Dear IAU Alumni,

We are very pleased to bring you this inaugural issue of the IAU e-Newsletter. There is so much news, we hardly know where to start! You will also be able to find the e-Newsletter posted on the IAU website so you can refer to it at any time. Alumni are invited to share news on the Alumni Page of the IAU website. Please visit IAU’s Alumni Page to register.

As the new year 2012 settles in here at Aix-en-Provence, IAU faculty and staff welcome our returning full year and spring semester students to our Aix Center and Marchutz School programs. In addition to the ongoing activities and learning that take place year ’round in Institute programs, we would like to share with you below just a few highlights that mark this IAU moment. We hope you will stay tuned for subsequent issues of the e-Newsletter with continuing news of IAU people and programs.

Carl Jubran ’92
President

New IAU Building

The Institute for American Universities proudly announces the acquisition of an historic 17th century hôtel particulier located at 8, rue Littera, only a two-minute walk from the place de l’Université and the rue du Bon Pasteur in Aix. Smart classrooms, a library, offices and a student lounge area will be housed in this splendid addition to IAU’s patrimoine. The targeted completion date for renovations is August 2013--just in time to celebrate the 55th anniversary of IAU. Further information, including information on naming opportunities, is available from the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, alumni@iaufrance.org.

New French Honors Program

The new French Honors Program is already beginning its second successful semester. Conceived for French Majors or other students with demonstrated advanced level French and interested in a comprehensive language and cultural immersion program, this special program is designed to provide a total immersion in French language and culture. As part of the French Honors activities, students attend special receptions, cultural activities and excursions in French, participate in a lecture series in French by local experts in politics, journalism and cultural history of the
region. Upon full completion of the program, students are awarded a Certificate in French Honors Abroad.

**New J-Term Traveling Seminar**

January 2012 also marked the beginning of IAU's new J-Term Traveling Seminar. Led by Dr. Carl Jubran, this prestigious and unique program immerses students in the extensive study of Mediterranean culture and politics spanning France, Spain and Morocco. Several J-term participants are continuing their studies at IAU in Aix-en-Provence for the spring semester. Please visit IAU’s Flickr page for photos of the J-Term journey.

**New Intensive French Program**

IAU has launched a pre-semester Intensive French program of study of the spoken and written French language. This enriching program positions participating students to take advantage of every minute of their study at the IAU Aix Center right from the very beginning. French language instructor Margaux Hofstedt conducted this rigorous and stimulating ten-day linguistic séjour.

**New IAU Fellowships**

We are pleased to announce two new Fellowship Programs at IAU.

The IAU Resident Fellow Program is designed for faculty members of U.S. colleges and universities wishing to take part in specific program offerings at IAU. This program promotes the intellectual and cultural exchange between IAU faculty and students and visiting professors on sabbatical leave from their home universities. We are delighted to welcome Professor Lynda Myers from St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM as our first Resident Fellow participating in IAU's Marchutz School of Art Spring 2012 program.

The Marchutz School of Art Alumni Fellowship Award provides an apprenticeship program for two Marchutz School alumni interested in the study of art education and management at the university level. Recipients of the award receive a full tuition scholarship to train under an apprenticeship method based upon the educational experiences of present Marchutz School faculty members, Alan Roberts and John Gasparach. This spring, The Marchutz School has named O'Neill Cushman, graduate of Kenyon College and Nick Velleman, graduate of William and Mary, both IAU Marchutz '09, as our first Alumni Fellows.

Further information about the The Resident Fellow Program and the Marchutz School of Art Alumni Fellowship Award, including application information, is available from the IAU U.S. Office, enroll@iaufrance.org or 1-800-221-2051.

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