Greetings from the Office of International Education!

Hello everyone-

It's been an interesting semester for study abroad across the globe this term. In line with recent events, I’ve changed my original editorial note to communicate our thoughts and concern for those touched by the recent terrorist attacks in Paris and elsewhere. It is always sad to witness the anger of a few being carried out on the innocent many. We can only hope for peace, understanding, openness, and a dialog to end such atrocities in the days to come. I know this may be a trying time for many of you abroad; though know we are here for you, able to provide support, and available to discuss any issues – at any time. Once again, let us hope for peace…

Moving on to positive opportunities, I will add that Pittsburgh recently hosted the “Lessons from Abroad” re-entry conference. The event was held at the University of Pittsburgh campus, but welcomed students from across the Pittsburgh area. The conference did focus on the common topics of culture shock and re-assimilation, though there were also opportunities for resume and other career building workshops. Opportunities such as this are always beneficial to take part in, to help strengthen and continue a student’s international experience. Our hope is that this conference will become an annual offering, and that you will be able to take part in the future. In the meantime, while you are still abroad, seek out similar offerings for networking abroad!

Overall, as the semester is coming to a close, we look forward to hearing about your experiences and welcoming returning students back to campus in January. Make sure to attend our Welcome Back Reception – Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, 4:30pm in Danforth room, Cohon Center.

Best regards,

Christine Menand
Assistant Director, Study Abroad & Exchange Programs

“Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all people cry, laugh, eat, worry and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends” - Dr. Maya Angelou
Our Students Abroad?
WWW.IIEPASSPORT.ORG

Many of you have used some of the search engines we recommend for finding the best study abroad option available. One of the options we use most frequently is offered by the Institute for International Education; their www.iiepassport.org site.

What is IIE?
IIE is a private not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1919. Its main goal is the successful exchange of international people and ideas. It provides policies and research on general international exchange issues, and offers support for incoming and outgoing U.S. students. For study abroad specifically, their search engine offers a way for educators as well as students and their families, to know the programs they are seeking through are legitimate and worthwhile.

While many students know of the search engine, few know that IIE also oversees its own programs, as well, i.e. the Fulbright Program and The Gilman Scholarships, administered for the U.S. State Department. Likewise, it provides policies and research on general international exchange issues, and offers support for incoming and outgoing U.S. students.

To learn more about IIE and how you can take advantage of all IIE has to offer, visit their website: http://www.iie.org/.

The New CMU Study Abroad Portal is LIVE!
HTTPS://CMU-SA.TERRADOTTA.COM/

The Office of International Education is pleased to announce that our new CMU Study Abroad Portal is now live, and available for use!

This portal not only replaces the need for students to complete paper pre-departure forms, it also acts as an additional search engine for opportunities abroad. On the staff/faculty side, it allows our office oversight on students abroad, from wherever we are in the world- right from our computer.

With this new site we are able to run reports on travel data, advise students as they search for options, and keep cleaner records (due to a link with CMU’s SIO).

We hope this new system will prove to be an invaluable resource, and we will continue to explore its capabilities, (for example, how we can use this system to organize scholarship applications, exchange agreements, promote events, etc…)

The Spring 2015 study abroad students were the first group to fully utilize this new process. Though tweaks still need to be made, especially with the new “electronic SATC” and “Follow-up SATC”, we look forward to working with this new system.

We send our thanks to all the students, faculty, and staff who continue to cooperate and collaborate on this new portal!
Visit: www.cmu.edu/studyabroad for more information.

Did You Know…
• Prof. Jim Daniels, Professor of Creative Writing and in charge of the CMU and Sheffield Hallam Univ. English departmental exchange, was a guest on Garrison Keeler’s May 30, 2015 Radio show, Prairie Home Companion, reading five of his poems.

• David Moss, Dietrich’16 was a contestant on the Saturday NPR radio Show, "Wait Wait… Don't Tell Me!" in Sept. 2014, before he began his studies at LSE for the academic year.

• Jose Veintimila CIT’17 was in Argentina this summer but still had the chance to watch his sister, Michelle CFA ’14, perform at The Tony awards. Jose was a recipient of the prestigious Jennings Brave Companion scholarship last summer. Michelle was performing a scene from her current Broadway show, The Visit.

• Nate Bertone, CFA’16, abroad at Central Saint Martins, Sp15, performed his show, Letters from War premiered this past May in Massachusetts.

“Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind.” - Seneca
Above: Lauren Krupshaw, CMU Arch., and Lilly Hanlon (Connecticut College), studying at DIS Fall 2015.
Below: IES Amsterdam office, and the renovated Rijks Museum.

Above: Yassine Mouline, Karim, Omar ECE students studying at EPFL, Fall 2015.
Left: Jacobs University: One of our SCS exchange programs
Below: Jacobs University’s rowing tank.

Left: A view of some Conservatorium van Amsterdam practice rooms. (A wonderful opportunity for classical and jazz musicians.) Application through IES Abroad.

“The Real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes.” – Marcel Proust
There are plenty of ways to bring your experience back when you return to Carnegie Mellon.

- Attend the Welcome Back Reception
- Help out with an Information Session and/or Pre-Departure Orientation.
- Serve as an e-peer advisor
- Publish your journals, short stories, or poetry
- Enter the 2016 Photo Contest
- Use your experience to complete a senior thesis
- Apply for a Fulbright, Rhodes, Churchill, or Marshall scholarship
- Continue your experience with an international internship
- Apply to graduate school abroad
- Apply for the Peace Corps

Danish transportation – a Christiania bike in Copenhagen. How will your travel change while abroad?!

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“To those who can dream, there is no such place as far away.”
– Anonymous