

# International Y News

## FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

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**International YMCA**  
SERVING THE WORLDS SINCE 1911

**Our Programs:** ICCP-Summer camp counselors, support staff Summer/Winter Work & Travel

Trainees/Interns, Global Teens, Go Global, Study Tours

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• **DO YOU KNOW.....**

Which capital city is also the headquarters for NATO?

- a) Frankfurt
- b) Munich
- c) Florence
- d) Brussels

• Afrikaans, English and 9 Bantu languages make up the 11 official languages of which country?

- a) S. Africa
- b) Nigeria
- c) Mozambique
- d) Ghana

• Unscramble these cities:

- a) RIAMDD
- b) ASTGNOLA
- c) TEMMARADS

## THE SUMMER CAMP SEASON WILL SOON BE HERE! ARE YOU READY?

### TIPS FOR YOUR TRIP!

1. Schedule your visa appointment at the Embassy right away and notify your recruiter of your visa status immediately.
2. Arrange your travel to the US as soon as you are granted the visa. Verify designated airport before purchase of air ticket.
3. Take care of your preexisting health issues. Fill prescriptions before traveling.
4. Consider purchasing additional insurance for pre-existing medical issues.
5. Maintain regular communication with your camp director once you have been secured a placement.
6. Notify your recruiter and camp director of any changes
7. Pack what you can carry. A backpack is easier to carry.
8. Make two copies of your documents. Leave one at home and take one with you and keep in a safe location away from your originals.



### RETURNING TO CAMP

If you are interested in returning to camp, contact your former Camp Director for availability and tell them you would like to be sponsored once again by ICCP.

To access the On-line application visit the web site:

[www.internationalymca.org/ICCP/DirectPlacement/Direct\\_Placement.shtml](http://www.internationalymca.org/ICCP/DirectPlacement/Direct_Placement.shtml)



### ICCP-50 Years!

International Camp Counselor Program, is celebrating 50 years! Recruiting in close to seventy countries around the world annually results in bringing 3000 young internationals to US camps and conference centers to serve as counselors, program specialists and for support roles in food service, offices and maintenance.

ICCP has been building global citizens in the US and abroad since 1959!



The **YMCA Trainee Program** is offering a twelve to eighteen month Training Program to social service professionals from around the world. The International YMCA remains committed to promoting international understanding through professional development and cross cultural exchange.

### Requirements

- A bachelors degree/diploma level in a social services related field of study.
- Interest in skill building and professional development in the United States
- Able to understand academic training and professional identity well enough to communicate professional concepts with American colleagues
- International Driver's License

**For more information about this program contact your local recruiter.**

## Go Global

**Go Global** is accepting applications for volunteers 18+ looking to travel abroad, two weeks to two years, to do service with a YMCA or other NGO. Program fee is \$775 and includes room and board for the duration of the program and insurance for the first four weeks of the program (\$14.50/week fee for insurance charged after first four weeks). GG volunteers fully immerse themselves in the culture of their host countries.

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"YMCA Dispatch" highlights a YMCA program in one of 120 countries to let you know the other wonderful things YMCAs are up to.

### YMCA Italy, Founded 1851

**Stefano Tomarelli**  
**National General Secretary**  
[www.ymca.it/](http://www.ymca.it/)

For Jazz lovers...Since 2005 YMCA Italy has been promoting the arts in a very unique way, through jazz. The Y's Jazz Club offers fine dining and great jazz on the Terrace of the Hotel Le Dune in Catania, southern Italy. The Club is managed by YMCA Mediterraneo, a local association. Jazz has traditionally been very popular in the south where the first immigrants to the US were from.

Y's Jazz Club features local and international jazz performers on Friday and Saturday evenings.

For more information:  
<http://www.ysjazzclu.it/locale.html>

## Our Volunteers Make a Difference

There are currently eighteen young people serving as volunteers at the International YMCA, many as work-study students! Most are students at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) in Manhattan and became involved this past Fall as the result of a partnership formed with the International YMCA. Others are not, like **Anabay Sullivan**, a college graduate (Columbia University) who enjoys the multicultural environment at the Y.

**Nathalie Gilles**, a junior majoring in international studies at City College of NY, says she has gained an



L-R: **Ronald Yan, Imade Idusuy, Nakieta Sales,**

understanding of the dynamics of the Y's many cultural exchange programs.

**Kelvin Eng**, IT director, says of *and making things better*.

Ronald, "*He is a hard worker, always looking for ways to be helpful*"

*I feel I push him to his limits and, each time, he meets the challenge.*" Ronald contributes to web site changes, improvements to the data base and does computer repairs for the International

Branch. Others are involved with teen outbound programs, Work & Travel, Finance Department, and

ICCP. They do a lot to assist the full-time staff and learn a lot in the process. Like Ronald, and as noted often by the staff, "*they make a huge difference!*"

## Amarilis Soler—Staff Profile

**Amarilis Soler** has been with the International YMCA for

20 years! The Director of International Programs for the last five years, she has served also as Assistant Director of the International Camp Counselor Program (ICCP), relating to the southeast US region, and as Director of Overseas Relations.

*"At the core of everything for me," she said, "is what we do for young people. There are so many opportunities to help them develop*

Amarilis is originally from the Dominican Republic. She lives in the Bronx (NYC) with her husband, **Fermin**, and their two children, **Elena**, 6, and **Enrique**, 4 years old.

With a smile on her face, she says, "*I love that we bring people together to make the world a better*".



**Amarilis Soler, director of international programs and with the Branch for 20 years**

### It's a Boy!

Heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Refky and his wife Ayat on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Reda. Dr. Refky is a volunteer of YMCA Egypt and has been an ICCP recruiter for more than 10 years.