



INTERNATIONAL Camping Fellowship

Bringing Together a World of Outdoor Experience

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6th Congress Meets Down Under



Don MacDowall, Chair, Opens ICC2003

“Beneath the Southern Cross”...on the beautiful campus of LaTrobe University, Bundoora, the 6th International Camping Congress convened on January 5, 2003. With a traditional Aborigine welcome of eucalyptus leaves distributed by Ian Hunter, the Congress began, with over 300 participants from twelve countries. The Opening Ceremony included welcomes from Don MacDowall, Congress Chair; Tom Slater, Program Chair; Mantha Christou, ICF Vice Chair; and Bill Oakley, Social Chair, along with the introduction of the original song, “As the Butterfly Flies”, composed and performed by 15-year-old James Simpson. A welcoming cocktail party followed.

Monday morning began with Professor Stuart Hill chal-

lenging the audience with his keynote address, “Camping to Change the World”, followed by the presentation of the ICF Druzhiba Award to Bill Bowker, posthumously, and accepted by his wife, Jenny, and daughter, Kezia. Participants then had choices of three theme sessions: “Exotic, Hypnotic, Campsite Stuff” by Mary Faeth Chenery; “Challenges vs. Benefits – Internationalizing Your Camp” by Bill Harwood; and “The Path to Excellence: Good, Better, Best” by Marge Scanlin. After a luncheon served on the lawn, with the opportunity to try a bit of the Australian national game of cricket, there was a generous selection of small group sessions for the afternoon. That evening, the Colours of Australia Dinner offered samples of many distinct cultures with enthusiastic, animated presentations



Japanese delegation performs

by the delegations. During the meal, the Turkish belly dancer challenged Valery Kostin and Mike Horner to demonstrate their skills.

Following the ICF Annual General Meeting on Tuesday morning, three more Theme Sessions were offered: “It’s the Vision Thing: It’s Easy Being Green” by Grame Baxter; “Spreading the Magic – Building Community” by Digby Hannah; “Young Aussies Camping in the Outdoors: Culture and Meanings” by John Quay, with two more rounds of small group sessions. Participants were treated to more choices for the Big Night Out: ‘Penguins on Parade’, a hosted visit to one of the Australian camps, Candlebark Farm, or a barbecue in an Australian home. Whatever the choice, a good time was had by all.

Incredible as it was, the Congress Committee managed, on Wednesday, to move the entire group and all of their luggage to the LaTrobe University Bendigo Campus in the

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From quiet homes
and first beginning,
Out to the
undiscovered ends,
There's nothing
worth the wear of
winning,
But laughter and
the love of friends.

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outback, about 150 km from Melbourne! Everyone was given options of a special tour during the trip to Bendigo: Aboriginal Culture, Artistic Heritage and National Treasures, Australian Animals and Forest Giants, or Goldfield and Australian Animals. Arriving at the Bendigo campus in the late afternoon, everyone moved into their new lodging and reassembled in the town of Bendigo where they were greeted by city officials and treated to a cocktail party in their honor.



Paddling the Murray River

Thursday offered the choice of work or play, with the majority choosing to play! While the more academic attendees participated in an all-day Research Forum, most selected from the exciting tour choices: Paddle the Murray River with Birdwatching, Goulburn River Paddle, Landcare and the Environment, Canyon and Gorges, or Caves, Koalas and Wineries.

The Closing Ceremony on Friday was highlighted by slides of the Congress, one last rendition of "As the Butterfly Flies", and words of warm appreciation and gifts from the delegations to their wonderful, attentive hosts. Returning to Bendigo for lunch, the group was surprised by one last treat – entertainers, vendors, and a catered lunch on the town square before boarding the buses to Melbourne.

How can we ever express the depth of our appreciation to our Australian friends? Four years' work by doz-

Don MacDowall and Jo Prior accept ICF gift from Mantha Christou.



ens of camping people, the collaboration of the Camping Association of Victoria, Sport and Recreation Victoria, and the International Camping Fellowship, the leadership of the Conference Organizer, Joanne Alderman, and the enthusiasm of the Congress participants from around the world created a magical experience for all. For pictures, video clips, session abstracts, and research abstracts, take a look at

the website, www.icc2003.cav.asn.au and begin planning and saving for the 7th International Camping Congress, October 12-16, 2005, in Mexico City.

Article by Linda Pulliam, USA



The 2002 Abbott Fenn Druzhba Award

The 2002 Abbott Fenn Druzhba Award was presented posthumously to Bill Bowker at the International Camping Congress in Melbourne, Australia. The award was accepted by Bill's wife, Jenny, and daughter, Kezia. As a founding member of the International Camping Fellowship in 1987, Bill continued his active involvement in international programs throughout his lifetime, with particular interest in developing programs in Africa and India. Bill's beloved Kangaroo Camp in Princetown, Victoria, Australia, remains as his legacy, and it continues to foster global understanding through camping. His enthusiasm, ability to communicate across cultural boundaries, and belief in camping as a vehicle for global understanding has made a significant contribution to the camping world.



Jenny and Kezia Bowker accept Druzhba Award

Greetings from our New ICF Chair

What a wonderful year ICF has had! So many warm friendships, networking and communications initiated at the great International Camping Congress, "Beneath the Southern Cross", in Australia in January. As everyone who attended the Congress from the varying parts of the world can attest to: *The FUN, LAUGHTER, TEARS, DANCING, SINGING, DRINKING. EATING, EXPERIENCING, LEARNING, SHARING, GROWING TOGETHER AS ONE.*

Hopefully, the energy of what was happening there has been taken away to all the corners of the world to be shared with others.

Thanks to the wonderful team, under the chairmanship of Don MacDowall, and to the organisational skills of Joanne, it all happened so successfully. We hope to see all of you at the next exciting Congress in Mexico in October, 2005.

Congratulations to the newly formed **European Camping Association**. (A detailed report has been submitted by Mantha Christou.) Thank you to our friends from the Greek Camping Association for the wonderful hospitality shown to the members of the ICF Committee who attended the **2nd Panhellenic Conference** in Athens.

Nairamdal International Children's Centre in Mongolia has celebrated 25 years of Camping -Congratulations!!

Happy First Anniversary to the Camping Association of Hong Kong!

In these uncertain times of war and terrorism, I am made more aware of how important camping is to the young people of our world. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach the better values of life such as love, tolerance, acceptance of our frailties and our differences. We are in the very privileged position of being able to 'Make a Difference'.

I feel humbled and privileged to have been elected to the position of Chairperson of ICF. I hope I can fulfill the expectations, and I will certainly give it a GO.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big **THANK YOU to Jack Pearse**, our past ICF Chairperson, for the wonderful love and dedication he put into building this great fellowship. Jack, you will always be loved by the world community for all you have done, and definitely not forgotten. I certainly cannot do the songs!! We miss them. Keep well, Jack, and we all hope to see you in Mexico.

Jenny Bowker, ICF Chair



International delegates are greeted by Mantha Christou in Athens

Mr. Stathis Patseas, President of the Greek Camping Association, gave the official opening of the Congress, including a brief outline of the status of the Greek camps. Addresses from public officials followed, and distinguished speakers presented lectures on various subjects. Mantha Christou, Vice-Chair of ICF and Regional Representative for Europe, delivered an address, "The work of International Camping Fellowship, ICF, Exchanges of Campers and Staff."

The final part of Mantha's presentation covered the topic, "Toward a European Camping Organization". After giving an account of the camping situation in the various parts of Europe, of the discussions held in recent years during meetings of the ICF and the GCA, of the keen interest and need for an organization that would bring together the European camps, she invited the participants to endorse the formation of the European Camping Association and to sign the Constitution that had been prepared. The proposal received a strong approval from the participants. The ICF Chair, Mrs. Jenny Bowker, who honoured the meeting, delivered a warm speech about children in camps and the need to extend our organizational efforts,

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2nd Panhellenic Congress Meets in Athens

On March 6, 2003, the Greek Camping Association met in Athens for the 2nd Panhellenic Congress for Camps and Youth Activities with the theme, "The Camping Institution in the 21st Century". Because in Greece, children's camps are substantially supported by the State, one objective of the meeting was to inform the authorities of the issues and problems facing the camps. Consequently, several state officials, delegates from Ministries, the Church, municipalities, the YMCA, and banks were present.

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(2nd Panhellenic Conference continued) congratulated the GCA, made special mention of Mantha's work in international camping, and presented to Mr. Patseas, a beautiful ICF butterfly in inlaid wood. Most of the foreign delegates were invited to address the Congress: John Jorgenson, Secretary of the ICF; Valery Kostin, Regional Representative for Russia/C.I.S.; Bill Oakley, Regional Representative for Australia; Galina Kupriyanova, President of the Russian Camping Association; Terry Dignant, delegate of The Barretstown Gang Camp, Ireland; Alexis Lounis, from the C.C.E., Banque de France; Roland Cohen, C.C.E., Banque de France; Monika Mohai, from 'Bator-Tabor', Hungary; Radu Zernoveanu, Mastering Camp, Romania; Lyubov Buzyreva, Russian Camping Association; and M. Stavros Kountouris, from Albania. Each speaker offered greetings from their respective countries, events from their camping experiences, congratulations for the Association which is to be created, and good wishes for its success. The first Constitution has been signed.

After the Congress, the ICF Chair invited the Steering Committee Members and the foreign delegates for a social gathering at the hotel. There, a proposal was made by the Russian delegates for us to participate in the annual meeting of the Russian and Ukrainian camp direc-



Mantha Christou, ICF Vice Chair



International guests tour the Acropolis

tors which will take place in Burgas, Bulgaria. Other Europeans are to be invited to continue our work on the newly formed European Camping Association.

Although the agenda of the Congress was most important, the cultural part is also worth mentioning. As the delegates arrived in Athens a few days prior to the Congress and left one or two days following, there was time enough for them to enjoy the Greek traditional 'tavernas', to taste the various 'mezedes', to drink 'retsina' wine, to hear 'bouzouki' music, to sing popular songs, to dance 'syrtaki'. Sightseeing in the capital, a visit to the Acropolis, an excursion to Peloponese were offered. Guests visited the "Ranch" Camp of Mr. Scouras, where they were provided lunch, dinner, overnight accommodations, music, and dance. In the afternoon they traveled to Epidavros and visited the marvelous ancient theatre, and then to the picturesque town of Nafplion, first capital of Greece, an imposing castle on the beautiful sea. The next day, Mantha received the group at her home, where they enjoyed ouzo with snacks and a dinner of Greek specialties and wine. That March 8, Woman's Day, and the group honored her with a beautiful flower arrangement.

The Athens meeting was planned and presented by the Greek Camping Association. Warm

appreciation is offered to each of them: To Mr. Stathis Patseas, a good friend of the ICF who has long wanted a European organization; to his office and his staff, Miss Petrina and Miss Dimitra; to Father Georgios Georgakopoulos, always effectively working; to Mr. Christos Gogoussis, active both in the panel and in the restaurant; to Mrs. Fifi Sideris, a real organizational spirit, as well as her family; to Miss Alexia, perfect translator; to Michalis, her husband, the best advisor on almost everything; to Mr. G. Calogridis, Mr. A. Tournas, all the members of the board; and to Mantha Chistou, our friend, colleague, and work-mate, who diligently promotes the children's camps and the welfare of children everywhere in the world.

WorldCamps Opens in Soweto, South Africa

When Phil Lilienthal was a peace Corps Volunteer in the field of law in Ethiopia from 1965-1967, he was asked to start a residential summer camp as a side project. The camp operated successfully for two years, and, when he left, it was taken over by the YMCA. The camp was such an enriching experience, that he held on to the concept of establishing children's summer camps in Africa as a post-career dream. After a career as both an attorney and as owner of Camp Winnebago in Maine, USA, he has recently transferred the leadership of the camp to his son, Andy. Now, with the advent of the AIDS pandemic in Africa, Phil feels a renewed urgency to begin. His philosophy is that a camp can give children some fun in their lives; it can lead to understanding among the varied people of the country; and it can also give them an awareness of AIDS. Selected children could also be trained to be peer educators in their schools, as well as camp counselors and administrators.

Last May, under the auspices of his new organization, WorldCamps, Inc., Phil traveled to Botswana and Kenya, hoping to find an organization, private or governmental, that could work with him to establish such a camp. Instead, he found numerous groups in each country that recognized the value of a two-week residential program — one that would instill both good health practices and better communication among people who don't usually interact. Groups already in the front lines of the AIDS crisis in Africa saw in WorldCamps the power to create a new generation of leaders and to save lives. These organiza-



Children in the African orphanages visited by Phil Lilienthal

tions also loved the idea of bringing some fun into the lives of children. The project has begun in collaboration with HIVSA (www.hivsa.co.za), an HIV/AIDS clinic associated with the Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, next to Johannesburg, South Africa. It has first rate technicians and social workers who treat thousands of HIV/AIDS infected women and their families. The first camp for 100 children will open, in partnership with the clinic, in January, 2004, for a 9-day pilot project. A wonderful site about 40 minutes from Soweto has been located and staff are being recruited. Two excellent staff training organizations from the U.S. have agreed to participate. Photos and more detailed information about the plans may be found on their website at: www.worldcamps.org

How can we help? The program is in need of funds — \$500,000US will bring this new WorldCamps initiative in Soweto to a level of sustainability after three years of operation. While there will undoubtedly be willing contributors in South Africa and the international philanthropic community once the camp is established, they are reluctant to participate until results are shown. All gifts will be greatly appreciated, as well as all suggestions of other potential donors or philan-

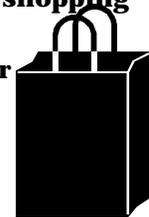


thropic organizations. WorldCamps is also in need of friends who can assist in identifying steady sources of funding, strategic partners, and creative professionals who would be able to help communicate this important mission.

WorldCamps is incorporated in the US and has filed for non-profit status. To make a donation to WorldCamps, and support long-time ICF member, Phil Lilienthal, donations may be made by check (US funds), Master Card, Visa, or Discover Card, and mailed to: 1606 Washington Plaza, Reston, VA 20190, USA. Phil may be contacted at this address, by phone at 1-703-437-0808, or email at info@worldcamps.org

ICF ECO-TIP

Plastic bags are polluting our lands and water. Carry a reusable shopping bag whenever possible.



Hong Kong Camping Association Celebrates First Anniversary!

Hong Kong has been running camping services for over 50 years, with approximately 60 campsites now in existence. Like some other countries, the campsites are operated by government, NGO, or private organizations. Presently, most of the camp administrators have goals of providing high quality and valued services to the society, especially in responding to the rapidly changing interests and needs of camp users.

They eventually created a platform where they could share experiences, learn how to enhance the image of the service, and offer training opportunities to camp workers. Therefore, a representative body was born on August 1, 2002: **The Camping Association of Hong Kong, China!**

This year, the Association encouraged the camps to hold a celebration of International Camp Day and the first anniversary of HKCA on August 1. On that day, programs included the posting of special posters and banners in each camp, distributing Chinese traditional “red eggs” to 5,000 camp users, symbolizing good fortune for the “newborn baby” — HKCA. Camp users hung their written hopes onto a “Wishing Tree”. The song, “As the Butterfly Flies”, the theme of ICC2003, was sung to spread the messages of

Organizers of the Camping Association of Hong Kong gather to celebrate the organization's First Anniversary.



protecting our natural environment and better understanding among people. Mr. Lai Pui-wing, Chairman of HKCA, visited one of the campsites to share his happiness with the camp staff and campers.

In November, 2002, the Camping Association organized a tour to Guang Zhou. Participants visited fifteen camps to broaden their vision and gain from the experience of people in other cities. Besides the residential facilities, various adventure-based facilities were introduced, including outdoor climbing walls, multi-vertical challenges, and high-level ropes courses.

Dr. Ng Kin-sun, Program Secretary of YMCA Hong Kong, led a second tour to Taiwan in September, 2003. Some campsites were particularly attractive and included special style

farmhouses and wooden huts for dormitories which are rarely seen in Hong Kong.



An unusual campsite in Taiwan.

The **Hong Kong Camping Association** is very proud to be a part of the ICF family, and the members look forward to seeing you all at upcoming ICF events.

News from Russia

Russian President, Vladimir Putin, visited Camp Orlyonok on the Black Sea, which his wife once attended as a child. Accompanied by members of the Russian government, he agreed to promote further development of the infrastructure of this wonderful camp. In October, 2003, a Far East, year-round international camp, “Ocean”, will celebrate its 20 year anniversary. It was opened near Vladivostok in 1983, on the Japan Sea coast. The first counselor staff of 50 was selected from two well known camps, Artek and Orlyonok. During the past twenty years, they have created a unique camping atmosphere with new traditions. Lately the camp has been hosting children from Siberia and Far East regions, and its staff are active participants of the international camping movement. Congratulations and long life Ocean Camp!

About 3000 Russian university and college students have successfully finished their summer season working as camp counselors in US summer camps. 30 students from the UK, US, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Netherlands worked as camp counselors in Russian summer camps as part of the reciprocal program with Camp Counselors USA.

ICC2005 to Be Held in Mexico City

¡Bienvenidos! The **7th International Camping Congress** will be hosted in Mexico City, October 12-16, 2005. Under the sponsorship of the Asociación Mexicana de Campamentos (Mexican Camping Association), the International Camping Fellowship, and Consejo de Promoción Turística, the event promises a distinct Latin American flavor with a theme built upon the ideas of conservation, youth leadership and ecological preservation. The Congress will be held at the Camino Real Hotel in Mexico City.

A unique feature of the event will be an invitation to counselors and young camp staff from around the world to participate on a parallel track with the main Congress event. Homestays with the families of Mexican camp counselors will be offered.

Genaro Ortiz-Tirado will serve as Chairperson of the event, with support from the Mexican Camping Association, Venezuelan Camping Association, and camps throughout Central and South America. The Congress Committee is seeking input from all. The official Congress website will be posted by early 2004 at www.iccmexico2005.org



Genaro Ortiz-Tirado (pictured here in the arms of an Australian koala) will Chair the 7th International Congress

Ontario Camping Association Annual Conference

The Ontario (Canada) Camping Association will hold their Annual Conference February 19-21, 2004 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill, Ontario. The theme is "Creating a Better World Through Camping" and includes sessions on health and safety, camper issues, legislation, staffing, the environment and more. Legal experts will demonstrate through a mock trial issues that affect all Canadian camps. International participants are welcomed. More information can be obtained from the OCA Office, info@ontcamp.on.ca



American Camping Association Annual Conference

"Bridges to Powerful Communities" is the theme for the ACA 52nd National Conference, February 24-27, 2004, in San Francisco, California, USA. Speakers from throughout the country will deal with emerging issues foremost on the minds of camping professionals. Opportunities for international participants to meet and socialize are planned, with special tour opportunities available after the Conference. For more detailed information, conference registration, and updated speaker information, see the website, www.acacamps.org/conference Linda Pulliam will serve as International Coordinator for the Conference and may be contacted at lgpulliam@aol.com for further information.

European Camping Meeting

From September 6-10, 2003, a European Camping Meeting was held in Burgas, Bulgaria, with representatives of eight countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine. During the plenary and round-table discussions, the decision was made to announce the creation of the European Camping Association. It was agreed that the official foundation date would be March 6, 2003, when the Declaration of Intent was signed in Athens, Greece. All the countries who signed the Declaration in Athens will appoint their representatives for the Provisional Executive Committee by October 15, 2003. The Greek Camping Association kindly agreed to do all the preliminary organizing work for the first European Camping Congress, to be held in Athens, Greece, in October, 2004.

Article by Valery Kostin

In Memory of Five International Camping Leaders...

The international camping movement has lost five pioneers this year, all men who have contributed to their profession while spreading understanding world wide. The members of ICF send their condolences and fond memories to the families of these beloved friends:

Albert Goryunov

I met this big man almost ten years ago during one of the International Camping Congresses. We, both being from Russia, met for the first time outside the country. Since then, we became good friends.

Albert participated very actively in every international camping event, as well as being very active in promoting the Russian Camping Association and operating his camp, named after Khalzev, on the Black Sea coast for more than 20 years. Many camping professionals had the opportunity to enjoy his company, share his humor and his wonderful grasp of human relationships. He considered the camping movement very important, and he brought his beloved wife, Lyudmila, and grandson, Bogdan, to the 6th International Camping Congress in Melbourne, Australia. None of us could have predicted that this meeting would be our last one... On April 28, 2003, Albert passed away after a sudden heart attack. We will all remember his contributions to the Camping Movement. You will remain in our hearts, Albert. *(by Valery Kostin)*

Oswaldo Urioste

Oswaldo Urioste, a long time member of ICF and the American Camping Association, died in April, 2003, after a short illness. In 1989, Oswaldo and his wife, Maruza Goulart Urioste, founded the English Camp, the pioneer English language immersion camp in Brazil. The main purpose was to offer Brazilian children and young adults the opportunity to have fun while learning English. After the first few years, Oswaldo became enchanted with the camp world and decided to invest in their own property. With eleven years' experience with exchange programs, they were very aware of the benefits could bring to the campers' futures.

Oswaldo and Maruza were married for forty years and have four children and four grandchildren. He held college degrees in Industrial Chemistry and Business. Today, the English Camp misses Oswaldo's warm and caring touch, but his children and wife will actively continue his legacy. His daughter, Sandra, recently completed her Master's Degree in Teaching of English which has improved the staff training as well as the language content offered through the activities. The hundreds of campers who have participated have attested to the great success of the camp in creating a safe and comfortable language learning environment.

(Contributed by Sandra Urioste)

Prof. Minoru Matsuda

Professor Minoru Matsuda, recipient of the Druzhba Award, presented by ICF at the 5th International Congress, died on September 9, 2003, at the age of 93. The funeral was held in Rokkosan YMCA, his first camp site.

Professor Matsuda was revered by all who knew him, as the author of more than 20 books on camping, the founding member of the National Camping Association of Japan, President of NCAJ from 1985-1998, and Honorary NCAJ President until his death. His career began in 1930 as a member of the camp staff of the Osaka YMCA. He later founded the Osaka Youth Outdoor Activity Center, the largest outdoor facility in Asia. Professor Matsuda received two Governor's Awards from Osaka Prefecture, a special Camping Award from NCAJ in 2001, and many other awards spanning his distinguished career. He received the Minister of Education Award in 1979 in recognition of developing organized camping in Japan. Professor Matsuda will be greatly missed by the international camping community.

(Contributed by Fumio Morooka)

John Latimer

Known affectionately as "Chief" to generations of campers and staff at Kilcoo Camp in Canada, which he owned and directed since 1956, John Latimer died in April, 2003. He was an active member of the Canadian Camping Association, the American Camping Association, and worked on the Steering Committee of the 3rd International Camping Congress in Toronto. John's powerful leadership, incredible energy, along with his wonderful sense of fun and his sincere interest in everyone he met, will keep his memory alive in the hearts and minds of all who knew him.

Michael Siderenko

On October 13, our good friend, Michael Siderenko, died after a short illness. Michael served as General Director of Artek Camp in Gurzuf, Crimea, Ukraine, for many years. He had recently been appointed by the President of Ukraine to a high-ranking government post. His greatest commitment was to Artek, the largest camp in the world. Artek serves 5000 children at a time in ten sub-camps, all in the picturesque setting of the Black Sea coast.

Michael was President of the Ukraine Camping Association, a long-time member of ICF, and Ukrainian Representative on the ICF Steering Committee. Although he spoke only a little English and communicated through Sergei, his faithful interpreter at meetings, he was always able to present his thoughts and opinions clearly. He participated in the Congresses in St Petersburg and Tokyo, as well as many other international gatherings. ICF members remember how proud he was of the first pair of American jeans he purchased!

Michael leaves behind his wife and two children and a host of friends all over the world. He will be greatly missed.

Camping in the U.S.

In 2003, the factors of the US economy, the war in Iraq, threats of terrorism, and some unusual weather events caused camper participation in many parts of the country to be somewhat lower than in past years. Regardless, the resiliency of the American camp directors promises that 2004 will be better.

The American Camping Association is developing some exciting new services: An on-line center for staff recruitment will be available for both members and non-members of ACA. A new magazine, called CAMP, will provide a marketing tool to promote the benefits of the camp experience directly to the parents of the campers. This will strengthen our public awareness program.

Three major research efforts are currently being conducted by ACA: "Youth Development Outcomes of the Camp Experience" is a multi-year study funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. Results of this survey were strong in terms of the support systems and opportunities camps provide to youth. "Camp Industry Benchmarking Study" is a survey of nearly all camps in the U.S. Results will provide ACA and the collaborating agencies with the most up-to-date information on director profiles, compensation profiles for staff, program and operational profiles, including number of people served, and financial profiles for camps across the country. "Educational Needs

Assessment" will be conducted to measure the educational needs of all ACA members. The information will form the basis of critical committees at all levels, the Bookstore, publications, and others developing educational priorities for the coming year.

On a personal note, I was disappointed after planning for so long to join all of my ICF friends in Australia. However, the birth of my daughter prevented me from being there, but I am still enjoying hearing all of the great stories. I hope to see many of you at the ACA National Conference in San Francisco and then in Mexico in 2005!

*Chuck Ackenbom,
ICF Representative for the US*

More Scenes from ICC2003



James Simpson plays "As the Butterfly Flies"



Entertainment at the Great Aussie Bush Night.

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An International Wedding

ICF friends from Australia, Russia, and the U.S. joined many Canadian camp friends and Dutch relatives of the groom, to celebrate the wedding of Jane McCutcheon, ICF Treasurer, to Ted Tiemessen on September 20, 2003. The happy event was hosted by Jeff Bradshaw and the staff of Camp Wenonah, near Bracebridge, Ontario. Narrowly escaping the wrath of Hurricane Isabel, the ceremony was held in Wenonah's outdoor amphitheater facing the beautiful lake. Following the ceremony, Valery Kostin sang a Russian song, Jorgi



Jorgenson delivered a humorous address, and the "Boys' Camp Band" performed. Also in attendance were Jenny Bowker and Bill Oakley from Australia, Robert and Sue Leiby from the US, and Linda and Richard Pulliam from the US, with Canadian ICF members too numerous to list. **Best wishes to the bride and groom!**

Sixth International Camping Congress

As the Butterfly Flies

by James and Richard Simpson

Verse 1: We come together as friends, We come from near and far,
In nature we learn together, Underneath one guiding star.

Butterfly—you lead the way, To a very special place,

Where hands are joined in peace and love, and there's a smile on every face.

Chorus: As the Butterfly flies, from the mountains to the plain,

As the Butterfly flies through the sun, the snow, the rain,

Let's celebrate how we differ, let's celebrate what we share,

Let's show the world together that together we can care.

Verse 2: Here you'll get a warm welcome from everyone you greet;

Where there's no such thing as strangers, only friends we've yet to meet.

Where sunny blue skies beckon to the wonders that wait outdoors,

And you learn responsibility for this fragile world is yours.

Chorus

Bridge: Care for our fragile world, just like the butterfly's fragile wing

Let's care and learn from one another, let's teach the whole world to sing.

Chorus





THE ABBOTT FENN DRUZHBA AWARD

The Abbott Fenn Druzhba Award is an annual recognition of an Individual, Camp, or Organization which has made a significant contribution to international camping. The award is endowed by Abbott Fenn, a long-standing, active member of the American Camping Association and former owner-director of the Keewaydin Camps in New England, U.S.A.

Criteria:

1. Any member of the International Camping Fellowship (Individual, Camp, or Organization) is eligible. Current members of the Steering Committee are not eligible, although their Camp or Organization may be considered.
2. The Award recognizes an Individual, Camp, or Organization which has made a significant contribution to International camping, such as development of a new Camping Association, development of an exchange program between countries, development of sponsorships for international programs, or other unique or sustained contribution to the ICF Organization.

Selection: Nominations may be made by any member of the International Camping Fellowship. Selection of one recipient is made by the Steering Committee of the International Camping Fellowship and is presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Camping Fellowship. Announcement of the Award will be made in the Country of the recipient, as appropriate. Note: The ICF Steering Committee cannot be responsible for travel expenses of the recipient. Nominations are retained for consideration at any time.

NOMINATION

Name of Individual, Camp, or Organization nominated for the Abbott Fenn Druzhba Award

IF THE NOMINEE IS AN INDIVIDUAL

Camping Organization(s) Served: _____

Full Mailing Address (include City, Country, and Mailing Code):

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

