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"I am part of the three-professor team (including English and Psychology) who will be teaching in Ireland during Spring 2010 term with 30 undergraduate students. While we have been meeting regularly through the last academic year, the opportunity to travel in Ireland this last summer was invaluable for me to see Ireland first hand.

Because the psychology professor and I have not taught internationally, we were able to mine (other participants) for insight, advice, and hints about traveling with and educating students abroad. Our group was fortunate enough to have a good mix of faculty and administrators so we learned a lot about what other institutions do, the problems they face, and how they are successful with their international programs.

We also got lots of hits about specific issues that could arise during our Ireland term and how we can avoid and solve them. One of the faculty participants took us to some very good bookstores in Dublin where I was able to look at many natural history books that I will be able to use in my course."

~~Jason Koontz, Department of Biology, Augustana College, Illinois (Ping Fellowship Recipient)