

Exciting New Horizons for CIP

There are a lot of new and exciting opportunities coming for the Columbus International Program in the next few months. We hope you are excited to join us on these new adventures. From creating new partnerships, to planning exciting international trips for our members, we have a lot going on! Check out the rest of our newsletter to read about all of the exciting change and growth in the works here at CIP!



*Eun Hee Koh and
CIP Executive Director,
Mark Poeppelman.*



*Eun Hee and Michael Kim
with CIP staff.*

CIP Meets Soon Chun Hyang University

On Monday, April 17th, Executive Director, Mark Poeppelman, met with Eun Hee Koh and Michael Kim to discuss future opportunities to create programs together. Eun Hee is a professor at Soon Chun Hyang (SCH) University in Asan, South Korea. She was introduced to CIP by Michael, who is the president of the local Korean chamber of commerce. During their meeting at CIP, both Eun Hee and Michael got the chance to hear more about our programs, and discuss future programs that students and educators at SCH could participate in over the coming years. As Eun Hee returns to Korea, CIP is hopeful that, together, we will be able to create sustainable programs through which we can create pathways for many student and professional exchanges between universities here and in Korea.



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Welcome to CIP

New Volunteer, Ravi.



CIP extends a warm welcome to Ravichandra S. M., or Ravi, who has recently begun volunteering with us. Ravi, his wife and their young son moved to Columbus in September of 2016 from Bengaluru, India. The family moved to the U.S. due to a job opportunity his wife received to work as a software engineer for Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). Back in India, Ravi worked as a banker. While in Columbus, Ravi is looking to get a lot of volunteer experience. He will be helping CIP over the coming months by volunteering his time to do grant research and try to create new programs for us. We are excited to have Ravi here with us, and highly recommend getting to know him!

New International Professional In Residence, Parasekvi (Vivi) Sdrenia



After several months of work and preparation, CIP is happy to announce the coming arrival of our newest IPR, Vivi Sdrenia. Vivi will be coming to Columbus from Athens, Greece, where she currently works as an attorney for the Melidou Law Firm. Vivi was born and raised in Trikala, a beautiful city in central Greece. Vivi will be training with the Ohio Bar Association, and will be arriving in mid-May. When asked what she is most excited about in regards to her time here, she says the totally new environment will be challenging and exciting. She wants to learn more about American habits and customs. She looks forward to meeting new people and discovering Columbus' best spots! Be on the look out for opportunities to get to know her in the coming months!

New Social Work and Non-Profit Management Delegation Coming from China

As you might have recently read in our emails or our social media, we will be hosting a new delegation of social workers and non-profit management professionals from China in May. The delegation will arrive in Columbus on May 19th and depart on the 26th. We will be hosting 10 delegates, and we would love for our membership to be involved in their experience here either as host families, or just by getting to know them at events they will be attending, such as Columbus' Annual Asian Festival's Dragon Boat Race. If you would like to read more about the Dragon Boat Race, reference the last page of this newsletter. If you are interested in hosting, click the image below.

Interested in hosting? [CLICK HERE!](#)

International Professional in Residence Update: Rajaram Joshi

Joshi is a Project Manager for Rotary International from Kathmandu, Nepal. He has been in Columbus since the end of November of 2016. While here, Joshi has been serving as a Community Liaison on behalf of the Nepali-Bhutanese population in Columbus, at Columbus North International High School. Joshi has been greatly enjoying his time here, and was recently part of a special Nepali program at his placement site, where he shared cultural information with students and faculty. We recently caught up with Joshi to see how his program and experience has been so far. To read about Joshi's experience in Columbus, [click here!](#)



*Joshi with staff at Columbus North
International High School*



Joshi displaying the Nepali Flag



*Joshi with staff and students at Columbus
North International High School*

Thank You to our Spring 2017 Interns!

CIP has been very lucky to have had four wonderful interns serving with us over the Spring semester. Vaniesha Baynard, Christine Oswald, Joseph Peng and Steffi Ruseva have all been incredible to work with over the past few months. They have assisted us in grant research, delegation preparation, community cultural event preparation and execution, program building and much more. Over the summer, Vaniesha will continue to assist with the Chinese Social Work delegation she has been working with us on, Christine will be continuing to work with us on grants and other projects through May and June, and Joe will also be staying on, to continue to work on Chinese programs and grants. Steffi will continue with us through the month of May. She will graduate from The Ohio State University on May 7th with two Bachelors of Arts degrees, one in Strategic Communications and the other in International Studies, as well as a Spanish language minor. We would like to wish them all the best of luck in all of their future endeavors and thank them for the time and effort they put in for the betterment of CIP.



Vaniesha Baynard



Christine Oswald



Steffi Ruseva



Joe Peng

Events and Announcements

6th Annual Columbus Kiwanis 5K



Central Ohio's infant mortality rate is higher than most areas of the country. Help the Kiwanis club educate at risk women about child health, nutrition, care and support.

Date: May 6th, 2017

Time: 8:30 AM

To register, visit their website: <https://www.columbusinternational5k.com/>

Dragon Boat Race



Join us for this extremely fun, local cultural event! Columbus' Annual Asian Festival holds a Dragon Boat Race event each year, and it is not to be missed! Bring your family to cheer you on and experience a cool new custom!

Date: May 21, 2017 **Time:** 9 AM—4 PM

Location: West Bank Park, Columbus, OH

If interested contact mark@cipcolumbus.org

Chinese Social Work Delegation Dinner



If you would like to meet our latest Chinese delegation before they leave check this out! Help us celebrate their program over dinner at the Sunflower Chinese Restaurant and Lounge!

Date: May 25, 2017 **Time:** 6:30 PM

Price: Non-member \$20, Member \$15

To Purchase Tickets Online: <http://www.cipcolumbus.org/upcoming-events.html>