

**Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting**  
**Friday and Saturday, 17-18 June 2005**  
**McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, USA**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM—SUBJECT TO CHANGE—NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**Thursday, 16 June 2005**

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- 1500-1900      **Youth Exchange Officers Registration**  
*Location: S100 Preregistration (Grand Ballroom and Grand Ballroom Lobby)*  
*S102 On-Site Registration (Grand Ballroom and Grand Ballroom Lobby)*
- 1730-1900      **Welcome Reception -Cash Bar**      *Location: N228*
- 1800-1900      **Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Leaders Meeting**      *Location: N229*

**Friday, 17 June 2005**

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- 0800-1700      **Youth Exchange Officers Registration**  
*Location: S100 Preregistration (Grand Ballroom and Grand Ballroom Lobby)*  
*S102 On-Site Registration (Grand Ballroom and Grand Ballroom Lobby)*
- 0830-0900      **Morning Networking**      *Location: N426*
- 0900-0945      **Opening Plenary Session**      *Location: N426*
- 0900-0905      Welcome and Opening Remarks, *Arne Jensen, D-1460, Denmark*
- 0905-0910      Introduction of 2004-05 YEX Committee, *Arne Jensen, D-1460, Denmark*
- 0910-0915      United States National Anthem, *Courtland Wood, D-7040, USA*
- 0915-0920      Roll call of countries, *Arne Jensen, D-1460, Denmark*
- 0920-0925      Introduction of RI President-nominee, *Klavs Nicolaisen, D-1440, Denmark*
- 0925-0945      Address by RI President-nominee Bill Boyd, *D-9920, New Zealand*
- 0945-1030      **Coffee Break**      *Location: N426 Foyer*

**Morning Theme: Youth Exchange Basics**

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- 1030-1100      **Plenary Session II**      *Location: N426*  
*Understanding Cultural Differences, Dennis White, D-6220, USA*
- 1100-1115      **Transition to Workshops**

1115-1215

### **Concurrent Workshops**

#### **Workshop A: Student Orientations and Host Family Orientations** Loc: N426

The importance of orientation programs and strategies to ensure the successful orientation of outbound and inbound students as well as host families will be discussed in this session. Topics covered will include language proficiency expectations, language camps, and the recruitment and training of host families.

Moderator: *Shindo Kondo, D-2660, Japan*

Panelists: *Klavs Nicolaisen, D-1440, Denmark*

*Ronan Ribeiro, D-4510, Brazil*

*Chris Thompson, D-9300, South Africa*

#### **Workshop B: Student Selection**

Location: N231

The focus of this workshop is to discuss the importance of selection to the success of an exchange and to discuss ways to improve a selection processes by focusing on best practices.

Moderator: *Erwin Zeller, D-1910, Austria*

Panelists: *David Ferrell, D-4550, Brazil*

*Nobumasa Omori, D-2580, Japan*

#### **Workshop C: Rotary Youth Exchange Basics**

Location: N230B

This session will provide general information for new Youth Exchange officers along with suggestions for promoting the program and establishing international contacts and exchange partnerships.

Presenter: *Scott Wisner, D-7150, USA*

#### **Workshop D: Preparing Students for a New Culture**

Location: N230A

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss strategies for helping students cope with the challenges of integrating into a new culture.

Moderator: *Kathy Duley, D-7040, USA*

Panelists: *Rodolfo Testa, D-4610 Brazil*

*Isara Tang, D-3350, Thailand*

1215-1330

### **Lunch Break**

### **Afternoon Theme: Challenges in Youth Exchange**

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1330-1410

#### **Plenary Session III**

Location: N426

Crisis Management and Risk Management, *John Weting, D-6220, USA*

1410-1440

#### **Coffee Break**

Location: N426 Foyer

1440-1450

#### **Transition to Workshops**

1450-1600

### **Concurrent Workshops**

#### **Workshop A: Insurance**

Location: N426

In this session, panelists will discuss the importance of proper insurance, knowing how it works, and designing successful implementation methods.

Moderator: *Ivan Vianna, D-4760, Brazil*

Panelists: *Yrjö Helanen, Multidistrict, Finland*

*Al Kalter, D-6970, USA*

#### **Workshop B: Training Club Counselors**

Location: N231

This session will focus on the importance of training counselors to ensure successful exchanges. Topics covered will include counselor training suggestions and defining the role of a counselor.

Moderator: *Luciano De Martino, Multidistrict Italy*

Panelists: *Kaya Turhan, D-2420, Turkey*

*Woody Angst, D-5010, USA*

#### **Workshop C: Managing Problems (Travel, Parent Visits, Communications, Eating Disorders, Illness, etc.)**

Location: N230B

In this session panelists will offer techniques for handling problems, developing policies to help prevent problems from occurring in order to avoid an early return situation.

Moderator: *Ana Maria Pimenta, D-4760, Brazil*

Panelists: *Tomasso Virdia, D-2200, Spain*

*Tom Overbaugh, D-7170, USA*

#### **Workshop D: Managing Early Return Situations**

Location: N230A

This workshop will discuss and evaluate what should happen in the event of an early return. Panelists will guide participants through the steps of an early return and offer strategies and advice to minimize difficulties and misunderstandings.

Moderator: *Mario Peres, D-4580 Brazil*

Panelists: *Walter Wyser, Multidistrict Switzerland*

*Carl-Gustaf Eliasson, D-2360, Sweden*

### **Evening Theme: Celebrate Rotary Youth Exchange**

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1800-1900

**YEO Banquet Reception – Cash Bar**

Location: Vista Room Foyer, S406

1900-2200

**YEO Fellowship Banquet (RI Ticketed Event)**

Location: S406, Vista Room

Welcome: *Arne Jensen, D-1460, Denmark*

Introduction of speaker: *John Weting, D-6220, USA*

A Reflection on 35 Years in Youth Exchange, *Robert Shoemaker, D-6560, USA*

Introduction of RI President-elect, *Thord Hjelmqvist, Multidistrict Sweden*

Address by RI President-elect *Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, D-2360, Sweden*

