



# International Pen Friends

Write Around the World!

## SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE

### Greetings!

Today it is possible to reach into the hearts and homes of people in almost every country in the world. It is a unique and wonderful achievement to be able to learn how others live, to participate in their hobbies and interests and perhaps at a later date, to exchange visits with them and to share the joy of real friendship.

The aim of International Pen Friends (IPF) is to provide a channel of communication for people of all nations, so they can learn to understand, respect and live in harmony with each other. Since IPF was founded in 1967, we have processed over 1.5 million application forms and our services are available in **English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese**. Our youngest member is 8 years of age. Our oldest member was born in 1920. We recognise that teachers and students have a vital role to play in the development of international friendship. To make this potential a reality, we have devised our Special Student Services, which are the most comprehensive in the world.

**S1 Service:** For **10** students, aged 10-17  
Each student receives a list of 4 names and addresses of IPF members in their age group. (Please complete Section S1 overleaf). **The name and home address of each student in the school group will also be passed to 10 other club members during the year.** This provides the best opportunity for **each** student to gain many pen friends. To enable us to provide this 'back up' service, Form No 700E must be completed and sent to us. The lists are sent to the teacher for distribution to the students.

**S2 Service:** For **20** students, aged 10-17  
This is the same as the S1 Service, except that **TWO** of the Form 700E must be completed and sent to us.

**S3 Service:** For **30** students, aged 10-17  
This is the same as the S1 Service, except **THREE** of the Form 700E must be completed and sent to us.

**M1/M2 Service:** IPF's full-colour international magazine, *People & Places*. The magazine provides information on all aspects of IPF's activities and is a fun and informative way to stay in touch with the pen friend world. Subscribers are entitled to submit articles, photographs, etc for publication. **There is an award of US\$200 for the best item published in each edition.**

**B1 Service:** IPF's special booklet on letter writing and pen friends hints. The booklet has been written for members of all ages to help enhance their pen friend experience.

**Teachers** can participate in our adult services that are detailed on Form 101. Teachers who enrol school classes with us are entitled to a 50% discount off adult admission rates.

Through the pen friend hobby, students have the opportunity to learn not only good writing techniques and develop their existing hobbies, but can also gain a deeper understanding of such subjects as: History, Geography, Music, Languages, Commerce, Literature and Art. Above all, they have the opportunity to discover the cultures of foreign lands and as friendship develops between correspondents, the possibility of exchange visits can be explored, adding yet another dimension to the pen friend experience.

IPF respects the privacy of all members and the information we request on the application form is only used for the purpose of providing our pen friend service. Please contact us if you would like a copy of our Privacy Policy.

IPF was founded on 7 April 1967 in Dublin, Ireland by Neil O'Donnell who remained President until 31 January 2001 when he retired. On 1 February 2001 IPF relocated to Australia under the leadership of Julie Delbridge. Julie has tremendous enthusiasm for the pen friend hobby, having joined IPF in 1979 and becoming the Australian Coordinator in 1982.

In order to give you the largest variety of correspondents, we have appointed over 400 Club Agents worldwide and we are represented on the Internet. We use the latest computer equipment to provide you with an efficient and accurate service. We hope that you will join us, and by your honest and sincere correspondence that you will encourage international harmony and find many true friends among "International Pen Friends".

Yours sincerely  
Ann Van Olmen  
IPF Representative

Please Note: Members should allow approximately 5-6 weeks for the return of their list of pen friends.

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