



***Bienvenidos!
Willkommen!***



***Kasuumai!
Dobro Nam Dosli!***

The staff and Student Assistants of the Programs Abroad Office (PAO) want to welcome you back to California and to UCSD, and to offer our support as you re-enter life in the U.S. We look forward to hearing about your experiences abroad either when you check in with our office or at one of the events listed on the returnee section of the Programs Abroad website (<http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/uponreturn.html>).

First and foremost, log on to MyPAO and fill out a Returnee Profile at <http://pao.ucsd.edu>. Make sure to change your address on MyPAO and UCSD Registrar's Office via Tritonlink. Be certain to refer to the Programs Abroad website for address update procedures as well as important academic credit information.

PAO UPDATES: The second summer of very successful Global Seminars ended, and we have new ones lined up for next summer in some very exciting places – Amman, Jordan – Istanbul, Turkey - Budapest, Hungary – Athens, Greece. Go to <http://globalseminar.ucsd.edu> to see the Summer 2010 options.

We just hired our new Student Assistants (formerly called interns). You will meet them upon return. Betsy Gomez (OAP – Russia), Celine Duong (EAP – Lyon, France), Talin Galoosian (EAP – Padua, Italy), David Huang (EAP – Shanghai, China), Margaret Reed (EAP – Budapest, Hungary), Lana Puckett (OAP – Bariloche, Argentina), Katherine Murray (GS – Paris, France), Shirley Pon (EAP – Christchurch, New Zealand), Jamie Lewis (EAP – Perth, Australia), and Pauline Lee (EAP – Córdoba, Spain).

UCSD UPDATE: Graduation was very colorful again this year. Study abroad returnees wore beautiful stoles around their necks with the colors and symbols of their country abroad. Some wore more than one. Something for you to look forward to at your graduation.

With the California budget crisis, we are all being furloughed 13 to 18 days (depending on our salary), throughout the academic year. This includes faculty.

EAP UPDATE: Prof Sharon Rose (Linguistics) is our new PAO Faculty Director, replacing David Mares.

NEW EAP PROGRAMS: In Asia – summer beginning Japanese, summer Thailand, and a summer program in English in Beijing. A Language Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina was approved last week. Israel has been reinstated. See <http://eap.ucop.edu> for details.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: If any of you would like to continue your international experience by living with an international student, please let us know. If not, maybe you can help these students when they arrive by driving them to advertised apartments, etc. We would be most grateful. Most of you had guaranteed housing in your host countries, so imagine what it would be like trying to find your own place immediately upon arrival. We will also keep a list of returnees and reciprocity students looking for roommates.

We expect you to be involved with Programs Abroad upon your return. You can inspire other students to follow in your footsteps by contributing articles to the Guardian and college/departmental newsletters. Look at all the ways you can be involved on the Programs Abroad website. We are especially counting on assistance from those of you who received scholarships for study abroad!

Should you encounter any problems or difficulties, please schedule an appointment with one of the advisors. If you are plagued by the travel bug and would like to pursue other international opportunities, visit our Programs Abroad Resource Library to explore a world of options. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Your Programs Abroad Staff