From 7-29 January 2013 the School of Accounting at RMIT in conjunction with the Department of Accounting and Business Systems at the University of Melbourne will be conducting a fully escorted study program visiting Berlin, Wolfsburg, Warsaw, Munich, Zurich, Lausanne, Interlaken, Paris and London.

The International Study Program celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2012 and commences its 21st Anniversary in 2013. Laurie Webb commenced leadership of the program at Monash University in July 1993, the first program being to Asia with the inclusion of the US in the following year and Europe in subsequent years. In January 2013, Laurie will have completed his 27th study program which has taken place without exception at least once a year since 1993. In 2006 two distinct programs emerged - one to North America in June/July and Europe in January each year.

These programs are distinguished through their high level connections with international organisations and the high quality of its experiential learning program. Laurie wishes to pay tribute to Holidays on Location and its principal, Leo Adams who have been associated with the program since its inception in 1993. The company has made a significant contribution to the success of the program through meticulous planning and the highest quality delivery of services.

Over the past twenty years, the program has broadened the international understanding of nearly 1000 students and staff from Monash, La Trobe and other Australian universities and in 2010 the University of Melbourne joined RMIT as a joint and sole partner of this unique program.

Laurie Webb wishes to pay tribute to the many organisations and their executives who have contributed most generously in many ways over the past twenty years in making this program such an extraordinarily rich experience for students and staff. Thanks are also expressed to the universities and Heads of Department for ensuring that the program was resourced effectively and their encouragement for its continual improvement of its performance.

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**Features**
- A fully escorted international study program visiting five European countries, nine European cities and fourteen professional visits
- An experiential education program that has no equal domestically or internationally with cross-continent travel, prestigious host institutions and comfortable travel throughout the tour
- Hospitable and enthusiastic host organisations and the opportunity to meet with key executives in manufacturing and regulatory bodies.
- Outstanding large corporate hosts include Nestlé in Vevey, Switzerland, Axel Springer in Berlin, Volkswagen in Wolfsburg, and Siemens in Munich, Germany and in the UK, Tesco in Cheshunt and Sainsburys in London.
- The opportunity for private travel at the conclusion of the study program from London, throughout UK or other European countries

**Objectives**
The International Accounting Study Program is a unique opportunity to travel and study and gain access to a range of leading business and regulatory leaders in Europe. Students will gain invaluable insights and expand their knowledge of international business and accounting practices. The development of inter-personal skills and self-confidence in presentations and speaking with hosts is an invaluable additional benefit of participation.

**Academic content**
RMIT students will enrol in dedicated electives ACCT 2172/2173 (International Accounting Study Program). Assessment for both electives includes a primer of host organisations, case study, participation and a reflective journal.

**Program Itinerary**
The duration of the study program is 23 days and includes the following hosts:
- Berlin: Axel Springer and Germany Accounting Standards Board (DSR)
- Wolfsburg: Volkswagen (Autostadt)
- Warsaw: Warsaw School of Economics (SGH)
- Munich: Siemens, BMW World
- Zurich: Deloitte
- Lausanne/Vevey: Nestlé
- Paris: NYSE – Euronext, AMF

* A full itinerary is provided before departure

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**EUROPE INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM**

Additional sightseeing and meals

The program price includes organised city sightseeing tours in Berlin, Warsaw, Paris and London. There is a welcome dinner in Warsaw, lunch at Top of Jungfrau restaurant (highest restaurant in Europe) and the traditional farewell dinner in London.

**Transportation**

International flights are with Singapore Airlines, LOT (Polish Airlines) between Warsaw and Munich. Ground transportation is partly by fully air-conditioned and heated tour coach and by trains in first class carriages with reserved seating. The Channel crossing between Paris and London is done on the Eurostar fast train in first class.

**Cost**

The cost is approximately $7195 plus ET&FS tax of $895 plus insurance of $195 totalling $8285 (as at 18 June 2012) per person (excluding the subject tuition fees). This cost includes comprehensive travel insurance cover suitable for the program, and the program operation cost including all air and rail travel, transfers from airport to hotels, site visits, accommodation based on twin share in Superior 3 and 4 star hotels, (single room and or double room for single use supplement options are also available, price on application), meeting room hire, breakfasts daily and specified sightseeing meals, tipping and arrival porterage. Nationals of foreign countries participating in the program, depending on their origin, may have to apply for entry (visa) permits to travel destinations proposed in the itinerary. Foreign nationals please contact the travel management company for further clarification and applicable costs for securing such permits. Australian passport holders do not require to attend to any visa requirements.

**Study costs**

RMIT students will pay the fees associated with studying the equivalent of two general electives. Applicants who do not undertake any electives will incur a $500 administrative fee.

**Scholarships**

Global Study Connections – Strive for Excellence: two $750 scholarships awarded at the conclusion of the program.

**Deposit and tour operator details**

A deposit of $600 (cheques payable to GSC) must accompany your application. Upon formal acceptance into the study program, withdrawal before finalisation of your account will result in $450 + GST not being refundable. The balance of the payment must be paid on or before 12 October 2012. A price guarantee applies (except for ET&FS tax) for payments received on or before the specified date. Payment may be made by EFT, cash or cheque. Options to pay by credit card or any other form of payment are available, however, are subject to transaction fees imposed by credit card facilitators. Cancellations after 12 October 2012 will be determined with the general cancellation conditions issued by the travel management company.

**Eligibility**

This study program is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate business students from RMIT and the University of Melbourne. The minimum requirement for RMIT students is a credit or higher in Introductory Accounting or its equivalent but preference will be given to those who have also passed Financial Accounting 1 or its equivalent.

**Information sessions**

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Check the web site for any changes prior to session dates. [www.rmit.edu.au/bus/studytours](http://www.rmit.edu.au/bus/studytours)

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**How to apply**

The application form is available from the RMIT Business Study Tours website: [www.rmit.edu.au/bus/studytours](http://www.rmit.edu.au/bus/studytours)

**Closing dates**

First round 6 September 2012
Second round 13 September 2012
GSC presentation 21 September 2012
Settlement date 12 October 2012
Early application is advised.

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