

## 29th S.I. CONFERENCE Piaski - POLAND



## DAILY NEWSLETTER

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Saturday 18th. August 2012  
Daily Conference Summary &  
Delegate Comments, ideas.

### **“Everybody welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> Servas International Conference”**

Pablo Chufeni, International Youth Coordinator – Pablo who was at the youth conference in Poland in the last week has had to leave to go back to Argentina, as his mother is unwell. We are sad and miss you. Our thoughts are with you! He also delegated 3 youth from that youth conference to represent him in the next few days. So keep your eyes out for them! They will be doing a presentation!

**Remember mark your folders with your NAME.**

**- Group photographs happening after the first morning session – so make sure you are looking stunning!!!**

**- Don't loose your room key – where are you going to keep it????**

**- Talk to Andrzej if you are interested in Kayaking.**

*If opportunity does not knock, build a door.*

**War is never right, it's always what's left.**

**INTERPRETERS** – We need more volunteers to interpret - everyone should get a fair chance to get kayaking!!

**El movimiento se muestra andando.**

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.

**NEWSLETTER** - We need more volunteers for the newsletter. Come on you know you want to do it.

Please put your articles into the envelope by the door.

#### **COUNTRIES WITHOUT LOI STAMPS**

Please see Mirek (MW the treasurer for Servas International).

**Let us make a special effort to stop communicating with each other so we can have some face to face conversation.**

#### **Quotes of the day:**

**You can't have everything; where would you put it?**

**Some people like my advice so much, they frame it up on the wall instead of using it.**

First day of the GA ended.

Today's program was mainly designed to get to know the participants and setting meetings / discussions outside the official program of the conference.

The number of participants is about 150 people (the exact number hasn't been published yet) delegates, participants and local volunteers.

There was a meeting of representatives of countries funded by the SI. Those are countries with low income from travelers.

The meeting decision was to collect impressions, problems, contributions ... from these countries for the daily newspaper of the conference. Claudia Sagi from Israel volunteered to do it.

#### **Idioms, not idiots!**

**Vísteme despacio porque estoy apurado.**

**Or, Haste makes waste. Useful things to remember at the beginning of a conference - Michael Silbert**

By: ☞ Demelza (Malawi), Lucy (Spain), Suzanne (Canada), Sophia (Guatemala) and Gustavo (Bolivia).

#### **SI Volunteers needed**

National leaders familiar with SERVAS, interviewing, hosting, travelling and Servas International expectations are needed as distant Interviewers or mentors for new developing Servas countries or to act as partners for those beginning Servas countries.

#### **Feelings from an observer**

Being in Warsaw for the first time – a wonderful surprise, how calm, clean and beautiful it is. How friendly the hosts were. Coming to this meeting, it's a pleasure to meet people, especially those I met in other Servas meetings. I can put a face with a smile to many new countries in the world. I'm eager to know what's going on, what decisions and friendships are being born. -Jocelyne, Reunion.



**Two gorgeous women. Who are they?**