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1) Travelling Outside The U.S for Spring Break?

**This is a reminder!!

Please make sure to turn in your travel request form with your I-20/DS-2019 for processing at least 5 business days prior to your travel date. The travel request form is on the web page:

http://www.wright.edu/ucie/student/travel.html

2) Coffee Hour: Sweden

Attending this interactive session and learn first hand from a student who has lived and studied in this European country. Come with questions and be ready to interact with other students. Light refreshments will be provided.

Where: E190 S.U (UCIE Conference Room)
When: Friday, March 2, 2012
Time: 3 - 4 PM
Host: Abdullah
3) **Participate in IFA 2012**

Do **YOU** want to participate in **International Friendship Affair (IFA) 2012** on Saturday, April 21st? This year’s theme is “Arts around the World”. If interested in participating please view the message below.

**Performance** – if you want to put on an artistic performance you may dance, play instruments, sing a song etc. Please contact **Nam** at ucie11@wright.edu and she will provide you with the information that you need. The performance slots are expected to be no longer than 15 minutes.

**Table Display** – you can help to create the most colorful and interesting features of the IFA the Table Displays. This is your opportunity to present your culture and traditions of your home country by using interactive media, posters, books or any artifacts that you may have brought from your country. You are more than welcome to talk **Belinda** (Belinda.grody@wright.edu) and we will provide you with the information that you need. Email **Belinda** and get your tables reserved now so you don’t miss the opportunity!

The University Center for International Education organizes the Annual International Friendship Affair (IFA) to give the WSU and surrounding communities an opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of WSU students. The event includes an entertainment program featuring performances from a wide variety of international groups, flag parade, table displays featuring various artifacts and a variety of door prizes donated by local ethnic restaurants.

*For more information contact Nam or Joe or Dammy at nam_ucie@yahoo.com or joe_ucie@yahoo.com or dam-

4) **Have You Heard of Middle East Culture Club?**

This new organization is called Middle East Culture Club and it is designed to promote cultural awareness about the Middle East among the Wright State community, enhance students’ ability to learn the Arabic language, serve as a forum for Middle East related socio-political and economic issues, and to promote cultural diversity on campus. Attached is a link with the copy of the club’s constitution if you would like to look it over.

Best wishes,

**Rana Odeh**
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Debate Forum Columnist, Dayton City Paper
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*Visit this link to download the Club’s constitution: [http://wtrns.fr/CcVao1an2ebxt7c](http://wtrns.fr/CcVao1an2ebxt7c)*
5) TAX FACTS

**TAX FORMS - Special Case for Some**

Even if you were in the U.S. only one day in 2011 (and despite the fact you maybe did not earn any income during 2011), YOU WILL STILL BE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL TAX LAWS TO FILE THE IRS FORM 8843 THIS SPRING.

*** Filing Form 8843 does not mean you owe the government money but rather to explain the basis of your claim that you can exclude days of presence in the United States for purposes of the substantial presence test. If you did not work or earn income in 2011, this will be the only form for you to file. It is a very simple form and it is due by June 15, 2011. If you do not file Form 8843 on time, you could be considered a U.S. resident under the substantial presence test and this is one of the penalties.

If you didn't earn any income in 2011, You DO NOT need to purchase FNTR password to fill 8843. In mid-March through this newsletter, we will provide you instructions on how to complete the Form 8843.

**TAX REPORTING – For Everyone Else........**

Below, you will find Tax Workshop dates and locations. Please choose a workshop time and date to attend. You will need to purchase an FNTR password prior to signing up for the workshop. If you have used FNTR before, you may choose to purchase the FNTR password and do you taxes on your own without attending a tax workshop. Please email Jiao Li at ucie9@wright.edu if you have any questions.

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6) **Secrets of a Successful International Entrepreneur**

Wright State alumna and creative entrepreneur *Monaqui Porter-Young* will share the successes of her career and the launch and growth of Srina, her international organic tea company.

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**
**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**
**E157 Student Union**

*Please see attachment for more details*