

International Camping Fellowship



Annual Report 2017



The International Camping Fellowship is a worldwide assembly of camping and youth development professionals interested in sharing their enthusiasm, knowledge and commitment to the camping experience.

It is rooted in the belief that we can make a difference by "bringing together the world of outdoor experience."

The International Camping Fellowship welcomes all who wish to foster international understanding through the organized camp experience.

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The Objectives of the ICF:

To coordinate the exchange of news and information between individuals, camps, outdoors experiences and organizations in different countries.

To encourage and facilitate bilateral and multilateral exchanges.

To stimulate efforts to achieve international understanding and global living, leadership, and ecological action through organized camping and outdoor experience.

To encourage the organization of regional and national camping associations.

Bridge Builders



John Jorgenson,
ICF President

The turning of a year is a time of change, and the ending of this particular one has been no exception. As 2017 came to an end, it marked a significant turning in the life of the International Camping Fellowship.

Since 2011 when the ICF made its last significant change in governance, many loyal and capable camping leaders have remained to serve on the Board and to assist in the move to an ICF beyond its 25th year. As we have approached the end of year 30, we have seen a renewed energy, significant growth and more effective outreach. ICF's original objectives have remained strong: to reach across borders, to communicate camping education, to provide professional development and to support the formation of camping associations.

We have seen tremendous changes over these two terms since ICC 2011 in Hong Kong, and we can point to some key ICF camping leaders responsible for many successes and much leadership in making these things possible. As indicated, the latest Congress – ICC 2017 in Sochi Russia marked a turning and this turning may be the

most significant of all.

Veteran members of ICF and ICF Board have completed terms and have now provided new opportunities for others. Each of these retiring Board members will be missed and it is fitting that we acknowledge their contributions at this time.

Bill Oakley



For over 20 years, Bill has been actively contributing to camping the world over. His legacy extends beyond ACA (AUS) to the ICF where he has acted as Regional Representative for Asia-Oceania, director of the Congress Liaison and Member at Large. Among his major contributions have been the production of a comprehensive guide to Congress bids/organization and development/growth of two critically important funds for ICF. The Bill Bowker Scholarship Fund is a source of support for encouraging young professionals to participate in Congress events. The Butterfly Fund provides critical financial support for specific projects and more.

In addition to serving the ICF community directly, Bill assisted in and led the development of the Asia Oceania Camping Fellowship. In the 14 years of the AOCF, no less than six major international camping congresses have been held in the region. Much of the growth in camp education throughout Asia can be traced to education, exchange and research through the AOCF.

Don Cheley



Like Bill, Don Cheley has served both ACA (another ACA - USA) and ICF for many years. From his time as President of ACA in 1987 attending the International Camping Congress – ICC 1997 in St Petersburg, Russia, Don has been one of ICF's strongest advocates in the United States. Serving first as ICF Ambassador, Don joined the Board to assist in the area of Program Development. During his time on the Board, Don enriched our Awards Recognition Program, oversaw the establishment of our ICF International Camp Directors Courses and gathered together our first ICF Research Committee. Don's experience in business and Board management has proved invaluable over the years. He has been a dependable and steady voice in our transitions for ICF. Recently, Don has carried the camping message into other countries and continues to advocate on behalf of shared camping expertise.

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Carole Cheley



Carole Cheley, while serving for a shorter period of time than Don, has been a steady contributor, supporter and leader within the ICF for just as long. Present at Congresses and meetings, within USA and elsewhere, Carole joined the Board directly in 2011 and immediately assumed responsibility for one of its most challenging portfolios. Carole has helped us move from an era when photocopies of newsletters were inserted into envelopes and mailed to ICF members all over the world to one in which we have instant and simultaneous communication to every at once. She has helped us convert newsletters, articles, and mailings into websites, social media and electronic communication. Carole helped us re-vamp and re-brand our website and

communication tools. She has established a team of translators to ensure that our information is available to the largest number of our members. Throughout it all, Carole has promoted and continues to advocate a broader, more international view of camping amongst the camping community in the USA.

Fumio Morooka



Following ICC 1997 “Nevsky Forum” in Russia, Fumio Morooka took on the responsibility for the working committee of ICC 2000 in Tokyo, Japan. In this capacity he started sitting on and reporting to the ICF Board. After the highly successful ICC 2000 – “*Toward a New Camping Culture*”, Moro remained on the Board as a Regional Representative. By the time of ICC 2003 “*Under the Southern Cross*”, Moro recognized that there was a deep need to keep the camping conversation going within the region. In Melbourne, Australia, he organized a meeting of representatives of all of the countries within the region and spearheaded the formation of the Asia Camping Fellowship (soon to become the Asia-Oceania Camping Fellowship). ICF and camping communities across Asia and Oceania will be forever grateful for that leadership. Throughout this time, Moro has been an active leader with the National Camping Association of Japan and helping to maintain strong links from, and with, that country.

Tulsheg Tuvshin



One of the benefits and joys of every Congress is welcoming and meeting new people as they experience the ICF camping community. Such was the case in 2000 when Tulsheg Tuvshin came from Mongolia to join her first Congress in Tokyo. Despite early challenges working in English, Tulsheg recognized partners and a path for camping in her country and in her region. She joined the ICF Board as regional representative and later as a Member at Large. Working from the Nairamdal International Children’s Centre and gathering around her other camping professionals, Tulsheg has opened us up to Mongolian camping. Under her leadership, Mongolia created a camping association, hosted the first Asia Oceania Camping Congress, developed international research partnerships, and organized an international workshop for young camp leaders: “*The World of Leadership into Tomorrow*”. One measure of good leadership is the legacy that is left. Even when Tulsheg was re-posted to diplomatic service abroad, Mongolian Camping Association has continued to contribute to camping world-wide.

Anton Denisov



Anton Denisov began his contact with the ICF Board as a Regional Representative when ICF was learning the huge length, breadth and depth of Russian camping world. Working from outside the principal centres of Moscow and St Petersburg, Anton helped the Board and ICF get to know about this broader view of Russian camping. Anton supported the translation of the Ball book on Basic Camp Management, became an ICDC trainer and supported numerous visits to Russia by international camp leaders. Changing his position to work more directly with, and within, the Russian government, Anton was part of the development that led to ICC 2017 in Sochi, Russia. Russia is now a strong partner and leader in the ICF community.

Gwynn Powell



My earliest memory of Gwynn Powell in the international camping scene reaches back over 20 years to ICC 1994 “KUMBAYAH”. Her support has been unwavering ever since. Her attendance at Congresses, her good-natured leadership of ICF study tours/events, her sensitivity/compassion for others around her have kept her busy over these many years since. Leading by examples, she is an ambassador in several countries (Russia, Turkey, Nigeria) bringing students of camping leadership to international camping opportunities that will influence them forever. Gwynn served as ICF Ambassador in USA after Don Cheley joined the Board and then followed him onto the Board in 2014. While her term on the ICF Board has been relatively short, her influence and impact are much larger. We know that they will continue as we go forward.

One of the primary objectives of the changes made in 2011 has been to broaden membership and improve the engagement of others into the camping movement. Elsewhere in this report, you will see evidence of those successes – Congress 2017, ambassadors, governance, membership...

The new Board is a further measure of that success. With the departure of seven fine leaders from the ICF Board, it might be easy to imagine a drop in productivity or leadership. As indicated above with regard to Tuvshin and Mongolia, it is a measure of the work that these retiring leaders have made that so many new leaders are now ready and able to serve.

For this past election, we received more nominations for ICF Board positions than ever before. We conducted full and fair elections amongst the ambassadors group to elect members at large. Those newly elected to the Board have hit the ground running and are already making differences in their own areas. I am certain that our next Annual Report will reflect that much more work accomplished and that many more goals met.

To conclude, I offer a favourite poem. I do not attribute an 'old grey head' to anyone that I have mentioned here, but they are bridge builders...

Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him.
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your Journey will end with the ending day,
And you never again will pass this way.
You have crossed this chasm deep and wide,
Why build the bridge at the eventide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head - -
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There follows after me today
Some youth whose feet must pass this way
This chasm that has been nothing to me,
To a youth may a pitfall be
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building that bridge for him."

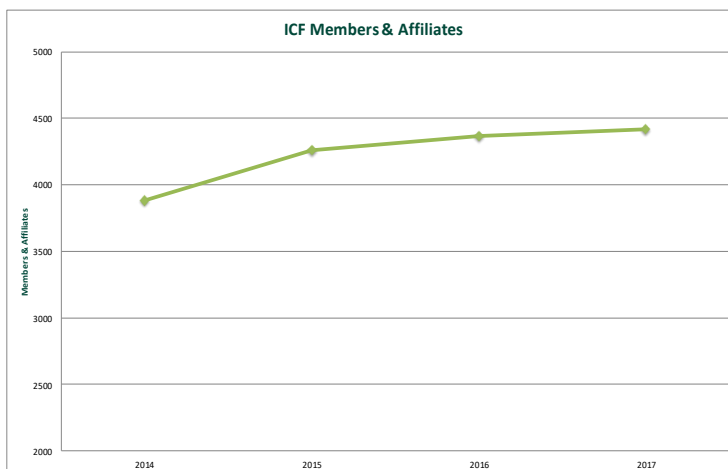


John Jorgenson
ICF President

Membership

ICF membership (Full members and Affiliates) shows an increase of about 1% from 2016 to 2017 and 4% from 2015 to 2017. We have had a 70% increase in Camp Association memberships, a 12% increase in Camp memberships and 31% increase in Organization memberships compared to 2016. Members and Affiliates registered, among others, through the ICF website online form and the various camp related events that took place throughout the year (International Camping Congress, International Camp Director Courses, Camp Conferences and workshops):

Affiliates (free):	3911
Camping Associations:	17
Camps:	337
Individuals:	85
Organizations:	67
Total 2017 Membership & Affiliates:	4417



Online registration: The new ICF website has made the on-line process for joining, renewing memberships, and requesting Affiliate status more user-friendly. Prospective members may also opt to use the donations button, to make a donation to the Bill Bowker Scholarship Fund and the ICF Butterfly Fund.

Relationships with Camp Associations: In an effort to reach camp and youth development leaders in the global camp community, the ICF Board continued to work directly with national and regional organizations to build networks.

The partnership agreement with the **American Camp Association** was expanded in February, 2013, to become recognized as an ACA Educational Alliance. As a result, ICF is now an ACA Business Affiliate, and the International Camping Congress has received endorsement to provide Continuing Education Credits.

The Partnership with the **Australian Camps Association** is in the sixth year of providing ICF memberships for all full members of their association.

Discussions will continue in 2018 to help other associations to develop models for mutually beneficial partnerships.

Association Network: ICF will be coordinating ongoing communication and resource sharing between camping association Presidents and Executive staff from around the world. The Association Network is a member of the Advisory Council to the ICF President, John Jorgenson. ICF collects contact information and facilitates the dialogue amongst this dynamic group of camping groups.

The Association Network is an ongoing dialogue that formally convenes in person at each International Camping Congress (the next one is in 2020).

Membership categories and benefits

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Affiliates	No cost (renewable every three years) Regular Communication from ICF Access to ICF Connect
Camp Membership / Camp Organization Membership	\$180 (US or Canadian) (Valid for 3 Years) Website link and listing for the member camp or organization Discounts for ICF Camping Congresses (International and Regional): Camp Organization Member – discounts apply to up to five participants from a Camp Organization Member Camp Member – discounts apply to all participants from a Camp Member Membership certificate Eligible to vote on ICF business Eligible to serve on ICF Board Use of ICF logo on marketing material Regular Communication from ICF Access to ICF Connect Free one-year membership in ACA US Full access to ICF Connect
Camp Association Membership	\$180 (US or Canadian) (Valid for 3 Years) Website link and listing for the member camp association Discounts for ICF Camping Congresses (International and Regional): discounts apply to up to five participants from the Camp Association Staff/Board Membership certificate Eligible to vote on ICF business Eligible to serve on ICF Board Use of ICF logo on marketing material Regular Communication from ICF Full access to ICF Connect Member of ICF Association Network
Individual Membership (Full Membership)	\$75 (US or Canadian) (Valid for 3 Years) Discounts for ICF Camping Congresses (International and Regional) Membership certificate Eligible to vote on ICF business Eligible to serve on ICF Board Regular Communication from ICF Full access to ICF Connect Free one-year ACA membership



At the end of 2017, there were **4417 ICF members and affiliates** in the following **95 countries**, listed alphabetically:

Afghanistan
Algeria
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Belarus
Bermuda
Bolivia
Brazil
British Virgin Islands
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cayman Islands
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Dem. Republic of Congo
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
France
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece

Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Latvia
Liberia
Malaysia
Mauritius
Mexico
Moldova
Mongolia
Montenegro
Myanmar
Nepal
Netherlands
Nigeria
Pakistan
Palestine
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal

Republic of Benin
Romania
Russia
Rwanda
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
South Africa
South Korea
Spain
Sri Lanka
Switzerland
Taiwan
Thailand
Togo
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
UK
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
USA
Uzbekistan
Venezuela
Vietnam
Zimbabwe

Top 15 countries by most Affiliates		
	December 31st 2017	Affiliates
1	Venezuela	1233
2	Australia	586
3	USA	364
4	Canada	297
5	Turkey	241
6	Mexico	174
7	Russia	156
8	China	130
9	Greece	112
10	Malaysia	69
11	Uruguay	48
12	Hong Kong	46
13	Singapore	40
14	Japan	38
15	Colombia	37

Top 15 countries by most Full Members		
	December 31st 2017	Full Members
1	Australia	239
2	China	59
3	USA	30
4	Russia	27
5	Canada	24
6	Mexico	16
7	Japan	8
8	Venezuela	7
9	Turkey	7
10	Spain	7
11	Mongolia	5
12	Greece	4
13	Malaysia	4
14	Colombia	4
15	Pakistan	4



Gonzalo Veloz, ICF Development Chair, is responsible for ICF Connect, the online meeting point for all ICF members to keep their personal information up to date, share knowledge, join discussions in their areas of interest and follow and register for ICF events. ICF Connect will leverage the growth of Memberships and Affiliates; increase support for current existing Associations tied to the ICF; promote global data and information sharing and benchmarking. The different modules that make up ICF Connect give it the potential for many different applications. These modules and features are detailed below.

ICF CONNECT GENERAL USER FEATURES STRUCTURE AND MODULES

- **Member Database:** An online database of all Affiliate, Individual, Camp and Association members of ICF, allowing them to update their profiles and contact details, learning and development preferences, and to follow other members' activities.
- **Resource Library:** An online storage for camping documentation including files, images and links allowing ICF members to view and share knowledge in selected topics.
- **Members Forum:** A web forum to join discussions, follow conversations and share ideas with other ICF members in areas of interest within pre-defined topics and categories.
- **Event Calendar:** An interactive calendar for ICF members to track and register for all ICF events while accessing key event information such as location, dates, registration fees and other attendees.

OTHER FEATURES FOR ADMINISTRATORS

Membership Management.
Analysis Dashboards: Profiling, Engagement.

2017 STATUS UPDATE

- Official Launch to all members on March 2017
- Ambassador access was created, and granted to new Ambassadors, along with a forum section especially for them.
- Pablo Casas, as Ambassador Liaison, has been very helpful in establishing bonds with new Ambassadors and encouraging them to participate on the platform.
- Other access levels are being reviewed together with 4Global. It is expected to be ready by February 2018.
- Communication with 4Global on small platform improvements to increase functionality.
- Invitational video to be uploaded on Facebook Page and group in late January 2018.
- ICF Connect Task Force is managing an administrator profile to create weekly topics.
- Forum participation increased in mid-December, showing a growth of 50% when compared to previous participation.

NEXT STEPS

We have observed the need for an online global community to develop. To that end we have established the following actions:

- Invite ICF Board members to participate on their areas of expertise, both through the forums and in the resource library
- Encourage users to visit through Facebook video campaigns involving ICF Board members.
- Create new topics weekly, in order to enrich the content of the Forum.
- Request Ambassadors to create affiliate or member profiles for their staff in order to expand the community.
- Invite members to talk about their experiences at the 2018 ACA conference through ICF Connect Forums.
- Encourage the use of the Event registration section by creating free events such as the ICF International Gathering at the American Camp Association Annual Conference.

Suggestions made by ICF Connect members on platform improvements will be passed along to 4Global by March 2018.

- The ICF PayPal account must be linked to ICF Connect in order to activate registration for paid events.
- If external events (non ICF events) are to be created on ICF Connect, the ICF Board must come to agreements with other associations to determine fees and payment methods.

Highlights of the International Camping Congress, Sochi, Russia



An International Camping Congress is a remarkable event for a number of different reasons. The International Camping Congress 2017 Sochi, Russia was certainly no exception.

With 11 distinct Congresses in the 35 year history of international camping, an important feature has been the combined effort to both share the global knowledge of camping and to see firsthand the culture of camping in the host country. Russian delegations have consistently been the largest of any delegations at all previous Congresses, and so it is no surprise to learn that the host culture of this event was rich indeed by number and by enthusiasm. ICC 2017 attracted and hosted over 1000 delegates. It represents the largest Congress in the past 10 years.

One rather unique aspect of this particular Congress is the central role of the Russian Government in the camping profession of Russia and in the implementation of this particular camping event in Russia. The Ministry of Education and Science as well as the recently created Russian Camping Association were the joint hosts of ICC 2017, and we can credit these organizations for providing the platform and clearing the obstacles to allow for the creation of the Congress.

As in any camp, organizations may carry the responsibility for an event but it is people that actually do the work and make the difference. Although it is always risky to begin special recognitions and each person named will quite rightly acknowledge many others on various committees, there are a few names that must be remembered in the history of ICC 2017. From our first contact at Ministry offices in Moscow, Mr. Veniamin Kaganov, remained a steadfast supporter of our efforts to create ICC 2017. Faced with some challenging obstacles and difficult timelines, Mr. Kaganov kept our best interests in mind and remained calmly optimistic about our meeting in Sochi as a successful event. He was right. Alexander Dzheus, director of Orlyonok, president of the Russian Camping Association and chair of the ICC Organizing Committee, saw to it that the right people from Orlyonok and elsewhere were mobilized to do the work necessary to carry the Congress.

Two of those people, Oleg Kudryatsev (Mosgortur) and Ksenia Faresova accomplished miracles in pulling together the people, projects and planning. These two friends of camping took a rough plan eight months out and fashioned an amazing Congress for us all. In an unusual venue removed from most Russian camps; with issues of transportation, accommodation, logistics and technology; and with a frighteningly short amount of time to organize it all, Oleg and Ksenia sacrificed much of every work day and a good portion of their personal lives to organize and inspire their Congress team to do everything possible to create success.

On the ICF side, we must name our own Jill Dundas on the Program Committee who gathered the exceptional roster of international speakers and guided the process of getting it all into a solid program.

And finally ... Valery Kostin. Valery was the voice of ICF throughout the three year process of getting to Sochi. He actively promoted the Congress everywhere he travelled. He remains a singular camping professional with a heart as big as the ICF itself. We are certain that he did not sleep for the entire week of the Congress. During that time, he was an interpreter, a host, a negotiator, a problem-solver, a companion, a diplomat, an ambassador, a husband, a friend.

Beyond and behind these six people, we know that there were dozens of other volunteers and professionals who teamed together to 'Bring Happiness to the Children of the World'. As these pictures will show, they brought happiness to all of the Congress delegates as well.

'See you in Sochi' is history. 'See you in Shenzhen in 2020' is now on the horizon!



Welcome Party



Opening Session



Nigerian Country Presentation



Pakistani Country Presentation



2016 Druzhba Award to Jenny Bowker



2017 Druzhba Award to Galina Sukhoveiko



**Congratulations to Alexandr Dzheus, Chair of
ICC2017 Organizing Committee**



**Chinese Delegation Welcome to ICC2020,
Shenzhen, China**

Ambassadors

The ICF Ambassador program, currently in its sixth year, continues to grow and evolve. Ambassadors are an integral part of ICF's governance strategy that increases the engagement and presence of ICF volunteers in every country with ICF members. Various countries have adopted different mechanisms for nominating, appointing and electing ambassadors. ICF Ambassadors serve in the period (typically three years) between International Camping Congresses.

Ambassadors commit to the following obligations and responsibilities during the period between Congresses:

- Represent the ICF movement within their country on behalf of the ICF Board.
- Encourage gatherings and build communities of ICF members within their country.
- Recruit additional ICF members (full and associate) within their country.
- Develop links amongst members, nationally and internationally, including the exchange of campers and camp staff.
- Supply camping news and information from their country to ICF on a regular basis.
- Share information about international camping and ICF programs and services to ICF members within their country.
- Serve as a member of the ICF General Assembly at the next International Camping Congress which includes information sharing and the election of members to the ICF Board.
- Secure regional coordinators within their country when appropriate.
- Assist in the work of the ICF in other ways as deemed appropriate.

Current Ambassadors: We have a core group of 59 Ambassadors that continues to grow. We currently have over 90 countries home to ICF members with several requiring ICF Ambassadors. Please contact **ICF Ambassador Liaison Pablo Casas** for more information (pcasas@campingfellowship.org)

AUSTRALIA	Maree Feutrill	KOREA	Hyunhee Park
ARGENTINA	Alejandro Luque Gaston	LATVIA	Svetlana Šibko-Šipkovska
AUSTRIA	Bernd Seidl	MALAYSIA	Aing Granda
AZERBAIZHAN	Ali Badalov	MEXICO	Oscar Bücheler de Pavia
BANGLADESH	Rezaul Amin	MONGOLIA	Chultem Byambasuren
BELARUS	Vladimir Rudoy	NIGERIA	Father Mark Obayi
BRASIL	Sandra Urioste	PAKISTAN	Muhammad Ali Rizvi
BULGARIA	Stanka Shopova	PANAMA	Anamari Eskildsen
CAMBODIA	Sem Sereysousdey	PAPUA GUINEA	James Robert
	Vannak Nai	PERU	Denisse Calderon Lopez
CANADA	Gabrielle Raill	PHILIPPINES	Larry Monzon
CHINA	Josh Lee	POLAND	Krzysztof Alchimowicz
COLOMBIA	Angela Gómez Montoya	ROMANIA	Ana Manițiu Ozmen
CONGO	Toussaint Balumuene	RUSSIA	Valery Dolgikh
CROATIA	Anita Torbarina	RWANDA	Ruberwa Jean de Dieu
CYPRUS	Mevlit Orhun	SINGAPORE	Mike Lim
	Champouridis Takis	SOUTH AFRICA	Malefane Kabelo
CZECH REP.	Kamil Cakin		Lilienthal Philip
FRANCE	Kuznetsov Sergey	SPAIN	Carolina Fleix
GEORGIA	Gogvadze Gocha	SWITZERLAND	Rikley Joe
GERMANY	Jan Vieth	TAIWAN	Stuart Alexander
GREECE	Kirki Athanasiadou	THAILAND	Pakawat Peter Smith
HONG KONG	Yiu Yik Ming, Edmond	TOGO	Zanklassou Kokou Isidore
ICELAND	Anna Margrét Tómasdóttir	TUNISIA	Oumaima Hamdi
INDONESIA	Putu Shanti	TURKEY	Rifat Can Barutcugil
IRELAND	Stott Caroline	UGANDA	Alex Mushabe
	Muldon Sinead	UK/ENGLAND	Clive Clifford
ISRAEL	Lichtenberg Shiry Meiron	UKRAINE	Rodion Zhyzneyvskyy
ITALY	Francesco Castiglione		Olga Tsiupryk
JAPAN	Shin Takahashi	UNITED STATES	Steve Baskin
JORDAN	Maen Odeh	VENEZUELA	Luis Francisco Rivero
		VIETNAM	Dao Hien Thu

International Camp Director Courses (ICDC)

Andrew McGuckian, ICF Board member, and **Connie Coutellier**, ICDC Coordinator, report that the total number of ICDC graduates internationally is now approximately 710. The following courses were conducted in 2017:

Country	Date	# participants
China	March, 2017	32
Australia	September, 2017	20
Canada	October, 2017	26
Russia	October, 2017	13, plus 7 “Train the Trainer”
Singapore	December, 2017	

Preliminary plans for 2018 include ICDC courses in Colombia, Australia, and China. There are currently 24 Lead Trainers. To deliver the Train the Trainer program in conjunction with International Camping Congresses or Asia-Oceania Camping Congresses, these faculty have been appointed by the ICDC Coordinator:

Connie Coutellier (USA)
Andrew McGuckian (Australia)
Juan Mario Gutierrez (Colombia)

Tennant Kiu (Singapore)
Paul Colagiuri (Australia)

Current Lead Trainers are:

Tennant Kiu (Singapore)
Mike Lim (Singapore)
Shima Ali (Singapore)
Tony Tan (Singapore)
Jeremy Tang (Singapore)
Gary Lim (Singapore)
Mohamid Anuar (Singapore)
Hank Kai Yap (Malaysia)
Andrew McGuckian (Australia)
Brendan Smith (Australia)
Maree Feutrill (Australia)
Matt Bowker (Australia)

Paul Colagiuri (Australia)
Bec Fox (Australia)
Simon Sambrano (Venezuela)
Juan Mario Gutierrez (Columbia)
Jennifer Dundas (Canada)
Donna Wilkinson (Canada)
Tolgahan Sonmez (Turkey)
Rifat Can Barutcugil (Turkey)
Utku Toprakseven (Turkey)
Nazli Ozelik (Turkey)
Kamil Cakin (Turkey)
Bilkay Biyik (Turkey)



Research

Research Co-Chairs, Dr. Deb Bialeschki and Dr. Stephen Fine, report that, although there was not a specific research forum during ICC Sochi, several sessions encompassed research based papers:

- *Promoting Healthy Eating and Physical Activity in Out-of-School Time and Summer Programs*, presented by Kathy Chichester, CATCH Program, USA, highlighted the research-based CATCH program which has proven to impact child health and wellness behaviours, reduce obesity, and increase professional staff instruction and management skills.
- *Mapping of Outdoor Camps in Turkey by Sector*, presented by Dr. Muberra Celebi, Bant Izzet Baysal University, Bolu-Turkey. The study analyzed the respective sectoral camps in different dimensions in order to establish a detailed map of camps in Turkey.
- *Changes in Mental Fitness of College Students during and after a 5-day Snow Sports Camp*, presented by Dr. Kenya Kumagai, of Nagasaki International University, Japan.
- An overview of the American Camp Association's Research 360 was presented by Dr. Laurie Brown, ACA Director of Research. ACA's 5-Year Impact Study, initiated in Spring 2017, sets out to explore if and how camp prepares youth for college, career, and life.

The Research Co-Chairs are working along with the organizers of ICC 2020 China to ensure a return to the research forum model such was offered enjoyed in the past.

An agreement has been reached by the Canadian Camping American Camp Association Boards for Canadian camps to be involved in the ACA's Impact Study (Research 360). Data will be collected from Canadian camps during the spring of 2018. A chapter in the Routledge International Handbook of Outdoor Studies (2016), *The Camp Experience: Learning through the Outdoors*, is written by Deb Bialeschki, Stephen Fine and Troy Bennett. The chapter provides a context for exploring the value of camp experience by highlighting key international research in outdoor learning. The chapter is available on the CCA research web page, <http://www.ccamping.org/research/research-papers/>

Special Programs and Conferences

United States: Each year, preceding the annual National Conference of the American Camp Association, ICF organizes a tour of local camps and youth programs for international visitors, providing a showcase of youth activities and an opportunity to network and meet other camp professionals. In 2017, the tour for 37 participants was organized by **Linda Pulliam** and **Dr. Gwynn Powell**. The group visited camps and youth programs in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area. **Jim Cain** facilitated a get-acquainted session to kick off the tour.



AOCF becomes ICF Asia



In October of 2016, at the Sixth Asia Oceania Camping Congress in Tokyo, Japan, after consultation with its membership, the Asia Oceania Camping Fellowship voted to terminate its existence as a distinct and separate association from the International Camping Fellowship. This momentous decision was made after extensive conversation amongst Board members of both organizations.

The AOCF was founded in 2003 in conjunction with ICC in Melbourne. Its objective was to strengthen conversation and communication in the burgeoning camping communities of East Asia. It was a time when the electronic communication was in its infancy, and the feeling was that a stronger regional association could do things that ICF could not. One further objective was the creation of a regular regional camping congress to allow for face-to-face professional development between the international camping congresses of the ICF.

In this latter objective, the AOCF was eminently successful. Congresses have been held in Mongolia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia and Japan. One factor in the decision to dissolve the AOCF was an assurance that ICF would continue to support the regional camping congress.

Electronic communication amongst ICF members in Asia is now a daily occurrence through social media, email, and ICF Connect. ICF Asia has emerged as the active camping communication tool and the growth of camping in the region continues with the same vigour as in the past but without any confusion between the two 'Fellowships'. ICF has also developed a Regional Camping Congress model and is currently working with an organizing committee in Malaysia to produce a 7th Asia Oceania Camping Congress.

AOCF is an important part of global camping history and development. We are grateful to the founders and camping leaders who helped bring the organization into existence and shaped the regional congresses that have become so valuable.

Bill Bowker Scholarship Fund and Butterfly Fund

The objectives of the Bill Bowker Scholarship Fund are to provide funds to assist camp professionals to attend and participate in ICCs, ICF regional conferences and events, ICDCs and other ICF organized training, and any external events in which the ICF Board considers that participation will further ICF aims and objectives. The committee for approval of allocation of funds is made up of the current Treasurer, President, and Jenny Bowker.

The ICF Board may award scholarship assistance for a national or regional camping association for one or more individuals and delegate responsibility to that association to select the appropriate individuals. Recipients of scholarships for ICC2017 were from Peru, Canada, and South Korea. In addition, assistance was provided to attendees from Peru and Nigeria to attend the AOCC in Tokyo. The Butterfly Fund is maintained as a separate account for contributions made by ICF members and others to be awarded for special projects of the International Camping Fellowship which do not qualify for the Bill Bowker Scholarship Fund.

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Balance Sheet Comparison

As of December 31, 2017

	Total	
	As of Dec 31, 2017	As of Dec 31, 2016 (PY)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Merchandise Inventory	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00
Cash and cash equivalents		
BMO-CDN ACCOUNT	70,036.93	20,974.35
BMO-US ACCOUNT	14,438.65	17,021.89
BMO-US Exchange	3,674.63	6,294.70
Paypal Account - Cdn\$	23,825.42	10,358.50
Paypal Account - US\$	0.00	21,634.05
Paypal Account - US\$ Exchange	0.00	7,374.51
Petty Cash	0.00	1,000.00
Total Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,975.63	\$ 84,658.00
Accounts receivable (A/R)		
Accounts Receivable	11,168.29	10,238.69
Total Accounts receivable (A/R)	\$ 11,168.29	\$ 10,238.69
Total Current Assets	\$ 123,143.92	\$ 94,896.69
Total Assets	\$ 123,143.92	\$ 94,896.69
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Account payable	13,015.91	1,305.28
Deferred Membership Revenue	0.00	0.00
2016	0.00	0.00
2017	0.00	9,373.15
2018	9,988.65	4,100.26
2019	6,567.99	679.59
2020	960.00	0.00
Total Deferred Membership Revenue	\$ 17,516.64	\$ 14,153.00
GST/HST Payable	0.00	0.00
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 30,532.55	\$ 15,458.28
Non-current liabilities:		
Bill Bowker Scholarship	12,006.02	19,232.48
Butterfly Fund	6,198.59	2,339.15
Druzhba Fund	1,344.60	1,344.60
Total Non-current liabilities:	\$ 19,549.21	\$ 22,916.23
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	56,522.18	46,524.18
Profit for the year	16,539.98	9,998.00
Total Equity	\$ 73,062.16	\$ 56,522.18
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 123,143.92	\$ 94,896.69

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Profit and Loss Comparison



January - December 2017

(all numbers quoted in CDN dollars)

	Total		2017 Notes of Explanation
	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2016 (PY)	
Income			
Book Sales	0.00	149.32	books were written off in 2016
Congress	18,931.86	-1,092.00	\$15000 USD fee converted to CDN
ICDC - Revenue			
ICDC - Australia	971.00	938.31	
ICDC - Malaysia	0.00	754.29	no event held in 2017
ICDC-Canada	1,300.00	3,400.58	
ICDC-China	3,142.69	7,937.17	
ICDC-Congress	-3,370.92	0.00	Participation was significantly lower than budget.
ICDC-Japan	0.00	11,226.23	no event held in 2017
ICDC-Singapore	0.00	4,097.65	no event held in 2017
Total ICDC - Revenue	\$ 2,042.77	\$ 28,354.23	
ICF Tours-ACA Conference	0.00	578.72	Netted in expense lines
Membership Fees	15,507.84	11,331.28	
Merchandise Revenue	1,013.43	0.00	
Premium Fee	1,298.60	0.00	2 fees received in 2017
Sales	0.00	0.00	
Total Income	\$ 38,794.50	\$ 39,321.55	
Expenses			
Administration			
Bank Charges	1,626.98	375.85	
Foreign Currency exch. loss (gain)	1,744.23	2,801.02	
Insurance	2,866.32	2,827.44	
Legal Fees	0.00	2,284.86	
Office supplies	0.00	117.21	
Software	0.00	5,012.64	
Total Administration	\$ 6,237.53	\$ 13,419.02	
Board Operating			
Board Meetings	4,586.54	251.86	
Discretionary	223.05	0.00	
Meals	0.00	2,697.18	
President travel	0.00	1,549.01	
Recognition	0.00	505.11	
Total Board Operating	\$ 4,809.59	\$ 5,003.16	
Book expenses	0.00	30.71	books were written off in 2016
Communications	0.00	0.00	
Website	0.00	8,600.66	2017 bill did not arrive prior to year end
Total Communications	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,600.66	
ICDC - Consulting	2,597.20	0.00	
ICF Connect	3,928.27	0.00	
ICF Tours-ACA Conference Costs	1,281.80	0.00	
Merchandise Costs	1,036.78	2,270.00	
OCA - Hosting	2,363.35	0.00	taxi's, meal, gifts
Total Expenses	\$ 22,254.52	\$ 29,323.55	
Profit	\$ 16,539.98	\$ 9,998.00	

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ICF GOVERNANCE

E X E C U T I V E			President John Jorgenson							
			Represent ICF in all matters							
			Chair Board Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings							
			Chair the Executive Committee discussions							
			Liaise as needed with various members of Advisory Council							
	Past President Valery Kostin		President Elect		Vice President Fahrettin Gozet		General Secretary Marco Reyes		Treasurer Jill Dundas	
	Advise President and Board as needed.		Elected one full year before end of President's term		Supplementary responsibility for some member of the Board		Record and circulate minutes of all meetings		Handle all matters of finance for the association	
	Participate in all Executive and Board meetings		Participate in all Executive and Board meetings		Appointed or elected from the current members of the Board		Handle all business coming to Headquarters		Provide an annual financial statement for Annual Report	
	Serves ex-officio – (no vote)		Serves ex-officio – (no vote)		Participate as a member of the Executive Committee		Participate as needed in Executive Committee discussions		Participate as needed in Executive Committee discussions	
					Provide Presidential responsibilities when the President is not available		Produce an Annual Report for distribution at large		Participate on committees requiring financial advice	

B O A R D	Communications Panwasa Kate Smith	Member-at-Large Linda Pulliam	Membership Alexia Sideri	Member-at-Large Anna Margrét Tómasdóttir	Ambassador General Pablo Casas Alatríste	Member-at-Large Masako Harigaya
	Website	Active participation as full Board Member	Registrar	Active participation as full Board Member	Congress General Assembly	Active participation as full Board Member
	E-Newsletter	Regional balance and cultural perspective	Member Services	Regional balance and cultural perspective	Ambassador Communication	Regional balance and cultural perspective
	Media Kits & packages	Special Task Forces and Projects	Contact Management	Special Task Forces and Projects	Association Liaison	Special Task Forces and Projects
	ICDC Oversight Andrew McGuckian	Member-at-Large Alexey Andreev	Program Development Jeff Bradshaw	Congress Oversight Fahrettin Gözet	Development Gonzalo Veloz	
	ICDC Communications with Connie Coutellier	Active participation as full Board Member	Awards and Milestones Recognition	Future Bid Coordinator	Branding	
	Curriculum Development	Regional balance and cultural perspective on Board	Liaison to Research Committee	Next Congress Liaison	Strategic Partnerships	
	ICDC Archiving and Records	Special Task Forces and Projects	Special Program Projects	Regional Congress Liaison	ICF Connect	

A D V I S O R Y	Advisory Council	Internal Partners	Ambassadors (General Assembly)	External Partners	Association Network
	All Previous Members of Steering Committee/Board	Sub-groups, special interest groups and sub-organizations within ICF	Liaison directly to Executive Committee and Board at General Assembly. Ambassadors elect three Members at Large that 'balance' the Board. They also meet at a General Assembly at each Congress to advise Board activity and direction.	Other international camping organizations	Member Association Presidents and Executives
	Members emeritus	Liaison directly to Executive Committee		Other like-minded organizations who are not current affiliates or members	Liaison to President and Executive Committee
	Liaison directly to Executive Committee			Liaison directly to Executive Committee	Special Meeting at Congress or as needed.



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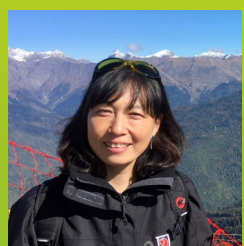
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