

IBCR NEWS BRIEF

Welcome to another edition of our informal newsletter, *IBCR NEWS BRIEF*, which is published on an occasional basis to share with you some of the happenings and developments at the IBCR.

These newsletters aim to bring you up to date on our successes, projects, introduce you to some of our collaborators and summarize for you our more important meetings.

We hope that you will once again enjoy this relaxed and easy-to-read bulletin that gives you an open window into the everyday world of the IBCR.



Part of the summer 2008 team of interns

Working behind the scenes

The IBCR's solid reputation as a respected and dynamic international organization dedicated to children's rights would be unthinkable without the many interns who work behind the scenes each year at the Bureau with dedication.

Due to the nature of our work, IBCR receives many demands for internship positions. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate all of those who wish to be a part of our team, and on average retain **30 percent of the internship applications** submitted to us. From those, we select interns that we feel are best fitting our mandate and who bring skills that meet our needs. In exchange of we offer a hands-on experience in the field of children's rights within the context of their area of study.

IBCR is now able to accommodate **up to 9 interns at the same time**. In 2008 alone, IBCR welcomed more than 25 students graduate and undergraduate studying in various disciplines including International Law, Criminology, Victimology, Law, International Relations, Political Science, Public Relations, and much more.

Under the guided supervision of our staff, each intern is given the opportunity to strengthen their skills, apply the knowledge they have acquired in school and gain in-depth insight on the issue of children's rights. Inspired by IBCR'S mandate, these students, from North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia generously give **three to nine months** of their time to contribute to the projects of the IBCR and help moving them forward.

The interns benefit from the support and years of experience of our permanent team, who give ongoing feedback and advice to the students throughout their internship. Every staff member participates in the supervision of interns to ensure that they are achieving the goals that they set out for themselves and those set out by the organization. It is a fruitful and enriching collaboration for both, with the interns gaining experience and developing their capacities, and IBCR benefiting from their motivated and eager spirit to see children's rights respected worldwide.

The IBCR is proud of the work achieved by its interns and applauds their transformation from students of the rights of the child to **ambassadors** of the cause. Here at the Bureau, we feel confident that the fight for children's rights has a strong and hopeful future based on the talent and commitment that has come through our doors.

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