



**XING group "Global Mobility - Relocation & Lifestyles" - Group Newsletter No. 2**

Dear Expats, Global Nomads, Relocation Professionals & Global Mobility Experts:

Welcome to the 2nd Edition of our Global Mobility newsletter!

\*\*\*\*\* WHAT'S NEW? \*\*\*\*\*

---Members---

A lot has happened since the first edition in February. There are **45** new members. Please join us in welcoming them.

When we hit the magic mark of 100 members, we will have a little icebreaker game. More about that later.

---Newsletter---

Enjoy our two new featured articles!!

For the first year, we've decided to send out a Global Mobility newsletter on a bi-monthly basis, so that we can build a certain amount of "branding."

This is the simple text version of the newsletter. A color version is here [<http://relo.globaluse.com>]. Full versions of the articles are on the website as well. You'll also find the current/past events, recommended reading, useful links etc. we have below, as well as an archive of all newsletters and announcements.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, such as a link, an article or event information, please contact one of the moderators.

\*\*\*\*\* ABOUT XING GLOBAL MOBILITY\*\*\*\*\*

---Facts Sheet---

Total members: 85 (as of today)

No. of language spoken: 24 (In alphabetical order: Africans, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Marockanska, Norwegian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Suaheli, Swedish, Turkish)

First newsletter: February 2007

Group website: available (<http://relo.globaluse.com>)

Please do take a moment and introduce yourself to the rest of the members in the MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS section of the Forums. Let us know where you've lived, what your interests are, etc.

You'll find the Member Introductions in the Forums here: <https://www.xing.com/app/network?op=forums&tab=3&nam...>

Feel free to invite other XING members or friends and colleagues to our group.

\*\*\*\*\* FEATURED ARTICLE No. 1 \*\*\*\*\*

Your Personal "Best Place to Live"

-- By Russell Jones (moderator)

Once a global nomad, always a global nomad? Yes and no. At certain milestones in life, the question may emerge: Where should I settle down...at least in the mid-term? While the decision is only yours to

make, based on personal requirements, to help with this decision, there are renowned surveys and tools, such as the United Nations' annual "Human Development Index," as well as somewhat less analytical propositions. The article includes many amazingly useful and fun links.

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--> Read the entire article here: <http://relo.globaluse.com/article20070401.html>

\*\*\*\*\* FEATURED ARTICLE No. 2 \*\*\*\*\*

Expatriates Accompanied by Their Families

-- By Sophie Josuttis (moderator)

According to various statistics, says Andreas Frank, Swiss CEO of the Swiss employer's association (Präsident Arbeitgeber-Verband des Rheintals, CH), 50% of all relocations of executives fail because their families do not succeed in integrating into the new environment.

Statistics do not always represent the truth, but even 25% failing rate of executive's relocation would be much too many. This statistic sends a clear message: We should always consider the family in the expatriate's relocation.

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--> Read the entire article here: <http://relo.globaluse.com/article20070402.html>

\*\*\*\*\* EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

~~~~~ For Expats ~~~~~

GLOBAL: Meetup lists group meetings in cities around the world to help bring people with common interests together and promote the development of active local communities. Many meetups in the "Expat" category.

For more information, visit: <http://www.meetup.com>

~~~~~For Global HR/Relocation Professionals~~~~~

PORTUGAL, LISBON: "2007 Annual EuRA Conference," 19-20 April 2007

For more information, visit: <http://www.eura-relocation.com/>

LONDON, UK: "ERC Global Workforce Symposium - Europe," June 13-14, 2007

For more information, visit: <http://www.erc.org/>

USA, DALLAS: "GLOBAL HR NEWS CONFERENCE," 15 May 2007

For more information, visit: <http://www.globalhrnews.com>

USA, NEW YORK: "GLOBAL HR NEWS CONFERENCE," 23May 2007

For more information, visit: <http://www.globalhrnews.com>

USA, LAS VEGAS: "59th Annual SHRM Conference & Exposition," 24-27 June 2007

For more information, visit: <http://www.shrm.org/conferences/annual/>

\*\*\*\*\* GLOBAL HR TRAINING & CERTIFICATION \*\*\*\*\*

UK & USA: Globa Mobility Specialist (GMS) Program - Build Your Global Mobility Competencies

<http://www.erc.org/>

\*\*\*\*\* RECOMMENDED BOOKS & BLOGS\*\*\*\*\*

~~~~~ For Expats ~~~~~

"JUGAAD" BLOG , by Niti Bhan

<http://www.nitibhan.com/jugaad>

For more information on the author, a global nomad herself, Niti Bhan, go here: <http://www.nitibhan.com/about.html>

\*\*\*\*\* OTHER RESOURCES\*\*\*\*\*

~~~~~ For Expats ~~~~~

ACCORDING TO MY PASSPORT, I'M COMING HOME, by Kay Branaman Eakin

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/2065.pdf>

List of Expat resources, authored or compiled edited by Barbara F. Schaetti, Ph.D.

<http://www.transition-dynamics.com/resources.html>

Moving Matters: A Study of How to Help International Transferees Relocate

<http://www.interchangeinstitute.org/files/GraebelMovingMatte...>

~~~~~ For Global HR/Relocation Professionals ~~~~~

The IGM survey – Strategic trends in Global Mobility [pdf, 1.6 MB], published by the Institute for Global Mobility

on its website at [http://www.ey.com/GLOBAL/content.nsf/UK/Institute\\_for\\_Global...](http://www.ey.com/GLOBAL/content.nsf/UK/Institute_for_Global...)

\*\*\*\*\* RECOMMENDED XING DISCUSSIONS\*\*\*\*\*

"The Foreigner"

<https://www.xing.com/app/forum?op=showarticles&id=356220...>

\*\*\*\*\* LINKS \*\*\*\*\*

~~~~~ For All ~~~~~

GLOBAL: WORLD TIME

<http://www.worldtimeserver.com/> -- World Time Server provides correct and current time in any world time zone, country or major city

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/full.html> -- Current local times around the world

<http://www.worldtime.com/> -- an interactive world atlas and information on local time as well as sunrise and sunset times in several hundred cities worldwide.

GLOBAL: KIDS

<http://www.multilingualmunchkins.com/> -- a place for parents raising their children with more than one language.

[http://www.interchangeinstitute.org/html/second\\_language\\_tip...](http://www.interchangeinstitute.org/html/second_language_tip...) -- Tips for Parents to Help their Children Learn a New Language

<http://www.travelwithyourkids.com/> -- TravelWithYourKids is written by parents, for parents.

<http://www.ori-and-ricki.net/> -- For expat kids

~~~~~ For Expats ~~~~~

EUROPE: <http://www.relocation-professionals.net> -- a network of several European relocation service providers

link here (<http://>) - description

GERMANY: <http://www.howtogermy.com> -- A broad collection of helpful information for every expatriate coming to Germany

~~~~~ For Global HR/Relocation Professionals ~~~~~

link here (<http://>) - description

ALL: <http://www.globalhrnews.com> -- a website reporting on corporate Human Resources policy development and its implementation, and the professional corporate relocation industry's service-providers worldwide.

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