

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



NEWS – NOVEMBER 2011

FOLLOW-UP GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF OCTOBER 15

Many thanks to the fifty or so colleagues who attended the October 15 meeting held at the BU center in Paris and also to Renée Pontbriand and her staff for hosting us and organizing the day. The Power Point presentation is available on the members-only site and we welcome any feedback or additional suggestions since the meeting.

As announced, APUAF has 58 institutional members, and we are pleased to welcome the following new members and their representatives in 2011-12:

- Brethren Colleges Abroad – Strasbourg
- IES – Nantes
- Mount Holyoke in Montpellier
- Paris Language & Solutions

WORKSHOP ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: INTERNATIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES

We also wish to thank Dr. Mia Vieyra and the seven other mental health professionals from ICS for a stimulating afternoon session devoted to our students' mental health needs during their time abroad and appropriate ways of addressing these sensitive issues.

Dr. Linda Brimm, one of the panellists and counselors, will be presenting her book *Global Cosmopolitans* at the American Library on November 9 at 7:30 p.m. Click on the link below for details.

<http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org/calendar-of-events/details/747-evenings-with-an-author-linda-brimm.html>

WEB SITE – CALL FOR BIDS

One of this year's projects is the creation of a new web site for which we welcome proposals and ideas. Our "model" is the site of our sister association in Spain (www.apune.org), but we are open to suggestions and ideas. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal and bid should send an e-mail entitled APUAF Web Site Proposal to info@apuaf.org by **December 1 at the latest**. Any questions should be sent to this address before the deadline.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING 2011-12 APUAF EVENTS!

Friday, December 2 – Workshop/Discussion Group on *Adjunct Instructors & Pedagogical Challenges in Study Abroad.*

Time & place: 9h30 – 13h at CEA Center (4-6, rue de Braque, 75003 Paris)

Organized by Scott Blair of CEA-Paris, this event will adopt a “town-hall” format and focus on identifying and discussing key issues such as the academic expectations of instructors, students and administrators; French versus U.S. approaches to teaching; faculty training; the use of IT; integrated field trips, and other cross-cultural issues that arise when students are faced with non-U.S. instructors and approaches to learning.

To sign up: Send an e-mail entitled Dec 2 Workshop to info@apuaf.org by November 25.

Friday, February 10, 2012 – Workshop on *Dealing with Disability in Study Abroad.*

Time & place: 9h30-13h at CIEE-Paris (37bis, rue du Sentier, 75002)

Co-organized by Hannah Taieb (CIEE-Paris) and Amy Tondu (Middlebury-Paris).

Details will be available in January and interested participants should sign up by February 1.

Friday, March 16, 2012 – Annual Resident Directors’ meeting in Strasbourg (all day) Saturday, March 17, 2012 – General Assembly (morning)

Workshop details will be available in early February and posted on the web site. The agenda for the March 17 meeting will be sent in mid-February.

Friday, October 12, 2012 – General Assembly (morning) & Workshop (afternoon) at University of Chicago Center in Paris

OTHER EVENTS

Saint John’s University – Invited Speaker Stephen Clarke

Mr. Clarke is the author of the surprise hit “A Year in the Merde”, in which he recounts the adventures of an Englishman in Paris. He is also the author of non-fiction titles such as “1000 Years of Annoying the French” and “Paris Revealed: The Secret Life of a City.”

Please join us for this special event as Mr. Clarke speaks about his experiences in Paris. For our students studying abroad, this lecture will be a humorous and lively recounting of life abroad and cross-cultural experiences.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.

Where: St. John’s University Paris Campus, 93 rue de Sèvres, 75006 Metro: Vaneau

RSVP to Jean-Christophe Trentinella: trentinj@stjohns.edu

CEA-Paris Student Conference on Friday, December 9

When: Friday, December 9 (morning)

Where: CEA Center, 4-6 rue de Braque, 75003 Paris Metro: Rambuteau

CEA Paris is pleased to announce the second edition of its Student Conference “Reflections Abroad: Perspectives on Culture, Identity & Self.” As we mentioned at the October AG, we would like to extend an invitation to students, faculty and administrators in the Study Abroad community in France to both make session proposals and to attend the event on Friday, December 9th 2011.

This conference is organized by CEA students and while we anticipate and hope that most of the presenters will be students from the APUAF community, we also encourage faculty and staff currently working on research topics or interested in sharing their reflections to submit proposals.

We ask that you please extend this call for proposals to your undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff. The opportunity to present to a public audience encourages students to reflect upon a particular aspect of their study abroad experience, and gives them valuable experience in articulating and sharing the results of their research, artistic creations and cultural analyses. Please join us in encouraging students to submit proposals, according to the guidelines in the attached documentation. Thank you!

Feel free to contact Elisa Dordevic in French or in English at Elisa.Dordevic@GoWithCEA.com with any inquiries.

REMINDER : BULLETIN BOARD & LISTSERVE

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. If you wish to be added to the members-only Listserve, please contact Renée.