



## News from Seville International Business and Culture Program January 22-28, 2007

Comienza vuestra segunda semana en Sevilla y comienza mi segunda semana como Coordinadora de Actividades de CIEE. Parece que todos estamos aprendiendo cosas nuevas. Vosotros comenzáis a pedir vuestras tapas favoritas, conseguís andar por las estrechas aceras y ientendéis a unos sevillanos que hablan demasiado rápido!. Yo, gracias a vuestras preguntas, estoy conociendo cosas sobre mi ciudad. Dónde dar clases de hip hop, surf o fotografía; cómo conseguir el carné deportivo; qué obras de teatro son las más interesantes o dónde ver un espectáculo flamenco. Intentemos seguir aprendiendo sobre Sevilla, su gente y su cultura en esta semana.

**Elena García, Activities Coordinator**



## Academic News

### Office Hours

The CIEE office on the UPO campus is located in the *Celestino Mutis* Building (bldg. 17). Alayna's normal office hours are:

#### UPO

\*Tuesdays 10:15-1:15

Wednesdays 10:15-1:15

\*Due to no class next Tuesday, Alayna will be in the office on Wednesday only. When you enter the building, go up the stairs and follow the hallway that leads straight. The office is the 7<sup>th</sup> door on the right. There is a sign on the door that says CIEE.

Alayna's office hours in the Academic Office in the University of Sevilla are:

#### U de Sevilla

Monday 9:00-5:00

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Thursday 9:00-5:00

Friday 9:00-14:00

The CIEE Academic Office is located in the Philology Department. Enter in through the *Puerta del Derecho* (where everyone met before the UPO tour). Take a left and go through the large brown doors at the end of the corridor. Follow the hallway, take a right, then another right. There is a sign near the door that says CIEE. You can also get a hold of Alayna by email [abrown@ciee.org](mailto:abrown@ciee.org)

### **UPO Orientation**

The orientation regarding your regular session classes is Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm-8pm at the Paraninfo (in front of the new cafeteria). During the orientation, you will receive the results of your placement exam, course schedules, academic policies, further information on the sports facilities/activities, etc. After the orientation there will be a welcome reception where you can meet other students in the program as well as your professors. Please remember that your Attendance is mandatory and please be punctual!!

### **Important UPO Dates for this month:**

Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>: UPO Orientation/Reception

Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>: Regular Session Begins

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>: Make-up Class (Monday's class)

## **General News**

### **Print-outs in the Palacio**

As you know, we offer you the opportunity to print out your academic papers in the Palacio. In order for everything to go smoothly, we're going to use the following system: everything that you print out must be of an academic nature; send it to Chris at [crudis@ciee.org](mailto:crudis@ciee.org); documents will be printed at the end of the day, and only at the end of the day, so therefore, if you have to turn in a paper on Wednesday, send it to us, at the latest, on Tuesday, or if you need to turn in a paper on Monday, send it to us the preceding Friday before 13.00h (remember that the Palacio closes at 14.00h on Fridays); when the papers are printed, we will put them in your mailbox next to the stairs.

### **Eating in the Palacio**

Let's get the semester off to a clean start! As in many places in Spain, you may not eat anywhere, and especially not in class. If you want to eat in the Palacio, you may do so in the Aula Jaén on the lower floor from 14h to 15h. Thanks for your collaboration.

### **Book Exchange**

Do you have books in English kicking around that you've already finished? Bring them to the Palacio and leave them on the bottom shelf of the bookshelf by the entrance. Feel free to borrow other books from the shelf as well.

### **Independent Travel Form**

CIEE asks that before you take a trip, fill out an Independent Travel Form with information for us to be able to contact you while you're away. We don't want to control your travel, just to be able to reach you in case of emergency.

### **CIEE Sports**

Come out and get some exercise and practice your Spanish!

**Basketball:** This week Irene will meet the group at the 34 bus stop at the Puerta de Derecho at 18:15h. Don't forget your bus pass. If you are comfortable going to the IFNI sports complex on your own, see you there at 19:00h.

**Volleyball:** Just like last week, Laura will meet you at the 34 bus stop at the Puerta de Derecho at 18:15h to take you to the IFNI sports complex. Don't forget your bus pass. If you are comfortable going there on your own, see you there at 19:00h.

**Soccer:** For those of you who are interested in soccer, the schedule has changed. This week we'll be playing on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> from 19h to 21h. Carlos will pick you up at 18:15h at the 43 bus stop in the Plaza de la Magdalena to accompany you to Charco de la Pava. Don't forget your bus pass. If you are comfortable getting to the field on your own, see you there at 19h. Remember to wear your sports clothes, because there aren't any changing rooms.

### **Interested in participating in Sports at the UPO?**

If you want to get involved in sports activities, here's what you need to do:

#### Sports Card

If you want to join a sports team such as basketball, rugby, volleyball, soccer, etc with Spanish students you will need a Sports Card. CIEE/Center for Foreign Studies will cover the cost of the sports card.

### Procedure:

Go to the Sports Office (SDUPO) in Building 14. Tell them 1) Your name, 2) that you are a student in the Foreign Studies Center and 3) The activities in which you would like to participate. If you only need the Sports Card, there is no cost to you.

### Joining the Gym

If you are interested in joining the gym, you will have to pay the registration fee (13€) plus the monthly fee (15€ one month or 34€ for three months) at the Banco Santander (there is a bank located in the Celestino Mutis Building). Keep a copy of the "carta de pago" (receipt) and give it to Alayna. CIEE will reimburse you the Gym Registration Fee (Note: the bank only accepts cash in the mornings.)

Please note that if you register for the gym in the middle of the month (say January 18<sup>th</sup>); the monthly gym membership ends at the end of that same month. For your sports card and/or joining the gym, you will need to bring 2 passport size photos as well.

### **Visit to the Cathedral**

On Wednesday, January 24 we'll visit the famous Cathedral. Don't miss the opportunity to get to know the world's biggest gothic temple and third largest church. We'll go up the tower, from which there are some amazing views of the city. If you want to come, stop by the aula Almería in the Palacio to sign up before Wednesday at 11h. The day of the visit the guides will meet you at 15:30h at the fountain behind the Cathedral. There are only 75 spots available, so sign up soon. However, if you miss your chance, don't despair, we'll organize another visit in a few weeks.

### **Hiking Trip**

On Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30h, we'll head to the Sierra de Huelva for a day of hiking. If you want to come, sign up in the aula Almeria before Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 17h. When you sign up you must also fill out a "Participant Information and Release Form". Remember that it's obligatory to wear appropriate shoes (flip flops are forbidden), bring enough water for the whole day, your own bag lunch (ask your host to prepare a sandwich), and a plastic bag to put trash in.

### **Intercambios**

On Friday, January 26 at 21h in the Palacio, there will be a meeting with Spanish intercambios. You still haven't called yours? Remember that you are supposed to invite him/her to the meeting- they don't know the day or time. Even if your intercambio is unavailable, come to the meeting to meet other people. We'll play games and give away prizes- don't miss it!

### **Intercambios at UPO**

If you want to improve your Spanish, this is a great way to do it! In addition to the Intercambio Program in CIEE, you can take advantage of the Intercambio Program at the UPO. There are many Spanish students eager to meet an American student to improve their English. Stop by the Center office at the UPO and speak with Arek or Carolina.

### **CIEE ID Card**

If you lose your CIEE ID card we can make you another. You will need to bring a passport size photo to one of the CIEE offices, either the Study Center (*Palacio*) or the Academic Office in the University of Sevilla.

### **Bus Maps**

Many of you have been asking for bus maps. City bus maps were supposed to be available approximately four months ago. However, due to the route changes that are occurring, the bus company is holding off on making bus maps until all the routes have been updated. Bus maps may not be available until April. What you can do: Many of the bus stops have city bus maps posted, with a marker saying "you are here" (Ud. está aquí"). With your CIEE map, you can mark the bus routes that you are interested in.

### **The Semester Calendar**

In your Academic folder during the orientation, each of you should have received a semester calendar of important dates/events that will be taking place. Very important: Unforeseen changes could be made to dates in the calendar. Therefore, it's very important that you read your weekly newsletter. Times of events will also be posted in the newsletter. When your regular classes start, I will have copies of the IBCP newsletter available for you in the CIEE office on the UPO campus during my office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The newsletter is also available on-line [www.ciee.org/studyseville](http://www.ciee.org/studyseville)

### **Moving Dates**

If you think that you want to move to a different homestay, contact Nancy Merchant in the Student Services Department in the Study Center. The next moving date is Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to speak with Nancy before the date of the move.

## **Things to do in your free time:**

### **Half Marathon**

On Sunday, January 28th, the XII annual Half Maratón will take place on the Isla de la Cartuja at 11.00h. Registration is only 8€, and you can sign up until January 25th in the Polideportivo Municipal de San Pablo de Sevilla from 16.00h to 21.00h or by fax (ask Elena for more details).

### **The Great Outdoors**

The Consejería de Medio Ambiente organizes excursions throughout rural Andalucía. There are routes in the Sierra Nevada, the Sierra de Aracena and Picos de Aroche, the Parque Natural Estrecho, and in Sorbas for January 20, 21, 27, and 28. For more information and to reserve a spot, call 902-525-100 or go to [www.egmasa.es](http://www.egmasa.es).

### **Photography Exhibit**

In the Sala de la Caja San Fernando in the Plaza de San Francisco, there is an exhibit of Works by more than 100 different sevillano photographers. Stop by to see works of art with themes such as la Feria, Semana Santa, and more. Open until February 4th.