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Take Note!

- **TechSIG is now IT SIG**
- **Start planning now for your state conference**
 - ✂ Illinois: April 1-2, Rockford
 - ✂ Michigan: March 25-26, Westin, Detroit Metro
 - ✂ Wisconsin: April 15-16, Schwan Retreat Center

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Greetings from the Chair, Region V

-- Jonathan GoldbergBelle, Chair

On behalf of the Region V team I would like to thank everyone in the region for making the 2003 Regional Conference in Milwaukee a success. In particular I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the local arrangement committee co-chaired by Laura Martinez and Susan Whipple. They were responsible for ensuring that the conference ran smoothly and for arranging the special events and tours. We had 465 attendees, a record number for a stand-alone conference. We offered close to 50 sessions and eight pre- and post-conference workshops. Your conference evaluations were glowing and where problems were mentioned they were focused mainly on climate control in the session rooms and seating, or lack thereof, at the continental breakfasts. I have just learned that "The Top Ten Things You Should Know About Korean Students", chaired by Patti Jones, has been selected by NAFSA National as the Regional Highlight session for Region V. Congratulations to Patti and to her panel, Siyoung Park and James Rassi. The team will be reviewing the we gather in Ann Arbor in March for our business meeting. If you have any additional etc. regarding the please pass them the other team



I am looking forward Baltimore at the May. Within the next receiving your the conference. Please take note of the date and time for the Region V Update meeting. As always this is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from the Region, find out what is happening in the region and learn about opportunities to become more involved, either through team openings or helping with the local arrangement committee for the fall regional conference. If you have never attended a National Conference I would encourage you to consider participating. It is an awesome experience! Attendees come from around the world and agency heads join us for the government update sessions. There is no better way to get the most up to date information on policy and practice in our fields.

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to seeing many of you in National Conference in few months you will be informational packets for

During my brief tenures as Secretary/Newsletter Editor I was interested in doing something a bit different with the *Lakeline*. I thought that perhaps we have spent too much time writing about the past and future conferences and have not addressed the issues that we are facing in our profession. In that regard I would encourage you to be in contact with your sectional representatives and to talk with them about what you see to be the challenges that we are facing in delivering our services. We have begun to post the *Lakeline* on our website and this will allow us to include articles and opinion pieces from you as well. We will be discussing establishing an editorial board to work with the Region's Secretary in this regard when the team meets in March.

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Finally I would like to thank all of you for your support during my tenure as chair-elect. It is a trial by fire and I needed all the help I could get, particularly to get through the conference. However, it did confirm for me that our Region is wonderful and is filled with caring and dedicated professionals. If you have any concerns or recommendations regarding Region V or NAFSA in general please feel free to get in touch with me via email at jgold1@uis.edu.

NAFSA REGION V IS READY FOR 2004!

-- Rodolfo R. Altamirano, Past-Chair

The Regional Conference in Milwaukee was a resounding success! We broke records by having the most number of conference attendees in years for a non bi-regional conference. More than 400 attendees graced the NAFSA V Regional Conference held in beautiful Pfister Hotel. The conference participants were treated to a very enriching conference. There were eight pre-conference workshops and more than 40 sessions that were offered for the participants. We also had a large and wide range of exhibitors this year. The Local Arrangements Committee headed by Laura Martinez and Susan Whipple did a superb job in making sure that the warmest hospitality was extended to all our conference attendees.



I also would like to recognize the efforts of Jonathan GoldbergBelle, Chair-elect and the Local Arrangements Committee for the outstanding leadership that they have provided in the planning and implementation of the conference. Great kudos to the 2003 Region V Team: Megan Ward (Treasurer), Hong Rost (Secretary and Chair-Elect-Elect), Marybeth Gruenewald (ADSEC), G. Lee Fair (ATESL), Kate Zheng (CAFSS), Ravi Shankar (CIPP [Students]), Miriam Schoeman (CIPP [Faculty/Staff]), Sandy Kidder (Community College), Shinsaeng Ko (COMSEC), Hong Rost (Membership Coordinator), Brad Lauman (SECUSSA), Jin Abe (TechSig Liaison), Julie Misa (Illinois Chair), Clarissa Kaiser (Michigan Chair), and Cherie Sawinski (Wisconsin Chair).

With the big turn out (the biggest that Region V has experienced), we have to recognize that the above individuals and the volunteers for the local arrangements have gone the extra mile in staging one of our best conferences ever! The hours and efforts invested would be difficult to quantify... Many thanks for an OUTSTANDING conference.

I want to express my deepest thanks to Jay Lokken, our Past Chair for his amazing contribution and great service to the region. He is leaving the team this January 2004 but he is leaving an indelible mark in Region V history. He has carried the torch of leadership with integrity, hard work and commitment.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce five new members to our team. Tamara Felden, Director for the Office for International Affairs at University of Chicago will be our new Membership Coordinator. Her years of NAFSA experience will be critical as we shape our new membership directions for the team. We are also honored to have Patricia Walters, Student Advisor from the English Language Center at Michigan State University. She will replace Lee Fair, as our ATESL Chair. Like Tamara, Pat will bring to the team her wonderful attributes. We have James Crawley of Grand Valley State University, who is filling the big shoes of Marybeth Gruenewald as ADSEC chair. It is with certainty that Jim will continue the impressive representation that the region is known for. Of course, Shinsaeng Ko, from Wayne State University is our new COMSEC chair. Her energy and hard work will bring Region V to greater heights! Lastly, we have a new Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Jennifer McKanry from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was instrumental as was one of the people behind the success of the Milwaukee Conference in her roles as Volunteer Coordinator and AV Coordinator on the Local Arrangements Committee. Welcome Tamara, Pat, Jim, Shinn and Jennifer!

This coming March 6-8, 2004, the team will be meeting in Ann Arbor, the site of the 2004 Region V Conference. We will not just plan the regional conference but continue the work of the Alpha, Beta, Charlie and Delta teams discussed in our May 2003 *Lakeline*. We are committed to what we shared to the regional membership during the business meeting. Therefore, we will continue to carry the torch to meet our goals for the new year.

Finally, my thanks go to all of you who have supported us in many ways. Your confidence and support has given us the inspiration and the aspiration to make it happen for the region. Collective leadership is the name of the game and will put the region on top!

ADSEC Update

-- Marybeth Gruenewald, ADSEC Rep (Outgoing)

This newsletter provides me with a great opportunity. I can convey publicly my thanks to so many of you who helped me during my 3-year term as Region V's ADSEC Representative.

First of all, thank you to ALL the conference session/workshop chairs and presenters. During the past 3 years, every conference timeslot was filled with at least one ADSEC Session. When I sent out emails asking for chairs or presenters, time and time again I immediately received positive responses. I never received a "sorry, can't do it" email. It was always a "how can I help, Marybeth? What do you need?" response. Our region is incredibly fortunate. The ADSEC expertise is incomparable. And to all the presenters and chairs and organizers, don't stop. Our new ADSEC Representative, Jim Crawley, will need your participation.

During the past 3 years, some Region V Team members have rotated off their assignments and new Team members joined in. This has afforded me the opportunity to work closely with a great group of varied, committed regional folk. I wish to thank you for sharing these years with me. I come away with invaluable friendships.

Finally, our Region V Chair Stream, and for me this stream included Judy, Patti, Jay, Rudie, and Jonathan, deserves mighty kudos for the work they have done and continue to do. I remember my first year as Patti helped guide me through the NAFSA maze. Patti, I apologize for all the questioning emails I sent you. But you know me: I just HAD to understand! All of you have contributed to my personal and professional development throughout these years, and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness, expertise, and leadership.

Jim Crawley... your ADSEC people are waiting. Good luck. I'm here if you need me. Marybeth

A TIME TO SAY,
"Thanks!"



ADSEC Looking Forward

-- Jim Crawley, ADSEC Rep (Incoming)

Greetings and Happy New Year! I am pleased to be serving as your Region V ADSEC Representative, but also cognizant of the big shoes I have to fill. Kudos and many thanks to Marybeth Gruenewald, who is now the "reclining" ADSEC Rep.

She did a phenomenal job and is a wealth of information (and continues to be, by the way!). I will do the best I can in answering any questions you might have, however, I will be the first to admit that I do not have all the answers. There are many others with as much, different, and/or more experience and I will still rely on many of you as sources of information. If I don't have an answer I will do my best of finding one for you or referring you to a source that I think will be helpful. As always, I am sure we will continue to gain knowledge and understanding through learning from each other.



As you prepare for your state conferences this spring, please be thinking of sessions for the 2004 conference in Ann Arbor. I look for your suggestions, as well as topics that you would like to see presented. I can be reached at (616) 331-2004 or crawleyj@gvsu.edu. I do my Spring overseas recruitment trip in March, but other than that, you can usually catch me in my office.

ATESL: Administrators and Teachers of English as a Second Language

-- Patricia Walters, ATESL Rep

As the incoming ATESL Representative for Region V, my first order of business is to thank G. Lee Fair for his warm and enthusiastic service to the region during his tenure in the ATESL position. Under Lee's leadership, ATESL was well represented at our November conference in Milwaukee. Many thanks, Lee!

As is often the case, our well-attended sessions were co-sponsored with other professional sections. This collaboration with other sections in NAFSA is the key to generating interest in what we do! While developing our own sectional identity, ATESL members must also consider how our daily efforts impact the greater NAFSA community. By focusing on these areas of common interest, not only can we network and exchange ideas amongst ourselves, we can also focus attention on a critical step – the language learning process – in the lives of the students we welcome into all of our institutions.



As you attend state and national conferences for NAFSA, TESOL, ACTFL, etc., please note the ATESL issues, concerns and interests that you feel might be brought before the Region V membership at our 2004 conference in Ann Arbor. I then encourage you to take the initiative in submitting a presentation proposal!

CAFSS: Council of Advisors of Foreign Students and Scholars

-- Kate Zheng, CAFSS Rep

First and foremost, as Region V CAFSS representative, I would like to thank all of the presenters and chairs for their hard work preparing and presenting their sessions. There were 11 CAFSS related session proposals submitted to me and I know that many attendees were happy to see such a diverse range of sessions offered at the conference in Milwaukee. Feedback suggested that presenters were talented professionals who combined research and practice to deliver timely and relevant topics.

Now we need to think about future NAFSA events. As you know 2004 regional conference will be held in Ann Arbor, MI. I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to consider submitting presentation proposals that address the professional challenges and interests of international educators. In addition, if you would like to volunteer to assist the local arrangements committee, please email me at xdzheng@umich.edu.

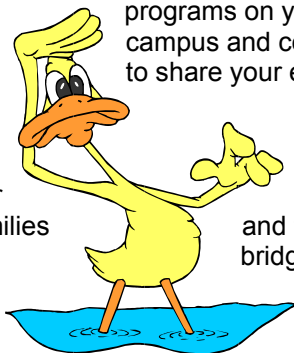
The Michigan Association of International Educators (MAIE) conference is scheduled for March 25-26, 2004 at the Westin – Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The state conferences are good opportunities for professional and personal development. Hope you will be able to attend the conference or perhaps present a session with colleagues. Wish you all a great year!

COMSEC Update

-- Shinn Ko, COMSEC Rep

Greetings from Detroit!

Would you be interested in sharing ideas on how to plan and implement cross-cultural programs with colleagues in Region V? Do you have creative community about? Have you done presentations about national conferences and would be willing (313) 577-8310.



Region V needs more sessions for programs. These sessions will bring together international students, scholars and their families intercultural understanding and of building early to submit your proposals for this year's November 7-9. Let's put our SEVIS-tired colleagues!!!

programs on your campus that you would like others to know campus and community programming at the state, regional or to share your expertise? Please contact me at sko@wayne.edu or

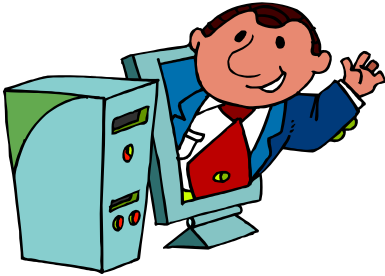
international educators who work with community volunteers and professionals who work with and the communities with the goals of fostering bridges of friendship that'll last forever. It is never too Region V Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan, brain together to create fun sessions for our

Numerous COMSEC sessions will be offered at the NAFSA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland from May 23rd through 28th. Please join us! Hope to see you there!

IT SIG Update

-- Jin Abe, IT SIG Liaison

In the past 4.5 years I have been with the Team, the name of this NAFSA SIG has changed from MicroSIG to TechSIG to IT SIG. Not that I had any influence on these changes, but I suppose the changes reflect the fact that this SIG was initially focused on helping NAFSA members to become familiar with "Microcomputers", which then expanded its scope to include network and web technologies. The recent "IT" naming, in my interpretation, points to the fact that it is the use of technology for effective information communication that has become significant.



Toward this goal, Region V Team has been exploring ways to make the regional conference proposal planning more efficient. In the past year, we encouraged submitting the proposal planning sheet as an e-mail attachment. For this coming conference, Region V will unveil a web-based proposal submission system to the members, to be available in late May. The system is currently being developed by the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, with whom we have an ongoing working relationship as a regional conference registrar. Please feel free to contact me (jin.abe@wmich.edu) with questions or comments you may have about this new proposal submission system.

Community Colleges Help in "Brewing Global Connections" at NAFSA Region V

-- Sandy Kidder, Community College Representative

A record number of international educators came together in Milwaukee, WI in November for our annual regional conference. One of stated goals of the conference was to "start 'brewing' new ideas and creating new 'recipes' to meet the challenges" of today's international education climate. Well, I came back to Lansing Community College with a whole "cookbook" of ways to help international students navigate this complicated system and be successful! From the **Government Q&A** to the **SEVIS sessions**, from the outstanding plenary speaker, **Dr. Nagesh Rao**, to the luxurious accommodations of the **Pfister Hotel**. This was a conference that exceeded all others I have previously attended. Networking opportunities were extraordinary and the exhibitors provided a lot of valuable information about their various services.

The NAFSA team made a concerted effort to plan this year's conference to address the needs and interests of its entire membership, including community colleges. I know that in the past, I've been preoccupied with gathering as much counseling-related information as possible. However, with the advent of SEVIS, the nature of all our positions has changed. There is a strong need for community colleges to strengthen support within our own network, as well as with our colleagues from universities and colleges. We must join forces to help one another survive *and* thrive in this stricter environment. Together, we will build that network among community colleges as we work toward the common goal of providing opportunities for international education. Please feel free to contact me (kidders@lcc.edu) if you have suggestions, questions or concerns about how we can continue to improve communication and support efforts among community colleges.



CIPP-RR Update

-- Miriam Schoeman and Ravi Shankar, your friendly neighborhood CIPP-RRs

Our first order of business is to thank all of our presenters at the Regional NAFSA conference in Milwaukee in November. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you so very much for participating in the conference and making it better than we could have alone.

Just in case you missed the announcement, we want you to know that USCIS now posts and regularly updates processing times for cases pending at the Nebraska Service Center (NSC). To see current processing times, please go to the following link: <https://egov.immigration.gov/graphics/cris/jsps/Processtimes.jsp?SeviceCenter=Nebraska>.



If you have cases which are taking longer than posted processing times or if you receive requests for evidence which seem to be inappropriate, please do let us know so that we can inquire about them and/or track trends and notify NSC of training issues. Student-related inquiries go to Ravi Shankar at r-shankar@northwestern.edu. If you request an OPT expedite, please include an offer letter and write "Expedite Request" on a separate sheet of paper-colored paper. As most of you know, we are still waiting for a policy memo from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the F-2 to F-1 Change of Status (COS) issue. Until this is issued, it is our understanding that NSC will hold all COS applications filed after January 1, 2003 and after the March 11, 2003 deadline. Faculty, staff or scholar-related inquiries go to Miriam Schoeman at schoeman@uic.edu. If you are inquiring about a case, please provide the name of your institution, the name of the person about whom you are

inquiring, the case number, the type of case (eg: I-129 for H-1B change of employer) and briefly, the nature of the problem. Please allow a few weeks for a response.

In terms of immigration news, we've freely plagiarized from multiple sources to put together the update on the following page. Please note that we are still in a rapidly changing environment and that the details of this text may be slightly out of date by the time of this publication.

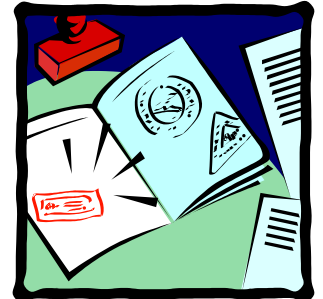
1. Special Registration

DHS has issued an update to the Special Registration system, effective December 2, 2003. Special Registration is a system that was designed to track nationals of approximately 24 countries, beginning in November of 2002. For a list of the countries to which Special Registration applied last year, please visit:

<http://www.ice.gov/graphics/enforce/imm/specreg/index.htm#special>.

On December 2, 2003 DHS published a rule that amends several requirements associated with the Special Registration program. Although the Special Registration program has been modified by the new rule, it has not been eliminated.

Under the new rule, individuals subject to Special Registration are still subject to departure controls that require them to use only designated ports of departure when leaving the U.S., but they are no longer required to report to DHS offices in between entry and departure (the so-called 30-day and annual re-registrations). The rule also provides that F, M, and J nonimmigrants who report changes in address and educational institution as required through SEVIS are not required to also report those changes using Form AR-11SR, although changes to F, M, or J employment must still be reported on the AR-11SR.



DHS has also announced that it plans no further call-in registrations in the near future, though port-of-entry registration will still occur for selected foreign nationals.

Please see Federal Register Notice [69 Fed. Reg. 67578 (December 2, 2003)] at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-30120.htm> for more details.

2. US-VISIT program

Related to news of Special Registration, another new system developed by DHS is the U.S. Visitor and Immigration Status Indication Technology (US-VISIT) system, a "check-in/check-out" mechanism that, when fully implemented, will record the entry and exit of all foreign visitors to the U.S. This system will scan each visitor's fingerprints and photographs against national security and law enforcement databases, and maintain each visitor's U.S. travel history. The system

enables several government agencies to share information, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Transportation Security Administration, the General Services Administration, and the Departments of State and Transportation.

US-VISIT will be put into operation on a rolling basis beginning December 31, 2003. It will begin at the fifty most highly trafficked land ports of entry. Actual use of the entry system began in the first week of January 2004 at selected ports. Enhanced exit procedures will be employed in 2004, though an exact date has not been specified. All ports of entry are expected to have the system in place by December 31, 2005.



Biometric data will be captured from each foreign national either at the U.S. consulate or Port of Entry (POE). Data will only be captured once, and will be saved in the US-VISIT system in order to identify them upon each entry to the U.S. or to obtain future U.S. entry visas.

Everyone age 14-79 will have his or her biometric data taken. Entry documents will not change at this time. Upon exit, foreign nationals will be required to sign-out at one of the US VISIT kiosks that will be located beyond the TSA checkpoints (location will vary in each airport). The kiosks will be similar to an ATM machine and provide touch screen technology to guide the person through the checkout process.

Individuals entering the US on the Visa Waiver program are currently exempt from this requirement. **All other foreign nationals should allow some extra time when traveling to account for the implementation of this new system.**

Please see the DHS Press Release:

http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press_release/press_release_0287.xml and the

January 5th, 2004 interim final rule in the Federal Register (69 Fed. Reg. 468, 69 Fed. Reg. 482) for more details:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/05jan20040800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/03-32331.htm>.

Michigan Association of International Educators Update

-- Clarissa Kaiser, Michigan Chair

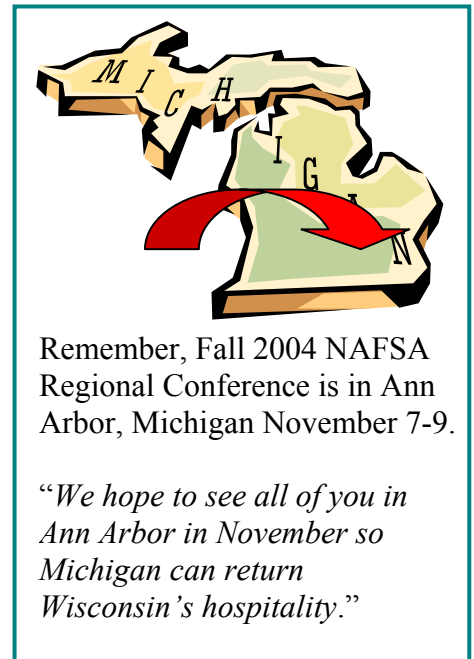
Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Fall Region V conference a great success. We hope to see all of you in Ann Arbor in November so Michigan can return Wisconsin's hospitality.

I am pleased to report that the MAIE team is currently fully staffed. Team members are: COMSEC, Ron Flessner, Michigan State University; CIPP, David Archbold, Oakland University and Shinsaeng Ko, Wayne State University; Comm/Jr College, Diana Schack, Oakland Community College; ATESL, Mieko Phillips, Lansing Community College, Diana Vreeland, Central Michigan University; SECCUSSA, Jennifer Engel, Marygrove College, and Margaret Wiedenhoeff, Kalamazoo College; CAFSS, Malea Nicolet, Grand Rapids Community College, Linda Seatts, Wayne State University, and Christine Bargerstock, Michigan State University; ADSEC, Claudia Bean, Eastern Michigan University, and Smriti Panda, Wayne State University; Treasurer, Jim Crawley, Grand Valley State University; Past Chair, Scott Cooper, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Lowey, PLLC, Chair Elect, Laura Leshok, Schoolcraft College, and Chair, Clarissa Kaiser, Ferris State University.

If you are interested in joining the team, please feel free to contact me. Although the roster is now complete, some of these people have indicated interest in giving up their seat for a new person to join us after the March conference. Please read Laura Leshok's article for details on the conference.

The Michigan Association of International Educators is accepting nominations for the 2004 **David D. Horner Award for Exceptional Service**. Letters of support should delineate the contributions made to the field at the state, regional or national level. Absent such letters, the nominee's resume delineating MAFSA/MAIE and NAFSA service would be useful.

☆ Candidates should have 10 years of experience in the field with 5 years of experience while in Michigan;



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- ☆ Candidates can be active or former colleagues in the field;
- ☆ Service to the state can include service on or in support of the MAFSA/MAIE team but may also include mentoring or otherwise serving as a resource to others in the field in the state;
- ☆ Regional and national service may also be recognized as service to the state.

Please send letters of nomination by **March 1, 2004** to:

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Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 591-2400 Fax

Michigan State Conference Call

– Laura Leshok, Michigan Chair-Elect

The Michigan Association of International Educators' (MAIE) Annual Conference will be held on March 25 and 26 at The Westin – Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Sessions covering all sectional interest areas will be offered. There will be a specific mini-workshop incorporated into the sessions catering to techies and non-international student advisors and two pre-conference workshops: one for F-1 Beginners and the other for F-1 Advanced Professionals. In addition, an airport tour will be available to gain an understanding of new security measures and how they affect our students. As usual the Government Q & A will be featured in a room with adequate seating.



Our goal for the 2004 Conference continues to be to reach out to those who may not have attended in previous years or are unaware of the excellent resource we continue to be. If you know someone new to the field or who has never been to a conference, please forward their postal mail or e-mail information to Laura Leshok at lleshok@schoolcraft.edu so they may be included in future mailings.

The Westin – Detroit Metropolitan Airport is an elegant state-of-the-art facility. It will provide an excellent environment for an outstanding conference. Plan to enjoy spacious, quiet and relaxing surroundings, as well as numerous amenities: Indoor pool & whirlpool, fitness center, in-room hair dryers, in-room coffee makers, 7" thick windows (no airplane noise), \$16 package for unlimited internet and local/long distance phone service and convenient \$5 per day valet parking.

Please consider the MAIE grant opportunities available to conference attendees.

- ☆ **Newcomer Professional Development Grant:** Open to people who have been in the field of international education exchange for less than one year and who have never attended a MAIE conference. This grant was established to encourage individuals to attend the conference and to assist them in getting professionally oriented. Individuals who meet the qualifications and who are interested in applying for the grant should submit a one page proposal on why they believe they qualify and how obtaining this grant will contribute to their professional growth. Two recipients of the Newcomer Professional Development Grant will be selected and awarded up to \$150.00 to cover direct conference costs (travel, hotel, registration fee, and meals).
- ☆ **Best of State:** For anyone whose session is accepted at NAFSA Regional, MAIE will help defray the costs by providing conference related expenses (not to exceed \$250.00).
- ☆ **Student Grant:** This grant is for students who are currently working or volunteering with an international office and are interested in a career in international education. MAIE will waive conference registration.

We encourage all those qualified to apply. If any "veterans" know of anyone who may qualify, please encourage them by sharing this information. Information on MAIE may be accessed through the [NAFSA Region V](#) web page.

Wisconsin NAFSA Team Report

-- Cherie Sawinski, Wisconsin Chair

Do you have the SEVIS blues? Are you feeling run-down, burned-out, and used-up? Have you lost the spring in your step or is your zip totally zapped...?

If you're old enough to remember episodes from the television series "I Love Lucy" you may recall one of my favorites when Lucy, always trying to earn a few extra \$\$, signed up to advertise "vitameatavegamin," the magical elixir guaranteed to cure any ill! We have something even better to offer to the over-stressed international educator so read on!



**Mark your Calendars
for a Relaxing, Refreshing and Renewing Retreat
at the Minnesota - Wisconsin NAFSA Joint State Conference
April 15-16, 2004
Marvin M. Schwan Retreat & Conference Center
near Trego, Wisconsin**

Join your friends and colleagues for a rare treat in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Explore your profession, renew your spirits, refresh your body and soul and relax in a quiet peaceful setting. Registration information will soon be available at the WI NAFSA website at: <http://www.uwec.edu/cie/wi-nafsa/index.htm> or e-mail UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education at CE@uwec.edu to request registration materials. Information about the Schwan Center is available at: <http://www.schwancenter.org>.

Registration deadline is April 1. On-site registration will not be available.

Pre-conference workshops for new professionals will be offered on Thursday with informal sectional dialogues in late afternoon. The conference officially opens with a reception and dinner Thursday evening. Then kick off your shoes and learn the steps of salsa dancing or unwind with great music. Socialize with old and new friends at an evening bonfire. Explore the world of nature on the beautiful 800-acre campus in your free time. An excellent lively menu of sessions will be offered on Friday including a new session on ethical dilemmas encountered in our profession.

Consider offering your talent as a member of the state team! We are now recruiting individuals to serve in the following positions: Chair-Elect-Elect, CAFSS, COMSEC and Membership as well as the newly created positions of State Legislative Whip and State Press Liaison. Terms for ADSEC and CIPP team positions will also expire in Spring '04. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me directly at csawinsk@uwsuper.edu or 715.394.8020.

I look forward to seeing you in April at the Schwan Center!

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