

NEWSLETTER ... 2007

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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*“People who think they are too big to do little things are perhaps too little to be asked to do big things.”*

*Did you know that 90% of the people in this country couldn't start a conversation if the weather never changed??*

## NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, May 3, 2007

11:00 – 12:30

Ann Lacy Bldg.

Oklahoma City University

Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder

2501 N. Blackwelder

“Riding the Global Surfboard”  
by Dennis P. Dunham, Ph.D.

297-8973 or 341-3169  
for information

## Program for May 3 IVC

### Meeting: Dr. Dennis Dunham

Dr. Dunham is the new Director of the Office of International Student Services at the University of Central Oklahoma. He has more than 18 years in higher education specializing in international affairs, marketing and services. He has set up numerous world-wide promotional tours, successfully implemented off-campus degree programs in countries such as Singapore and Malaysia, and always maintained at least a top 40 status in the U.S. for international recruitment to a master's degree granting institution.

Most recently, he successfully championed an effort to have an international tour to Japan and Thailand as one of the key Oklahoma Centennial Events.

Dr. Dunham's professional experience also includes Director of ELS Language Centers and service in the Peace Corps. Dr. Dunham holds a PhD. In Educational Psychology and Technology, and a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language. He has numerous professional affiliations and publications.

## World Neighbors

World Neighbors signature fundraising event, WorldFest, will move to a larger venue: the Coca-Cola Bricktown Events Center in OKC. It is scheduled for October 12-14, 2007.

WorldFest features unique handcrafted gift items from around the world as well as an interactive learning village that highlights World Neighbors' unique methods used daily in program areas for sustainable agriculture, community health and education.

It will also offer international food from Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as international entertainers and speakers on topics relating to international development.

**Cry Dignity available soon:** In celebration of John L. Peters' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, a special reprint of “Cry Dignity!” will be available from World Neighbors this spring. To order, call Debbie Davis at 418-0407 or email [ddavis@wn.org](mailto:ddavis@wn.org).

More information about World Neighbors is available on the website [www.wn.org](http://www.wn.org).

State Department  
Visitors: International  
Visitor Leadership Program  
(IVLP)

**April 18 – 21 – Multi-Regional Project  
U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND COUN-  
TERTERRORISM**

Thanks to Melissa Graffigna for coordinat-  
ing this program. And a special thanks to  
Aimee and Scott Ahpeatone for hosting all  
17 of the visitors in their home for home  
hospitality.

**May 2 – 5** – Four law enforcement par-  
ticipants will be in OKC from Italy – Milan  
and Naples. During their program, they  
will visit the OSBI, the FBI, the Oklahoma  
National Guard, and MIPT. Robert Mercer  
and Michael Loruse are making arrange-  
ments for a visit and home hospitality with  
members of the OKC police department.  
The themes of their visit to OKC are:

- *Domestic Terrorism and the Effects on Na-  
tional Anti-Terrorism Policy and*
- *Human Trafficking Investigations and  
Cases*

**May 16 – 19** -- A multi-regional group:  
GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY with OKC  
appointments focusing on state and local  
government. The visitors are journalists or  
educators. They are from Egypt, Ghana,  
India, Indonesia, Morocco, Serbia, and Sri  
Lanka.

**Egypt Ms. Mona Mohmed About Magd NAS-  
SER** -- Senior English Language Instructor, Faculty  
of Arts, English Language Department, Menoufia  
University

**Ghana Ms. Joyce Lamisi TIA**  
Assistant Director, Ghana Education Service

**India Ms. Tongam RINA**  
Freelance Journalist, 'The Arunchal Times'

**Indonesia Mr. Tubagus Erif FATURAHMAN**  
Head, International Relations Department,  
Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam (HMI Islamic Student  
Association)

**Morocco Mr. Yassin ADNAN** English  
Teacher, Ibn Abbad High School, Marrakesh

**Serbia Mr. Ivan KUZMINOVIC**  
Founding Member and Activist, 'The Stalkers'  
(cross-border student organization)

**Sri Lanka Mr. Nadaraja SUKIRTHARAJ**  
Coordinator, Jaffna Social Action Center

In July, we are expecting 8 visitors fo-  
cusing on International Security Issues.  
So stay tuned... if you would like to be in-  
volved in programming, please call Kay  
Bickham 341-3169. We can always use  
your help.

For your calendar....

**May 3 IVC Meeting –Dr. Dennis  
Dunham speaker.** After the meeting all  
who interested can go on a tour of ELS  
on the OCU campus.

**May 19 – Book Festival at OCU**

**May 31 – June 10. Charlie Christian In-  
ternational Jazz Festival/IVC**

**June 7 IVC Meeting will be held at the  
FAA Center.**

**July 28 – Annual Expo sponsored by  
the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.**

**September 10 – Dr. Ron Paddack  
leads a Friendship Force tour to Minsk,  
Belarus**

**October – Global Oklahoma at Rose  
State College**

**October 12-14 – WorldFest sponsored  
by World Neighbors.**

Request for information  
Does anyone know about a Social Club  
for persons from Guam. Call Linda Erica  
Davis at 739-7544.