



News from Seville International Business and Language Program October 9-15, 2006

This week we celebrate a very controversial holiday, la Fiesta de la Hispanidad. Nowadays, this holiday is better known for it's long weekend than for it's history. What exactly do we celebrate on October 12? The arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Americas? The mixing of cultures and races? The Spanish Empire? Can somebody please explain it to me? Whatever the reason for the holiday, we can all use a few days of rest and relaxation.

José Viñas, Coordinador de Actividades



General News

CIEE Office on the UPO Campus

If you haven't heard the news, CIEE has a part-time office on the UPO campus for IBLP students. Alayna will be in the office the following days and times:

Tuesdays, 10:15am-1:15pm

Wednesdays, 10:15am-1:15pm

The CIEE office is located in the *Celestino Mutis* Building (# 17,18 on the campus map). The office is located on the 2nd floor. Go up the main staircase and follow the hallway in front. There is a sign on the door that says "CIEE". Feel free to stop by the office and chat with Alayna about any concerns you might have, or just to fill her in on how things are going thus far for you in Seville!

Film Showings

The Center for Foreign Studies at the UPO has organized two film showings which will be presented jointly by a visiting Spanish professor from Appalachian State University, Benito del Pliego, and Ramón Navarrete, the instructor for the Spanish Cinema class. The dates are:

Tuesday, October 17: *Flores de Otro Mundo* (Iciar Bollaín) – at 7pm

Wednesday, November 15: *Carne Trémula* (Pedro Almodóvar) – at 6:45pm

The films will be followed by a discussion and are open to the whole University community. The campus location of the film showing will be announced as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Conversation Groups

The Center for Foreign Studies at the UPO is in the process of starting the conversation groups IF they have enough interested students. Please sign up for a group of your choice in the foreign studies office (building 14, ground floor).

Cultural Visit

This Wednesday, October 11, there will be a tour of the 1929 Exposition. If you'd like to see another historical side of Sevilla, stop by aula Almería to sign up before Wednesday, October 11 at 12h. That afternoon, meet the guide at the Puerta de Derecho at 18:00h. Don't forget your camera!

Scavenger Hunt

Last week, very few people participated in the scavenger hunt, although the task was easy! This week, call your intercambio and find the answer to the challenge. Be on the lookout for the monument that appears in the "Star Wars" movies. Once you find it (it's not hard), take a picture with your intercambio in front of it, and send it to jvinas@ciee.org. If you go on this week's cultural visit, Paseo por la Exposición de 1929, it will be even easier to complete the challenge. We look forward to receiving your pictures and giving you your prize!

CIEE Sports

Come out and play:

Basketball: This week the 3-on-3 basketball tournament starts. It will take place from 19h to 20h. At 19h, the team "Authentic Españoles" will play the team "No Hablo Español", and "Team Donkey Punch" will go up against "Los Nuggets." At 19.30h "Los Gallifantes" will face off against "Los Fulanitos." If you're not participating in the tourney and you want to play basketball, come out at 20h and play with us until 21h. Irene will be at IFNI at 19h.

Volleyball: As always, meet Laura at the IFNI gym and we'll play from 19:00h to 21:00h.

Soccer: See you on Wednesday at 20:00h at Charco de la Pava!

Cine Club

Did you like last week's movie? This week we're taking a break to celebrate the Fiesta de la Hispanidad, so enjoy your long weekend and we'll see you for *Carrie* next week.

Housing Move Date

The next date to change housing situations is October 31. If you have any questions, come talk to Nancy Merchant in the Student Services office.

Important UPO Dates for October

Wednesday, October 11th (3pm): English Table

Thursday, October 12th: *Día de la Hispanidad* ***** NO CLASSES THIS DAY

Wednesday, October 18th (3pm): Spanish Table

Monday, October 23rd: THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS

Wednesday, October 25th (3pm): 3rd social/cultural activity: (2nd Intercambio event)

Practice Spanish on the Web

The computers in the computer lab in the Palacio have been updated with some useful links to practice your Spanish. There are a variety of exercises, including grammar, vocabulary, and verb conjugation. Don't miss this great opportunity to improve your Spanish!

Language Tutors

If you're having trouble communicating and understanding Spanish, you can sign up for a **free** Spanish tutor through CIEE. The tutors are university students trained in language study and eager to help. You have until November 30th to request one. Talk to Marga Jiménez in the Writing Center or write her an email: mjimenez@ciee.org.

Writing Center

If you'd like to improve your written Spanish, the CIEE Writing Center is the ideal spot. You can bring in your essay or text, and the tutors will guide you through the process of writing in Spanish. The tutors are Spanish language professors here at CIEE. If you'd like to make an appointment, contact Marga Jiménez (Writing Center Coordinator) from Monday – Thursday from 9:00 – 13:00h, in the Writing Center (Aula Cádiz, 1st floor, next to the elevator). Or if you'd prefer, you may send an email to mjimenez@ciee.org.

Things to do in your free time:

Feria de las Naciones

Until November 1 the Parque de María Luisa is home to festival of nations. More than 50 countries are represented in booths throughout the park, and entrance is free. Take a walk through the park and taste the culture, food, drink, and artwork of various countries. Open every day.

Andalusian Music Classes

If you're interested in learning how to play Andalusian music, or want to know more about the theory behind it, this is a great opportunity. Call 646-860-275 for more information.

The Great Outdoors

If you like to spend time outdoors, the Instituto Municipal de Deportes offers great weekend excursions to go hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, paintball, mountain biking, and more. For more information go to www.imd.sevilla.org or call 954-59-68-42.

Pop Concert

On of the most famous pop groups in Spain, *La Oreja de Van Gogh*, is performing in Sevilla on October 14. The concert will take place at the Estadio Olímpico de La Cartuja. Buy your ticket at Carrefour, MediaMarkt, Banco Caja Sur, or on the Internet (www.ticktackticket.com). 22€.

Alternative Art

Stop by the *Montana Shop & Gallery* (c/ María Coronel, 32) to see a modern art exposition by the French artist Remed. It's free, and open from Mon-Fri from 10h to 14h and 17h to 21h.