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PARTNERSHIP

New membership at the Global Alliance for ICT and Development

Viola Krebs, Executive Director of ICVolunteers, has been recently nominated to join the Strategy Council of the UNDESA Global Alliance for ICT and Development. The Secretary-General of the United Nations established the Global Alliance in March 2006 to promote the use of ICT for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and to meet the need for an inclusive global forum for policy dialogue and partnership-building. The renewed team will work in the perspective of the GAID Kuala Lumpur meeting, which will be held on 18-20 May 2008 and will focus on access and connectivity in the least developed countries and small island developing states in the Asia-Pacific region.

More: www.un-gaid.org

CYBERVOLUNTEERS

ICVolunteers at the Google Earth's launch

ICVolunteers was invited to Google Earth's launch, which was held on the 2nd April at the UNHCR's headquarters in Geneva. *Jay Wilson*, ICV's CyberVolunteers Program Manager, attended the event. Google Earth's Outreach program gives NGOs the possibility of using Google Maps and Google Earth to publish and broadcast their association's projects, which will increase their visibility and share their message to the millions of people that visit Google each day. If these visitors were a nation, they would be the 3rd largest in the world. Thanks to the innovative approach in creating "layers" (which are text, audio, and video information), NGOs will be able to demonstrate their work in any given location. In the words of *Rebecca Moore*, who initiated the Google Outreach program "an NGO can use the Google platform to tell their story, bring their viewers to their website, and give them specific actions on how they can help". According to Jay: "It was a very interesting and informative session. This program will especially help small NGOs, who do not have well-known ambassadors, increase their visibility".

More: <http://earth.google.ch/outreach/index.html>

NATIONAL OFFICES

ICV Desk in Japan

A new ICV Desk was launched this month in Japan, at the Nagaoka University of Technology. ICVolunteers has been collaborating with the University in the context of the Maaya Network on Linguistic Diversity for over two years. The solidification of a presence in Asia aims to involve Asian volunteers with language and cyber-skills in projects focused on linguistic diversity and Asian languages, as well as Internet Governance projects managed from Japan. The Desk will be coordinated under the guidance of Prof. Yoshiki Mikami from Japan, who observed, "we see a special place for ICV here in Japan, involving volunteers in language projects, such as the Language Observatory Project (LOP)." LOP involved a network of researchers and volunteers in the mapping of web resources available in African and Asian languages.

More: www.icvolunteers.org

LANGUAGES SERVICES

Our interpreters at the Open Days of the CERN

In 2008, CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) will commission its Large Hadron Collider (LHC). The LHC, the world's most powerful particle accelerator, will bring advances in our knowledge of matter and the universe. The LHC will accelerate minute particles and collide them at the centre of four large detectors, ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and LHCb. The LHC is an exceptional scientific tool employing state-of-the-art technology to further fundamental science. On 5th and 6th of April, CERN opened all the doors to the LHC to more than 80 thousand visitors. A diverse programme of visits to the laboratories on the surface, down to the tunnels and experiment caverns, as well as demonstrations of superconductivity, lectures by Nobel Prize-winners and lots of other fun activities were organised at the sites in Meyrin (Switzerland) and Prévessin (France). ICVolunteers, which has been working with CERN through its CyberVolunteers Program, was present with 4 interpreters, namely John Moorehead, the interpreters' coordinator, Marie Farenc, Caroline Fraise and Nathalie Marechal. Thanks to all of them for their great work!

More: www.cern.ch

VOLUNTEERING

May: a month devoted to global health

Next month, Geneva will become a city devoted to global health. Aside from the 61th World Health Assembly of the WHO, Geneva will also host two other high-level and health-related conferences, where ICVolunteers is deeply involved: the Health and Care Forum of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (14-16 May 2008) and the Geneva Health Forum (25-28 May 2008). Volunteer opportunities include welcoming services, bag packing, language services, reporting and filming.

More: www.icvolunteers.org

HUMAN RESOURCES

Open positions at ICVolunteers

The following volunteer positions are open to applications: Desk Coordinator of ICV-France; Coordinator of the ICV booth during the Geneva Musical Festival (May-June 2008); Internships in Translation and Project Management (ICV-Barcelona, ICV-Switzerland, ICV-France, ICV-Brazil). If you are interested in one of these positions, please do not hesitate to contact Lwiise at the following address: volunteer@icvolunteers.org.

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