See you in Montreal!

The Arcadia contingent at NAFSA will be 20-strong and we are pleased to have a wide diversity of staff members in attendance, including program coordinators, resident directors, assistant directors, and our President, Dr. Jerry Greiner. Dr. Greiner will be in Montreal to receive the Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization on behalf of Arcadia University. In order to take advantage of our overseas staff, in particular, we will be hosting a series of country-specific informational sessions at the NAFSA conference. The sessions are a good opportunity to meet and talk with our overseas and domestic staff and we enthusiastically invite you to come to one or several! Space is limited, so please let us know if you plan to attend a session by contacting Michelle Brito at britom@arcadia.edu or 215-572-4077. All sessions will take place at the conference room of the Hotel Bonaparte (446 Rue Saint-Francois-Xavier Montreal, QC H2Y 2T1 in Old Montreal). The schedule is outlined below.

Monday, 22 May  3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  UK - Outside of London Programs
Tuesday, 23 May  9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  Italy
Tuesday, 23 May  10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  UK - London Programs
Tuesday, 23 May  3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  Spain
Wednesday, 24 May  9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  Ireland
Wednesday, 24 May  10:15 -11:00 a.m.  Spain
Wednesday, 24 May  3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  New Zealand
Thursday, 25 May  10:00 - 10:45 a.m.  Greece
Thursday, 25 May  3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  Australia
Thursday, 25 May  4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  Italy

For those who are unable to attend an informational session but would still like to meet with one of our overseas or domestic staff members, we encourage you to contact us via the message board in the conference hall or individually by e-mail (either before or during the conference). We look forward to seeing you in Montreal!

ARCADIA IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA: Program is Awarded Fulbright-Hays Grant for Second Year in a Row

Arcadia University was recently awarded an $80,000 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) grant for our fall 2006 study abroad program on Bioko Island in Equatorial Guinea. This grant allows for a number of program initiatives, including international flight and housing scholarships which will be available to participating students. Additional need-based scholarships may also be available to qualified applicants.

The Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, in conjunction with the Universidad Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial (UNGE), offers a unique opportunity to study tropical conservation and cultural studies in Equatorial Guinea Through intensive academic coursework, field study and service-learning, the program provides an in-depth opportunity for students to learn about and experience a part of Africa that is not often the focus in African studies and that exemplifies the changing nature of culture within and across national boundaries.

The program is open to all students with a sincere interest in biodiversity conservation. It may be especially attractive to biology, science, language, area studies, international development and/or international relations majors. There is still space available for fall 2006. Please contact Julia Levy, Assistant Director, at levyj@arcadia.edu for more information.

ARCADIA IN ITALY: Academic Director Named at Accademia Italiana in Florence and Rome

Dr. Rolf Bagemihl, has been appointed Academic Director for the Arcadia program courses that are taught in Florence and Rome – the two sites where Arcadia partners with Accademia Italiana. Dr. Bagemihl has been on the faculty of the Accademia Italiana for 6 years and has taught at both American and Italian institutions for over a decade. Dr. Bagemihl earned his Ph.D. in Art History from New York University’s Institute of Fine Arts and has published extensively on the topics of Italian art and literature.

ARCADIA IN SPAIN: Spanish Language Program to be offered at the Barcelona Center for Education Abroad

In order to assure the quality of instruction as well as students’ progress in Spanish language courses in Barcelona, the administration of language courses will be shifted from the University of Barcelona to the Barcelona Center for Education Abroad beginning fall semester 2006. Courses will be offered at 6 levels (from beginner to superior) and entry into the various levels will be contingent upon the results of a placement exam. Students will earn 6 semester hours of credit and the courses will be taught by faculty at the BCEA. Please contact Paige Wilson, Program Coordinator for Spain and Greece Programs at wilsonp@arcadia.edu for more information.

ARCADIA IN U.K.: London Internship Deadlines

Due to increased interest in the London internship program and the need for additional “lead time” in order to secure high-quality placements, we have moved up our application deadlines for this program. The new deadlines are:

1st Oct for spring
1st April for fall
1st March for summer

We hope that this shift in dates will help us serve your students more effectively. Please inform interested students of this change. Inquiries may be directed to Brandyn Muller, Program Coordinator for London and Wales Programs, at mullerb@arcadia.edu.
ARCADIA RESPONDS TO STUDENT TRAVEL NEEDS WITH A “BOUQUET” OF SERVICES

In an effort to provide the best possible service to students, Arcadia now assists students by recommending a range of travel options, beyond the traditional group flight. Arcadia University partners with StudentUniverse.com, a discount student travel organization located in the Boston area, to provide access to discounted student fares. The Student Universe website will recommend a travel plan for each program, which may include: (1) a group flight with pre-reserved seats; (2) a recommended flight that students should book individually; or (3) a Student Universe search engine that will assist students in identifying the best flight options. Please contact Rich Conroy, Travel and Logistical Coordinator, with any questions or concerns (conroyr@arcadia.edu).

GRADUATE PROGRAMS ABROAD TO BE PHASED OUT OF ARCADIA’S PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad has, reluctantly, made the decision to phase out graduate recruitment. We currently have a small number of applications for the 2006/2007 academic year and we will continue to serve these students now and throughout their program. We will not, however, be accepting applications beyond the 2006/2007 academic year. Please direct any questions or concerns to Julia Levy, Assistant Director, at levyj@arcadia.edu.

STANDARDIZED CODING SYSTEM FOR TRANSCRIPTS

Beginning in January 2006, the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad standardized the manner in which we transcribe course code and course numbers for all courses accredited by Arcadia University. The course title and number of credits awarded have remained unaffected. This change reflects a new database system which has been brought on line this year.

The new standardized coding system only affects those international programs whose coursework has been accredited, governed and reviewed by Arcadia University. As in the past, Arcadia University will continue to adopt the course coding system as transcribed by our overseas, accredited program sites. Course codes will now be presented on an Arcadia University transcript, using the following logic:

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Thus, a course titled “History and Politics of Modern Italy”, taught at the 300-level becomes: UMBR HSPS350

Please direct questions to David Rudd, Acting Director of Student Services, at rudd@arcadia.edu.

Staff Comings, Goings, and Reassignments

We are pleased to announce that Lorna Stern, former Director of Student Services has taken on the newly-defined role of Director of Institutional Relations on 17 April 2006. David Rudd, Associate Director of Student Services has graciously agreed to serve as Acting Director of Student Services until a permanent Director of Student Services has been named.

We were sorry to say goodbye to John Wells, Director of Enrollment Management and Wendy Eisenberg, Program Coordinator for Scotland and Northern England. We wish both John and Wendy success in their new endeavors.

Searches are currently underway for the following positions:

1. Chief Academic Officer for the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad.
2. Director of Student Services for the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad.

Detailed information about both of these positions can be found on the Arcadia University’s website.