



News from Seville International Business and Culture Program April 16-22, 2007

El 18 de abril de 1847 nació en el Prado de San Sebastián la Feria de Abril de Sevilla. 153 años de historia marcada por la presencia de grandes personalidades como el rey Alfonso XII, D. Juan Carlos y Dña. Sofía, Grace Kelly, Jacqueline Kennedy, Orson Welles, Ava Gardner o Rita Hayworth. Aprovecha la fiesta para conocer las costumbres y tradiciones de Sevilla, prueba la manzanilla de Sanlúcar, el caldito con hierbabuena, el guiso de la caseta, móntate en los "cacharritos", admira el paseo de caballos, vístete con un traje de flamenca, colócate una flor en el pelo y sobre todo, baila y disfruta en una de las 1.046 casetas que ocupan el Real.

Elena García, Activities Coordinator



Academic News

Clases de Sevillanas

If space is still available, the last day to sign up for Sevillanas classes is this Monday by 3pm with Luis. He will be in the library until 3pm.

Last English Table

The last English table will be held on Wednesday, April 18th. Like always, the language table starts at 3pm.

IBCP End-of-Semester Reception

It's hard to believe that the end-of-semester is quickly approaching and soon it will be time to say goodbye. But before we do, we'd like to celebrate the end-of-semester with you on Thursday, May 10th from 9pm-11pm after the boat ride down the Guadalquivir. Please put the date on your calendars. More info to come!

Alayna's Hours this Week

Alayna will either be in building 17 (Celestino Mutis) or the Center for Foreign Students this week during her office hours.

Luis' Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2pm-3pm and Thursdays 10:30-12:30pm (second floor in the library, multimedia).

Important UPO Dates:

April 18th (Wednesday) from 3pm-4pm: English Table, Cafeteria Plaza de América.

General News

Visita al Real de la Feria

Wednesday, April 18. We want you all to get to know the Feria grounds before all the partying starts. If you'd like to come and learn about the structures, traditions, and culture of the grounds, stop by the aula Almería before Wednesday at 12 noon. We'll meet the guide at 18h at the "Costurero de la Reina." If you don't know where that is, come talk to Elena.

Celebrating la Feria

Here is a list of the public "casetas" where you can eat and drink without being a member. **Municipal**, Pepe Luis Vázquez, 53-57. **Distrito Casco Antiguo**, Antonio Bienvenida, 97-101. **Distrito Este**, Pascual Márquez 215-219. **Distrito Macarena**, Pascual Márquez 85-89. **Distrito Nervión-San Pablo**, Costillares 22-26. **Distrito Sur**, Ignacio Sánchez Mejías 61-65. **Distrito Triana**, Pascual Márquez 153-157. **La de to er mundo**, Costillares, 77. **La Esmeralda**, Costillares, 82.

Cine Club

This week Cine Club will be dedicated to Woody Allen. On Monday the 16th, Tuesday the 17th, and Wednesday the 18th at 21h in the Palacio we'll be showing the following movies: *Manhattan*, *Melinda and Melinda*, and *The Purple Rose of Cairo*.

Concursos de APUNE

La Asociación de Programas Universitarios Norteamericanos en España (APUNE) is sponsoring two contests for study abroad students. Entries are to be submitted via email, at coordinator@apune.org. If you have any questions, talk to John Luria (jluria@ciee.org).

First prize is for a poem, story, or essay about an experience you've had that has been particularly meaningful during your time in Spain. Grammatical accuracy, creativity, and originality will be judged. Maximum 750 words. First prize: €125; Honorable mention: €25. **Requirements:** 1. You must be a current study abroad student in Spain. 2. The submission must be limited to 750 words. 3. In order to make a submission, you must send two emails. The first should have your pseudonym, the work's title, your name, telephone number, email address, and your program information. 4. In the second email, send the text. The document should contain the title and author's pseudonym. 5. Deadline: April 23, 2007.

The second contest is for a photo that symbolizes or captures a key aspect of your study abroad experience. Creativity and expressiveness are the criterion on which it will be judged. Don't forget to title the image. Prize: 50€. **Requirements:** 1. You must be a current study abroad student in Spain. 2. The photos must be in JPG format and have a minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch. 3. In order to make a submission, you must send two emails. The first should have your pseudonym, the photo's title, your name, telephone number, email address, and your program information. 4. In the second email, send the photo. The document should contain the title and author's pseudonym. 5. Deadline: April 23, 2007.

CIEE Sports

With all the festivals going on, it's easy to forget about our weekly sports games. Come out this week and enjoy getting some exercise!

Basketball: Tuesday at 19h, at the IFNI sports complex.

Volleyball: Come to IFNI on Tuesday at 19h to play volleyball.

Soccer: See you at Charco de la Pava on Wednesday at 19h. After this week Laura will no longer be directing the soccer games; Jorge Rodriguez will be the new leader.

Eating and drinking in the Palacio

Please keep in mind that the only place you are permitted to eat and drink in the Palacio is in the aula Jaén. It can be used as a cafeteria from 14 to 15h. Thank you for your help in keeping the study center clean.

Important Notice

Please do not throw toilet paper in the toilets in the Palacio. Here in Spain the pipes are narrower than those in the U.S.A. Disposing of toilet paper in the toilets is likely to clog them, as happened last Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for your collaboration.

Things to do in your free time:

Viaje a Gibraltar

The company Hispanophile Travel Agency, Muñoz y Pabón, 7 has an interesting excursion to Gibraltar. The group will leave from the Torre del Oro on May 5th at 9:45h and will return to Sevilla at 20:30h. It costs 40€ and includes the bus, guide, tickets, and trip insurance. To sign up, stop by the travel agency's office (right next door to the Palacio) and speak with them.

Guitar Concert

The group "Robert Fripp Soundscapes & The League of Crafty Guitarists" will be playing on April 18th at 21h at the Teatro Central (Isla de la Cartuja, 6). Tickets cost 13€.

HELPFUL HINTS: FERIA

DURATION: Monday April 23 is the last day of preparation and at 12:00 midnight the Feria officially begins with the "Alumbrado" (the turning on of the lights) of the fair ground and ends Sunday April 29 with a fireworks display.

HISTORY: The Feria began as an agricultural fair where farmers and animal breeders from all over Andalucía went to sell farm machinery and animals. After the business deals were completed people celebrated and closed the transactions with drinking, dancing, and singing. This is what remains of the Feria while the business aspect of the fair has disappeared.

CASETAS: Tents or small striped canvas covered stalls owned by companies, public parties, brotherhoods or even groups of friends. Most of these are private, though there are a few that are public. In these tents people dance Sevillanas, drink sherry, eat and sing.

LA CALLE DEL INFIERNO: This is an area of the Feria grounds where there are "cacharritos" (rides) and games. There are also food stands, where you can buy hot dogs, waffles, etc...

DAYTIME: During the daytime people parade around on horseback or in carriages showing off their typical Feria outfits. They visit friends and acquaintances in other "casetas", usually being invited to a glass of sherry. This is the best time to see and be seen.

BULLFIGHTS: Each day at around 18:30h there are bullfights in the Plaza de Toros. During the Feria many of the best bullfighters come to Sevilla to fight. If you want to go to a bullfight the main ticket office is on c/ Adriano, 37 (right behind La Plaza de Toros). If you are planning on attending a bullfight you ought to buy your tickets as soon as possible. There are "corridos" until the beginning of June. The prices are as follows: 20-72 € depending on the fight. If you want more information about the schedules, prices or particular "toreros" go directly to the bullring.

EXTRA TIDBITS: All during the Feria there are buses that run between the Prado de San Sebastian and the Feria grounds in los Remedios. These buses circulate all night long. The Feria is most crowded during the weekend since this is when people from surrounding towns can stay until the wee hours. Each street in the Feria is named after a famous bullfighter. At the entrance of the Fair you can find a map with all the different streets and caseta numbers. The streets of the Feria are covered with dirt so there is a lot of dust. If it is windy or rainy, it can be very messy. And, as always, be careful with your belongings.