

# MEINDE & MOIEN

## "MONDAY MORNING"

17 MAY 2010

### Welcome to Luxembourg!

As advertised, this document you are now reading is the famous 'Monday Morning' newsletter! Expect a new one each Monday morning, here on the dining room tables and on the **MUDEC BLOG**. Take the time to read it so that you know all about the important things happening here at the Chateau and all around Luxembourg every week!

#### MUDEC BLOG!!!

[www.mudecactivities.wordpress.com](http://www.mudecactivities.wordpress.com)

Interested in activities that are happening in Luxembourg this week? **Check out the blog for the weekly schedule of events.** You'll also find announcements, tips, information on **local restaurants, stores, and gyms**, and other things to keep you in the know on all things MUDEC.

### MUDEC Events

#### U.S. EMBASSY REGISTRATION FORM

Do **NOT** forget to sign this form, which has already been prepared and requires **only a signature from you.** In the event that you lose your passport, or a war breaks out between Luxembourg and a neighboring country, this form will be the only thing between you and world of pain. See Mr. Raymond Manes in the Assistant Dean's office **before Thursday!**

#### PROCTOR SIGN-UP

SBA students **enrolled in scholarships with the FSB** are required to fulfill one shift as cave proctor during their three-week stay in Differdange. A sign-up sheet is **posted on the bulletin board in the cave.** Check your email for further details.

#### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

If your class has not done so already, a brief election will be held during class hours this week to choose

ONE class representative to serve on a council with Dean Leterre and the Student Activity Coordinator every **Tuesday from 3.15 to 4.00pm**, with the aim of furthering student-staff relationships and implementing student ideas, requests, & suggestions.

#### A'DAM INFO SESSION

A 30-60 minute overview and Q&A session on Amsterdam given by an amateur but nevertheless experienced guide (moi) will be held in the **cave on Tuesday immediately following the guest lecturer** (see below). No sign up required, just drop in!



#### CELL PHONES

I have **fourteen** mobiles in various states of usability. Most require a new SIM card. Please see me if a phone has been expressly left for you! A lottery will be held to distribute the remaining units, which will require **€30 deposit.** Due to the desire to keep the phones in Lux for future MUDECers, the **MSP students will have priority** in the lottery.

#### MUDEC Calendar

**Monday, May 17:** MSP and SBA Integration meetings

**Tuesday, May 18:** 4.00pm Ambassador and Professor **Guy DE MUYSER** will give a lecture about "Memories of a Diplomat and Russian Dissident Art"

**Wednesday, May 19:** Orientation: SBA and MSP tours of Luxembourg City. Check your orientation booklets!

**Thursday, May 20:** No afternoon classes. **Enjoy your first weekend travelling through Europe!!!**

**Friday, May 21:** President **Mikhail Gorbachev** conference at the "Centre Neumunster" in Luxembourg City, 7:00pm.

# DEAN'S LETTER

'GOOD THINGS HAPPEN ON MONDAY (TOO)'

## How to get the most of a summer in Europe

### Integration!

While the summer might not be yet fully here in Luxembourg, the summer term has begun in Differdange. I will express a general consensus, I believe, if I say that our integration program on Saturday was a success. We discovered the justly celebrated beauties of the Northern part of Luxembourg, after a moving halt to the American and German cemeteries. The warm ambience of the barbecue dinner more than compensated for somewhat chilly weather, which nevertheless did us the favor of some much welcomed sunshine and... no rain. Integration will continue this week with meetings on Monday so that everybody knows everything about host family etiquette, getting plugged-in into our network, and travelling. The last step of the Integration program will be a visit to Luxembourg City on Wednesday.

### Our two programs

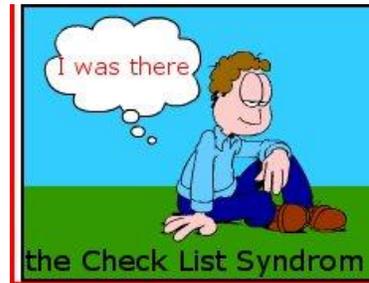
For this 2010 session two programs are present at the center: the Dolibois Center Summer Workshop, which will run for 7 weeks in one section, and the Farmer Business School Program which will take shifts at the Castle. We will say goodbye to our friends – and hello to new ones – in a few weeks.

This leads me to comment on our organization this summer: as the dining hall serves as the venue for the classes of the Dolibois program, including in the afternoon, it is important to respect absolute silence in the library situated above the dining facility.

### Get organized for... everything: work, travel and the Cloud

By its nature a summer program is particularly intensive. It is work intensive, with a condensed academic program; it is life intensive, with so many things to discover in new surroundings, all of which invites exploration and adventure. On both accounts, to experience your stay to the fullest, it is important to have a real sense of organization.

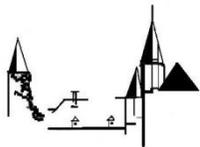
As regards to your work, you must have a well-thought out work schedule: both programs have extended weekends which allow for travelling and properly preparing for the week's classes. It is also recommended to use your travel time to complete your readings for the weekend and to use the Chateau's extended hours of opening for your assignments.



A remarkable feature of Luxembourg is that it is well connected to most of Europe – making it easy to travel anywhere on the continent. This advantage can prove to be tricky if one falls in the “list checking syndrome” which consists in going to the long list of places “to check” just to be able to say “I was there”. Europe is proud of its two millennia worth of history. Even small places have their treasures, and there is nothing more rewarding than being the one who uncovers them. Great cities such as Paris, Rome, Berlin, are overwhelming. Getting acquainted with them requires more than hopping from touristy place and touristy clubs to other touristy places. It is important to take the time to appreciate what they have to offer and yes, maybe to seemingly see less, to actually understand more. It is all the truer since one of the characteristics of Europe is its inherent cultural diversity: Italians do not behave like Greeks, who, in turn, do not have the same habits as Norwegians or Poles. It is an important part of exploring Europe to be opened to these differences and to note them—which, once again, requires more than city hopping across the continent.

It is also very important to plan your travels carefully since, as you know, air traffic is disturbed on a regular basis over Europe due to the Ash cloud: if you are stranded in a place without the possibility to return in due time, there is the danger that you will not be able to catch up with the speed of the program. For this reason, carefully review your plans before travelling, check the schedules of the airports, and keep posted for Ash clouds warnings.

With all these recommendations, you will surely have the greatest of summers!



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## ON THE BLOG...

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- ✓ Info on organized events (BBQ, Quiz Night)
- ✓ This week and weekend in Luxembourg: happenings around the Grand Duchy
- ✓ Travel tips
- ✓ much, much more!

## EVENTS

### TUESDAY LECTURE AND RECEPTION

At 4:00pm on Tuesday, guest speaker Professor Jean-Paul Lehnrs will give a lecture on Human Rights. **Attendance is mandatory for all students!** Following the talk, a reception will be held in Dean Leterre's private apartment in the south wing of the chateau. Spots are limited! Please **sign up on the bulletin board in the cave** to take advantage of this special opportunity. See the Dean's Letter on the opposite page for further information on Dr. Lehnrs.

### QUIZ NIGHT

An ever-popular feature of the British social scene, the **pub quiz** takes place an estimated 23,000 times every week at 'public houses' around the UK. On **Tuesday at 8:00pm**, a quiz night will be held at **Little Miami** pub, across the street from the chateau. It's a team competition, so find four friends and register your team on the **sign-up sheet on the bulletin board of the cave!** Spots are limited. **Teams of five, €1.50/head entry, a variety of prizes** to be won! I need **one volunteer** to assist me in Quizmaster duties. Why volunteer for these duties, you might ask? Because the volunteer gets free beverages at the pub!



### FIELD TRIPS



Day-tripping time! On **Wednesday**, Business students are meeting at the chateau at 1:00pm to catch a bus bound for **Trier, Germany** (above). Summer Program students will meet at 3:30pm for a journey into the hills west of Differdange, where a **1900 stream train tour** (right) awaits you!



## REMINDERS

### CELL PHONES

I still have a number of mobiles available. If you have received an email from me, a phone is waiting for you in the **Student Activities Coordinator's upstairs office**, at the back of the library. If you have not contacted me but are interested in one of these phones, do so ASAP. And remember, a **€30 deposit** is required.



### PROCTORS

If you're a proud recipient of a Farmer School of Business Scholarship, don't forget your proctor duties!

### HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed for the farewell barbeque for the Business program students, to be held next week. There will be an incentive! Please see the Student Activities Coordinator.

### JOYEUX ANNIVERSAIRE!!!

Happy **21<sup>st</sup> Birthday** to Marilyn Wickenheiser (Tuesday, May 25)!



## CALENDAR

**Monday, May 24:** Nature walk and 'grill party' in the forest above Differdange.

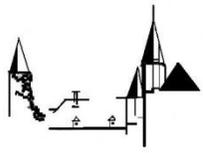
**Tuesday, May 25:** 4:00pm – **Guest lecturer** Prof. Lehnrs, followed by an exclusive reception in Dean Leterre's private apartment.

8:00pm – **Quiz Night** at Little Miami.

**Wednesday, May 26:** Field trips! Departure for **Trier, Germany** at 1:00pm, and **1900 Steam Train Tour** at 3:30pm.

**Thursday, May 27:** No afternoon classes. Enjoy your travels, be safe, and don't forget your **bagged lunches**.

**Friday, May 28:** Armenian Independence Day!



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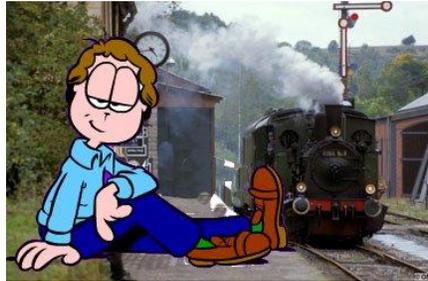


# Dean's Letter

## Not Rookies Anymore

### Forecast blessings

Though we are not a school of meteorology, the forecast plays an important role in our program. In a region of the world where countries are so numerous and so diverse within a short distance, there is a certain thrill in being able to travel easily to many different world-renowned cities. And that is always better under propitious weather. Another aspect cannot be neglected: we benefit from the fantastic premises of the castle, and the park surrounding the castle. Do not hesitate to enjoy it! Life at the Dolibois Center is not bordered by the thick walls of our castle (though I must admit the reach of our WIFI network is). By the way, we have different balls and equipment available at the Student Activity Coordinator's office; do not hesitate to ask for them. A gentle reminder, though: games of any kind are banned from the courtyard of the Castle, for obvious reasons.



### Manage your time!

Of course, as is the case with any academic program, the most important thing is to successfully complete the requirements of the term. It is thus essential to balance leisure time, your discovery of Luxembourg in the evening, and Europe through your travels, with the completion of your class work. It is mostly a personal decision you have to make about how to use your time. No-one can make it for you, but here's a tip: if you find that the workload is too intensive at the beginning of the week, then it might be preferable to use your free Thursday afternoon and even your Friday (there are no classes but the center is opened to students) to even out your workload. If you want to maximize your free time on Thursday afternoons and Friday, obviously, you must adapt to a more demanding style of work in the first days of the week. Once again, the decision is yours. As always, being organized is key.

### Miami Luxembourg Scholarships Programs

The Integration session ended last week with a visit to Luxembourg City on Wednesday under the guidance of Assistant Dean Manes and Timothy Montgomery for one group, and Crici Dumont and Laurent Peters for the other group. I was unfortunately not able to join for this

visit for a good reason: I was hosting a reception for the grantees of the scholarships that Miami University offers to Luxembourg. This ample scholarship program (of nearly \$180,000 a year) was established in recognition for the support we have continuously received from the community that has welcomed the Center for over four decades. Annually, it allows four students from the University of Luxembourg to study at Miami for a semester, and offers two full fellowships and five out-of-state tuition waivers to Luxembourgers and residents. One of my guests is a rising Luxembourgish sophomore at Miami and her enthusiasm is the best advertisement ever for Miami University – and for its ties to Luxembourg.

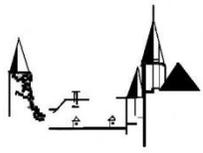
### The Lecture program

It was a great honor for our program to receive former Ambassador and John Dolibois Center colleague Guy de Muyser for the lecture of last week. His spectacular introduction to Russian Dissident Art, illustrated with reproductions from his private collection, made us feel special, and especially privileged. I thank him deeply for his continuing dedication to the Center which led him to make time for us on a particularly busy week for him.

Guy de Muyser will be succeeded in our lectures program by Dr. Jean-Paul Lehnert who is professor at the University of Luxembourg and President of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights. He will give a presentation on the situation of human rights. This lecture program is a particularly important part of our program. It allows students to meet with high level officials, business people, and intellectuals of the country. This is why also it is a mandatory activity.

We will also have another activity on Wednesday which will take us on a steam train around the region of Differdange. We will also have another activity on Wednesday which will take the Farmer Business School to Trier and the John Dolibois program on a steam train around the region of Differdange.

Get ready for all of this!



31 May – 7 June, 2010



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- ✓ Travel: **Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland; Avignon and Arles, South of France**
- ✓ much, much more!

## EVENTS

### MONDAY LECTURE & FAREWELL BBQ

A big 'Merci!' to guest speaker **Gerard Lopez** for his talk on entrepreneurship this past Monday. More thanks go out to our volunteer servers who assisted at the BBQ!



### BOFFERDING TOUR

On Tuesday, Professor Yen's business students enjoyed a **free tour** of the Bofferding brewery in Bascharage, Luxembourg. After an unexpected delay, the tour commenced at 2:15pm. Students were able to witness first-hand the entire manufacturing, packaging, and distribution processes. The tour was capped with a hands-on and personalized introduction and utilization of the **final Bofferding product**. By the end of the tour, students were able to make well-informed assessments on the business practices and products offered by the Bofferding label.



### ESSAYS, QUIZZES, EXAMS, OH MY!

This is a *study*-abroad program, after all! Professor Yen's Business students have an **exam and essay due on Thursday, June 3**.



Summer Program students have a **quiz** in Prof. Neringa's Anthropology class on **Tuesday** morning, and an exam in Prof. Prytherch's Geography class on **Wednesday morning, June 2, at 8:45am!**

### DISCOVERY OPPORTUNITY – TRIER

On Thursday, a day trip to **Trier, Germany**, has been arranged for Summer Program students, all expenses paid! The bus will depart from the chateau at **11:00am** and return around **6:00pm**. A guided tour awaits you. Viel Spaß!



## REMINDERS

### HOW AM I GETTING TO BARCELONA?!

Business students **say adieu** to Differdange this week. They will **travel independently** to Barcelona, where they must arrive **before 10pm on Sunday** to meet their host families.

Summer Program students board a **flight departing from Brussels Friday**, thus up very early in coach provided by



the school. Check with your professors, read your email, and be on alert for **further details!** And remember, **DON'T FORGET** to bring your passports!

### JOYEUX ANNIVERSAIRE!!!

'Happy **21<sup>st</sup> Birthdays!**' go out to Jordan Sheer (Mon, May 31), and Jeff Skonezny (Fri, June 4). More well wishes to Katy Hicks on Friday June 4, and next week: Amy Burke (June 9)!



## CALENDAR

**Monday, May 31:** Guest lecturer Gerard Lopez, 4:00pm, followed by a farewell BBQ on the terrace of the chateau.

**Tuesday, June 1:** Tour of the Bofferding brewery, 2:00pm.

**Wednesday, June 2:** Geography exam, 8:45 am.

**Thursday, June 3:** Business Program exam and essay due.

**Friday, June 4:** Summer Program Students depart for Barcelona, early morning. Tonga Independence Day (1970).



31 May – 7 June, 2010



# Dean's Letter

## Past, present and future

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day in the United States is about the homage to and the remembrance of all those who risked, and all too often sacrificed, their lives for their country. When this country fought to defend universal values of freedom and democracy, they also protected those values for the sake of others—far beyond the legitimate sense of national pride. In Europe, this fact is particularly meaningful. The memories of the Second World War are still visible and many scars of the period remain—battle fields, memorials in every European village, names of streets, debates over the past. The traces of the First World War are not far away either. If you go by car to Paris from Luxembourg, you will drive by the memorial established in Argonne to commemorate the bravery of the American troops on the killing fields of France in 1918. More than 14,000 American soldiers rest here, 100 miles south of the Luxembourg border.

### Ceremony

I had these thoughts in mind last Saturday when I attended the Memorial Ceremony held by U.S. Ambassador Cynthia Stroum at the American cemetery of Luxembourg in the presence of Luxembourg Crown Prince Guillaume, former Senator Max Cleland, Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission and retired General Eric Shinseki, United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs. I had these thoughts when I laid a wreath of white and red carnations in the name of Miami University with the help of Sgt. Andrew, from the US air force.

Sixty five years after the end of the Second World War, it was a moving and significant ceremony.



### Guests from the US.

This week—the last week in Luxembourg for the first section of the Farmer School Business program—will be rich in events at the Dolibois Center. On Monday, we welcome Gerard Lopez, a Miami alumnus and well-known member of the financial world of Luxembourg who kindly accepted to talk about his professional career as an investor. For this event, we will be joined by a delegation from The Sacred Heart University. This fellow American institution of higher education based in Connecticut has a MBA program in Luxembourg and is starting an undergraduate summer program: it is a great pleasure for us to welcome this group of undergraduates whose stay in Luxembourg lasts two weeks. The lecture is to be followed by a grill and garden party on the Dean's Terrace. It will be our way to say goodbye to Professor Yen and wife Wendy, and all our friends from the Business School.

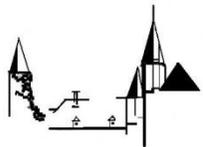
On Tuesday, I will receive another representative of an American College with the visit of Dr. Nancy Decker, the director of Florida based Rollins College's program in Trier.

### Tour in Trier

As it is a small world, the students of the Dolibois Center Summer program are precisely invited on Thursday to a visit of

Trier, which was also the destination of the Farmer Business School program last week. Do not hesitate to sign up for a unique opportunity to discover the oldest city in Germany, and an exceptional Roman site, before taking off for the Study Tour on Friday.

And since we are talking—literally—of taking off, **do not forget your passport:** remember that if you cannot attend the study tour (impossible without a passport), you would not complete the requirement of your classes. It would be such a shame.



7 – 14 June, 2010



# Meindeg Moien

## WELCOME TO LUXEMBOURG!!!

A warm welcome goes out to the second group of students from the Farmer School of Business Administration summer abroad program, which arrived from Barcelona on Sunday, June 6. Enjoy your three weeks in Differdange!

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## EVENTS

### BUS TOUR OF LUXEMBOURG

On **Monday**, the newly arrived Business Program students will depart from the chateau at **13:30** for a bus tour covering a large swath of the country of Luxembourg. Visits include the medieval town of **Echternach**, the chateau at **Vianden** (above), and **Robbesscheier** restaurant for a BBQ dinner. The tour also includes a drive through the scenic **Müllertal** region and a stop at the ruins of **Beaufort** castle.



### INTEGRATION MEETINGS

Housing Coordinator Crici Dumont and IT Administrator Laurent Peters will hold 20-minute info sessions **after lunch on Tuesday**. Attendance is mandatory! **No show, no internet access!**

### CENTRAL BANK OF LUXEMBOURG

On **Tuesday**, Professor Barr's business students are visiting the Central Bank of Luxembourg in the capital city, where a presentation will be given by **Secretary Joris Buyse**. Mr. Buyse, a former professor at the Dolibois Center, will be discussing the history and services of the Bank, as well as the current European banking environment. The bus departs from the chateau in Differdange at **2:00pm!**



### LUXEMBOURG CITY

Students will tour Luxembourg City and WWII war memorials on **Wednesday** afternoon. The bus departs from the chateau at **1:30pm**. Students will have the option of staying in the city and continuing the tour at the ever-popular **Grund** district (pictured), or boarding the bus back for Differdange.



### STANLEY CUP GAME 6



In the cave, Wed./Thur. night, 2am. Please sign up with Tim.

## REMINDERS

### U.S. EMBASSY REGISTRATION FORM

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### PROCTOR SIGN-UP

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### CELL PHONES

A number of mobile phones are available for students to loan. Please see Tim if you are interested. A **€30 refundable deposit** is required.



### LUNCH BAGS

You've all received an email from Fanny Blaise concerning lunch bags for Thursday afternoon. You **MUST pick up a ticket** in her office **by Tuesday!!!** No ticket, no lunch!



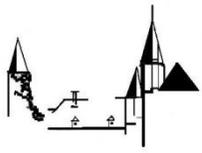
## NEXT WEEK

**Sunday, June 13:** Summer Program students (hopefully all 47 of them!) return from their Study Tour in Barcelona, Spain.

**Monday, June 14:** Guest Lecturer Stephanie Shaheen, 4pm.

**Tuesday, June 15:** Business students visit Trier, Germany.

**Wednesday, June 16:** Afternoon tours. Business students: Bank in Lux City. Summer Program: mines in Rumelange.



7 – 14 June, 2010



# Dean's Letter

## Newcomers to the Château

It is with great pleasure that the Dolibois European Center welcomes this Monday Dr. Teri Barr from the Farmer Business School and a new group of students. They succeed Dr. Yen's group which departed to Spain, and will spend the next three weeks with us discovering Luxembourg and, through a series of lectures and visits, learn about key elements of European businesses.

In the next three days the integration program in Luxembourg and a first field trip visit at the European Bank will allow students and faculty to be acquainted with their immediate surroundings in the Center, in Differdange, in Luxembourg City and in the country. The Dolibois Center is not isolated from its environment, nor should it be: it is an important part of a study abroad experience to be able to decipher the immediate context in which we evolve, even if for a short time.

## Survival tips

Two formal channels of information give details about the current activities of the center (for instance the mandatory series of lectures): this weekly newsletter, *The Monday Morning* (Okay, you may see it appear on Tuesday) and the **digital panels** placed in the reception area and the "Landing". But the most precious source of information is still casual interaction with people: one should not hesitate to **ask the staff** whatever the topic may be. We are happy to help students (and faculty) to the best of our ability. In particular, Timothy Montgomery, our Student Activity Coordinator is always there to help you with students' projects, and questions. Timothy is also an exceptional source of information about traveling in

Europe. Everyone should be aware that Europe is a rich and diverse continent where it is not necessary to go far to discover incomparable treasures. The European multiculturalism is particularly spectacular in Luxembourg, with its **three official languages** — French, German, Luxembourgish — and its many other ones spoken such as Dutch, Portuguese, Italian and... English. This does not mean that one should expect everybody to speak English (or Dutch, or Italian...) and there is a certain measure of touristy candor to worry about people not being Anglophones: while I am always happy to answer questions, sometimes I cannot help feeling embarrassed when I am asked why people do not speak English at the host family or in stores. It is definitely not an Anglophone country, and that makes it an interesting place! It is true also that people in Luxembourg are so used to dealing with different languages and cultures that this diversity of languages is a very positive and often fun experience.

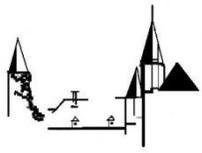


## Safety

Luxembourg is well-known for being one of the safest countries in the world. That does not mean that we should not pay attention to our surroundings. Police can always be reached by dialing the 113.

The number for medical emergencies is 112. This number also serves as a contact for medical information (where to find a doctor, an open pharmacy). In case of a problem, it is important to contact the center so that we are aware of the situation. After office hours, in case of an emergency, one can always reach me on the emergency number 58-22-22-911 which goes directly to my cell phone (by the way, it is an *emergency* number, to be used as such). During office hours, or for non-emergency, the number of the center should be used.

And now it is time to have a great time in Luxembourg!



14 – 21 June, 2010



# Méindeg Moien

## WELCOME BACK SUMMER PROGRAM!!!

Quaint, humble Differdange is pleased to welcome back the Summer Program students from their week-long field study tour in sunny, bustling Barcelona and Valencia. Three weeks remain in the program...time to buckle down and concentrate on that school work!

## ACTIVITIES BLOG:

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## EVENTS

### GUEST SPEAKER AND RECEPTION

On **Monday at 4:00pm**, Dr. Stephanie Shaheen will give a talk on adapting to foreign cultures and the study abroad experience. Dr. Shaheen is a Miami and MUDEC alum, and has years of experience with study abroad programs. Immediately following the talk, a **reception** will be held in Dean Leterre's **private apartment in the south wing of the château**. Come for a chat with Dr. Shaheen, a chance to discover more of the chateau, and of course the **chilled drinks and snacks!**

### ROMAN RUINS AND GERMAN DINING

On **Tuesday**, Professor Barr's business students are visiting **Trier, Germany**. The day trip includes a guided tour of the ancient Roman city and a three-course dinner, all expenses paid. The bus will depart from the château at **1:30pm** and return around **9:00pm**.



### BUSY HUMP DAY FOR BUSINESS CLASS

**Georges Lentz**, Miami alum and owner of the Bofferding Brewery, is the guest speaker in Professor Barr's morning business class on **Wednesday**. Following Mr. Lentz's lecture, students will be asked to **cut the lunch line** so that they may board a **bus at 1:00pm** bound for where a tour of the Bank (BCEE) has been arranged. cont...



There is **no group transportation arranged after the bank**, so students are on their own to explore Lux City, make travel reservations at the train station, or travel back to Differdange.

### NAT'L MINING MUSEUM OF LUXEMBOURG



On Wednesday, Summer Program students visit the **mine shafts in Rumelange**. The tour includes a 20-min **train ride** into the mines and an audio-guided, hour-long walk through the mine galleries. The average temperature in the mine is a constant **10°C** throughout the year. It is therefore important that **visitors wear warm clothing!** The bus departs from the château at **3:30 pm** and will return by **6:00pm**.

## REMINDERS

### PROCTORS

Scholarship students, don't forget your proctoring duties!



### LUNCH BAGS

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### FÊTE DE LA MUSIQUE

Also know as World Music Day, this **international music festival** will be taking place in Luxembourg City all weekend long. See Tim for further details!

### FREE CONCERT AT THE PHILHARMONIC

See the Cave bulletin board for this tremendous opportunity!

### JOYEUX ANNIVERSAIRE!!!

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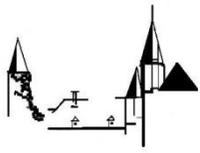
## NEXT WEEK

**Monday, June 21:** Possible trip to Bofferding Brewery for Summer Program students.

**Tuesday, June 22:** Business Program visits Arbed Steel. Possible Bofferding tour. Lux National Day festivities begin!

**Wed, June 23:** National Day! No classes for Summer Program.

**Friday, June 25:** Business Program farewell lunch and winery tour



# Dean's Letter

## Viewed from different angles

A warm « welcome back » to the students from the Dolibois Center Summer Program on their return from the study tour to Barcelona with Professors Prytech and Womack. The study tour is always an exceptional learning opportunity, illustrating the emphasis on « out-of-class teaching » that we seek to develop. I am profoundly grateful to my colleagues for their involvement in building a program where geography and literature can contribute to the success of an extended field trip. But the study tour is in fact more than a field trip. Its purpose is not only to apply in-class formal teaching to out-of-class reality, but also to experience reality in a different, more subtle, and richer way.

## Academic Knowledge

A study tour is a perfect opportunity to realize that academic knowledge is not solely a way to understand the world that surrounds us, but also a way to *discover* it, to be more alert to it. Part of what we learn pertains to the endeavor of deciphering the unknown behind the obvious. Another part, a very precise one, is to see more clearly, or from a different perspective, that which is in plain sight, and that which we may not have noticed had we not been prepared to do so. In the context of the curriculum of the Dolibois Center, the integrated study tour is far more than a trip or even a travel experience. Travelling is about discovering new places. A study tour is about realizing how the unknown—places, people, contexts—can be seen through the familiar lens of formal knowledge acquired in class.

## Interdisciplinary

The interdisciplinary dimension of such an undertaking is important. By interconnecting the approaches of different academic standpoints, we can fully grasp the diverse aspects of our object, and often its unity. This is why also the study should not be separated from the entire thematic sequence which is offered during the summer term: while being directly embedded in two courses, it is also intimately relevant to our third course, offered by

Professor Klumbyte in anthropology. Exploring Differdange and interviewing people, as was done in a class assignment, is another type of discovery, another effort to better understand what surrounds us. In the same spirit, Professor Barr took the students of the Farmer Business School to the Central Bank last week thanks to the friendly

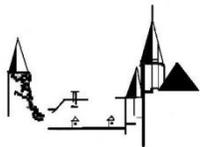
complicity of Mr. Joris Buyse. It was a unique opportunity to understand the role of a central bank in a country known for its major financial assets.

## Understanding one's surroundings

Getting to know one's surroundings is not only important from an academic point of view: it would be embarrassing to stay even for a few weeks in Luxembourg without seeing some of its most significant aspects. The summer program embeds a series of visits: this week the Farmer Business School Program will visit one of the most ancient places in Europe, the nearby city of Trier, and the Dolibois Center Summer Program will visit the local mineshafts, which are a crucial testimony to the industrial past of Luxembourg.

Seeing, understanding, and reflecting: these three terms also encapsulate the meaning of being abroad.





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# Méindeg Moien

## HAPPY NATIONAL HOLIDAY WEEK!!!

The Grand Duke's Official Birthday is celebrated on June 23rd, although this has never been the actual birthday of any ruler of Luxembourg. In 1947, the day was declared the 'national holiday'. As both the reigning Charlotte and the Heir Apparent were born in January, it was feared that their actual birthday celebrations would be marred by poor weather. Thus, the date was fixed on June 23. So now we can celebrate in *average* weather! :)

## ACTIVITIES BLOG:

[www.mudecactivities.wordpress.com](http://www.mudecactivities.wordpress.com)

- ✓ This week and weekend in Luxembourg
- ✓ Travel reviews (**Rome, Santorini**)

## EVENTS

### NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2010!!!



On Tuesday, all of Luxembourg will celebrate National Day. Parties will go on all night in Luxembourg City, where the Grund and Scott's Pub will play host to the **"Biggest Open Air Event in Luxembourg!"** Festivities are also scheduled in Differdange. Check these websites for further details: [www.grundcelebration.lu](http://www.grundcelebration.lu), [www.station.lu](http://www.station.lu), and [www.differdange.lu](http://www.differdange.lu)

### BOFFERDING TOUR AND MUSIC FESTIVAL



On Monday afternoon, Summer Program students enjoyed a free tour of the **Bofferding Brewery** in Bascharage, Luxembourg. The tour was capped with beer tasting and souvenir buying. Afterward,



several students took in some true Luxembourg culture at the **Fête de la Musique in Esch!**

### ARBED STEEL TOUR

Business program students are visiting the Arbed steel factory in Differdange on Tuesday morning. Class activities will take place in the afternoon.

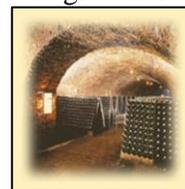


### WORLD CUP VIEWING

The U.S. – Algeria game will be shown on the big screen in Charles de Bold classroom on **Wednesday at 4:00pm.**

### FAREWELL LUNCH FOR BUSINESS SCHOOL

A full afternoon of activities are planned to give our Business School students a **warm farewell on Friday!** The bus will depart from the chateau at **10:30am** for St. Martin **wine cellars** in the Moselle river valley. After touring the cellars and tasting the wine, a farewell lunch is scheduled at the adjoining **restaurant at 12:15pm.** The bus will take students back to Lux City or Differdange after lunch.



### SATURDAY MORNING FLIGHTS REMINDER

Students leaving from Brussels early Saturday morning are encouraged to **bring their packed suitcases** with them to the chateau and on the farewell tour on Friday morning, so that they may take the train out of Luxembourg City immediately following lunch. **The last train to Brussels on Friday is at 8:20pm.**

## REMINDERS

### PROCTORS

Business students, don't forget your proctoring duties!

### THE CHATEAU DOES NOT HAVE A MAID!

Students get a big **FAIL** for cleanliness last week. Messes were left all over the dining hall, library, cave, and kitchen. Don't treat this place like a hotel. **Clean up after yourself!**

### NATIONAL DAY TRAINS

Please note that public transportation will be operating on a limited, **special schedule on Wednesday.** See [www.mobilitet.lu](http://www.mobilitet.lu) or [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) for specific schedules.

### FINAL EXAM

ECO 301 students have a final on Friday, at 8:45am!

### FREE CONCERT AT THE PHILHARMONIC

See the Cave bulletin board for this tremendous opportunity!

### JOYEUX ANNIVERSAIRE!!!

Happy Birthday to Mr. David Williams on Friday, June 25!





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# Dean's Letter

## Last weeks

### Cheers!

While the summer will make its official opening in two days, our summer term is already closing to its end. This week is the last one for the Farmer School Business summer program, and the penultimate one for the John Dolibois Summer program.

### Music and fireworks!

As a matter of fact, the illuminations and the bands all across the country—and on this Monday, in France—are not intended to celebrate the happy ending of our summer term but the “Fête de la Musique”—the music fair: it took place this past week end in Luxembourg and will go on today in France. As regards to the fireworks, they are part of the Luxembourg national day festivities. For those who wonder, the national day celebrates the birthday of the Grand Duke, and is conventionally set on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June—at a moment when chances of good weather are at their best (we’ll see if the weather keeps its promises).

Yet, I believe that despite the fact that the purpose of these celebrations is not to salute our work and endeavors here, they appropriately match a well-deserved congratulatory atmosphere in our last weeks.

### Engagement

The previous week has been a particularly busy one. It reflected the unique engagement of the community vis-à-vis our program, with the presence of no less than three Miami alumni who came to share with us their experience and knowledge. Dr. Stephanie Shaheen, a US Miami graduate who lives in Luxembourg, and was the Students’ Activities Coordinator of the Dolibois Center for three years, gave a vivid, deep and funny as well as... true lecture on intercultural bumps and shocks and glitches. Two Miami alumni and prominent members of the Luxembourg business community, Mr. George Lentz

and Mr. Antoine Scholer, gave a talk to Professor Terri Barr’s class. These visits show how the Center and Miami University as a whole benefit from the help and the support of a vibrant alumni community, with people who do not hesitate to take time off their busy schedule to be with us. We are indebted to their engagement, and as the Dean of this little community that we are, I am particularly grateful to them.

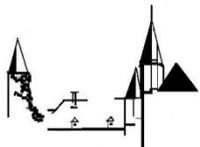


The Farmer Business school program also visited the State Bank of Luxembourg and its historical building for a presentation of the bank’s history and its activity. Being state-owned, the *Caisse d’Epargne* is a very original financial institution, with a specific project and a distinctive social dimension. It entails many consequences in the way business is conducted. The group also benefited from a tour of the museum of the bank and was privileged to be admitted to the bank’s exceptional subterranean art gallery.

### Getting ready for the last week

The last days of a term are also the busiest for the students—yes an academic program abroad is first about *academia*. That involves some nasty regular stuff such as exams, final projects, and grades. Sometimes people think “study abroad” as in the good old light bulb joke: “how many students abroad does it take to change a light bulb? A whole program and they receive full credits.” We do not ask our students to change the light bulbs of the château (a good thing, considering there are a hundred of them hanging off the dining hall ceiling a good 100 ft in the air—our local nightmare, by the way). But we still require students to be students, *ie.* to study... So a great, warm, “good luck” for these final days of work to all! The Farmer Business School program will celebrate its closing next Friday, in a final lunch in a very special place... For more (enticing) details, check the digital panels and the front page of this newsletter.

And then it will be time to go back, bringing unforgettable memories and... good grades.



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# Méindeg Moien

## FAREWELL NOTE

A heartfelt **goodbye** to all faculty, staff, and students! Serving as the Student Activities Coordinator had been a dream of mine ever since studying here in Fall 2002, but the way in which it ultimately happened was completely out-of-the-blue. Thank you for making a dream unexpectedly come true, and for making it so very memorable! Keep in touch all of you!

- Tim Montgomery, SAC Summer 2010

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- ✓ Tips on travelling back to the States!

## EVENTS

### END-OF-SUMMER PARTY, THURSDAY!



It's time to celebrate a wonderful summer semester! We're going to leave Luxembourg in style (that means **formal attire!**) with a day-long sightseeing and socializing tour of the surrounding area. The bus departs from **the chateau at 1pm**, and will visit:

- ✓ **Maginot Line** – French defensive fortifications built in the 1930s
- ✓ **Schengen** – village in SE Luxembourg, site of the signing of the Schengen Agreement
- ✓ **St. Martin** wine cellars in Remich
- ✓ **Piccolo Mundo** Restaurant in the wooded hillside outside Differdange



After dinner and dancing, the bus will depart from the restaurant at **11:00pm sharp!!!** This will enable Lux City people to board the next train at 11:30. If you are not on the bus at that time, you will have a **long, scary walk** through the woods back to the 'dange!



Please check the Activities Blog and your inboxes for the **detailed schedule of events!**

## WORLD CUP PUBLIC VIEWING

The Place du Marché, the main square in Differdange, will project on a huge screen the **four quarterfinals** of the 2010 World Cup. The action takes from **16.00-23.00** on both Friday July 2 and Saturday July 3. Arrive early!



## MORE NATIONAL DAY FESTIVITIES?

Canada Day is July 1; July 4<sup>th</sup> is...well, this Sunday. Will you still be on this side of the pond? Check with Tim and the Activities Blog for expat events.

## REMINDERS

### THE CHATEAU DOES NOT HAVE A MAID!

There are **NO PROCTORS** this week, so it is everybody's personal responsibility to keep the chateau as neat as possible during this last week of classes. **Clean up after yourself!**

### CELL PHONES

If you loaned a phone from the device by the end of your deposit! For people their phones: this practice Dolibois. The center phones on hand to loan Sorry:( My advice? Hold on to your phone...you'll need it when you come back to Europe in the near future!!!



Tim, please return the week to receive who would like to sell no longer exists at MU- already has enough out rather than sell.

### FINAL EXAMS THIS WEEK

Be sure you know your final exams schedule!



### WEBSITE ADDRESS

The Activities Blog is in the process of being absorbed by the Dolibois Center's **new website**, which will be linked to muohio.edu. **Check back** for news about this site, which should be released this summer!

### TRAVELLING HOME

There is **no organized ground transportation** to take you to the airport, nor is your host family obligated to do so (though if you're nice enough, they might just offer!). You are **personally responsible for getting to the airport!** Buses **9 and 16** run from the Gare Central in Lux City to the Findel airport. The ride takes roughly 15 minutes, and buses come 4x per hour. Plan accordingly, and come see Tim for specific itineraries!



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# Dean's Letter

## Thus ends a beautiful summer

### Let us celebrate

While the heat of this month of June is at its peak, and the local celebrations of the Music festival and the National Day have opened a sunny period, we already reach the end of *our* summer: the summer of the Dolibois European Center. Our friends from the Business program have already left, on a last exchange of good-byes after a closing lunch on the Banks of the Moselle. We, in our turn, get ready for our own final celebrations. The program will leave after class and associated social events on Thursday to the *Ligne Maginot*, then Shengen, and the banks of the Moselle. We will end our favorite local treat: *Il Piccolo Mondo*, an Italian restaurant in the nearby woods, close to the border to France for a dinner and a dance.

### Distinguished visitors

The Dolibois Center will be anything but closed this week though, and we shall be honored with the visits of many distinguished guests. Dr. Dennis Sullivan, one of the most senior members of the Farmer School of Business and former Chair of the MUDEC Subcommittee, will visit us on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday we will receive Associate Provost Barry Allen, form Rollins College. On Thursday, the Center will host the annual seminar of the faculty of law and economy of the University of Luxembourg and its dean, Dr. Michel Prüm.

### Tips from Grandma Goose

If Grandma Goose was here, she would remind the following to students: “get organized for your last week. It is going to be the fastest week of your life! Get your last projects right and prepare for your finals. In the meantime, think of packing in advance, especially if you

plan to leave Luxembourg immediately after the end of the program. Do not forget to let your host family know about your plans and, yes, proper good byes are always appreciated. Check that everything that was at your disposal at your host family's is still there (do not forget that you are financially responsible for any damaged, lost, broken, burnt, earthquaked, nuked piece of furniture or device). On Thursday, plan for a long day of work, socializing and walking. Dress appropriately. Maybe consider taking two pairs of shoes: one for the evening events, for which formal attire is required, and one for the social program, which consists in visits. The evening dance ends early enough to let you catch the last train to Luxembourg City. The shuttle will thus leave at 11PM. Do not miss it! Nothing is less fun than a deadly walk in the forest in the night.”

Such would be the words of wisdom Grandma Goose would bestow on the students.

### From past Europe to the present

The *Ligne Maginot* in France, was a line of fortresses (decided by War Minister André Maginot in the 1930's) that was supposed to defend France against the Nazi armies—and obviously failed to do so. It stays as a scar and a reminder of the wars that tore down the continent. From the fort, we will then drive to Shengen, Luxembourg, where in 1985 European countries agreed to guarantee free movement of persons between countries. It will be a last symbolic trip through this part of Europe: from the lines of division, that provoked horrible wars, to the will of building together a new borderless world of peace.

With this happy symbol in mind, it will be easy to party and get ready for another summer, in a different part of the world...

