted a comparative study of the main laws of volunteering in the world, which aim was the development of a draft bill regulating volunteering in Panama and adjusted to modern trends, without ignoring the realities of the country.

The purpose of this bill is to promote, perform, encourage and develop volunteerism in both the public and private sectors in the Republic of Panama, through joint coordination during a Volunteer Forum.

The preliminary draft sets as the objectives of volunteering to: contribute with their effort, skills and capabilities in order to provide quality of life for people and communities promoting their development with dignity and justice and, at the same time, maintaining values such as respect, solidarity, peace and freedom; raise public awareness to practice activities that promote social welfare, solidarity and cooperation for the benefit of people and communities in situations of disadvantage or vulnerability; and strengthen the initiatives carried out by public and private organizations who intend to promote sustainable human development in Panama.

The draft also establishes the principles of volunteering commitments and the rights of volunteers, the responsibilities of voluntary organizations, and the minimum incentives and recognitions that the law must acknowledge in regards to volunteer work.

Currently, the bill is under evaluation and being reviewed by various organizations that have volunteers in Panama, so that the final document is the product of a consensus of stakeholders. After the deadline, it will be presented as a citizens' initiative to the Board of Deputies of Panama for its debate and subsequently for its approval.

Through pro-bono actions, such as counseling, advocacy, drafting and revising the volunteering draft bill in Panama, the Morgan & Morgan Group reiterates its international commitment, acquired in 2001 by signing the Global Compact of the United Nations, as a socially responsible company. We are firm believers that the adoption of this bill and its enactment into law will reorganize volunteerism in Panama, maximizing the collaboration of volunteers towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

An attorney, Nelva Marissa Araúz Reyes joined the CSR area of Morgan & Morgan in 2007, collaborating with the Eduardo Morgan Foundation and later in the coordination of the Community Legal Assistance Foundation (Fundalcom). Fundalcom is the only project of this nature among Panamanian companies that aims to guide, and give legal representation –for free- to low income individuals in processes of family law and domestic violence. The foundation is supported also by lawyers and partners of Morgan & Morgan providing legal assistance through its Pro Bono program. For more information, please contact Pablo Nunez at pablo.nunez@morimor.com.

ANNOUNCING THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PEACE FESTIVAL

[Information for this article came to us from Indira Dasgupta, Regional Representative for Asia-Pacific on the IAVE Board of Directors. The organization she heads, PIDT (People's Institute for Development and Training), was host organization for the 2006 IAVE World Volunteer Conference in New Delhi and is helping to organize the Festival.]

“We believe there are capable young leaders in every global community, who can become catalysts or ‘Agents of Change.’ Bringing those leaders together to inspire change is the mission of the International Youth Peace Festival.”

The Festival will be held September 27 through October 2 in Chandigarh, India (see <http://chandigarh.nic.in>). An estimated 700 young people will attend, coming from 50 countries throughout the world and all states of India.

The organizers say that the Festival will provide participants “a platform for increased cross-fertilization of ideas so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential.”

The Festival is being organized by YUVSATTA (Youth Power), an NGO working “to steer young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals based on voluntary effort and individual and community action.

For more information on the Festival, please visit www.peacefest.in.

GCVC MEMBER EMC OFFERS NGOS SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL ARCHIVING

EMC Corporation's Heritage Trust Project recognizes and supports digital stewardship of the world's informational heritage in local communities by way of providing cash grants to organizations seeking to pursue digital archive initiatives. The spring cycle of the program will launch in May and organizations and institutions located in the following countries are eligible to submit applications: Brazil, Canada (excluding Quebec), Chile, Great Britain, India, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Ireland, the US and South Africa.

For more information or to see recent winners, visit:
https://www.facebook.com/emccorp/app_222471081145150.

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