

and drink native to their countries. When I was first deciding what to bring from America, I was a little stumped for an “ethnically American” food. Macaroni and Cheese? Beans and Weanies? But Toby, John, and I finally decided on Indian Tacos, Jim Beam, and Jack Daniels Whiskey. Sarah brought along peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, which were a hit, and a bottle of Southern Comfort. It was really fun to see the Polish and Scotts dressed in ethnic attire, eat Swiss chocolate, receive official Croatian tourist passports, taste English and Macedonian sausages, and watch people get cross eyed after drinking a shot of Austrian liquor.

The night commenced with a live band playing traditional Scottish and Irish tunes on an accordion, electric piano and trap set. We all partook in Ceilidh, traditional Scottish and Irish dancing. Some of the dances were a little harder than others and I think our dance leader was rather amused by our own interpretations of the ethnic dances.

The week winded down with the General Assembly meeting and a treasure hunt. The treasure hunt was a big success and we had to take the train to Chester where we did some sightseeing, some shopping, and a

lot of trying to keep our team members together. We then had to return to Liverpool to research the Beatles, the Titanic, and a few of the city’s beautiful cathedrals. My team consisted of Barbara, the IVSA president from Switzerland, Camilla the information officer from Denmark, and a student from Austria. We were supposed to have six people on our team, but we lost two that couldn’t keep up with our competitiveness in Chester. We were the second team back and ended up tying for the coveted title of champion treasure hunters!

The week was truly amazing and I could hardly believe it went by so fast. I met so many new friends and the experience will remain with me throughout life. I hope that some of you make an effort to attend the 2000 Summer Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico in July. I promise that you will not regret spending the money to go! An organization such as IVSA that has no ethnic boundaries, rewards its members with fellowship and camaraderie, and offers to help underprivileged schools is definitely an organization to be proud of belonging to, and I hope that everyone here in the United States can take full advantage of their IVSA membership. ♦

CIVO Introduces International Opportunities at Fair

On January 28, 2000, the Committee for International Veterinary Opportunities (CIVO) sponsored the annual International Fair. CIVO is the Iowa State student chapter of the International Veterinary Student Association. It is a new club at the College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in the spring of 1998. The fair features international food, door prizes, cultural artifacts from many countries, and plenty of booths. Faculty who are sponsoring trips, international companies, and international organizations from main campus all sponsored booths. Students had the opportunity to walk around and get more information about available summer educational trips abroad and preceptorship opportunities (besides eating excellent Vietnamese and Chinese food!) The large organized trips planned for summer 2000 are to Beijing, China to learn acupuncture, to Hamburg, Germany,

and to the IVSA Summer Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. The International Fair is something veterinary students and faculty alike look forward to each year. A special thank you to the International Fair planning committee: Chris Taylor, Betsy Swanson, Pamela Martin, and Renee Funk and the sponsoring companies: Purina, Waltham, Hill’s, and IICAB for making it possible.

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