

Communiqué

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Community Committee for International Students at Stanford University



CCIS Programs

Associates + Cooking + Community Advisors + English Classes + English-in-Action + Homestay + Hospitality
+ International Women's Circle + Loan Closet + Professional Liaison + Spouse Fund

CCIS Members and Families

*You are invited to attend the
25th Annual
International Festival*

Everyone Welcome!

SATURDAY, May 7

**12 Noon to 5:00 PM
at**

Bechtel International Center

*International Restaurants presenting
Indian, Chinese, Turkish,
and Venezuelan foods*

plus Entertainment

Traditional Egyptian Dance

Philippine Dancing

Turkish Folk Dancing

Cuban and Brazilian Dance

Thai Dancing

and Cultural Display Tables

Family Potluck and Music Night

on Mothers' Day

*Bring your Mother, or adopt one
for the evening!*

SUNDAY, May 8

6:00 PM at Bechtel International Ctr.

Please remember to bring food to share:
a main dish, a salad, bread, or a dessert
---at least enough for 6 or more servings.

Drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils
will be furnished.



Tentative MUSIC Program :

* Piano Duet * a capella Singers *

* singing pianist *

will follow the
potluck dinner

The scope of Professional Liaison Program (PLP) applicants was a little broader this year.

What is the Professional Liaison Program? It's a CCIS program that provides spouses with an introduction to a person in their same professional field, giving them an opportunity to learn how his or her profession is practiced in the U.S. and in the Bay Area. Most PLP applicants have put their own professions on hold while their spouse is attending Stanford, and this program gives them a starting point for a local network in their field.

The program is intended for spouses of international graduate students and visiting scholars. So far this year (2005) we've had only two PLP applicants — the mother of an undergraduate Stanford student from Nigeria, and the wife of a new faculty member from Denmark whom we accommodated by matching each with a local, professional contact.

PLP applicants so far this academic year include:

- Financial analyst from Russia and Belgium
- Emergency Room nurse from Germany
- School psychologist from Denmark
- Building architect, event manager, and international health program manager (yes, all one individual!) from Nigeria
- Environmental and socio-economic researcher and project manager from Scotland
- Human Resource manager from Germany
- Pharmacists (three) from China, Nigeria and Turkey
- Child psychologist from Norway
- Marketing specialist from Russia

While the PLP promises to coordinate a meeting with one local professional person in the same field as the applicant, we were able to arrange two or three contacts for several of the applicants. One example is the Scottish researcher and project manager. Her interests are in improving the well being of poor people in developing nations through research and with direct, hands-on project work. The PLP was able to arrange meetings for her with a Stanford professor who is well known in the field of African studies, education, and policy in developing nations and as a founder and executive director of two different global non-profits, each focusing on providing life-changing assistance to poor people in India and in Nepal.

Many thanks to the many professionals who volunteered their time to meet with each PLP applicant, and many thanks to those who made professional contact referrals. Each PLP applicant will remember the connections with local professionals long after they leave Stanford. <>

Did You Know . . .

....that **April 7 is World Health Day**. On this day in 1948, the United Nations formed the World Health Organization (WHO). It's main goal was to make health care available to every person in the world by the year 2000. It has helped countries prepare plans for coping with disasters, particularly for protecting water supplies and setting up emergency clinics. WHO supports research on diseases such as malaria and leprosy, and also on animal health, especially for the cattle and sheep which are essential to many people's lives.

And on a lighter note, **May Day** is celebrated throughout the world. In a festival that lasted from April 28 to May 3, the Romans offered flowers to

Flora, their goddess of spring. They brought the custom to all the European lands they conquered; and by the Middle Ages it became especially popular in England. People rose early in the morning to "bring in the May." They gathered flowers and tree branches to decorate their homes and later went to the town square where the maypole--often over 100 feet tall--was raised, and a woman representing the May Queen presided over the celebrations. Dancers held the streamers that fell from the top of the pole and, as they circled around it, move them into tight patterns. When they changed directions the streamers untangled again and blew free, a tradition that some towns in England and America have continued. In 1889 the Second Internationale, an association of French socialists, dedicated May Day to working people, and today in many countries it is celebrated as a labor day. <>

