

Monthly newsletter for the Alliance Française Cork and the Cultural Service of the French Embassy
La lettre mensuelle de l'Alliance Française de Cork et des Services Culturels de l'Ambassade de France

Editorial

Dear Students, Members, Partners, Friends and Staff, du fond du coeur nous vous souhaitons une merveilleuse année 2007!

Well the big year for our Alliance has finally arrived and here at the Alliance there is already a great sense of excitement as our celebrations for the 60th anniversary begin!

Coming up very soon 1st – 9th March our 18th Cork French Film Festival with a great line-up of French films, documentaries, shorts, workshops, educational programme, musical events, guest directors, and VIPs. So we hope you, our Cork audience, will find much to enjoy in this year's selection.

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their very generous support of our Christmas events here at the Alliance in December.

Our special celebratory 2007 Alliance Française brochure is published this week and available at reception and on-line.

Pick up our special anniversary calendar for your desktop - still available at reception.

A big welcome to all our students adults, teenagers and children as well as our corporate groups to our new semester at the Alliance starting 29th January.

Nora CALLANAN
President



Hélène Duquin, Director, and Nora Callanan, President at the launch of our new-look image and special anniversary calendar



**SELECTIONS TO WIN A FREE
WEEK IN PARIS**

TV Quiz. Questions Pour Un Champion, a quiz game watched by millions of viewers in France watching **France 3** and around the world through **TV5**. Again this year **Questions Pour Un Champion** is organising an **international competition** open to French speakers in the following countries: **Algeria, Benin, Canada, Cuba, Gabon, Spain, India, Ireland, the Lebanon and Russia.**

If you are **Irish**, are **over 18**, have general knowledge and a mastery of the French language, come and take part in the selection process on **Saturday 3rd February 2007 at 2pm** and become an ambassador for your country in Paris!

On completion of the preliminary rounds **four winners** will qualify for the finals and will be invited to spend an **ALL-EXPENSES-PAID WEEK IN PARIS FROM SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY TO SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2007!**

Enrol now by completing our candidate [application form](#) available on request at Alliance Française Cork alliancefrancaisecork@eircom.net and on our website www.alliancefrancaisecork.com
Until Saturday 3rd February, 2pm



NEW!!!

Enrolling Now!

**SPRINGTERM TEENAGERS'
COURSES**

For those of you, who have missed the autumn enrolment for **Leaving Cert** and **Junior Cert** courses we offer a possibility to study with us in **Spring** over the period of 13 weeks. **3rd February – 19th May** classes will take place on **Saturdays.**

Junior Cert 9.30-11am

Leaving Cert Pass 9.30-10.30am

Leaving Cert Honours 1.30 -3pm

Contact us:

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Yves Rocher



L'Occitane



Les Gourmandises Restaurant



Iarnród Éireann



Guinness Jazz Festival



Bradley Wine Merchant



On The Pig's Back



The Gate Cinema



Triskel



Granary Theatre



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WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME IN FRANCE DURING TRANSITION YEAR?

- Choose your own dates (Jan-Jun 2007)
 - Live with a French family
 - Study in a French school
- *****

SUMMER PROGRAMME JULY/AUGUST 2007

BIARRITZ – Language courses and activities (surfing, rafting, etc. Direct flights Dublin-Biarritz)

LA ROCHELLE – Intensive summer courses (small numbers)

BORDEAUX/POITIERS – Home stay/Exchange. Direct flights, accompanied by Irish leaders
Contact us for more details.



FRANCE 24 NEWS NETWORK

New Media. FRANCE 24 is a brand new information media whose stated mission is to report on international news with a specifically French viewpoint including a range of opinions, debates, reports, lifestyle, culture, gastronomy, fashion, etc.

It is the first channel broadcast in two languages from its inception (French & English) and with three from 2007 with the Arabic, Spanish being planned within three years. What is special about FRANCE 24 is that it has two broadcasting and two working languages but a single message which does not change according to the geographical location of the target audience. The content of the bulletins is the same, the images are identical, and the subjects and reports are dealt with in equal measure in both languages.

FRANCE 24 broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, with hourly and half-hourly bulletins being updated day and night in both languages. FRANCE 24 will be available via satellite, cable and Internet, and soon by telephone or videocast. In Ireland, it is only available on the Internet so far, but will be soon on Sky Digital Satellite.

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Office Hours: Mon & Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm
Tues-Thurs : 9.30-20.45
Sat: 9.30am - 4pm
(closed for lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

DELF AND DALF exams taking place at Alliance Francaise Cork 29th & 30th January 2007

Bravo to our student who has enrolled! Bon courage!

Next session coming up in May 2007 should you wish take the opportunity to take one of these exams. Talk to your tutor, who shall be pleased to advise and prepare you for this successful experience.

Event Alert! Dates for your diary 2007

18th Cork French Film Festival coming up 1ST – 9TH March 2007 bringing you a cocktail of cinematic delights

Feature films and education programme will be screened at GATE CINEMA and all documentaries, workshops and conferences will take place at TRISKEL.

HÉLÈNE CONWAY, Conseiller à l'Assemblée des Français de l'étranger AFE, will be at Alliance Française Cork on Saturday 20 January between 10:30 and 11:30 and will be pleased to answer any queries you may have related to education, social welfare, pensions, etc. Tel: 087 0506970



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