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Past Events: 2007

Visiting Scholars: Maria G. Fabianelli and Silena Faralli, Institute Dante Alighieri, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy

Dates: October 26, 2007 - November 3, 2007

Description: Dr. Maria G. Fabianelli, Head, and Professor Silena Faralli, both from Institute Dante Alighieri, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy, visited Texas A&M University to work with faculty in the Teaching, Learning, and Culture Department (TLAC), College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). Together they focused on further development and enhancement of the curriculum for the CEHD study abroad programs for pre-service teachers that take place annually in Castiglion Fiorentino and visited with other units on campus. During the spring and summer semesters, Dr. Fabianelli and Ms. Faralli hosted a group of Texas A&M pre-service teachers, who participated in the school's English as a second language classes as part of their Texas A&M Study Abroad experience.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

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Visitors: Mr. Alex Metcalfe, University College Dublin, and Dr. Denis Headon, Texas/United Kingdom Collaborative

Date: October 20, 2007

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence hosted Mr. Alex Metcalfe, International Office Manager, University College Dublin, and Dr. Denis Headon, Director of the Texas/United Kingdom Collaborative, Rice University, Houston, TX, for a one-day visit to explore reciprocal exchange programs and research collaboration in the areas of nanotechnology and computer sciences between Irish universities and research institutions.

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Visitor: Dr. Hildegard Boucsein, Berlin Senate and the German Government, Germany

Date: October 9, 2007

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence hosted Dr. Hildegard Boucsein, Senior Political Consultant on Federal and European Affairs with the Berlin Senate and the German Government and member of the Executive Boards of the Aspen Institute Berlin and the Shepard Stone Foundation. While at Texas A&M University, Dr. Boucsein collaborated with the George Bush School of Government and Public Service on the establishment of internship opportunities for Texas A&M students at the Marshall Center and the Aspen Institute and participated as guest speaker in various classes for the International Studies Program, the Master's Program in International Affairs, and the Academy for Future International Leaders.

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Visiting Scholar: Angela Hollington, International School of Luzern, Switzerland

Date: October 6, 2007

Description: Ms. Angela Hollington, Head, International School of Luzern, visited Texas A&M University to work with faculty in the Teaching, Learning, and Culture Department (TLAC), College of Education and Human Development (CEHD), to further develop and enhance the curriculum of the CEHD study abroad programs for pre-service teachers to Switzerland, and conduct three workshops for CEDH students on the Inquiry Method and the International Baccalaureate Program, both widely used throughout schools in Europe. Pre-service teachers from Texas A&M University will student teach English classes at the International School of Luzern during the summer 2008.

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Funding: EUCE Faculty and Student Research Grants

Date: September 1, 2007

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence supported European related research and development of formal agreements with European institutions by issuing research grants to Texas A&M University faculty and graduate students. The competition was open to all Texas A&M University tenured and tenure-track faculty and graduate students who wished to add or enhance a European component to their research project.

Faculty Grant Recipients:

Jason Parker, Assistant Professor, History Department, College of Liberal Arts: The Impact of European-designed Federations in the First and Third- worlds on Postwar Transatlantic Relations and International History.

Ulrike Gretzel, Assistant Professor, Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: Innovation and Collaboration in Tourism: A Case Study of CICtourGUNE.

Elena V. McLean, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, College of Liberal Arts: Delegation of European Aid.

Dr. Diego von Vacano, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department in the College of Liberal Arts: Immigration and National Identity: A Transatlantic Comparison.

Student Grant Recipients:

Jason Smith, PhD Candidate in Political Science, College of Liberal Arts, received funding to support his graduate research in Belgium, Germany and Austria, during the summer 2007. This research, focused on the relationship and interaction of national parties with the Europarties, supported his PhD dissertation research and his curriculum development efforts for the 'Politics of European Union' (POLS 432) class he currently teaches.

Laron J. Williams, Ph.D. candidate, Political Science Department, College of Liberal Arts: Challenging Government: Government Arrangements, Policy Shocks and Non Confidence Motions.

Rajorshi Sen Gupta, Ph.D. Candidate, Agricultural Economics Department, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: Research and Development Collaboration between Industry and Universities under Changing Intellectual Property Rights Regime in the EU.

Jason Smith, PhD Candidate in Political Science, College of Liberal Arts: The Consequences of Anti-establishment Parties in Western Europe,

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Curriculum Development:

Date: August 16, 2007 - May 16, 2008

Description: During the academic year 2007–2008 the European Union Center of Excellence facilitated the development and enhancement of European curriculum in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, tailored to the specific needs of each one of the colleges. In addition, it provided support to the College of Liberal Arts as

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they work on the initial stages of development for the new MA and PhD programs.

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Business Seminar: Conducting Business with the European Union, Trends, Ideas, and Approaches

Date: May 11, 2007

Description: This seminar, featuring European Union and U.S. experts on European business issues, was provided to create a more ambitious, comprehensive, and ultimately more prosperous transatlantic economic partnership for small- to medium-sized businesses in the San Antonio, TX, region. More than 50 regional participants attended the event, which was held at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Dennert Ware, Former President and CEO, Kinetic Concepts, Inc. San Antonio, Texas, delivered the event keynote speech. Presenters are listed in the Program Agenda.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Scholarly Visitor: Dr. Ludwig Kreitz, Graduate School of Management in Strasbourg, France

Dates: April 25, 2007 - April 27, 2007

Description: Dr. Ludwig Kreitz, Director of International Relations at the Graduate School of Management in Strasbourg, France, participated in several undergraduate and graduate courses during his visit to Texas A&M University. He delivered a lecture on Economic and Geopolitical Challenges facing the Enlarged European Union, and participated in a panel discussion on Turkey as an EU Member: Wishful thinking? As a faculty member participating in the Center for International Business Studies (CIBS), Mays Business School, Strasbourg Summer Study Abroad, Dr. Kreitz addressed student participants in the EU Integration and Business course that is led annually by Dr. Julian Gaspar, CIBS Director.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Conference: Food Safety, Health, and Diet — Trans-Atlantic Challenges

Date: April 20, 2007

Description: Over one hundred people participated in this conference held on the Texas A&M University campus. Some participated from remote locations (U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Washington D.C., and the Texas A&M Mexico Center in Mexico City) through video conferencing. Dr. Canice Nolan, First Counselor and Head of Food Safety, Health, and Consumer Affairs Section at the Delegation of the European Commission to the U.S. in Washington D.C. moderated the event. Panelists from Europe and the U.S. elaborated on how the animal and plant agricultural producers are facing new social and

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economic challenges to keep their crops, their animals, their processing plants, and their product delivery safe and competitive, and how the current global climate changes are making every country in the world vulnerable to massive crop losses, and a surge of new food contaminants. Speakers discussed that both the U.S. and Europe face a major challenge in food safety with the increasing occurrence of food borne pathogens that cause human illness and outbreaks with serious health consequences. They also discussed the social and economic effects of the global surge in health issues related to obesity, and explored recent legislative, regulatory, and policy developments and initiatives related to diet and health issues that concern and affect both sides of the Atlantic.

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Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Antonio Bar Cendón, University of Valencia, Spain

Dates: April 1, 2007 - June 30, 2007

Description: Dr. Antonio Bar Cendón, Professor of Constitutional Law, Jean Monnet Professor of Constitutional Law of the European Union from the University of Valencia, Spain, was recipient of the European Union Center of Excellence 2006–2007 Scholar-in-Residence Award. Dr. Bar’s research for a project entitled “The Illegal Immigration in the EU and the U.S.: A Comparative Study of Laws and Practices”, was supported by various units at Texas A&M University. Dr. Bar also participated in various other academic activities on campus: he was a guest speaker on European issues at the Academy for Future International Leaders; he lectured to graduate students in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service; to several classes of Transatlantic Affairs, EU Policies, and Immigration; and spoke to various student groups on campus like the EUSA student organization, Aggie International Engineers, and the Global Veterinary Leadership Program.

Cosponsors: European Union Center of Excellence, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, the Center for Integrative Homeland Security, the Office of International Faculty and Scholars, and the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University; South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Video Conference: John Bruton, European Union Ambassador to the U.S.

Date: March 29, 2007

Description: As part of the week-long European Union Center of Excellence Network celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, faculty, pre-service teachers in the College of Education and Human Development, and students in the International Studies Degree Program at Texas A&M attended a videoconference with John Bruton, EU Ambassador to the U.S. and Former Irish Prime Minister. This event facilitated by the EUCE at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, EUCE Network Coordinator, was

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locally sponsored by the Texas A&M University EUCE.

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Ambassadorial Visit: Friis Arne Petersen, Ambassador of Denmark to the U.S.

Date: March 26, 2007

Description: As part of the European Union Treaty of Rome's 50th Anniversary Program, the European Union Center of Excellence hosted The Honorable Friis Arne Petersen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the U.S. at Texas A&M University.

Ambassador Petersen attended a lunch with members of the European Union Center of Excellence Management and Faculty Advisory Committees and also lectured to an audience of faculty and students in the Political Science Department. Ambassador Petersen was escorted from Houston by Mr. Ray Jens Daugbjerg, Consul General of Denmark in Houston, TX.

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Lecture: Alexandros Mallias, Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.

Dates: March 19, 2007

Description: As part of the European Union Treaty of Rome's 50th Anniversary Program, the European Union Center of Excellence partnered with the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation to host Alexandros Mallias, Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.

Ambassador Mallias gave a public lecture at The Bush Presidential Library and Museum as part of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation Ambassadorial Series.

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Visiting Scholar: Dr. Juliane House, Hamburg University

Dates: February 26, 2007 - February 27, 2007

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence and the College of Education and Human Development jointly cosponsored a visit by Dr. House, Professor of Applied Linguistics, and co-director of the German Science Foundation's Research Centre on Multilingualism, at Hamburg University, Germany. Dr. House gave two lectures for Texas A&M University faculty and students in the International Studies Degree Program; the Departments of Sociology, English, and Psychology, in the College of Liberal Arts; the International Education Certificate from the College of Education and Human Development; as well as pre-service teachers pursuing an International Education Certificate in the College of Education and Human Development. English Lingua Franca as a Threat to Multilingualism in Europe explored how English is increasingly used as the language of choice between speakers of many different mother languages, and proposed some ways of teaching English as a lingua franca in the classroom. How English Triggers Processes of Norm Variation in other European Languages addressed the different approaches to translation evaluation, the cultural filters in translations, the

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influence of English as a 'lingua franca' on translation processes, and the importance of the distinction between linguistic analysis and social judgment in translation evaluation.

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Visiting Scholars: Dr. Erik Lithander, University College Dublin, and Dr. Denis Headon, Rice University

Dates: February 23, 2007

Description: Dr. Erik Lithander, Director of International Strategy and Operations, University College Dublin, and Dr. Denis Headon, Director of Texas/United Kingdom Collaborative Research Initiative, Rice University, visited Texas A&M University faculty to explore joint collaborative projects and the development of a formal agreement of collaboration.

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Conference: Global Energy Security and Economics of Climate Change

Date: February 5, 2007

Description: This European Union Center of Excellence sponsored conference at Texas A&M University opened with a keynote speech by The Honorable Roger Williams, Texas Secretary of State and was structured into three panel sessions titled Energy Strategy & the Transatlantic Partnership, Energy Security & the Black Sea–Caspian Sea Regions, and Economics of Climate Change & Energy Efficiency. The event was open to the public and a room-capacity audience of faculty, students, and members of the regional community joined the sessions throughout the day.

Agenda:

Session 1: Chair – Mr. Patrick Moran, President of Moran Exploration, Houston, Texas. Panelists Mr. Glenn Griffin, International Economist, U.S. Department of State; Dr. Amy Myers Jaffe, Wilson Fellow in Energy Studies, Baker Institute of the Rice University; Mr. Thierry Legendre, Policy Advisor, NATO Headquarters; and Mr. Tim Tyler, Counsel, Mayer, Brown, Rowe, & Maw LLP, Houston, Texas.

Session 2: Chair – Dr. Joseph Cerami, Senior Lecturer, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University. Panelists Mr. Michael Cohen, Economist, U.S. Department of Energy, and Mr. Larry Napper, Senior Lecturer, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University.

Session 3: Chair – Dr. Andrew Millington, Professor, College of Geosciences at Texas A&M University. Panelists Consul General Judith Slater, British Consulate General in Houston; Mr. William Taylor, Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office, and Mr. Gregory Wortham, Executive Director, West Texas Wind Energy Consortium, Sweetwater, Texas.

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