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This is our last newsletter for the 2008-09 school year. We'll see you next fall!

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## 1) Upcoming Events and Deadlines

See <http://www.muohio.edu/international/events.php> for more information on upcoming events and deadlines, including times, locations and links for more information.

- Summer Break – Our staff will be in the office this summer, so if you want to start doing study abroad research during your free time, we'll be available to answer your questions via email, phone or in person. If you're thinking about studying abroad in spring 2010, the summer is a great time to get started on your research or applications.
- September 15 – Study Abroad Fair. This is the biggest study abroad event of the year and a great way to pick up information about your study abroad options. Mark your calendars now!

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## 2) Program Updates

- Many study abroad providers are still accepting applications for fall 2009 – and some are even accepting applications for summer 2009! Among these are: AIFS, API, CEA, ISA, SIT and USAC.
- In addition, many providers have extended their application deadlines in order to accommodate students whose study abroad plans may have been affected by the flu pandemic. Even if a program's stated deadline has passed, it can't hurt to contact them and ask if they're still accepting applications.
- If you will be studying abroad in summer 2009 or fall 2009 and have not yet contacted a study abroad advisor about your plans, please do so ASAP! There is paperwork you have to do before you go abroad.

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## 3) Applying for a Fulbright Grant

One of our study abroad peer advisors, [Rebekah Farrar](#), won a Fulbright teaching assistantship for the 2009-10 school year. Here's what she has to say about it:

Have you thought about what you're going to do after graduation? Grad school? Working? Not a clue? Well, let's face it—regardless of your specific plans, with the economy the way it is, you need an edge. So why not do what I'm doing and spend a year abroad? By August 2, I will be in Taiwan on a Fulbright Grant to teach English. Not only does this allow me to effectively delay any real decision concerning my future, but it gives me a definite competitive edge in the job market.

I'd like to talk a little bit about the Fulbright in general. The Fulbright is a fabulous opportunity; it's essentially a year's worth of tuition, rent, food costs, transportation costs, health care, and so on, in the foreign country of your choice. There are a few different programs available. I am doing an English-teaching assistantship, which is exactly what it sounds like—I will be teaching English. There is also a research program, where students come up with a research project and spend a year in the country of their choice completing it. Finally, there's a special program for musicians—a year of music study wherever you want.

One thing I will say is that the application process is incredibly rigorous. The Fulbright advisor on campus, Dr. David Keitges, once joked that anyone who completed the Fulbright application should get an academic credit for it. In any case, it really is an amazing opportunity; I would recommend looking into it if you're interested in time abroad.

Opportunities like this are quite competitive and, as Rebekah says, rigorous, but there is a lot of guidance available that can help you make your application strong and noteworthy. If you're interested in applying or just want more information about the program or the process, please contact Dr. Keitges at [keitgedj@muohio.edu](mailto:keitgedj@muohio.edu).

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#### 4) Pandemic Flu

If you have questions or concerns about swine flu and how it may affect study abroad, please consult the [Health and Safety](#) page of our website, which we'll keep updated as new information becomes available. If you're planning to study abroad this summer or fall in a location that's been hit by swine flu, please contact your program about possible cancellations or program changes. Many programs are extending application deadlines to accommodate students who need to make program changes, or may move students from one location to another.

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#### 5) Featured Study Abroad Program of the Month: IFSA-Butler in Egypt

For years, Miami students have enjoyed IFSA-Butler's full-immersion study abroad programs at universities throughout the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking world... and now you have the opportunity to participate in IFSA-Butler programs in Egypt as well! Beginning in spring 2010, IFSA-Butler will offer study abroad opportunities at Alexandria University, Cairo University, Ain Shams University (Cairo) and Helwan University (Helwan). If you're looking for an opportunity to study in an intersection of cultures, want to learn about ancient history or modern politics, or are just looking to go somewhere out of the ordinary, why not check it out?

Course information for spring 2010 should be available by the end of May on IFSA-Butler's website. For more information or to be notified when details are available, you can contact Chris Harrison ([charriso@ifsa-butler.org](mailto:charriso@ifsa-butler.org)) or Rhonda Hinkle ([rhinkle@ifsa-butler.org](mailto:rhinkle@ifsa-butler.org)).



For more information on this program: <http://www.ifsa-butler.org/egypt-overview.html>

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