Brock International Newsletter

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Focus and Commitment for Internationalization

Brock International's 10th Year Anniversary

In 1999, Brock International was established as an independent office at the university to service the growing demand for new international activities and programs at the university. Brock International has put its energy towards providing and sourcing funding opportunities to foster international education and development activities and projects, establishment of partnerships with international institutions, establishment of programs to facilitate internationalization of the curriculum including Visiting International Professors, Scholars and University Mentorship programs and the International Course Support Fund, among other programming.

During the last 10 years, Brock International has:

- *hosted 120 international delegations*
- *supported and facilitated faculty and staff with over 50 new international academic linkages*
- *received more than 250 international faculty members and staff from 50 different countries through its own VIP/VIS/UM programs*
- 24 *new international courses were funded*
- *hosted more than 30 formal receptions*
- *organized 20 international speaker series*

In keeping with with Brock's 2014 Academic Plan which includes an emphasis on internationalization at Brock, Brock International will continue to focus on promoting and supporting faculty and staff to facilitate internationalization activities at Brock University.

Recent & Upcoming Delegations

Recent Delegations
JF Oberlin University, Japan
China Overseas Friendship Association
Azorean Government
Representatives from Jiangsu Province
Vietnam Education

Upcoming Delegations
Fujian Normal University
Minjiang University

International Mobility and Exchange at Brock through Canada-European Union Programme: Advocacy and Leadership Project

Dr. Sheila Bennett and Dr. Tiffany Gallagher in the Faculty of Education are leading a unique opportunity for student international mobility and exchange at Brock and with partners in Eastern Canada and Europe. Advocacy and Leadership: Enhancing Educational and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities is a new project that was awarded a $580,000 grant from the Canada - European Union Programme for Co-operation in Higher Education, Training and Youth.

It focuses on two groups of students, those with disabilities and those who will be working in the human services field. The project will prepare these individuals for advocacy and leadership in their environments, communities and beyond. While overseas, all students will receive 2 course credits within their existing program of study across the seven partner institutions, 4 Canadian (Nova Scotia Community College, College of the North Atlantic, University of Prince Edward Island and Brock University) and 3 European (Ghent University, Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences and Bedford College of Further Education). More than 45 Canadians and more than 35 European students and faculty will benefit by their participation in this program. Not only will they participate in a collaborative and internationally created exchange program but they will also acquire an internship credit designed to foster the skills, knowledge and expertise need to become advocates and leaders in the field of disability studies.

In late September, 6 graduate students, Inneke Depovere, Stefanie Van Passen, Stephanie Jonckheere, Nele Vermeersch, Leen Thienpondt, and Nele Lodewijkx, from Ghent University in Belgium visited Brock for 6 weeks to take part in internships at local schools and participate in workshops at Brock. Also, two faculty members Geert Van Hove, Professor Senior Lecturer, and Dieter Windels, Administrative Staff, from the Department of Special Education at Ghent University, visited Brock while the students were here to visit some of the placements in the schools and appreciate what the students have been learning during their internships.

They were also able to meet with faculty and staff members in a number of areas including International Services and Student Services. They were very interested to learn about the accessibility planning, coordination and standards at Brock.

Currently, 5 more graduate students, Teija Mari Anita Markkanen, Mirja Elina Manninen, Riina Eveliina Vahertimo, Hanna Sofia Järlstig, Päivi Kielo Lakso, from Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences in Finland are here at Brock participating in the same project. They attended a welcome orientation on their first day at Brock with Brock International and Office of International Services. They were already very excited and enthusiastic about the activities planned for the next 6 weeks of their stay. They plan to present a special session on Finland during International Education Week.

Earlier in 2009, 5 Brock students travelled to Ireland to learn about international rights and advocacy for persons with disabilities, focused cultural retreats, and a practicum. In the practicum, students were placed in secondary schools, nursery schools, while others were in foundation special schools. These placements allowed students to observe inclusive education practices within the British education system. Student learning outcomes included an understanding of multicultural learning and a global awareness of critical issues in the field of disability, advocacy and leadership. Sophia Papastavrou, the project coordinator, stated that "the project continues to push the boundaries with its international focus and multicultural learning - our students from Canada and EU continue to develop a global awareness of critical issues in the field of disability, advocacy and leadership". This summer 5 more Brock students will have an opportunity to participate in learning and internships coordinated by Belgian partner, Ghent University. For more information about this program, please contact Sophia at spapastavrou@brocku.ca.

Graduate students from Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences

Happy Birthday and Congratulations Dr. Co!

Former VIS Dr. Alfredo P. Co, Professor of Chinese Philosophy and Comparative Philosophy from University of Santo Tomas, The Catholic University of the Philippines, participated here in April 2005 collaborating with Brock academic, Dr. Hans-Georg Moeller in the Department of Philosophy. Dr. Co's university will be honouring him later this year with the publication of a Festschrift entitled "Across the Philosophical Silk Road". It is a 7-volume collection that discourses on the perennial themes of Philosophy, Religion, The Humanities, Ancient Culture, History and The Arts.

In academia, a Festschrift is a book honouring a respected person during his or her lifetime. The term is borrowed from German and translates as "celebratory piece of writing". It usually contains original contributions by the honored academic's close colleagues, often including former doctoral students. "Across the Philosophical Silk Road" Festschrift will be published later this year on the occasion of Dr. Co's 60th birthday.

Dr. Frederico Fernandes' new position at Universidade Estadual de Londrina

An alumnus of the Visiting International Professor program, Dr. Frederico Fernandes, has been appointed as the new principal / coordinator of the Graduate Program in Literary Studies at his home institution, Universidade Estadual de Londrina in Brazil. He believes that his experience as Visiting International Professor at Brock was an important contributing factor to his recent appointment. Recently Dr. Fernandes contacted our office to welcome Brock students to participate in this new program at UEL.

During his stay at Brock, Frederico taught two first-year Introductory Portuguese courses. Reda, PORT 1F00 student, shared with us that "Dr. Fernandes made learning Portuguese less intimidating and so much more meaningful by introducing different aspects of the Brazilian culture including food, art and music … the class has opened my eyes and I hope there will be more opportunities to learn from visiting international professors at Brock."

Dr. Irene Blayer in the Department of Modern Languages, was academic host to Dr. Fernandes while he was at Brock and she was also glad to hear of her former research partner's new appointment. While at Brock, Dr Fernandes research entailed extensive study and analysis of Dr. Blayer's research in Oral Narratives, in particular the themes associated with the *International Conferences on Storytelling* (since 1999). In his collaborative research with Dr Blayer, the objective was to outline and identify the various registers and thematic models in oral narratives as defined by Dr. Blayer's research.

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We Welcome the World Reception Fall 2009
November 16, 3:45 – 5:00 pm, Pond Inlet

Brock International will be holding the We Welcome the World Reception for this Fall term on Monday, November 1A[th] to formally welcome and recognize newly arrived Visiting International Professors, Scholars and University Mentorship Participants from China, Finland, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Spain and United Arab Emirates. In the spirit of international cooperation and collaboration, the Reception is an important event during IEW this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about how our scholars and professors are participating at Brock. Anyone in the Brock community is welcome to attend. Please join us to meet and welcome our newly arrived scholars.

Visiting Scholar of the Month
Salwa Helmy Aly Youssef

Salwa Helmy Aly Youssef is an Assistant Lecturer of the Faculty of Education at Beni Suef University in Egypt. Last April, Salwa Youssef's visit to Brock was jointly arranged with Dr. Dolana Mogadime in the Faculty of Education and Brock International.

Youssef and Mogadime will be collaborating at Brock on human rights education for the next two years until April 2011. Her opinion about the importance of human rights education was featured in Brock News by Samantha Craggs earlier this year.

Youssef will give a talk through the Brock International Speaker Series during International Education Week. She will speak about ancient civilizations, culture and popular tourist areas in Egypt. There will be opportunities for questions and answers as well as a chance to try a traditional homemade Egyptian dessert. All are welcome to join this talk in the Sankey Chambers on November 17 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please visit Brock International News and Events.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Promoting GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

16-20 November 2009

International Photo Exibitions
"This is My Home"
"Home Away from Home"
ALL WEEK
Sean O'Sullivan Theater Gallery & Various Locations Around Campus

"MedPlus in Peru Photo Reflection" Displays
ALL WEEK
Career Resource Centre, Matheson Learning Commons

Daily International Specials
ISAAC'S BAR & GRILL

SCHEDULE

Monday, November 16

12-1 pm
NIGERIAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION
International Workshop Decew 208
Register with intlserv@brocku.ca or ext.4785

3:45-5 pm
WE WELCOME THE WORLD RECEPTION
Pond Inlet

Tuesday, November 17

9-11am
DISCOVER EGYPT
Brock International Speakers Series in Sankey Chambers

12-1pm
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE TASTING
By Local Artisan Roasters
International Workshop Decew 208

4-6pm
AN AFTERNOON OF FINNISH CULTURE AND FOOD
International Workshop Decew 208

Wednesday, November 18

11am-2pm
INTERNATIONAL SNACK FOOD FESTIVAL
Mackenzie Chown Block A

4:30-7:30 Dinner
EXPERIENCE THE WORLD
by BROCK DINING SERVICES
Lowenberger Dining Hall
Accompanied by student musical performances

Thursday, November 19

12-1 pm
UAE COOKING DEMONSTRATION
International Workshop Decew 208
Register with intlserv@brocku.ca or ext.4785

2:30-3:30 pm
MY EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME - STUDENT EXCHANGE
International Workshop Decew 208

11:30– 1:30 Lunch & 4:30-7:30 Dinner
EXPERIENCE THE WORLD
By BROCK DINING SERVICES
Decew Dining Hall
Accompanied by student musical performances

Friday, November 20

12-1pm
WORKING ABROAD by Career Services
Sankey Chambers

1:30-2:30pm
THE ART OF CROSSING CULTURES
Learning Commons Classroom B

5-6pm
CULTURAL CAFE: GERMANY
International Workshop Decew 208

Start Your Holiday Shopping Early!
TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES
November 2-6
FAIR TRADE SALE
Gallery of Sean O' Sullivan Theatre

Organized by Brock International and the Office of International Services in collaboration with: Brock Dining Services, Brock University Students' Union, Campus Store, Career Services, Community Connections, ESL Services, International Market Development, Isaac's and Human Rights & Equity Services

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Upcoming Deadlines for International Funding Opportunities
www.brocku.ca/brockinternational/funding.php

Fund	Administrator	Fund Type	Deadline
CIDA Conference Fund	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	Conference/ Travel	At least 2 months before the start date
British Academy / ACU Grants for International Collaboration	The Association of Commonwealth Universities	Research	November 18, 2009
Canada-Latin America and the Caribbean Research Exchange Grants (LACREG)	The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)	Research	January 18, 2010
RISE	DAAD	Internship/ Scholarship	January 31, 2010
Scholar Travel Subsidy Grants	Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute	Travel Funds for Academic Participation	February 15, 2010

Upcoming Visiting International Scholars at Brock

Visiting Scholar	Institute	Country	Collaborating Faculty
Luzia Vidal de Souza	Universidad Federal do Parana	Brazil	Brian Ross, Mathematics and Science
Ablimit Yunus	Xinjiang University	China	Cheng Luo, Humanities
Yuhuan Wang	Qingdao Agricultural University	China	Alice Schutz, Education
Mohammad Reza Mohammedizadeh	University of Tehran	Iran	Fereidoon Razavi, Mathematics and Science
Sandy Morales	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	Colombia	Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas, Humanities
Dongil O	Sangmyung University	Korea	Herath Hemantha, Business
Rustam Shukurov	Moscow State University	Russia	David Schimmelpenninck, Humanities
Rafael Bovo	Universidade Estadual Paulista	Brazil	Glenn Tattersall, Mathematics and Science
Jurgen Kramer	University of Dortmund	Germany	Martin Danahay, Humanities

Upcoming International Events

Upcoming Muslim Holiday – Eid-Al-Adha

Eid al-Adha "Festival of Sacrifice" or "Greater Eid" is celebrated by Muslims worldwide to commemorate the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismael as an act of obedience to God. It occurs the day after the pilgrims conducting ***Hajj*** (the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia)descend from Mount Arafat. The festivities last for three days or more depending on the country. The holiday annually falls on the 10th day of the month of Dhul Hijja in the Islamic lunar calendar. Eid al-Adha in 2009 is calculated to be on November 27 this year.

Brock's Newest International Agreements

Brock has formal academic linkages with over **100** universities around the world for student and faculty exchange, institutional cooperation and research collaboration. The newest are with:

- Canada – Vietnam Foreign Language Centre, Memorandum of Understanding
- City University of Hong Kong, China, Student Exchange Agreement (Renewal)
- European Business School Paris, France, Study Abroad Agreement
- Universidad de La Habana, Cuba, Memorandum of Agreement
- Southern Cross University, Australia, Student Exchange Agreement

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