

## News Release

# Food from Mali and Russia featured at International Dinners at UMC

By Rae French on Thursday, March 9, 2006

Crookston, MN—Please share an evening with students, faculty, and staff from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) at the annual international dinner series. These events are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. We hope you can join us Monday, March 20, March 27, and Wednesday, April 5 for a real treat!

Harouna Maiga is an associate professor of animal science at UMC. He will be presenting a spectacular program at the International Dinner Series featuring Mali on March 20. Prior to coming to UMC he worked for extension services for the University of Minnesota in Becker County, Minnesota providing farmers with information on the production of dairy, beef, and crops. Harouna has been at UMC for five years. He was born and raised in Mali and has an incredible story to tell. There will be items on display along with traditional clothes. The food featured will be Mali food that includes a salad, couscous, poulet yassa (chicken dish), plantain, and an assortment of tropical fruits.

Nikolay Anatolyevich Seregin, is a junior at UMC majoring in Natural Resource Management. He will be presenting material along with another Russian high school exchange student on Monday, March 27. Currently, Nikolay Zelenin, also from Russia and a high school exchange student in Crookston, lives with the Seeger family in Red Lake Falls. The two Nikolays have a lot to share with the public about everything from natural resource protection to cultural traditions to places to travel. Their meal will consist of a salad named svejie ovoshy, a traditional pork steak (otbivanya), and potatoes and bliny for dessert (pancake).

The Multicultural and International Club will be featuring their main event on April 5, which is their annual international dinner presentation featuring all the international and multicultural students. This event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with table viewing starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be live music, a parade of nations, and other entertainment. This event is for everyone and will be very entertaining. For this event feel free to dress in your traditional clothes, and join the multicultural students in a great evening of celebration!

All the meals will be at 6:00 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, and in order to get tickets, you need to contact Rae French at 8339 or [rhowe@umn.edu](mailto:rhowe@umn.edu). The deadline for reserving tickets is the Friday before each of the events.

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