

# L.T. Jordan Institute

for International Awareness

Spring 2009 Newsletter





Explore the World



#### **SPAIN**



David Carter ILAP Seville



"In Spain, I gained maturity and practical work experience, improved my language skills and made new friends in Europe who showed me a different perspective on the world. With its rich culture and ancient cities, Spain encourages one to think more deeply about life - who we are and were we came from."



### **CHINA**



Nicolas Johnson ILAP Guangzhou



"It was a great experience to learn the culture and to contribute to the operations of a global energy provider. My understanding of Chinese cultural was also enriched by living with a host family. My host family was very accomidating and made my transition to Chinese society easier. Traveling to China has changed my life and opened my mind to understand how other people live thoughout the world."

#### **GREECE**



Natahsa Lagoudas Greece Leadership Program



"This trip gave us a chance to experience Greece's contemporary and historical culture, develop communication skills, gainconfidence, and be further encouraged to study abroad and becomeactively engaged in the international community."

## Former Program Highlight

#### International Scholar Lecture Series

The International Scholar Lecture Series is a potentially on-going program of the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness intended to highlight important scholars at Texas A&M who have an important impact internationally. We hope to highlight one scholar per semester, and this began in the Spring of 2007. We hope to increase Texas A&M community's awareness of and interest in international affairs in their fields of study.

On February 22, 2007 Dr. Edwin Price became the first speaker for the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute's International Scholar Lecture Series Program. Dr. Price is currently the the Associate Vice Chancellor for International Agriculture and the Director of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture. Throughout his speech in the Wayne Stark Galleries, Dr. Price shared his experiences of working abroad to help others with their agricultrual needs. Throughout the lecture Dr. Price explained the difficulties of working in international agriculture, but he also displayed how rewarding his work is for the world.

During Texas A&M's participation in USAID's Agricultural Reconstruction Development Project for Iraq, he assisted with initial assessments of agricultural needs and selection of demonstration sites, put together the three-year and following 1-year plans for agricultural demonstrations and subsequent crop introductions, and worked with other Texas A&M and project personnel to develop a series of in-country agricultural marketing workshops. The day after the ISLS lecture Dr. Price left for Iraq to continue his work.



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