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All Webmasters please note, this website version of the newsletter has been edited. Personal addresses and telephone numbers are not reproduced here.

All Sections are reminded of the IAC Website at <www.ipa-iac.org> and the IPA House site, which can be accessed direct at < www.ipa-houses.info >

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There was some confusion regarding the visa information which was included with the last Newsletter. Section Turkey has clarified that those countries requiring visas, unless otherwise stated (i.e. if visas may be obtained at the Turkish border gates), must apply to the nearest Turkish Embassy. For more information visit:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> or send questions to ipa2009@figur.net

International Youth Exchange – Reminder

Message from International Youth Exchange Co-ordinator Zdenko Prizmič:
The IPA Youth Exchange scheme gives members a great opportunity to enable their children to spend some time abroad in the safety of the IPA family circle, accompanied by equals, to enjoy new cultural experiences in a historic, geographic and social context and improve their language skills in a friendly environment.

International “Recommendations for Youth Exchange – Holiday Placings” recommends (article 11.1) that requests should be sent 12 months prior to the exchange. This is to allow Sections sufficient time to seek host families by publishing requests in their newsletters or other means available to them, and also to allow IPA members and their families enough time to make the decision to host a youth from abroad. Families should also take into consideration the time needed to agree about travel arrangements, details and conditions of participation and so on.

Sometimes (not so rare) application forms are filled in incorrectly or without necessary information and we should spend some additional time to check all requirements have been fulfilled.

Therefore Sections are requested to advise all their members to try to respect the recommended timescale to avoid troubles and possible disappointment for our children.

For all details, advice and assistance please contact International Youth Exchange Co-ordinator Zdenko PRIZMIČ directly to zdenko.prizmic@siol.net, or youthexchange@mail.ipa-iac.org

International Youth Gathering Survey

In the December 2008 Newsletter Sections were asked by the UK Section to provide information on their procedures for selecting and funding young people to attend International Youth Gatherings. This information will also be very useful to ICC Chairman Georgios Katsaropoulos, so if your Section has not yet replied it would be greatly appreciated.