

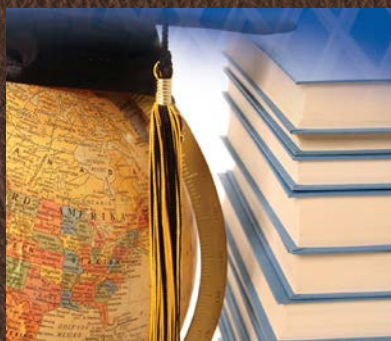
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Greetings from Pittsburgh!

As summer is nearly coming to a close, we are excited to hear about everyone's travels abroad. Some of you have already returned, while many are in the midst of their international programs.

Though we always think of the exciting opportunities and memories that come with travel abroad, there are always events and situations that occur that do not go as planned. This year, I will be attending an inaugural conference on Risk Management and Study Abroad. Though not an attention-grabbing topic to many, as more students travel internationally, there is increased concern and dialog on how we are best preparing for international emergency situations; especially those that take us by surprise. CMU currently has more faculty and staff travelling abroad than ever before. That, along with our own global campuses, (Adelaide, Australia and Doha, Qatar), mean we not only need to make sure our students have the basics covered (insurance, health, and monetary coverage, for example); but also that those same students have action plans in place on how to handle a variety of emergency international situations.

Rather than this being a conference of doom-and-gloom topics, I hope it will be a stimulating brainstorm on best-practices in planning and preparation. Just as we instruct students to be prepared, we want, as an institution, to also be prepared. You could say this conference will be a staff "Pre-Departure Orientation", providing us the latest information and best-practices to pass on to students; for travel now and in the future.

On that note, I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures; how you plan to use that adventure going forward, AND where your next travels will lead.

Safe travels, everyone!

Warm regards.

Christine Menand

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"For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."

- Robert Louis Stevenson -

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Signal Iduna Park Dortmund, Germany

By: John Taormina, CIT'15

Excerpt from his blog, <http://jtaormin.wordpress.com/>

June 16, 2013

As I said in my last post, the people of Dortmund are crazy about their football team, Borussia Dortmund. Unfortunately the season ended just before I arrived in Germany so I will not get to experience going to a match here. Nevertheless, my program included a tour of the stadium where the team plays, which I consider a pretty good consolation prize. Signal Iduna Park is the largest football stadium in all of Germany, seating 80,645 people. It was also voted by German football players to be the nicest stadium in Germany.



J.Taormina blog, cont.

July 11, 2013

I know that I'm always talking about food.. but what better way to learn about a culture than experiencing the food? :P My suitemates wanted us to all have dinner together one night and so my one suitemate, Bora, decided to make us dinner. My suite has a unique mix of people: an American (me, of course), a Korean (born in Germany), a Turk (born in Germany), and a Moroccan. Bora is Turkish and so he made us a Turkish dinner. The dinner consisted of meatballs in a sauce with beans and an alfredo pasta dish with broccoli. Everything was really good!



Upcoming welcome back events:

- **Welcome Back Reception: Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 4:30-6pm in Danforth, UC.** This reception is a celebration of your experiences abroad and a welcome back to our global campus community. New exchange students are also invited to this interactive and fun event. Refreshments will be provided- don't miss it!
- **Women Abroad Lunch: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from 12-1:00pm in McKenna/Peter/Wright, UC.** This informal lunch discussion is designed for returned and prospective study abroad students to address issues specific to women abroad. Lunch is served at this fun event.

"One never regrets going, only coming back." – Kenyan Proverb

PHOTOS FROM ABROAD!



Elizabeth Davis, Grenoble



Hannah Dellabella, London



Laura Fleury,
Budapest



Hannah Dellabella, London



Taylor Hersh, Santa Cruz Island



Taylor Hersh, Santa Cruz Island

“Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living” – Miriam Beard

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The Black (and rainy) Forest Three Weeks **By: Sarabeth Perry**

The Black Forest is definitely named incorrectly. Whenever someone says the name, especially in English, there's a connotation of menace and evilness when in reality it's such an unbelievably beautiful place! It was the annual weekend of Pius's maternal family reunion, and we were all planning on taking a day hike on Saturday. Unfortunately, it rained Kätzte und Hunden for the whole day! It was actually really funny though, because when it seemed to stop for thirty minutes, everyone thought, "O good! Let's go take a little walk!" It's a really good thing that we didn't start going up to the lake, because within a short matter of 10 minutes it was once again pouring. At least my hair becomes curly and not a "complete" mess when it's poured on :P On the way back I got to use the little "Cars" shaum (umbrella); I felt very special :) All of Saturday was a very relaxing time, ending in a good card game of Schwimming! One of these days I want to bring back "trés cuff" or rich man poor man from the good old days at the Skate Club. There's one game that I absolutely hated, and I can't remember the name right now, but I do remember that it involved a lot of slapping and much more stress than necessary...

On Sunday on our way home, we went to the Alternitaven Bärenpark, literally a park for bears! Most of them were older bears that had been rescued from the circus so that they could live out the rest of their lives peacefully. There is also a section in the park for bears and wolves so that some of the younger bears can experience some competition for food like they actually would in the wild. It was a beautiful day, and a nice relaxing way to end the weekend.



The view of the mountains from Grenoble.

Famous People who have Studied Abroad: **Are you next on this list?**

Dan Brown – Spain
 Bill Clinton – United Kingdom
 Bradley Cooper – France
 Ben Fogle – Costa Rica
 Matthew McConaughey – Australia
 Gwyneth Paltrow – Spain
 Natalie Portman – Jerusalem
 Tim Rice – France
 JK Rowling – France
 Richard Simmons – Italy
 Gloria Steinem – India
 Desmond Tutu – London
 Alice Walker – Uganda
 Vera Wang – France
 Joss Whedon – United Kingdom

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.nafsa.org/Explore_International_Education

Transferring your Credit: Follow-Up SATC Forms

If you have made changes to your course registration abroad and have not already made arrangements with your academic advisor(s) please use this [Follow-Up SATC Form](#) to update your courses.

Please complete all categories including URL's to specific courses. A copy of the form will be automatically sent to the student's Andrew account and forwarded to the correct advisor. Advisors will review courses and approve when appropriate.

FUN FACTS!

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Returning Home

Returning home from studying abroad can often require as much adjustment as the study abroad experience itself. Readjusting to life and classes at Carnegie Mellon can also take time. However, the self-discovery and skills students gain while studying abroad can provide a foundation for new and exciting interest exploration at Carnegie Mellon and Pittsburgh. The Office of International Education, your academic advisor, and department can be strong assets in that exploration.

Carnegie Mellon is a university environment that thrives on contributions from its global citizens. Study abroad enables students to return to Carnegie Mellon and share their unique experiences and developed global consciousness with the entire community. We welcome the sharing of knowledge of global issues and international perspectives and enriching cultural experiences.

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classes for next
semester!**

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*"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us
or we find it not." — Ralph Waldo Emerson*