

## **IUHPFL PROJECTED UPDATES & CHANGES FOR 2010 PROGRAM CYCLE**

Since Fall 2008, the IUHPFL has undergone significant transformations. The 2010 Honors Program cycle will continue to see many updates and changes, and we felt it an opportune moment to communicate those projected updates and changes to you.

### **Regarding communication with IUHPFL High School Coordinators:**

- In previous years, all communication was sent to High School Coordinators via paper memos and packets. Since January of 2009, we have transitioned to sending more and more materials to Coordinators via e-mail and making materials available on our website. It is our intent to continue this trend and send all communication to Coordinators electronically from this point forward.

Keeping this objective in mind, we ask you to consistently check your e-mail for communication from the IUHPFL Bloomington office as you will no longer receive paper communication from us.

- Throughout the 2010 Program cycle, we will frequently refer you to our website ([www.indiana.edu/~iuhpfl](http://www.indiana.edu/~iuhpfl)) for the availability of forms. The only obstacle we face in referring you to our website is that we are currently working to revamp its content significantly. We appreciate your cooperation and patience while we are working hard to make our website more user-friendly.

### **Regarding Promotional Materials for 2010 Program:**

- It is our belief that the best way to promote the IUHPFL is through its alumni. For that reason, we encourage you to utilize 2009 Honors Program participants from your school to make presentations in your school's language classes and generate interest in the Honors Program.
  - In an effort to attract the right kind of students for our Program, we wish for both you and former Program participants to emphasize the following when promoting the Program:
    - The three aspects of the Honors Program that make it different from other summer programs abroad: its Academic Focus, its 'Honor Code' (what were formerly called the 'Rules of the Honors Program'), which includes the commitment to speak *only* the foreign language while abroad, and the host family experience.
    - The fact that the Honors Program experience is one that is demanding on *all* levels: academic (i.e., class load and daily assignments), personal (i.e., overcoming fears, managing stress and anxiety), physical (i.e., jetlag, adjusting to a new schedule), social (i.e., interacting with a host family, students from the group), and emotional (i.e., the absence of the comforts of U.S. family and home).
    - Maintaining the 'Honor' in 'Honors Program,' by emphasizing that the IUHPFL student holds not only himself/herself accountable for following the Honor Code, but holds his/her peers accountable for doing so as well.

- In previous years, brochures for the IUHPFL were used to promote the Honors Program. In lieu of brochures, this year we have created bookmarks for students. On the front of the bookmarks, we have *very basic information* about the Honors Program. On the back of the bookmark, we have a Self-Inventory that we ask students to take before considering application to the Honors Program.
  - The bookmark is meant to be a starting point for students interested in the Program. It does not list specifics of the Honors Program; for such specifics, we direct interested students to our website. Again, the current challenges we face are that the website is undergoing construction and certain information for 2010 (specific Program dates, for example) has yet to be determined. We will update the website as quickly as we can.
- In previous years, a DVD was also created to promote the Honors Program. We did not create a DVD for this year, with the intention to use the website as our primary promotional tool.

### **Regarding Test Dates and Sites for 2010:**

- Please communicate to students interested in taking the IUHPFL test that the following testing dates and their corresponding sites have been established:
  - Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> (with make-up to follow on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>):
    - Crown Point
    - Evansville
  - Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (with make-up to follow on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>):
    - Bloomington
    - Ft. Wayne
    - Indianapolis
    - South Bend
- More details for testing will soon follow. We will ask students to register for the test through the IUHPFL website by October 1.
- Along with the grammar, reading and listening comprehension components, this year we will add a short writing sample to the test.
- Qualifications for an IUHPFL applicant are as follows:
  - Applicants must be in at least their third year of study in French, German or Spanish (preference will be given to juniors, but sophomores may apply)
  - Applicants must be able to study the language through their senior year in high school
  - Applicants must be residents in the state of Indiana (\*some exceptions are made for regional schools outside of Indiana who have had a longstanding relationship with the IUHPFL\*)

### **Regarding Program Fees for 2010:**

- In previous years, the total Honors Program fees *included* airfare, and the airfare was paid directly by the IUHPFL office. Due to complications that arose from this system, we have packaged the prices for the 2010 Honors Program differently:

- Rather than *including* airfare in the total Program Fees, we are setting a Program Fee **and** will also ask students to pay their airfare directly to our travel agent.
- For safety and security reasons, as well as for programmatic fluidity, we will require that students of the same Program must fly together on the group flights that we reserve through our travel agent.
- Program Fees for 2010 are as follows:
  - European Program Fees: \$4,500 plus airfare, personal expenses, and non-group related meals (i.e., meals on certain overnight excursions)
  - San Luis Potosí, Mexico Program Fees: \$3,500 plus airfare, personal expenses, and non-group related meals (i.e., meals on certain overnight excursions)
- As in previous years, financial aid is available for Honors Program participants. Students will be asked to submit a Financial Aid application if they wish to be considered for such aid.

### **Regarding New Approach to the ‘Rules’ language of the IUHPFL**

- In an effort to do our best to frame the Honors Program in the positive, we have made several changes in terminology with respect to the ‘Rules’ of the IUHPFL. Rather than call them the ‘Honors Program Rules,’ we are adopting from this point forward the term ‘Honor Code.’
- Any occasion where we used to use the word ‘rule,’ we are making a concerted effort to use ‘pledge’ or ‘norm.’ We realize it may take awhile for this new terminology to stick, but we feel it is more positive in nature and appeals to the students’ sense of responsibility, integrity and, of course, ‘honor.’