

International Programs Events and Activities

2003-2004

Visitor from the Metropolitan Technological University of Santiago, Chile (UTEM), July/August 2004

Mr. Rene Villalobos, Professor of English, Director of the English Language Certificate Course and Director of UTEM Ministry of Education Grant for reforming English Language Instruction.

Delegation from Kasetsart University, Thailand, July 2004

Three representatives from Kasetsart University visited UM to explore areas for future cooperation. The trip was organized by Professors Maureen Fleming and Ray Murray.

Delegation to Cork, Ireland and Potsdam, Germany, June 2004

Dean Jerry Fetz and Professors Mehrdad Kia and Robert Hausmann visited University College Cork in Republic of Ireland to explore and negotiate the possibility of an exchange relationship. The group also visited the University of Potsdam in Germany for the signing of the exchange agreement.

Delegation to France, June 2004

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry accompanied President Dennison, Chris Anderson and Michel Valentin on a visit to four universities in France to negotiate new partnerships for UM. Marja also visited the University of Granada in Spain.

Conference - Georgia-U.S.A. Relations: A Dialogue between Georgian and American Scholars, June 1 - June 2, 2004 Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa, Tbilisi, Georgia

A two-day conference co-hosted by Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa and The University of Montana. The conference included the opening ceremony of the Montana Room - A Center for American Studies attended by Richard Miles, the United States Ambassador to Republic of Georgia.

Delegation to Kazakhstan, May 2004

Professor Mehrdad Kia accompanied Senator Conrad Burns, Representative Dennis Rehberg and others on a trip to Kazakhstan. The trip included meetings with Kazakhstan's Ministry of Education and the rectors of Kazakh National Pedagogical University and Eurasian National University.

NAFSA 56th Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, May 2004

Barbara Seekins and Meghan Squires represented the International Programs at the conference.

Visitor from Charles Sturt University, Australia, May 2004

Ms. Nuala Grundy, Coordinator for Study Abroad and Exchanges

Delegation of German Fulbright Scholars, May 2004

Five visitors from various universities in Germany came to UM as part of the Seminar for

International Education Administrators. IP's Barbara Seekins organized the visit and accompanied the German visitors during their stay.

Farewell Party, May 2004

International Programs held a farewell party for departing IP-sponsored students and scholars. Campus community and UM outgoing exchange students were invited.

Visitor from University of Joensuu, Finland, April 2004

Mr. Petri Lintunen, Director of Administration

Lecture - Oil, Democracy, and Islam by John Fox, Director for Central Asia and the Caucasus, U.S. State Department, April 2004

Sponsored by the International Programs, The Central Asia & Caspian Basin Program and the World Affairs Council of Montana.

Model Arab League Conference, April 2004

The 9th Annual Northern Rockies Model Arab League was co-sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations and the International Programs.

International Week, March 2004

A week of lectures, films, presentations and performances held annually and aimed at internationalizing campus. This year the event took place in conjunction with Expanding Horizons: A week of U.S. - Muslim cultural understanding, which was co-sponsored by the International Programs and the Muslim Student Association.

Election to ISEP Council of Advisors, March 2004

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry was elected to represent The University of Montana in the Council of Advisors of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). The ISEP Council of Advisors is made up of 15-20 representatives from 130 member universities around the world.

American Studies Training, Spring 2004

Training of two Georgian Scholars from Tbilisi Institute of Asia & Africa and Kutaisi State University sponsored by a U.S. Department of State Freedom Support Grant.

Training of Kyrgyz Administrators from Naryn State University, Kyrgyzstan, Spring 2004

Pakistan Teacher Education and Professional Development Program

January - March, 2004: 21 administrators

May - August, 2004: 26 science teachers

The program is co-sponsored by USAID and the International Programs.

International Center Open House, December 2003

The campus community and IP-sponsored students and scholars visited the new location for some holiday cheer.

Lecture - Conservation of Rainforests in Chile: *Water Production, Salmon Farming and Sports Fishing* by Professor Antonio Lara, Universidad Austral de Chile, November 2003

International Education Week, November 2003

A week of lectures, films, presentations and performances held annually, which focuses on one region of the world. The theme was Latin America.

Pre-departure Orientation for Study Abroad Students, November 2003, April 2004

A workshop held twice annually to prepare students who will be studying abroad on UM's study abroad programs. Topics covered include: health and safety, visa issues, credit transfer, and cultural adjustment. The workshop is organized and led by Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry.

Conference - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) First All-Member Symposium in Monterrey, Mexico, October 2003

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry traveled to Monterrey, Mexico, to attend ISEP All-Member Symposium.

Lecture - *Chechnya Diary: A War Correspondent's Story of Surviving the War in Chechnya* by Thomas Goltz, October 2003

Co-sponsored by the International Programs and the World Affairs Council of Montana.

Delegation to Korea and Japan, October 2003

President Dennison and Professors Kia and Hausmann visited Ajou University, Kangnung National University and Andong National University in Korea as well as Toyo University, Meisei University and Sophia University in Japan.

Re-Entry Meeting, September 2003

An event held for all returned study abroad students to share their experiences with other students who have been abroad, get support in difficulties with re-adjusting to life in the U.S., and learn about how they can put their overseas experience to work.

Study Abroad Fair, September 2003, February 2004

An event held twice annually in the UC atrium for students to get information about study abroad opportunities offered at UM.

International Brown Bag Lecture Series, September, 2003 - April, 2004

Presentations given twice a month by faculty on international topics and projects.

International Programs (IP) moves to Linguistics Building, facilitating the integration of IP and English Language Programs (ELP), the building is renamed International Center, July 2003.