



Round-up of CIBS activities and related initiatives

Dear Denys Correll,

This is to detail the recent activities that have taken place in our region.

These activities aim to give visibility to programs that are under development within committees that are part of CIBS.

One of our aims is to stimulate discussion and disseminate new experiences - as laid out in the "Bertioga Letter" of March 2009.

1 - We have launched [our hotsite](#) (note: a hotsite is a common Brazilian term for a specially prepared single issue website) which is hosted at CBCISS. It is a tool to help facilitate the flow of information, acting as a channel of communication and enables collaboration between future and existing committees in different countries. It serves as a tool to gather and disseminate documents, records and information throughout the network.

At the end of my term as President of the CIBS for Latin America and the Caribbean, the successor should maintain and continue the hotsite. <http://www.cibs.cbciss.org>

2 - We will shortly send you our contributions for the Montevideo Pre-Conference. We have produced a preliminary document, which is currently being worked on.

3 - Contact with the Director of ECLAC - Meeting with Mr. Dirk Jasper, Director of CELADE / ECLAC - Chile.

On 30 September and October 1 and 2, we attended the Regional Meeting of Civil Society Organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean on Ageing. Location: Santiago, Chile

There we established a broad discussion about existing legislation concerning the rights of older persons and this was taken up again with the participation of leading representatives of civil society organizations, networks of national and international professionals, developers and volunteers.

We set out to assess regional progress and to propose strategies and joint actions to support and promote the formulation and development of the Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

We were mindful of the Third follow up meeting of the Brasilia Declaration for the Rights of Older Persons and commemorated 10 years since the International Year of Older Persons in 1999. The event brought together representatives from 19 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

I am enclosing a link to the closing report "Final Document of the Regional Meeting on Ageing: Ageing with Rights, held on 1 and October 2 at ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, Chile."

4 - Thank you for your participation and your comments about the meeting we had in the Pre-Conference in Montevideo. I would like to request further details of the capacity training that you mentioned.

5 - I note that we have yet to identify new leadership to take over the Latin America and Caribbean Region. The deadlines are approaching and we are a little concerned.

6 - Contact with ABONG - A meeting with the president of ABONG, the Brazilian Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, is planned for mid-November.

It is our intention to bring in new organizations and we seek to strengthen the network.

These are some of the actions we have undertaken in the second half of 2009. We intend to undertake all of the proposals that are laid out in the Plan of Action, up until June 2010.

Sincerely,

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CIBS President for the Latin American and Caribbean Region