

FROM THE EDITORIAL OFFICE

Finally there's a newsletter from us again! Actually our plan was to publish 2-3 newsletters a year to inform our partners abroad, current, former and future volunteers, trainers and other supporters about what happened since our last newsletter and about what's happening right now. And to report on things that are part of a voluntary service but remain unmentioned. The last newsletter was the special edition to our 10th anniversary in June 2014. The last "regular" edition is a few months older; meanwhile it would be walking if it were a little child...

We were extremely busy which didn't leave too much time for things that weren't directly concerned with the daily routine. This is one of the reasons why this newsletter is 6 pages long – and fully packed with different aspects that come along with a voluntary service abroad. We are looking forward to your feedback and suggestions for the next newsletter and wish you good entertainment whilst reading!



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THE IB VAP TURNED 10 YEARS OLD – A REASON TO CELEBRATE!!



The IB VAP turned 10 years old! We took this anniversary as an opportunity to slow down in our daily routine and look back on the past years. On the 6th of June 2014 full-time workers, representatives of several partners, trainers and former volunteers as well as current volunteers of the new South-North-Program met in the youth and education centre Tettenborn where the first seminar of the IB VAP took place about 10 years ago. After a getting to know under bright sunshine in a relaxing atmosphere, we started our program with host and former volunteer Walter Schulz and the traditional "shaking game". After greetings of the IB management board, conveyed by Hartmut Brombach who is in charge of the volunteer programs and a review of Christa Diehl-Kahl who manages the IB VAP Kassel, congratulations were

offered by partner organizations from all over the world – partly directly, partly via video.

It was a very moving moment which showed how strong the bond and cooperation with different partners all over the world had grown over the past 10 years. A quick refreshment and pleasant gathering followed, in IB-tradition obviously vegan/vegetarian. In the afternoon, seminar atmosphere was offered to everyone interested. Yvonne Breyer, a former volunteer, offered a workshop about NaDiMa (sustainable, diversity conscious, power-sensitive feeling, thinking and acting). This workshop was followed by an interview with 3 volunteers of the beginning years of the IB VAP and with Jackeline Vintimilla. Jacky used to work as a mentor for volunteers for an Ecuadorian partner but a year ago she started working as a pedagogue for the IB VAP in Fürth and could therefore

re introduce an interesting perspective. In the early evening, a Best-of-Warm-Up shook the beginning idleness away and hereby burned calories could be filled up again by a rich buffet. Later on, trainer and rap-artist Nilow surprised with a crashing performance and started the celebrating until the break of dawn. In retrospective: A successful anniversary and a big and deserved party! Thanks to everyone involved!!

Florian Dettweiler, Volunteer 2011/12, Intern at the IB VAP Franken.

The video with greetings of our partners and a short video about the anniversary, you are able to find on our facebook-page www.facebook.com/ib.vap.fuerth and promptly also on our homepage www.ib-freiwilligendienste.de/mainnavigation/freiwilligendienste-im-ausland/.

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LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD



Ambika, Bernhard, Aarti, Janina and Bettina at a selection and acquisition seminar in Kassel



Jacky of the IB VAP Franken with Carmen of the Pastoral Social in Ecuador and the two future volunteers Ester and Mariuxi who will come to Franken in September 2015

In our anniversary newsletter published in June 2014, there was a short report about our volunteers starting the South-North-Program. Well, time is flying and the first year is almost over. Bettina from Cameroon and Aarti and Ambika from India will have finished their voluntary service in Kassel at the beginning of March and beginning of April. All three of them have been working in schools. Bettina and Ambika are working in schools with children with disabilities and Aarti at a reform school in Kassel. They are doing their work passionately and with responsibility and bring great support to everyone involved. It's amazing how quickly time passes and even the three of them wouldn't have had expected that they are already reaching the end of their voluntary service.

Shortly, we will put the volunteers' thoughts about their experiences and impressions as well as photos onto the VAP-homepage. The implementation of the program contributes towards the development of a border crossing understanding, experiencing and connecting - which is why preparations for the next generation are in full swing. This year the IB VAP Kassel will start between July and September. At the moment, the plan is to again receive 2

volunteers from India as well as 2 from Tanzania and one young man from Kosovo who will start volunteering at the IB in Frankfurt in the department of international cooperation. Two young women from Ecuador will start volunteering in September at the IB VAP Franken. For a change of perspective and interest in other countries it is not necessarily necessary to go abroad oneself – there is also the possibility to have exchange and mutual awareness brought into your own house. While planning for the next generation, the IB VAP Kassel is still looking for host families who would be interested in hosting volunteers. What you need? Everybody can be a host family – couples with or without children, single parents, everyone over 18 or living communities. The first requirements are fulfilled if you can put a room to someone's disposal and there are community rooms available to share for everyone. Also important is openness to communication and a willingness to negotiate agreements for living together considering everyone's needs and wishes. If interested, please call us or send us an email.

report

OUR INTERN IRA HAUPENTHAL (29TH OF SEPTEMBER 2014 UNTIL 31ST OF MARCH 2015 AT THE IB VAP FRANKEN)

Already during my returnee seminar in September 2012, it became clear to me that I would get stuck with the IB VAP. Now, two years later, I am doing my practical semester in the office in Fürth and after 4 months I can say: I liked getting stuck here. The last months flew by! There was a lot to do and to learn. The change of perspectives between being a volunteer in Chile to the daily office routine is especially valuable to me. For a lot of demands that were made by past-Ira, I could now light a fire under my butt. It is particularly exciting for me to be part of the selection and acquisition seminars and try myself as a trainer. But even at the desk in the office I am not bored and I am able to visit exciting events all over Germany. I am lucky to be working with an amazing team. Thanks to Ann, Anuschka, Birgit, Jacky and Konni for their faith, thought-provoking impulses and just for being able to share the office with you for two more months. You are really great, stay so full of energy!

Estación cielo abierto, Valparaiso- Chile



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PARTNER VISITING KASSEL



For many years the IB VAP Kassel has been working with the Indian organization Nirmalya Trust which encourages and promotes people with special needs. We are delighted that since last year we are not only able to send young Germans to Nirmalya Trust but also to receive young Indians here in Germany (see article about the South-North-Program). The first run of the program brought Aarti and Ambika to

Kassel. This is a special combination because Aarti is the daughter of Ms. Bedarker, founder and director of Nirmalya Trust. After participating in a workshop held in India about the weltwärts-program, Ms. Bedarker's interest was especially sharpened. She decided to visit us and her daughter in Kassel to participate in an event in Berlin in the context of the South-North-Program. She was also here to seek

the dialogue with the team of the VAP Kassel to promote the voluntary service and make plans for the next generation of volunteers. Her visit led to two meetings between Ms. Bedarker and staff of the VAP Team which took place even though her visit was quite spontaneous. Of course it was not missed to visit the Christmas Market at the Königsplatz together and drink a toast to future cooperation!

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PARTNER VISITING A SELECTION AND ACQUISITION SEMINAR

Finally the time had come: Gernot Fuchs, commercial manager of the Deutsche Schule Málaga was the first cooperation partner to visit a selection and acquisition seminar. It was held in Ebersburg from the 24th until the 26th of January 2015. After 10 years of cooperation, Gernot could now see for himself how the IB VAP chooses the volunteers for his project and how they are prepared for their voluntary service. In his project, four to six volunteers work annually for nursery school and in janitorial service of the school. For two days potential volunteers could profit from Gernot's anecdotes and insider views and at the same time were given a clearer profile of demands and expectations of a host organization towards their volunteers. The visit was a great opportunity for us to meet one another on a more personal basis and develop new ideas. We are happy to have had Gernot with us and are looking forward to the following years of cooperation!



The seminar group of the selection and acquisition seminar from the 24th to the 26th of January 2015 with Anuschka of the IB VAP Franken (on the left), Gernot Fuchs of the Deutsche Schule in Málaga (to the right of Anuschka) and Janina of the IB VAP Kassel (on the right) as well as a lot of dedicated young people who want to go abroad ;-)



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dates

INTERMEDIATE SEMINARS 2015

In the year 2014-15 we have sent 176 volunteers to 26 countries and received three volunteers from India and Cameroon (Kassel: 101 sent and 3 received; Fürth: 75 sent). We would like to give you an overview where and when the intermediate seminars for the German volunteers took place.

AFRICA:

Cameroon: 25th to 30th of January 2015 in Yaoundé
Tanzania: 4th to 8th of January 2015 in Zanzibar
South Africa: 24th to 29th of January in Pietermaritzburg and 2nd to 7th of February in Hermanus

ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES OVERSEAS:

Australia: 21st to 26th of February 2015 in Melbourne
New Zealand: 9th to 13th of April 2015 in Opunake, Taranaki
USA: 10th to 16th of March 2015 in West Chester, PA

EUROPE:

Spain: 1st to 6th of February 2015 south of Barcelona
Ireland: 8th to 13th of February 2015 in Donore for all IB-volunteers staying in Ireland, Great Britain, Italy, Poland and Israel

INDIA:

5th to 12th of January 2015 in Udaipur and 5th to 9th of January 2015 in Baradero

CENTRAL AND LATIN AMERICA

Argentina: 19th to 24th of January 2015 and 26th to 31st of January 2015 in Baradero
Brazil: 26th to 30th of January 2015 in Botucatu
Chile: 2nd to 6th of March 2015 in Punta de Traica
Ecuador: 9th to 13th of February 2015 in Cuenca
Mexico: 21st to 25th of January 2015 and 26th to 31st of January 2015 in Jalisco

report

MENTOR SANGU MARIE BUTIKU IN TANZANIA

I met Miss Susanne Seiffert in 2009, she was introduced to me by my father. Susanne worked for the Mkono and Co. Advocates and specifically she was working in a project called the Musoma Rural Development Program. The project mainly works at improving the education facilitation in Musoma Rural area whose education in the past years seemed to be deteriorating, especially for the girl children who to most folks viewed as a source of income through dowry. So the furthest a girl child could go was up to class 7. Also there was poor infrastructure for the few schools that were available then, students had to walk long distance to get to school. The teachers too were never enough but also there was no teachers' accommodation etc. Therefore, under the supervision of Hon. Nimrod Mkono, the Member of Parliament of Musoma rural area, the Musoma Rural Development Program is meant to reduce some of these obstacles to education.

(visit <http://butiamadistrict.org/>)
It was Susanne who introduced me to IB, VAP; she explained to me what it does and I was interested as my family owns a school. In 2011, I hosted the very first volunteers for Mbeza schools, Nora and Lissa, very amazing people, vibrant, team workers and selfless. Then the year after Deborah and Saskia; all our volunteers deal with only extracurricular activities such as painting, sports, reading etc. (visit www.mbezashools.wix.com/home)
When Susanne left the country in 2012, she introduced me to Miss Swantje Scheunemann, now Mrs. Kihenga. I worked well with Swantje until June 2014 when Swantje too had to leave the country. How I became a mentor of IB, Tanzania Mbeza schools received a partner dialogue invitation that was to be held at Bagamoyo from 27th of April to 2nd of May. It was during that Seminar

that I personally met Michael Priebs whom I consider my boss now. I learnt that Swantje was leaving and Michael asked if for that year I could fill in Swantje's job as Mentor. I accepted as I had been working hand in hand with Swantje sometimes, I thought it was something I could do as I am a big supporter of cultural interaction and education. And to say the truth, I have not been disappointed of that choice. On 27th August 2014, together with one of the ex-volunteer Jan Lennart, we received 14 volunteers from IB. In the same month, I also received our ex-volunteers Lissa and Nora, visiting the family and enjoying their holiday. I enjoyed working with very vibrant young people; as in the first week we all got to interact and knowing one another. This year, I was happy to learn that the new program of South-North Program will start working, so that some young Tanzanians get a chance to travel abroad and enjoy cultural interaction and education through voluntary service. Disappointments so far
The volunteers should be certain of the projects they choose, it is very difficult when a volunteer changes a project this may cause to a delay of Resident Permits as all the documents at the immigration MUST be changed to the new project and leaving the former project unattended. It also consumes time to look for another project. It is good when the volunteers are certain of their choices. I thank IB, VAP and all volunteers and ex-volunteers I have got an honor to work with. I have learnt a lot from each one of you and I am still learning.

To many years of Co operation!

Sincerely,
Sangu Marie Butiku
Mentor, IB Tanzania



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Save-the-date: Alumni meeting 2015!

Being an association of alumni, Zuhause weltweit e.V. again organizes an alumni meeting this year: for everybody who wants to be reminded of their voluntary service, get back into the atmosphere of a seminar, meet friends – or is simply looking for a relaxed weekend. If you feel like doing so, grab pen and paper and note the following: The alumni meeting 2015 takes place from the 4th to the 7th of June 2015 in the Alte Schule in Fredelsloh (<http://www.blu-fredelsloh.de>). The invitation will reach you in the next few months via the IB. To increase the anticipation you can find photos of the last years over the following link: <http://www.zuhause-weltweit.de/2014/09/10/wer-nicht-kommt-ist-selber-schuld-das-ehemaligentreffen-2014/> You not only want to participate but also join the organization team? We are creating a weekend how we want it! If you feel like helping in advance, please contact Johannes Albert (post@zuhause-weltweit.de)!

Save-the-date: NaDiMa Kick-off Workshop

Dear IB-alumni,
This is the workshop-team speaking with whom you've had workshops to Global Learning on your seminars with the title "Weltgestalter_in?!" (engl. Designer of the world) or "NaDiMa" – our current, renovated working title. It stands for "Nachhaltig, Diversitätsbewusst, Machtbewusst Denken, Handeln und Fühlen" (engl. Sustainable, conscious for diversity, to think, act and feel in consciousness of power). In this sense we would like to invite you to our KICK OFF from the 29th to the 31st of May 2015. KICK OFF is a project-finding-and-start-up-event. It is supposed to be about planning and starting social commitment after the voluntary service: What am I able to do for a good life? What does that even mean? Where and with whom? How do I get money for my project idea? What do I have to look out for when implementing my idea and how can I succeed? Under professional supervision we would like to work on

these questions in a relaxed atmosphere. This is THE CHANCE to actively work with the topics of the workshop. We are looking forward to design small or big projects with 25 to 30 IB-alumni as sustainable, conscious of diversity and sensitive to power as possible. To be able to apply you will receive an E-mail with more information in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested, we are looking forward to hearing from you: nadi-ma@zuhause-weltweit.de. We hope to see you at the KICK OFF! All the best to you, your NaDiMa-Team Max, Nils, Yvonne and Janik



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INFORMATIONAL EVENT WITH THE IB VAP

In addition to the informational event „Freiwillig ins Ausland“ (engl. voluntarily going abroad) taking place at the Kulturbahnhof Kassel which the IB helps organizing and carrying out, the IB VAP was present at the informational event for young people “Hessen total international” (engl. Hessen totally international) annually taking place at the Kulturforum in Wiesbaden. At this event, adolescents and young adults are given the opportunity to get information about international education-, travel- and meeting programs. A total of 40 providers and institutions introduced themselves.

The event on the 29th of November 2014 was well attended and we were given the opportunity to present ourselves as a responsible body, to inform young people, their parents and relatives and respond to questions. There was also time for short contacts with representatives of other organizations. Especially enriching was the company of Ms. Bedarkar who manages one of our partner organizations in India and who was visiting Kassel to see her daughter as well as discuss the south-north-component of the weltwärts-program (see report on “Partner visiting Kassel”). Direct words of alumni or partners al-

ways have a special value to us. The IB VAP Franken went to different schools in Franken and introduced the volunteer programs abroad. In October 2014 we went to the education fair for young people (JuBi) in Erlangen and also had a lot of conversations with adolescents (and their parents) who would like to go abroad. We hope that the number of visitors of different informational events remains steady and that we will be able to continue presenting ourselves from a good perspective.



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THE IB VAP ARE BEING CERTIFIED

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has put more responsibility onto the sending organization concerning program control by strengthening the civic players in the weltwärts-program. This plus in participation and responsibility leads to the need to certify the sending institution which is carried out by an external inspecting body from the year 2015-16 onwards. The IB VAP is going to be certified by the agency Quifd which stands for quality of voluntary services (www.quifd.de). The Quifd quality seal is assigned to the compliance of quality standards: this includes the standards “Organisation of the voluntary service”, “Supervision, Education and Encounter” or “Cooperation between sending and host organization”.

The Quifd-certificate refers to the quality in all 11 standard areas and also includes all other programs with which the VAP work. Therefore not only the quality of weltwärts is investigated but also the quality of the IJFD (international youth volunteer program). In spring 2015 external assessors will visit Fürth and Kassel. To prepare for the certification we took part in four two-day workshops of the quality association “weltoffen” (engl. open to the world, cosmopolitan) in 2014. The Quifd-certificate will then certify the quality of our work in addition to the seal of EFQM (European Foundation for Quality Management) with which we have been working for several years now.



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