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2013 IAVE REGIONAL CONFERENCES ANNOUNCED

Dr Kang Hyun Lee, World President of IAVE, has announced the schedule for this year's round of regional conferences and meetings.

“These are special opportunities for our IAVE members and others in the global volunteer community to come together closer to home,” Dr Lee said. “We hope that as many members as possible will be able to participate.”

Here is the schedule for regional conferences:

Latin America Region – October 14-16 – Guayaquil, Ecuador

Arab Nations Region – November 23-25 – Muscat, Oman

Asia-Pacific Region – December 9-12 – Macao SAR, P.R. China

Plans are underway for a regional meeting in Africa for early 2014 in Rwanda

A meeting of National Representatives in the Europe region is scheduled for early September in Freiburg, Germany.

Members in North America should look for IAVE at the Points of Light Conference on Volunteering and Service in Washington DC, June 19-21.

LET'S ALL GO TO GUAYAQUIL IN OCTOBER!

The 6th IAVE Latin American Regional Conference will be held October 14-16, 2103 in Guayaquil-Ecuador. ACORVOL - Asociación Coordinadora del Voluntariado del Guayas is the host organization, in partnership with IAVE.

There will also be a Youth Day on October 15, in which more than 100 young people from the region will gather to strengthen their networks and share experiences.

The theme of the conference is Volunteering as an expression of Social Participation. What is the current reality of volunteering? Who are the volunteers today? Where does volunteering fit as a social phenomenon? What should NGOs and businesses do to facilitate the work of volunteers in communities?

There will be two segments in the conference program:

Segment 1: Volunteer as Change Agents in Social Transformation. Relevant values and practices related to solidarity, concern and commitment to community, and the commitment and social responsibility for a fairer country.

Segment 2: Corporate Volunteering. Where are we going? How do we create transformative programs? How can new technologies of connectivity create a new reality in corporate volunteering? How can we measure the impact of the community changes? Is there a corporate volunteer oriented development in our region? How can Corporate Volunteer Councils increase synergies?

Interested in presenting? Check out the "call for papers" at <http://iave.org/6th-latin-american-regional-volunteer-conference>

The conference website will be launched and registration opened in early June.

MACAO WELCOMES THE IAVE ASIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

IAVE announces its 14th Asia - Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference to be held in Macao SAR, P.R. China in December 9 - 12, 2013.

The Hosts. The Association for Volunteer Service – Macau (AVSM) is the host organization, in partnership with IAVE. They have organized six working teams, under the leadership of a strong volunteer management team, to plan and manage a highly successful conference for the region.

The Theme. The theme for this year's conference is "Allied Volunteer Efforts – Being Change Agents in a Risk Society." It will be elaborated through eight major topics dealing with the relationship of volunteering to social inclusion, environmental protection, youth, active aging, corporate social responsibility, parental education, disasters and development of civil society.

The Venue. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Cotai, in one of the major hotel areas of Macau. The conference facilities are very new and will be an excellent place for our participants to meet one another and attend sessions. AVSM has negotiated very good hotel rates for the conference participants.

Special Events. Conference registration includes the cost of the opening dinner on Monday; a "Gourmet Macao" restaurant experience on Tuesday; the closing dinner on Wednesday;

lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; and two coffee breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday. A travel agent is being selected to help participant groups that want to stay after the conference for sightseeing.

The Schedule. The conference opening session will be held Monday, December 9, late afternoon, followed by a reception and the opening dinner. The opening plenary will be on Tuesday morning followed by forums on the main topics of the conference and then related workshops. Wednesday will include a plenary, forums and workshops followed by the closing dinner. Field visits to local NGOs will be organized for those interested on Thursday morning.

Youth Conference. A parallel youth conference for ages 16 to 23 will take place Sunday, December 8 through Wednesday, December 11. Full details will be announced in June.

Special Meetings. There will be special meetings for National Representatives, National Volunteer Centers and for regional representatives of member companies in IAVE's Global Corporate Volunteer Council.

Registration. The registration will open in June with a special "Super Early Bird" period that will allow first registrants to experience significant savings. Also, there are special discounted registration fees for IAVE members.

AGNETTA NYALITA ELECTED AS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO IAVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to announce that Agnetta Nyalita, native of Kenya and now working in South Africa, has been elected as the new Youth Representative to the IAVE Board of Directors. She was elected by the Board from a slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee.

She joins Daniel Buritica of Colombia, the other Youth Representative.

Agnetta's election fulfills the Board's commitment to have both a female and a male Youth Representative.

The following is drawn from the nomination of Agnetta as submitted by Mark Molloy, outgoing Youth Representative whose term expires in July.

"Agnetta has a wealth of knowledge, experience in and passion for Volunteering. She has over 10 years of volunteering in areas of youth and women empowerment, promotion of quality education and social entrepreneurship.

"She has overseen various volunteering initiatives in Kenya and other parts of Africa. Agnetta is the founding chairperson of Partnership for Growth Foundation (PFGF) which works in rural areas of Kenya to address livelihoods and education challenges with one of the key achievements being the setting up of a community library which caters for a populace of close to 10 schools.

"She is a founder of the Itaava Development Youth Group (IDYG) where there has been promotion of community service, international exchange programs, responsible leadership and cohesion amongst young vulnerable people and has supported Volunteering in East Africa through the East Africa Peace and Service Corps (EAPSC).

"Agnetta has worked with IAVE since 2009 in various initiatives. Key among those are the organizing of the Africa regional forum and Africa youth meeting in Kenya in 2011 as well as the

research on corporate volunteering in Africa. She also represented Kenya in the 21st IAVE conference in Singapore as one of The Pitch competitors at a young age. She has since 2011 been the national youth correspondent in Kenya; has worked with various governments and international agencies like the UN, Peace Corps, Red Cross and VSO.

“Agnetta’s leadership, training and mentorship prowess has helped many communities and youth achieve their development and life goals. Her diversity has seen her work with people at all levels spanning from local, regional and international delegations with ease.

“She has worked with as the Programmes Coordinator at the National Volunteer Network Trust (NAVNET), the National Coordinator of Volunteer Involving Organizations (VIO) Network in Kenya and is currently a Programs Development Coordinator with VSO based in South Africa supporting in the promotion and strengthening of regional volunteering in the Southern Africa region and national volunteering in South Africa.”

Agnetta’s blog can be found at www.agnettanyalita.blogspot.com. Her email is agnettan@yahoo.com.

GCVC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER – THE PRUDENCE FOUNDATION

We are pleased to welcome the Prudence Foundation, as the newest member of IAVE’s Global Corporate Volunteer Council (GCVC).

The Prudence Foundation was established by Prudential Corporation Asia in 2011, to lead the company’s corporate social responsibility programs. The region’s leading life insurer and asset manager with operations across 14 Asian markets, Prudential Corporation Asia is a business unit of Prudential plc, the international financial services group based in the United Kingdom.

Barry Stowe, Chairman of the Prudence Foundation and Chief Executive of Prudential Corporation Asia explains the added value that the Foundation brings to the company’s social responsibility commitment: “The Prudence Foundation is a natural extension of our desire to help Asian societies build a more secure future. We believe the Foundation’s activities will help broaden the reach, and enhance the impact of our community work across the region.”

Employee volunteering is central to that work. For example:

- Since its launch in Asia eight years ago, the volunteer-led “Investing in Your Future” financial literacy program has reached more than 38,000 women. Female volunteers from Prudential donate their time and expertise to deliver seminars in China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam. These seminars teach women basic financial planning skills for different stages in their lives. The project works closely with local NGOs in each country.
- Prudential has also organized several regional volunteer programs in partnership with local NGOs to help provide meaningful, sustainable and long term assistance in times of disaster. To date, hundreds of Prudential volunteers have joined forces to help thousands recover from natural disasters in Asia. Regional volunteer teams have helped build schools in Sichuan, China (2008), re-build homes and facilities in Padang, Indonesia (2009), clear debris and support children in Ishinomaki, Japan (2011) as well as repair homes for the elderly in Mae Ai, Thailand (2012 and 2013).

The Foundation focuses on three priority areas: education/financial literacy, children and disaster preparedness. In addition, Prudential's local business units engage in a range of locally-focused charitable and community activities across Asia.

Critical to the success of the Foundation's programs are the strong partnerships it builds with NGOs and governments throughout the region. "Investing in the Future," for example, was launched in partnership with the All-China Women's Federation to address financial literacy among factory workers. The project also works closely with the Women's Association and Labour Union in Vietnam, plus the Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection in Indonesia.

Partnerships with Save the Children and Plan International are at the core of the Foundation's new efforts in disaster preparedness. This year, it launched Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) programs in the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. Around 23,000 children, youth and their teachers will receive training in lifesaving skills and knowledge about preparing for disasters. This is expected to indirectly benefit more than 130,000 community members through the informal sharing of this knowledge.

[To learn more: www.prudencefoundation.com.]

IAVE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SPOTLIGHT – CARMEN CHAVARRIA

[Ramona Dragomir, IAVE's Atlas Corps Fellow helping develop our National Representative and National Volunteer Center networks continues her introduction of National Representatives. Ramona can be reached at ramona@iave.org.]

This month's featured National Representative is Carmen Chavarria, the National Representative for Guatemala and a board member of Centro de Voluntariado Guatemalteco (CVG), Guatemala's National Volunteer Center.

"CVG was created in 2006 as an effort to support the coordination, development and promotion of a grass-roots volunteer movement in our Central American country. The CVG includes 45 Guatemalan organizations that are committed to volunteerism as a means of support to the development of specific communities, respectful of their identities and resources," says Carmen.

During our discussion, Carmen talked about some of CVG's activities, such as celebrating International Volunteer Day and Global Youth Service Day, organizing a certificate course on volunteer management for nonprofit leaders and providing consultancy to public institutions that wish to set up their own volunteer programs.

Carmen was appointed a National Representative in December 2012 for a two-year term. She says: "It is an honor for me to act as the National Representative for Guatemala because I believe volunteering can change the world and it also allows me and all the people who are involved in volunteer activities to put into practice the things we want to see done for our country."

"As a National Representative, I mostly promote the work of IAVE here in Guatemala. I meet with people from the member organizations of CVG and discuss with them the IAVE membership opportunities. Also, we are collaborating with a number of companies which do business in Guatemala to promote corporate volunteering."

Carmen also makes a major skilled volunteer contribution to IAVE by translating E-IAVE into Spanish.

“One of the challenges when promoting volunteering is that organizations are used to having an informal approach to involving volunteers, they don’t plan or understand how important it is to have a system set up. Sometimes it becomes very difficult to convince people and organizations to join as members of IAVE because they see IAVE as being very expensive and prefer to use the money for other activities,” Carmen says about her work promoting volunteering and IAVE. “An attractive way to get new members for IAVE would be to do online trainings so that the organizations feel they are getting some help for their projects.”

Carmen started getting involved in social activities when she was 14 years old, as part of a program for school – she has been dedicated to improving the life of others ever since. She says, “I believe, from my own experience, that volunteering has changed my life. It has shown me a different reality of my country and also the people living here and made me a better and happier person; I feel like I have grown so much, both personally and professionally, through the volunteer activities I have been a part of.”

If you want to get in touch with Carmen, she can be reached at chavarriac@gmail.com and make sure to visit the Centro de Voluntariado Guatemalteco website, www.guatevoluntaria.org, to keep up with her work!

IAVE NEWS FROM THE ARAB NATIONS REGION

[Patricia Nabti, Regional Representative for the Arab Nations Region on IAVE’s Board of Directors, has begun regular communications with all members in the region. We are pleased to be able to share these bits of news in E-IAVE. Patricia can be reached at pnabti@gmail.com.)

~ The London conference has had some important ripple effects in the region. In February, Dalal Al-Tawheed and the two girls she brought to London with her from Kuwait, Maha and Sarah, took a whole delegation of girls from the Sanaya Club in Kuwait to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where they were hosted by Warif, the National Representative (NR) of Saudi Arabia. They learned a lot about youth volunteering in that country while sharing their own experiences in Kuwait.

~ In late February, Warif organized a national meeting in Riyadh to introduce those attending to IAVE, while the Regional Representative, Dr. Patricia Nabti, was there. Over 65 Saudi organizations in the country attended. Barka Shahbal, the NR of Oman, organized a similar national meeting in Muscat with about 15 people a few days later when Patricia went to Muscat to work on planning for the IAVE regional conference to be held there later in the year.

~ In March, Hammam al-Juraied, of Warif organized a tour of Saudi Arabia for Raaida Mannaa of Colombia who heads the IAVE Youth Program, Sam Johnson of New Zealand who was a speaker in London, as well as a third youth leader from Jordan, to promote youth volunteering in Saudi Arabia. Raaida’s parents are of Lebanese origin, so we proudly included her in our regional meetings at the London conference.

~ George Tavola, of Reach Out To Asia in Qatar, invited participants from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia whom he met at the IAVE Conference in London to participate in their Empower conference in March to promote youth empowerment.

~ In May, Patricia visited the Qatar University Volunteer Center. She met with a broad range of institutions and organizations involved with promoting volunteering in Qatar who are trying to establish a national volunteer network. She also visited the Qatar Center for Voluntary Activities, the NR for Qatar. The Director General of the Qatar Center, Youssef al-Kazim, is also the Director General of the Arab Federation for Voluntary Activities, a division of the League of Arab States. The Federation has only one organization represent each Arab country, with 16 of the 22 Arab countries represented. Youssef has encouraged all 16 to join IAVE, and many of them already have.

~Finally, I would like to acknowledge Meshail Almogbel of Saudi Arabia for submitting her nomination to become the female Youth Representative on the IAVE Board. I encouraged all organizations and individual members of IAVE in the region to nominate a youth for this position. Only Warif responded to this appeal. Six people were nominated, and we are proud that Meshail was one of only three who were shortlisted for the election by Board members. While she did not win the election, I have asked her to help us develop the youth program for the Oman conference, and I consider her our youth representative for the IAVE Regional Leadership Council, consisting of me, the National Representatives and now Meshail. More on the Council in a future email. I encourage you all to invite your active youth leaders to join IAVE as youth members.

NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

GOOD DEEDS DAY 2013: DOING GOOD AROUND THE WORLD

[This article was contributed by Hannah Wojno, Director of International Good Deeds Day. She can be reached at Hannah@ruachtova.org.il.]

Good Deeds Day 2013 is outstanding when you look at the numbers: one million hours of service by 400,000 volunteers in 50 countries – these are the milestones from March 10, 2013. This event, which began in Israel in 2007 and expanded worldwide in 2011, marks the largest and most global Good Deeds Day yet!

But it's quality, not only quantity, that is at the core of this day. The idea is simple: every person can do something good for the benefit of others – be it helping with yard work or babysitting for a busy neighbor, or, like the students at a South African university, collecting books for underprivileged youth. Good Deeds Day celebrates doing good.

Good Deeds Day began with a kickoff event on March 9. In a collaboration with ABC Studios, the festive New York City's Times Square became even more glorious - people stopped in to do a good deed on the spot with impactful organizations such as Habitat for Humanity NYC, Jumpstart and generationOn. Participants also discovered their good doer style vis-à-vis an online activity provided by Goodnet.org and were captured on the Times Square mega screen for all to see.

The global impact of Good Deeds Day 2013 was enormous: from the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom to Argentina, Uzbekistan, South Africa, Uganda and New Zealand, hundreds of thousands of people participated in Good Deeds Day projects within their communities.

Activities range in nature and scope, with the common thread of doing good for others.

- In Washington D.C., where over 3,400 people participated in 80 activities, volunteers broke the world record for most sandwiches made in one day (3,100).
- Students all over the world spent the day volunteering with their university and organized activities with local elderly homes, at risk youth, environmental issues and hospitals.
- In the Ukraine, Good Deeds Day has evolved into a weeklong celebration of doing good. This year, more than 2,500 students in 12 cities organized over 100 events and received cross-country media coverage.
- Embassies in New Zealand, Italy and Chile joined the initiative by spending the day with local pediatrics centers.
- Dozens of businesses worldwide, such as Bank Hapoalim and Shikun & Binui real estate branches, participated in Sunday Good Deeds Day activities in Panama, Luxemburg, Mexico, France, Switzerland, Uruguay and Nigeria.
- Miya, a global provider of urban water efficiency solutions, organized various projects such as visiting a senior home in Bahamas, donating blood in Brazil and gardening in Colombia.

We invite all IAVE members worldwide to join us for Good Deeds Day 2014 and help us reach our goal of 1 million volunteers. Together we can unite the global volunteering movement and celebrate doing good. Visit us online at www.gdd.goodnet.org, [Facebook.com/GoodDeedsDayInternational](https://www.facebook.com/GoodDeedsDayInternational) and [Twitter.com/GoodDeedsDay](https://www.twitter.com/GoodDeedsDay).

THE FINAL WORD...

Your editor and his wife took a week of vacation at the end of May to attend a wedding and a university graduation and to visit old friends. Apologies for the delay in getting the May E-IAVE out a week late. Maybe we will do June a week early...or not!

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