Hello, travelers!

During this time, you are either returning from your semester abroad, bursting with new knowledge and experiences, or gearing up and packing for your semester abroad, imagining what adventures are waiting for you. Whether you are returning or leaving, we hope your camera was or will be an important part of your time abroad! IPSL is holding our Second Annual Student Photo Contest, and would like to invite you to participate. The contest is open to any and all students who participated in **the Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 IPSL study abroad programs as well as the current MA students in the 2012 cohort.** We are looking for photos that tell the story of your study abroad experience, and also represent the experience in an artistic and creative manner.

Students are invited to submit up to five photos in any or all of the following five categories:

-Service Placements
-Home Stays and Campus Life
-Community Experience
-Landscapes and the Environment
-Travel and Excursions

We will award one grand prize and one honorable mention in each category. ALL 10 winning photos will be featured on the IPSL website and the annual newsletter, and grand prize winners will each receive a $75 GIFT CARD TO POWELL'S BOOKS OR YOUR CAMPUS BOOKSTORE!

You may begin submitting your photos as soon as you begin your study abroad experience. All photos MUST be submitted by June 30, 2010 to be eligible for the photo contest.

** By submitting your images to the IPSL photo contest, you are granting permission to IPSL to use, edit and publish any image in relation to the aforementioned contest. All submitted images become the property of IPSL and you will not receive compensation unless you are a grand prize contest winner. We will always credit your work when possible.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission deadline: June 30, 2010
Judging: July 15, 2010
Awards announcement: August 1, 2010

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

-limit of 5 photos per category per student
-Photos must be at least 300 dpi resolution: if too low, students will not be considered for judging unless they are able to send a higher resolution photo in a timely manner.
-Photos must be appropriate. Use good judgment; your photography is representing not only you, but also your study abroad institution and IPSL.
-Submitters MUST write a descriptive caption, MUST title photos, and MUST include the category into which they are submitting each photo.

-File name format: Location_Last name_photo number
We encourage you to take pictures of all aspects of your life while abroad, but remember to respect your subjects' boundaries and comfort levels.

Sample submission:

Attached photo name: Guayaquil_Johnson_01
Title: Peaceful Waters
Category: Landscapes and Environment
Caption: This photo is of the beach near my campus at sunrise. Getting up early to see the sun rise before class was one of the best and most peaceful part of my day.

To submit your photos:

Email all entries to anewton@ipsl.org. In the body of the email, include titles of your photos and descriptive captions. Attach photo submissions to the email, with files named as instructed above. You may send multiple emails if necessary.

If your photos are too large or you are having trouble emailing your submissions, contact Arianne at anewton@ipsl.org for an alternative submission method.

CATEGORIES:

Categorize your photos as you feel they best fit. IPSL reserves the right to place your photo in a different category, if we feel it fits better there.

Service placements

Students should submit photos that represent their service placement experience, showing people helping people.

**Please note: some service agencies may have restrictions on the types of photos that can be taken. Respect these guidelines, and use them as an opportunity to expand your creativity. (For example, an agency may not allow photos of people's faces, but you may take a picture of hands, feet, or another composition that represents individual identity.)

Homestays and Campus Life

Students should submit photos that represent the places where they live, study, and spend time. Friends, homestay families, professors, and other students may appear in photos. Remember to be creative in your representation! Your photos should speak of what your homestay and campus mean to you.

Community Experience

What is it like to live in your community and city? Students should submit photos of street life, culture, community landmarks, and anything else that may help capture the essence of your study abroad community.

Landscapes and the Environment

Capture the natural beauty of your country. Students may submit photos taken within their study abroad community or on excursions. Photos should include few or no people. (If people appear in photos, they should not be the focus or necessarily identifiable.)

Travel and Excursions

Students should submit photos taken outside of the community or "home base". These photos may include other students, travel companions, yourself, and could be considered traditional "tourist" photos.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Photos should:

-tell a story
-show artistic originality
-capture the IPSL experience

Judging panel will include at least one of each:

-Alumni representative
-IPSL staff
-Professional artist/photographer

If you have any questions regarding your photo submissions, please contact Arianne at anewton@ipsl.org. We will accept photo submissions on a rolling basis throughout the semester, so start sending right away! Spring students: remember to keep track of how many you send; there is a limit of 5 submissions per category, per student.

Safe travels, and happy photographing!

The IPSL team