

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON COUPLE AND FAMILY RELATIONS
Charitable Incorporated Organisation
UK registered charity no. 1192742

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The ICCFR CIO has been a registered charity in the UK since December 2020, as successor to the ICCFR Trust, a registered UK charity since 2003.

The Objects of the CIO are described in its Constitution:

- *To advance the education of the public in the social sciences and in particular in matters concerning family and interpersonal relationships. And*
- *To achieve such other objects which are charitable within the laws of England and Wales as may be determined by the Trustees.*

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the CIO in promoting the Objects.

The ICCFR CIO's Trustees are required to hold three Meetings per year either electronically or in person; Trustees are appointed for a 4-year term of office – the following were in office during 2023:

- *Claire Barnes (USA)*
- *John Goodchild (UK)*
- *Sarah Hawker (Italy)*
- *Gerlind Richards MBE (UK) – Chair*
- *Philip Richards (UK) - Treasurer*
- *Anita Rodarte (USA)*
- *Dr. Robert Simon (USA)*
- *Suzie S Thorn Esq (USA)*

Anne Berger (USA) as Honorary Assistant Treasurer manages the CIO's US accounts.

ICCFR CIO is supported by five Patrons:

John Chambers OBE (UK)
Professor Marie-Claire Foblets (Belgium),
Sir Mathew Thorpe (UK),
Suzie S Thorn Esq (USA),
Professor Sabine Walpers (Germany).

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❖ Trustees and Positions:

At the AGM in January 2023, Trustees Douglas Alexiou (Chair) and Anne Berger concluded their term of office. Anne Berger agreed to continue to manage the CIO's US accounts as Hon. Assistant Treasurer of ICCFR. Gerlind Richards MBE was elected as Chair of Trustees at the AGM. John Goodchild (UK) joined as Trustee in May 2023. The CIO held its three statutory meetings, two of these by electronic means (Zoom) including the January AGM. The third meeting was held in person in Newport, Wales in May 2023 attended by some of the Trustees via Zoom link. Moreover, the Trustees met regularly in the more informal context of the ICCFR Council Meetings, also held by Zoom.

❖ Achievement of Objectives and Donations:

2023 saw the consolidation of ICCFR's structural and strategic development. In May, ICCFR held its first in-person conference at the headquarters of the UK organisation Care for the Family in Newport (Wales), with a number of notable keynote and workshop presenters. The conference theme was "The family offers a lifetime foundation to build resilience and elasticity".

In the autumn ICCFR hosted a webinar, taking up the theme of refugees again, this time from the perspective of the level of treatment the families receive.

At the beginning of the year, ICCFR launched its new website which proved an indispensable tool to publicise its plans and events.

In the course of the year, Trustees have taken on leading roles in ICCFR's activities, chairing its Council and Standing Committees. Outreach initiatives renewing historic connections with organisations and people around the world met with positive responses and have encouraged further volunteer participation in both Council and the Standing Committees. The ICCFR Council is currently composed of participants from nine different countries around the world encompassing a broad spectrum of the professions and organisations whose work has relationship support for families and couples as its focus. The Council holds regular Zoom meetings about every other month whilst its Standing Committees are scheduled to meet in the intervening months. As ICCFR relies almost entirely on volunteer work supported only by one part-time administrator, dividing up the different areas of responsibility allows a narrower focus and a faster pace of work.

Substantial grants to the CIO from the Government of Flanders and from the Government of Germany (now through the German national organisation AGF) were received in the course of the year. The Trustees are particularly obliged to Ms Karine Moykens (Flanders) and to Mr. Sven Iversen (Germany) who were instrumental in procuring these grants which were awarded to support ICCFR's educative objectives based on volunteer work, representing therefore designated funding.

Early in the year, ICCFR was again awarded a grant for 2023 from the Suzie S Thorn Family Foundation which has supported the charity since its foundation. The Trustees are very much indebted to Suzie S Thorn without whose support these contributions would not have been received.

❖ Future Plans:

For the coming year, ICCFR received an invitation to plan its annual conference in Malta. The Standing Committee for Programming in close collaboration with the Maltese authorities is developing plans for a conference on the theme "Intergenerational Perspectives in Families: Challenges and Opportunities" in November 2024.

Further webinars during the first half of the year are at the planning stage.

Identification of relevant content and developing plans for ICCFR activities, introducing new elements to the format of ICCFR events and updating and improving communications remain a priority. There was a consensus that in-person conferences are an essential element of ICCFR's work and identity but will henceforth need to be supplemented by online events and activities. Consolidating existing connections as well as forging new links will continue to be a priority in the coming year. All Trustees and Council Members will be involved in the effort to extend the ICCFR network and encourage active participation and support from newcomers.

Fund-raising aims and purposes for the long term remain:

- To allow sponsorship for ICCFR to mount a conference in a country where no local support can be expected;
- To provide funding for people working in one of the constituent areas of ICCFR wishing to benefit/learn from an ICCFR conference who are disadvantaged;
- To offer conference scholarships for younger post-graduates or researchers in one of the focal areas of the ICCFR's work
- To promote original research pertaining to a particular conference topic (such as the joint project with Queen's University Belfast in the past).

This concludes the Annual report for 2023 of the ICCFR CIO.

Gerlind Richards MBE

Chair – ICCFR CIO

London, January 2024

ICCFR CIO

Financial Report for financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. Financial position

At the end of 2023 the CIO held \$25,301 in the CIO's US bank account and £29,002 in the Barclays Community Account. This amounts to the equivalent of £48,864 (exchange rate calculated at \$1=£0.785).

Over 2023 to end of December the ICCFR CIO received a total of £15,094 in donations and grants. The ICCFR CIO provided £17,805 for the ICCFR CIO's administration, and £10,085 towards the costs of the 2023 conference in Wales. £3,089 was received in income for conference registrations.

2. Grants received and grants given

We are extremely grateful for the continuing support of both the German Government, contributing £1,953 and the Flemish Government, contributing £5,662 (pertaining to 2022 grant) and £5,455 (pertaining to 2023) towards the running costs of the ICCFR CIO. We are also very appreciative to the SS Thorn Family Foundation for their grant of £2,023 made during 2023.

3. Effects of foreign exchange

There have been considerable movements between GBP and USD for the full year with the US dollar weakening against GBP, the net impact being a reduction in cash value of £1,079 to the end of December.

Philip Richards FCA, Treasurer - ICCFR

January 2024

ICCFR CIO Statement of Financial Activities 31 December 2023

	Not e	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Incoming resources		£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary Income			
Government grants, donations and gifts		15,094	4,496
Conference registrations		3,089	-
Total Incoming Resources		18,183	4,496
Resources expended			
Costs of generating funds			
Fundraising: direct costs of events and department		-	-
Charitable activities			
Relief granted to individuals		-	-
Conference organisation and hosting		(10,085)	(660)
Donations		-	(100)
Total charitable activities		(10,085)	(760)
Governance costs	1	(17,805)	(5,797)
Total resources expended		(27,890)	(6,557)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before interest and foreign exchange		(9,707)	(2,061)
Interest received	2	203	39
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		(9,504)	(2,023)
Net movement of funds		(9,504)	(2,023)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		59,447	59,229
Effect of foreign exchange on deposits	3	(1,079)	2,241
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		48,864	59,447

Notes:

1. Governance costs are defined as Trustees expenses and CIO administration.
2. Represents interest from both US and UK accounts.
3. US bank accounts translated at year end rate 1 USD:0.785 GBP

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.
All funds are unrestricted in nature.

ICCFR CIO Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	48,864	59,447
Debtors	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS	48,864	59,447
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	48,864	59,447
Creditors	-	-
NET ASSETS	48,864	59,447
Represented by:		
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	48,864	59,447
Restricted funds	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	48,864	59,447