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PROJECTS

E-TIC within the projects selected by OIF

The project E-TIC, conceived by ICVolunteers in collaboration with CRESP (Senegal), *Campus numérique de la Francophonie de Bamako* (Mali) and Youth and ICTs_Mali (Mali) has being recently selected by the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie* (OIF) as one of the nine projects worthy to be fund in the context of the *Fonds Francophone des Inforoutes*. The project is focused on information technologies applied to agriculture, sustainable development, health and education and aims at contributing to increase access to agricultural markets in the Sahel Region and at promoting economical growth for people living in rural areas.

More: www.inforoutes.francophonie.org and
www.icvolunteers.org/index.php?what=news&id=271

PARTNERSHIP

Iwith new partner of ICVolunteers

Iwith.org is a Swiss-Spanish NGO specialized in bringing new technology to other Not-for-Profit Organizations with the aims to promote solidarity and progress in society. Iwith.org creates and adapts easy-to-use web tools for other NGOs and organises online training courses on ICTs to promote access to information. All of these characteristics match well the ICV CyberVolunteers Program. Iwith.org and ICV have decided to work together and will be signing a partnership agreement during the General Assembly of ICVolunteers-Barcelona on 11 July 2008.

More: www.iwith.org

ICVOLUNTEERS-BRAZIL

The new Brazilian web-site

The new national website of ICV-Brazil is now online. You will notice the green banner and flag. One of the national colours of Brazil, green also stands for the specific focus of ICV-Brazil, in particular active in environmental projects, promoting and supporting many environmental initiatives, such as Brazil Eco-Show, Eco-walk, Green Map and Environmental Education workshops. In addition, ICV-Brazil, through our CyberVolunteers Program, provides assistance and helps run 12 local community radios in Rio de Janeiro and the rest of the country. With this support, ICV-Brazil seeks to empower women, giving them a voice, as well as the means to share information and experience. Radio program content includes music and entertainment, health awareness and topical discussions such as, for example, domestic violence.

More: <http://brazil.icvolunteers.org>

ICV-BARCELONA

Inauguration of the new ICVolunteers-Barcelona office

Almost two years have passed since ICVolunteers-Barcelona started its activities. With a growing network of people, there is now a need for a bigger and more accessible office. On 11th July 2008, ICVolunteers-Barcelona will inaugurate its new office at c/Bailen 95-97 pral 2a, 08009 Barcelona, Spain. It has in particular focused on language and migration trainings for community interpreters, as well as local conferences in Spain.

More: <http://barcelona.icvolunteers.org>

LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

Maaya at the third meeting on Action Line C8

The third consultation meeting on Action Line C8 (Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content) of the World Summit on the Information Society plan of Action was convened by UNESCO in Geneva, on 20th May 2008 at ITU Headquarters. Maaya, the World Network for Linguistic Diversity – the headquarters of which is hosted at the ICVolunteers office in Geneva – participated to the event. Daniel Prado, Deputy Secretary General of Maaya, presented the structure, rules, recent history and main action lines of the multilateral network, including a recent meeting in Barcelona (Spain) on languages and cyberspace and a meeting in Habana (Cuba) on specialized translation.

More: www.unesco.org

PRESS

ICVolunteers on the radio

Mid-May, Djibrill Fall, sociologist, project manager for Appartenance and ICVolunteers, was interviewed by Madeleine Caboche, presenter of the programme "Rien n'est joué!", on the Radio Suisse Romande. He commented two reportages on volunteering, proposed by Lucas Thorens (*The danger of volunteering*) and Lydia Gabor (*Volunteering as an integration tool for strangers*), and mentioned the E-TIC project, while highlighting motivations and expectations that animate the world of volunteers.

More: www.rsr.ch/la-1ere/rien-n-est-joue/selectedDate/14/5/2008#mercredi and www.appartenance.ch

AWARDS AND SPECIAL THANKS

Volunteers of the Month

Volunteers offer their time and talents to help us every month in conference supports, interpretation, translation, project management, reporting and many other tasks. We know we can always count on them. We would like to particularly thank volunteers for their meaningful contributions to projects. It is with pleasure that we name *Youmé Diallo* and *Emanuela Melis* our "Volunteers of the Month". Student in Applied Foreign Language, Youmé joined the Barcelona team from Paris through the European Voluntary Service Youth Programme at the beginning of this year. She helped the Spanish office with document translation and also participated in the development and implementation of the language and migration project "Parla mi, parla aquí". Emanuela Melis participated as project coordinator in multiple projects with ICV for the past six months. From 9 May to 13 June 2008, she also worked at the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) as an ICV Representative assisting in the organisation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Meetings of the Standing Committees. In particular, she was in charge of the sponsorship programme.

More: www.icvolunteers.org and www.gichd.org

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

Up-coming projects

August is the month of sun, sea, and beaches, at least in the Northern hemisphere. But not only. Two big and global events will be held on Lake Lemman (Geneva, Switzerland) during the summer: the *7th General Assembly of the World Blind Union* (15-23 August, International Conference Centre of Geneva) and the *World Cancer Congress* organised by the International Union Against Cancer (27-31 August, Geneva, Palexpo & Crowne Plaza). Several volunteer positions are still open for both conferences, going from Welcome Desk at Airport to Room Supervision on site, from Bag filling before the starting of the conference to Accompanying participant during recreational programs and Registration Desk. Reporters to cover the sessions and plenary and a Transportation Captain to set up system for local transportation, hire and coordinate drivers are also needed for the World Cancer Congress. To apply for these positions or if you have any other question, please contact us by writing to volunteer [at] icvolunteers.org or contact Lwiise at +41 22 800 14 36.

More: www.uicc-congress08.org and www.wbu2008.ch