Arcadia Updates

Application deadlines for Southern Hemisphere programs are approaching!
Please click here for specific dates. Please note: We are still accepting applications for most programs beyond our October 15th deadline, so please continue to encourage your students to apply.

New Advisor Handbook Available
The Advisor Handbook is hot-off-the-press and available for you to order. The handbook is designed to support our catalogs and other materials and provides help to advisors when advising students on our individual programs. You will find information about GPA requirements, program strengths and emphases, insurance, housing, etc., that will enhance your student advising. The handbook is a work in progress and we welcome your comments, suggestions, and critiques at any time. Please contact Michelle Brito at britom@arcadia.edu.

Forum for Education Abroad’s Ethics Meeting
David Larsen, Director of the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad was among the Forum members to attend the Ethics Meeting that was convened by Forum on September 24-25th in Carlisle, PA. The meeting brought together some 35 representatives of colleges, universities, and international partners to begin to draft a Code of Ethics for Education Abroad, with the hope that a final version will emerge before the end of the year. The development of a code of ethics was already on the Forum’s 2007/2008 “to do” list, as a component of its work with standards for study abroad, but the project was moved forward in response to this summer’s NY Times articles, which addressed these issues. Minutes from the meeting, as well as the results of a survey conducted by Forum, are available at www.forumea.org.

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South Africa Students Attend Book Launch for Author Judith Todd
Students in Cape Town had the unique privilege of attending a launch for Judith Todd’s new book, Through the Darkness: A life in Zimbabwe. Judith Todd is the daughter of former Southern Rhodesia Prime Minister Garfield Todd, an opponent of white minority rule under Ian Smith. Todd was exiled under Smith’s Rhodesian government and later returned to Zimbabwe after independence. Also in attendance at the book launch was a high-ranking member of the ANC (African National Congress), Kader Asmal. Asmal is the first senior ANC political figure to publicly criticize the Mugabe regime and South Africa’s foreign policy towards Zimbabwe. (If you’d like to read more about Mr. Asmal’s speech at the book launching, you can access a Business Day report at http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/topstories.aspx?ID=BD4A579833). Judith Todd will also be speaking to Arcadia program students as part of their core seminar course later this week.

Alliance for Global Education to Explore Program Options in India
The Alliance for Global Education is pleased to announce its plans to develop high-quality study abroad programs in India. Dr. David Larsen, Director of the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, made the announcement at Arcadia’s annual National Advisory Board meeting, which took place at the beginning of this month. Dr. Andrea Custodi has been hired as the Alliance’s new Director for India Programs. Before coming to the Alliance, Dr. Custodi served as the Executive Director of SITA (South India Term Abroad, based at George Washington University). She will be traveling to India in December with David Larsen and Tom Roberts, Director Emeritus of the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University, to explore partnerships in India. Please direct your inquiries to acustodi@allianceglobaled.org.

Students in Florence Attend Premiere Presentation of Art: 21
Students at the Accademia Italiana in Florence had the unique opportunity to attend the premiere presentation of the acclaimed PBS television series about contemporary art, Art: 21. The program showcases the activities, personalities, and
work of various artists active today, and its focus in Florence was on the collections of the Uffizi and Bargello museums. The event was hosted by Accademia instructor, Erin Murphy, with special guests from the Uffizi and Bargello museums, in addition to practicing artists and art critics.

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**New Program Coordinator for Italy Programs**

Danielle Scugoza joined our Glenside staff earlier this month as Program Coordinator for the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy. Danielle comes to Arcadia with a very strong background in international education, having studied abroad on four separate occasions, taught ESL and Spanish in conjunction with a program at Amherst College and worked as a Regional Director with AIFS. We are very pleased to welcome Danielle as part of the team.