

Association des Programmes Universitaires Américains en France A.P.U.A.F.



NEWS – JULY 2011

JUNE CONFERENCE HELD: *TRANSATLANTIC VOICES & PERSPECTIVES*

Many thanks to Brian Whalen, President of the Forum on Education Abroad, for his informative and enjoyable June 17 workshop on the Standards of Good Practice which was attended by around 50 program directors and on-site staff in France. Brian's presentation is available to APUAF members on the web site; non-members who attended may request it via e-mail.

Note: If your institution is a member of the Forum on Education Abroad, you should be able to consult the online Toolbox containing a host of valuable materials and resources.

June 18 opened with stimulating talks by Philip Lewis, Vice-president of the Mellon Foundation and Brian Whalen who spoke about current trends in U.S. Undergraduate Education and Study Abroad, respectively. The first afternoon panel focused on the state of French language study in the U.S. and included a talk by Cathy Porter, 2009 president of the Modern Language Association who spoke about the role of translation studies and the 2007 MLA recommendations for the foreign language curriculum in the U.S. Other panelists were Monique Fecteau, Shoggy Waryn and Caroline Montel. The final session consisted of a round table discussion involving administrators and/or faculty from six different French institutions – Sciences Po, les Universités de Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne, IV-Sorbonne (CELSA) and VII-Diderot, Polytech-Université d'Orléans and l'Université d'Angers - who addressed their respective universities' internationalization efforts and the role of English as an instructional language in French higher education.

PowerPoint presentations, handouts, and texts of certain talks are available to members on the secured part of the APUAF web site.

Special thanks to the colleagues in France who contributed to the organization of the conference, notably Renée Pontbriand of Boston University and Brunhilde Biebuyck of Columbia-Reid Hall who graciously accepted to host this year's events.

2011-12 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The membership form for 2011-12 can be downloaded from the APUAF site (under *How to Join*). Dues are payable by check to APUAF and must be sent before the October 14 general assembly to the address on the form. There will be no increase in dues in 2011-12.

We welcome new members, notably French partner institutions who may become non-voting Affiliate Members and attend all APUAF events and workshops.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING 2011-12 APUAF EVENTS!

August 26 – Workshop on *On-site Orientation Programs*, led by Sylvie Toux and Edward Costello. This half-day workshop will take place at the IES-Paris center (77, rue Daguerre, 75014) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please send an e-mail to info@apuaf.org before July 15 to register for this workshop. A questionnaire will be sent to members via the Listserve.

October 14 – Fall General Assembly and Workshop on *Student Mental Health Issues*.

The next G.A. will be held at the BU center in Paris in the morning; details will be sent to members in September. After lunch, a team of professional counselors and clinical psychologists from International Counseling Services in Paris will lead a workshop from 2 to 6 p.m. on student mental health issues. To sign up for the workshop, please send an e-mail to info@apuaf.org.

December 9 - Workshop on *Disability Issues*, organized by Hannah Taïeb of CIEE-Paris. Detailed information and a sign-up sheet will be available at the October assembly.

Friday, March 16, 2012 – Annual Director's meeting, open to all programs in France. It will be held in Strasbourg and hosted by Raymond Bach at the Syracuse University center. Merci, Ray!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 1-August 23: American Cathedral in Paris Outreach

The American Cathedral in Paris seeks to reach out to students studying in Paris to offer a spiritual home while they are away. For more information, or if interested in helping to share information, please email Seminarian Assistant Joseph Mathews at jmathews@gts.edu

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REMINDER : BULLETIN BOARD

If you posted job descriptions or other announcements on the Bulletin Board and the positions have been filled, please contact Renée Pontbriand at info@apuaf.org to request that they be removed. Remember that the Bulletin Board is public information and that announcements remain on the site until we are instructed to remove them by the posters. Contactez-nous!

APUAF SUMMER SCHEDULE

We will be taking a break from mid-July to mid-August and respond to any e-mails or requests to post announcements after August 15th. Please send any postings to Renée before July 15th.

BONNES VACANCES & EXCELLENT ETE A TOUTES ET A TOUS!