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International Perspectives is intended to provide information to the UMD community, Duluth, and the surrounding area about international events or opportunities for international education and grants. The Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Institute for International Studies welcomes your contributions to this newsletter. Please send announcements regarding international programs, speakers, films or other events to Carol Michealson, Alworth Institute for International Studies, 108 Cina, UMD, phone 726-8229, e-mail ints@ub.d.umn.edu or fax 726-6386.

The Alworth Institute has a home page on the World Wide Web. For information about the Alworth Institute and its regularly scheduled events, please see our home page in CLA under Colleges and Departments on UMD's home page or <http://www.d.umn.edu:80/~ints>.

INTERNATIONAL BROWN BAG LECTURES.

A popular lunch hour series featuring UMD's faculty, staff, students, and Duluth community members sharing their international experiences. There is no charge for presentations which are held at noon in Kirby 323 at UMD.

Dec. 7 "SAI PAN, TINIAN, AND IWO JIMA" will be presented by **Albert Burnham**, lecturer, history department, at UMD, which is the third in his series regarding his visits to the sites of 50th anniversary commemorations of the crucial conflicts of World War II. **In Kirby Garden Room December 7 only.**

Dec. 14 "BACK FROM BEIJING" will be presented by **Elizabeth Nelson and Deborah Petersen-Perlman**, associate professors, communication department, UMD. They will show slides and tell about their experiences at the Women's Conference in Beijing during September, 1995.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION NEWS

The need for young Americans to gain firsthand knowledge of life abroad is greater today than at any time in our history. A term of study abroad is one of the best ways for a student to broaden their awareness of the complex issues surrounding this new international era. UMD offers several extended study abroad programs in England, Sweden, and Finland for undergraduate students who wish to experience another society and culture firsthand and also gain a new perspective of their own country.

UMD students may study a variety of courses in *English* at the Universities of Växjö and Umeå in Sweden and at Joensuu University in Finland. Study programs include international business and marketing, international economics, international relations, political

science, Karelian and Baltic area studies, biology, chemistry and physics. In addition to the above courses which are taught in English, students may also study Finnish, Russian, or Swedish language. The University of Joensuu is an important center for the study of Karelian history and culture, Baltic and Eastern European studies, and Russian language and cultural studies. Some courses include week-long study tours to Estonia and Russia. Because of reciprocal exchange agreements, studying at the above universities is economically feasible. For more information about these and other study abroad opportunities, faculty and students may inquire at the International Education Office, 108 Cina, or by e-mail at either ints@d.umn.edu or dgood@d.umn.edu.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS—The Katherine E. Sullivan Scholarship provides an opportunity for University of Minnesota seniors to enrich their academic experience with a fifth year of undergraduate study in another country. The scholarship will cover all or a portion of in-country expenses for one academic year. Applicants must be currently enrolled at any University of Minnesota campus, have senior status, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and normally have an overall GPA of 3.5. **Deadline is January 16, 1996.** For an application, inquire at the International Education Office, 108 Cina.

STUDY ART IN MEXICO THROUGH CEE

UMD's Office of Continuing Education & Extension/University College will again offer its exciting two-week art workshops in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico from February 24-March 9, 1996. The workshops in printmaking, watercolor painting, and photography are designed for non-artist/beginners as well as advanced artists of all ages and can be taken for three college credits or for non-credit. Courses are taught by experienced UMD instructors. The arrival time coincides with the beginning of a major religious and folk festival. For more information or a brochure, telephone 218/726-6536 or write to: CEE/University College, UMD, 410 Darland Administration Building, 10 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812-2496.

EVENTS OF INTEREST ON CAMPUS

Social Workers and the Challenge of Violence

Worldwide, a national satellite video conference hosted by renowned broadcast journalist, **Charles Kuralt**, will be shown on February 9, 1996, in UMD's Kirby Student Center Ballroom. The video conference is broadcast from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) in collaboration with the Council on Social Work Education and the Benton Foundation as part of the Violence and Development Project. UMD's Continuing Education & Extension/University College, Department of Social Work, and College of Education & Human Service Professions are bringing the event via satellite to UMD for an all-day conference, featuring a special keynote speaker live at the Duluth campus, **Dr. Kivuto Ndeti** from Kenya. Dr. Ndeti received his Ph.D. from Syracuse University and has served as an international consultant on African Education Projects, the World Bank, UNESCO, Christian Children's Fund, and many other organizations. The workshop will be facilitated by **Dr. Melanie Shepard**, head of the department of social work. **Dr. Joyce Kramer**, professor in the department of social work, will close with an overview of the event. Small groups on substance abuse, poverty, ethnic conflict, family structure, and trauma will be facilitated by several UMD faculty. By profiling national and international efforts to prevent and cope with violence, specifically highlighting domestic and foreign projects that illustrate problems and solutions, images are created that advocate dedication to the proposition that we can build a less violent world. This workshop is offered for non-credit, but you may call the department of social work at UMD to arrange an independent study for academic credit. Please call Continuing Education & Extension/University College at 218/726-6797 for a brochure and more information.

EVENTS OF INTEREST OFF CAMPUS

A Minnesota International Center World Affairs Forum titled **Developing Nations: A New Role in Multilateral Diplomacy?** with His Excellency **Jayantha Dhanapala**, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States, will be presented on Tuesday, December 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Radisson Plaza Hotel Scandinavian Ballroom, 35 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis. The cost of the luncheon and program is \$25. The 113 countries of the Nonaligned Movement (NAM) seek to revitalize the role of developing nations in world affairs. NAM's member countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America have traditionally had little leverage in a world where they contain 51 percent of the world's population, but share only seven percent of its wealth. Ambassador Dhanapala will explore the challenges which lie ahead for proponents of multilateralism, and the new role which developing nations will play during an era of shifting alignments in international relations. Register by contacting the Minnesota International Center, 711 East

River Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455, telephone 612/625-4421, fax 612/624-1984, or e-mail: bkautz@globe.mic.umn.edu. Copies of the brochure may be obtained in the Alworth Institute Office in 108 Cina or by telephoning 726-8229.

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL SUPPORT

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education invites applications for grants by the **European Community/United States of America Joint Consortia for Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education**. The Cooperation Program aims to add a new European Community/U.S. dimension to student-centered cooperation and to bring balanced benefits to both the European Community (E.C.) and the U.S. Among the essential objectives are promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Community and the U.S. including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions; improving the quality of human resource development in both the E.C. and the U.S.; improving the quality of transatlantic student mobility, including the promotion of mutual understanding, recognition and thus portability of academic credits; encouraging the exchange of expertise in new developments in higher education and training for the mutual enrichment of practice in the E.C. and the U.S.; and the forming or enhancing of partnerships among higher education, vocational education, or training institutions, professional associations, public authorities, businesses and other associations as appropriate in both the E.C. and the U.S. The objectives are to be achieved by promoting an innovative range of student-centered higher education and training cooperative activities between the different regions of the E.C. and the U.S. through the encouragement of joint projects undertaken by E.C./U.S. consortia. Each joint U.S.-E.C. consortium must involve at least three active partners in the U.S. and in the E.C. **Deadline for submission is January 26, 1996.** Copies of the information and application set are available at the Alworth Institute, 108 Cina, or by telephoning 726-8229. Applications should be sent to: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, ATTN: 85.116J, U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Room 3633, ROB 3, Washington, D. C. 20202-4725.

University of Minnesota Travel Grants for 1995-96. International travel grants, including China Center grants, have a common application. **The deadline for activities in April, May, or June, 1996, is February 15, 1996.** Grants generally range from \$500 to \$800 and must be matched by another institutional source. For applications and instructions, stop by or phone the Alworth Institute in 108 Cina, 726-8229, or e-mail ints@ub.d.umn.edu.

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