



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE of MUNICIPAL CLERKS Study Abroad PROGRAM

*The World is a book, and those who
do not travel read only a page.*

-St. Augustine



ABOUT THE IIMC STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

This program was developed as an instrument to embrace the international flavor of our Organization and bring colleagues from around the world closer together.

Purpose

The purpose of the Study Abroad Program is to provide a unique educational and cultural experience for our members, with an evaluation of practical and academic studies.

While the emphasis of this program is on education, the itinerary attempts to provide a good balance of touring the host country while interacting with the local government officials, and attending educational/classroom style sessions.

EDUCATIONAL POINTS

Due to the uniqueness of the program, educational points toward CMC & MMC Certification will be determined for each program. The IIMC's Education Department will review the itinerary each year and suggest variations, if needed, for additional educational content.

FREQUENCY OF PROGRAM

This program is to be offered every three years, however, nothing shall prevent the program from being offered more frequently if there is enough interest and time for planning and execution.

PARTICIPANT'S COMMITMENT

Participants of this Program are asked to write a short essay of their experience to be used by IIMC for a collaborative article in the *News Digest*.

Participants also will be asked to participate in Education Sessions: 1. while on the trip, speak at the host Association Conference on differences in job duties, 2. upon return, may speak at an IIMC Conference Session to share what was learned.

REGISTRATION FEE

The cost for each program includes: all hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner each day, portage & tips, transportation; any admission fees; registration to affiliate association conference. Flight to initial destination is additional, and at participants cost.





A local Historian educates the Study participants on the small church in Stratford Upon Avon. The paintings on the wall were painted over to hide them from the Germans during the war.



Ms. Angharad Harris, member of the Snowdonia Education Team, shared history and discussed the balancing of tourism and conservation of this 838 square mile National Park.



Ms. Katherine Owen, Clerk of Royal Town Council, Caernarfon, WALES, dons her robe and centuries old horse hair wig that is worn at every Council meeting.

Learning from Colleagues

"It is marvelous to see how concerned our colleagues from Wales are about serving their inhabitants and to learn about their (different) approaches."
 Wim Fluks, the Netherlands

Study Members with the Mayor of Somerset



"We had a session on removing the geese from the waterway. Upon my return, I found an e-mail from a citizen concerned about the geese in his area. I was able to take the Plan I received in England to our Parks Director for review and implementation." T. Kelly

An Education Session at SLCC Headquarters



"The striking thing that I learned along the way was that clerks the world over are special people. We are more alike than different. I definitely felt a renewed sense of the value of what I do and for the community I represent." J. Anderson

Study Members Panel Session @ SLCC Conference



"It was an opportunity to grow professionally by interacting with clerks from around the world and sharing ideas common to the needs of the people we serve." V. Mendoza

New National Assembly Building, WALES



"The most rewarding experience for me was learning about the sustainable development of the National Assembly of Wales building because our agency is in the process of a construction project hoping to incorporate many sustainable elements. I was able to bring back information from their efforts to share with our project staff." T. Russell

The Main Roman Bath, Bath, ENGLAND



"Learning how others handle the same issues has helped me look at things from a different perspective and improve my own response. I also gained a great appreciation for the work of a City's advisory boards after visiting the Roman baths in Bath, and then staying in a modern Holiday Inn two blocks away - with no visible attempt to blend in architecturally with the historical surroundings." T. Corey

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