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French version of the Reference Centre already operative

The Reference Centre on Volunteering has launched its French version. The Reference Centre therefore now offers a better resource to French speaking users and covers three of the four official languages of the International Federation.

Our site can be found on FedNet, at <https://fednet.ifrc.org/>. If you are not yet signed up to FedNet, click on "Sign Me Up". Otherwise, click on Activities>Organizational Development>Reference Centre on Volunteering" to view our site.

More info: [Reference Centre on Volunteering](#)

Recommended documents from the Library of the Reference Centre

The following is a selection of recommended documents, available from the Library:

Overview of Trends and Strategic Issues

2003, IFRC, 5 pp. in English.
42k (PDF document).

Section: Key topics in volunteering

Brief overview of global trends in volunteering, including the effects of aging populations, the rise of religion and the spread of HIV.

Volunteer Management Systems Toolkit

American Red Cross, in English.
Web design document

Section: Links

A comprehensive collection of documents, compiled by the American Red Cross on volunteering from National Societies across the world.

Make it happen

2003, British Red Cross, in English
(PDF document)

Section: Management

[Making it Happen 1: Motivating, Recognising and Retaining Volunteers](#)

First instalment of a very readable and well-designed newsletter about using volunteers.

[Making it Happen 2: Supporting, Supervising and Developing Volunteers](#)

Second instalment of a very readable and well-designed newsletter about using volunteers.

[Making it Happen 3: Leading, Communicating with and Involving Volunteers](#)

Third and final instalment of a very readable and well-designed newsletter about using volunteers.

More info: FedNet: <http://fednet.ifrc.org>

Comparative study about the volunteer management in Europe

The Reference Centre has collated a comparative study on the volunteer management in 15 European National Societies. This study has been undertaken with contribution from the heads of volunteering in each National Society and incorporates key information about the national strategies/policies on volunteering, the way these National Societies finance their volunteer initiatives at both a national and regional level, the volunteer management cycle, the existence of disciplinary procedures, the average profile of a European volunteer, materials edited to provide information about the Red Cross, databases, training, etc.

This study is in its phase of validation by the National Societies that have taken part in it, and will be posted in the website of the Reference Centre on Volunteering next November.

More info: [Ferran Cobertera](#), Reference Centre on Volunteering

Forthcoming events

Global Meeting of Volunteers in Seoul

10 of November

Location: Seoul, Korea

The Federation Ad-Hoc Working Group on Volunteering is organizing a global meeting together with the Youth Commission on Thursday 10th November, from 10:00 to 15:00, in Seoul, just before the opening of the General Assembly of the Federation. National Societies volunteers in areas such as: Youth, Disaster Response and Community Development, leadership, etc., are invited to participate to discuss issues related to volunteers and the outcomes will be included in the final report of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Volunteering. Participants will also elect Federation Volunteers Award 2005.

More info: [Jean François Goulay](#), Secretariat focal point for volunteering

Volunteer's Symposium of the Austrian Red Cross

19 of November

Location: Klagenfurt, Carinthia, Austria

This meeting will discuss the latest developments in volunteering, how the Austrian Red Cross responds to these changes and what strategies other National Societies have formulated. The meeting will be presented in German.

More info: [Erika Hintermayr](#), Austrian Red Cross

European Red Cross and Red Crescent Regional Conference

From 24 to 27 of April, 2006

Location: Moscow

Next WENDOV meetings

From 8 to 20 of May, 2006

Location: Athens (Greece)

From 19 to 21 of October, 2006

Location: Holland

More info: [Marita Salo](#), Chair of WENDOV

Agreements of the last WENDOV meeting

The last meeting of the Western European Network for the Development of Volunteering (WENDOV), took place in Copenhagen from 13 to 15 of October., The main decisions that were adopted are the following:

To modify the name of the network and remove the western component that has been used up until now.

To invite to the next meeting not only members of the former WENDOV, but also National Red Cross Societies of those countries of recent access or in situation of pre-access to the European Union.

The open participation to the network to those National Societies whose countries are currently not members of the European Union, and that belong to the region Europe delimited by the IFRC.

During the meeting, the participants had the opportunity to identify their successes and challenges in the area of volunteering, and to exchange information about volunteering management implemented by the different National Societies following the events of the Tsunami.

This network is currently chaired by Marita Salo, Organizational Development Co-ordinator for the Finnish Red Cross.

More info: [Marita Salo](#), Chair of WENDOV

Volunteering in the European Red Cross and Red Crescent Regional Conference

The steering group of the Reference Centre on Volunteering has sent an e-mail to Lynette Lowndes (Head of the Europe Department in the Secretariat of the IFRC), with the aim of incorporating a feature about volunteering on the agenda of the Regional Conference, or to organise a parallel event for those interested in volunteering across Europe. This Conference will be held in Moscow next April.

In the next issue of the **e-newsletter on volunteering** we will provide an update on progress.

More info: [Roger Smith](#), Chair of the Reference Centre Project Team

We need you!

We want the E-newsletter on volunteering to reach a greater audience. Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested.

If you would like to include an interesting initiative from your National Society, please contact us (fch@cruzroja.es).



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