Tufts in Talloires Report 2009-2010
Subcommittee European Center at Talloires
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The Subcommittee European Center at Talloires held a series of on-line meetings in September, 2009 to discuss the course proposals for the following summer and to learn from Gabriella Goldstein, the Administrative Director, about the Summer 2009 Talloires Program and other programs and events organized by the European Center.

A. Tufts in Talloires, May-June 2009, had a close to capacity enrollment of 89 students, each of whom enrolled in two of the following 10 courses:

- CD 62 -- Childhood Across Cultures -- Kathleen Camara: Students in this class had the opportunity to visit the Talloires Primary School and to hear a lecture given by a French education specialist.
- CEE 94A -- Nuclear France in a Warming World -- Rusty Russell: This class went on an excursion to visit and tour the EDF (Electricité de France) Nuclear Power Plant in Bugey.
- CH 184 / SOC 188 -- Globalization and Health -- Raymond Hyatt: This class went to the World Health Organization in Geneva where students heard several speakers. There were also guest speakers that lectured to the class.
- EC 30 -- Environmental Economics and Policy -- Brian Roach: This class went to the Environmental House in Geneva for a series of lectures.
- ENG 10 -- Non-Fiction Writing -- Michael Ullman: This class went to Chambery to visit Les Charmettes, the home of JJ Rousseau. The class organized readings in the garden of the site.
- ENVST 105 -- The Hills are Alive: Flowers of the Alps -- George Ellmore: This class had weekly trips into the mountains to observe wildflowers in their natural settings.
- FAH 9 -- Nineteenth-Century French Art -- Karyn Esielonis: This class took a weekend tour to Paris where they visited a number of museums.
- FR 21 / 22 -- Communiquons en français en France -- Tracy Pearce: The French class had several French guest speakers.
- FR 32 / 191 -- Readings on Alpine Nature in French Literature -- Gérard Gasarian: This class went to Chambery to visit Les Charmettes, the home of JJ Rousseau. The class organized readings in the garden of the site.
- MUS 97 / 197 -- Music, France, and Revolution -- Jane Bernstein: This class went to see a performance of Il Trovatore at the Grand Theater in Geneva.

Talloires Scholar in Residence (During Tufts in Talloires)

- Professor Walid El-Bermani from the Medical School was the Graduate/Professional School Scholar in Residence. Unfortunately, a last minute health problem, he was unable to come to Talloires.
- Professor Loring Tu from the Math Department was the AS&E Scholar in Residence. He was a wonderful addition to the Tufts in Talloires community and participated fully in our activities. His lecture, "A Glimpse of Modern Mathematics for Poets," drew a full house, a real tribute to how beautifully he integrated into the group and to how much they appreciated him!

For the upcoming Summer 2010 Talloires Program, we received only 11 proposals, two of which were for the same French course. Several other faculty members contacted Gabriella Goldstein about submitting a proposal but ultimately decided not to do so. Fortunately, the ten proposals were academically solid, appropriate for Talloires, and nicely spread over the curricular areas usually in demand by the students. Moreover, four were from faculty who had never taught in Talloires (indicated by *). The courses selected are as follows:

CD 62: Childhood Across Cultures, Kathleen Camara
CH 184/CEE 194/SOC 189: The Emerging Global Health Crisis, Raymond Hyatt
ENG 10: Non-Fiction Writing, Michael Ullman
ENVST 105: Flowers of the Alps, George Ellmore
ES 60: Appropriate Technology in Sustainable Engineering, Douglas Matson*
FAH 92: Northern Renaissance Art: France, Cristelle Baskins*
FR 21/22: Communication, Culture, et Couleur Locale, Tracy Pearce
FR 32/191: Readings on Alpine Nature in French Literature II, Gérard Gasarian
PS 154: Romanticism and Revolution: The Political Philosophy of Rousseau, Dennis Rasmussen*
SOC 188D: Islam & Europe: Legacies and Dynamics of Difference, Ryan Centner*

93 students are currently enrolled in the Summer 2010 Talloires program.
B. **Tufts in Annecy (June 29 - July 30, 2009):**
Tens students participated in the Tufts in Annecy program. Because of management changes in IFALPES, with which our program had been associated, we moved our students to a new French Language Institute called CILFA (Centre International de Langue Francaise d'Annecy). We found the quality of instruction as well as the customer service to be completely satisfactory.

C. **Tufts Summit (June 27 - July 25, 2009):**
Tufts Summit drew 29 high school students. In addition to their classes, they went on field trips to Geneva, to the United Nations and the Red Cross Museum, as well as to Lyon. There were two International Relations IR simulations (Model UN) and one large group discussions with the ESL students about Franco-American relations. On one of the weekly hikes, students spent the night in a refuge in the mountains. The Tour de France, the annual cycling competition that came through Talloires last summer, was a big event for the group.

D. **L'Anglais Americain d'Aujourd'hui (July 2009):**
Our ESL class in July 2009 attracted 17 students this year. They met together with the Tufts Summit students regularly once a week.

E. **Amis du Prieuré, a local organization of French people:**
The Amis du Prieuré organized 13 public lectures that were held at the European Center each Monday night.

F. **Conferences, meetings, and seminars organized by or in conjunction with the European Center in 2009:**
The Fletcher School International Law LLM Capstone Program
The Fletcher School Annual Talloires Symposium (European Alumni Gathering) with Nobel Peace Prize winner Maartti Ahtisaari
The Annual Meeting of the MacJannet Foundation
The Tisch College-Talloires Network- MacJannet Foundation First Annual MacJannet Prize Ceremony
The Annual Meeting of the Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
The Tufts Institute of Cosmology held the "Challenges in Theoretical Cosmology"
The Global Leadership Seminar. It was attended by representatives from: Lee Kwan Yew (Singapore), Yonsei (Korea), College of Europe (Belgium), Saint Gallen (Switzerland), and the Fletcher School (US).
Orientation for our Tufts in Paris students, under the leadership of the Director, Monique Fecteau

Gabriella expects even more events to be held there this coming season. Thus, all indications point to the health and viability of the Center. The state of the economy has had no negative effect on enrollments in Tufts-sponsored programs, and both Tufts-related and outside groups make good use of the facilities of the Priory.

Respectfully submitted,

Emese Soos, Senior Lecturer
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