Terra Dotta Newsletter, June 2012

NAFSA News

To the new friends we made and the old ones we were reacquainted with this year at NAFSA—whether at our booth viewing a demo or in the House of Blues singing karaoke—we would like to say thanks for stopping by to see us.

Congratulations go out to Linda Rust of Charles Sturt University, Gonda Gebhardt of SUNY-Cortland, and David Lamitie of Boston University, each of whom won a Kindle Fire given away by Terra Dotta.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year at NAFSA 2013 in St. Louis.

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Version 11 Is Coming!

The code for Version 11 will be released Wednesday, June 20 for our installed clients to download. Hosted clients will have the new version installed on their sites Saturday, June 23.

Further announcements will follow by email.
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Welcome New Clients:

► Dixie College of Utah
► Fordham University
► Lexia International

Getting to Know Us

Tim Wojoski, Sales Engineer

Tim has worked for Terra Dotta for almost two years and is responsible for pre-sales support and technical coordination of Terra Dotta software implementations. Tim's extensive knowledge gained from years in international education and from using StudioAbroad for over 6 years at the University of Virginia serves as a valuable resource to business and technical stakeholders for Terra Dotta's new and potential clients.

Tim was the Technology Manager for Education Abroad at the University of Virginia. He has 7 years of experience in international education and led U.Va.'s implementation of StudioAbroad. Tim was a Study Abroad Advisor for 5 years before assuming his role as Technology Manager. He is active in NAFSA and the Forum, participating in NAFSA's Education Abroad Foundations Workshop as a trainer and the Forum's Sub-committee for Office, Data, and Information Management.

Tim holds a Masters in Information Technology Management from University of Virginia and undergraduate degrees from the University of South Carolina. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). His areas of expertise include project and operations management, educational technology, data analytics and assessment. Tim's own personal study abroad experiences led him to Australia, Spain and Costa Rica.

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WEBINARS: Learn what Terra Dotta Software can do for you

Risk Management Offices
► July 19, 2012
► August 16, 2012
Find out how your institution can track all faculty, staff and student travel to ensure their safety and reduce your liability. Learn how you can use this data most effectively, as well as how you can have direct communication with travelers before, during, and after their trip.

ISSS Offices
► July 19, 2012
► August 16, 2012
Attend a product information webinar to learn how our software can benefit your International Student and Scholar Services office.

Study Abroad Offices
► June 21, 2012
► July 10, 2012
Learn more about what our software can do for your Education Abroad office. Register to attend a product information webinar.

► Macalester College
► Marquette University
► Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
► South Dakota State University
► Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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New Directory Provider:

► MENTE Argentina

This provider is a new Directory provider - their programs may not yet be ready for use.

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Free Training Webinars for Clients:

► International SOS Training Integration Updates: Tues. June 26, 11 am EDT

Click here to register for the webinar in our continuing series.

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ESL Offices
► June 21, 2012
► July 10, 2012
Discover how to modernize the administration of your ESL Office with our software by attending this webinar.

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Are They All International Students?
by Gary Rhodes, Ph.D., Director
SAFETI Clearinghouse, Center for Global Education at UCLA

Last month's article from the Center for Global Education focused on four resources that can help in responding to an incident or crisis abroad (Insurance, Emergency Assistance, Student Tracking, and Communication).

This month, the article suggests that the health and safety needs of international students and study abroad students are similar and that increased collaboration between the staffs supporting each population will improve the experience for all international students. Read the article.

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People Are Talking

Terra Dotta's Software has definitely enabled our office to get rid of much paperwork and many file cabinets! There are so many features that benefit our office. The query functions are especially helpful in the application process. Queries allow us to quickly contact all students on one program, see how many students we have on each program or in a given country or geographic area; query watches allow us to monitor changes in the pool of applicants; reminders "harass" students on a regular basis about missing application pieces so we do not have to. The review process enables us to share applications with faculty very easily.

- Sylvie Burnet-Jones, University of Colorado, Boulder

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