

## Billy Bulletin Week 6

### Summer Volunteering in China with IVSC

IVSC has had some last minute openings come available on programmes in Yangshuo, Xiamen and in Nanchang. Lonely Planet says of Yangshuo that "pedalling across the rice fields through Yangshuo's soaring limestone peaks is often the top experience of travellers in China," Xiamen is also a very exciting location, set around a bay that features the stunning setting of Gulangyu Island, famed for having the most intact colonial era architecture in East Asia. A position in Nanchang allows you to experience a typical Chinese city while giving the opportunity to take weekend breaks to the stunning mountains of Jiangxi province. These programmes all provide free bed and board, free TEFL certification, while some partners also offer Chinese classes. Travel scholarships are usually available through colleges.

Programmes run in July and August, exact dates are TBC. Schedules vary between the different schools but generally involve 3-8 hours of English teaching activities per day. Typically students are aged between six and sixteen.

In house TEFL certification, Chinese classes, assistance with visas, free accommodation and food are all offered. There is no programme fee of any kind, IVSC has been working with UK students since 2007. For more information please contact [enquiries@ivsc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ivsc.org.uk) or view our website [www.ivsc.org.uk](http://www.ivsc.org.uk) for general information. Positions are offered on a rolling basis, to apply please send in a CV, 200 word statement and smart photo.

### EMBL – European Bioinformatics Institute

EMBL-EBI are pleased to invite you to 'Pandemic! The global threat of deadly diseases' – an evening of talks and discussion about the worldwide spread of infectious diseases. The current Ebola crisis has brought the risk of a global pandemic to the forefront of people's minds, following in the footsteps of other recent epidemics such as bird flu. Yet do we, in Britain, genuinely need to be concerned that these outbreaks taking place in other parts of the world might reach our shores? What can scientific research do to help us in the fight against infectious diseases?

Join three experts working in pathogen evolution, genetics and immunology who will give their perspectives on the threat of pandemics, followed by a lively debate.

The event takes place at the Cambridge Union on Wednesday 3 June and is free and open to all. For more information and to sign up for an email reminder, please see: <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/about/events/science-and-society-2015>

## **Do you want a FREE ticket to Latitude Festival? CharityConcierge.org**

KOPAfrica are looking for enthusiastic, helpful, happy people to join us this year as Charity Concierges - you get to be everyone's favourite person on site offering help putting up tents, bringing them breakfast in the morning, and providing a waiter service (with queue jump!) in the arena, so nobody has to miss any of their favourite act!

You will need to be available from the evening of Wednesday 15th until Sunday 19th July.

As a Concierge, you will get:

- A free ticket to the festival (which has just been named 4th best in the world)
- ALL your evenings free (so you don't have to miss any of the headliners, which include Alt J, Portishead, and comedy acts such as Jason Manford!)
- A great addition to your CV
- The chance to help some of the world's most vulnerable children get a healthy meal and go to school (see <http://kopafrika.org/> for more information).

If you think this might be for you (who wouldn't, with those benefits?), have a look here for some more information and to register, or get in touch with Holly at KOP with any questions or queries.

We can't wait to welcome you on board!

## **Earn up to £17.50 for Attention and Distraction Study (2-2.5 hours)**

The MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit is recruiting participants for an attention and distraction study. You will perform a computer-based task that involves focusing attention on some words while ignoring other distracting words. The task will take around 2-2.5 hours.

To be eligible to participate, you should be a native English speaker aged 18-50 years with normal/normal-corrected vision. You should not be colour blind or have learning/language/attention deficits or any other psychological or neurological impairments.

If you are interested in participating or need further information, please contact [yuhua.guo@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk](mailto:yuhua.guo@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk).

Alternatively, you can register and sign up on SONA: <https://mrc-cbu.sona-systems.com/>

The study title is:

Computer-based Attention and Distraction Task (Guo, 2015/3269)