Arcadia Updates

SEE YOU IN MINNEAPOLIS!

The Arcadia contingent at NAFSA will be nearly 20-strong and we are pleased to have a wide diversity of staff members in attendance, including program coordinators, resident directors (see below), assistant directors, Arcadia University President, Dr. Jerry Greiner, and Barbara McHugh, Vice Director of the Accademia Italiana in Florence. In order to take advantage of the presence 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 reserve your space early by contacting Michelle Brito at britom@arcadia.edu or 215-572-4077. All sessions will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel (35 South 7th St, Minneapolis; tel: 612-339-4900; please ask for specific room information at the front desk). The schedule is outlined below. We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!

Tuesday, 29 May  9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  UK - Outside of London
Tuesday, 29 May  10:15 – 11:00 a.m.  Ireland
Tuesday, 29 May  2:30 – 3:15 p.m.  Italy
Tuesday, 29 May  3:45 – 4:30 p.m.  Internship Opportunities
Wednesday, 30 May  9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  Australia
Wednesday, 30 May  10:15 – 11:00 a.m.  Greece
Wednesday, 30 May  2:30 – 3:15 p.m.  South Africa
Thursday, 31 May  9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  Spain
Thursday, 31 May  10:15 – 11:00 a.m.  New Zealand
Thursday, 31 May  2:30 – 3:15 p.m.  UK: London

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, please contact Lorna Stern, sternl@arcadia.edu or Michelle Brito, brito@arcadia.edu to make an appointment, or via the message board in the conference hall during the conference. Colin Ireland, Resident Director for Arcadia programs in Ireland, Christine Kelly-Vereda, Resident Director for Arcadia programs in Spain, and Barbara McHugh of the Accademia Italiana in Florence will be attending the conference and welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

Important U.K. Visa Updates

As many of you are aware, there have been significant changes to the immigration policies in the United Kingdom, some of which will affect our students (in particular, students participating on internship programs in the U.K.). We will be sending a notice to all students accepted to Arcadia programs in the United Kingdom to alert them to these changes and will do everything we can to ensure that they understand what is new requirements are in place with this recent legislation. Please encourage your students and their parents to visit www.arcadia.edu/cea/visa for details. As always, David Rudd, Director of Student Services, is available to answer your questions. David can be reached at rudd@arcadia.edu.

National Advisory Board Visits Programs in Scotland and Northern England

Senior members of our National Advisory Board including Ann Hubbard (University of St. Thomas), Dr. Andrew Law (Denison University), Dr. David Lux (Bryant College), Kristin Mallory (Claremont-McKenna College), and Sue Mennicke (Southwestern University), accompanied Dr. David Larsen, Director of the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, Will Migniuolo, Deputy Director for Arcadia’s U.K. Operations, and Arcadia faculty member Dr. Peter Applebaum on a site visit of the Arcadia programs in Scotland (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Stirling) and Northern England (Lancaster, Manchester, and York). The group followed a program planned and organized by Alison Dick and Duncan deSilva (Arcadia’s Resident Directors for Scotland and England/Wales, respectively). It considered various aspects of academics, housing, and student services at each of the program sites as well as devoting attention to
four overarching questions which dealt with: 1. The effects of a changing academic calendar 2. Specialist programs (for international students) attached to university programs 3. Summer programs, and 4. Re-set examination policies. The site visit report will be available in June at www.arcadia.edu/cea. To learn more about our programs in Scotland, please visit www.arcadia.edu/cea/scotland or contact Traci Chupik, Program Coordinator for Scotland and Wales at chupikt@arcadia.edu.

Universita degli Studi di Lecce Changes its name to Universita del Salento

Arcadia’s valued partner institution in Lecce, Italy has recently changed its name to Universita del Salento. Students in Lecce are based at the University’s renowned Centro Linguistica d’Ateneo where they can enroll in courses focusing on Italian language and culture. Students are also encouraged to take courses alongside Italian students at the Universita del Salento. This program is ideal for students who wish to immerse themselves in Italian culture and significantly improve their proficiency in Italian language. For more information, please contact Richard Cervantes, Program Coordinator for Italy at cervantr@arcadia.edu or visit www.arcadia.edu/cea/italy.

Staff Comings and Goings

New Assistant Director for the Southeast Region

In April we welcomed Melissa Chambers as Assistant Director for the Southeast Region. Melissa Chambers is based in Charlotte, NC and will be working with institutions in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia. Before coming to Arcadia, Melissa worked as the Study Abroad Advisor in the Office of Education Abroad at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for five years. During that time, she was the Co-Chair for the first International Women’s Day celebration at UNC Charlotte. Melissa also co-created and co-coordinated a Women’s Safety and Health Orientation for study abroad students while completing her undergraduate degree at Western Michigan University and she has presented several sessions related to women and travel at regional and national NAFSA conferences.

Program Assistants Hired in Spain and Scotland

Arcadia’s programs in Spain and Scotland have added new staff members to assist the resident directors in Arcadia’s offices in Granada and Edinburgh. The Spain team welcomes Marta Zafra Serrano, a former Erasmus scholar (to Trinity College, Dublin) and native of Cordoba, Spain. Marta completed her B.A. in English Language and Literature at the University of Granada. The Scottish team is pleased to welcome Holly Hulse, a DePauw alumna who studied with Arcadia (Beaver College) at Edinburgh in 1999. Holly returned to Edinburgh in 2004 for a Masters Degree in Education and after completing it in November 2005, has been working in Edinburgh as an admin assistant for the Scottish Secondary Teachers’ Association.

Brad Lauman joins Arcadia in Central Region

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Brad Lauman to our Institutional Relations team. Brad will assume his responsibilities as Assistant Director for the Central Region (TX, OK, LA, MN, MO, ND, SD, AR, KS, NE, IA) later this month. With 20 years' experience in international education and travel, Brad brings a wealth of experience to his new position and is deeply committed to the field. He comes to Arcadia from Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois, where he served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Kobe-Regent's Center for Global Education at Rockford College. Brad is an active NAFSA member and was Co-Chair of NAFSA's Financial Resources for Study Abroad Committee (FARSAC) as well as serving as regional representative. Brad will be attending the NAFSA conference in Minneapolis and looks forward to meeting many of you there as well as on your individual campuses.

New Program Coordinator for London and Southern England Programs

In April we had the pleasure of welcoming Katharine Reinhart as the new Program Coordinator for Arcadia’s programs based in London and southern England, including Oxford University, the University of Essex, University College London, and King’s College London. Katharine earned her B.A. in Music and History at Penn State. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Scotland, where she completed a postgraduate degree in Medieval History at St. Andrews University and spent two years working with Historic Scotland, a branch of the Scottish government responsible for the protection of Scotland’s historical heritage. Katharine also holds a M.A. in Education from Villanova University, and is certified in Pennsylvania to teach secondary English and Social Studies. Her lifelong love of travel has taken her to places as diverse as Mexico, Ireland, Germany, France, and Greece.