

EDITOR'S CORNER

Greetings from the Fung's

2000 has been an adventurous and globe trotting year!

Catherine and Daniel traveled together to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore in March, then Seattle and Vancouver Island in May. A truly dazzling trip in May and June from Los Angeles (ASM meeting) to Dublin to London to Hannover to Hamburg to Oslo (taught a workshop) then back to Hamburg (stayed in Kempiski Hotel Atlantic where a James Bond movie was filmed) to Hannover again to attend the Millennium World Expo and then back to London and Dublin. Daniel flew back to Dallas for the IFT meeting.

Catherine went by herself to Isle of Man (Tourist Trophy – professional motorcycle race); Belfast; Edinburgh (Our Dynamic Earth); Newcastle (Life-interactive world); London (Rode on London Eye, the tallest Ferris Wheel, and visited the Millennium Dome); Stonehenge, Caramarthan and Wales (the National Garden).

We met again in Cork, Ireland, where Catherine played the piano in a beautiful Reception Hall at University of Cork and had a photograph taken with the US Ambassador to Ireland. On our way home we stayed at Trinity College in Dublin.

In the fall, visited Philadelphia (twice), Toronto (visited Yvette), Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Great joy staying in Francis' new house in Menomonie, WI while visiting River Falls and the Mall of America in Minneapolis. Mrs. Lee, Catherine's mother, was there too. Great visit!

In November we went to Washington, D.C. then ventured to Peru. Flew to Cuzco via Lima to take a three hour scenic train ride to Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Inca Empire. Mist, clouds, ancient structures, temples, tropical trees, meandering rivers, cliffs, towering mountain peaks, gorges, narrow trails, caves, fountain of youth, llama, alpaca, and very friendly indigenous people greeted us on the way. Catherine got an Alpaca fur coat. Beautiful! In Lima we gourmandized in Restaurant Costa Verda, the world's largest buffet, 475 items. It is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

From November 29 to December 3 we were in Darmstadt, Germany. Our host (Merck) treated us with Hotel Jagdschloss Kranichstein, a castle once upon a time where royalty stayed when they came hunting. Nearby is an Olympic size swimming pool where Catherine swam and dived everyday. She is now a very graceful diver. In Darmstadt, Frankfurt, and Heidelberg, we visited traditional Christmas Markets– so many people!

Francis just turned 27 with a wonderful family, a great job in Minneapolis and living in Menomonie, WI. Maria is an Assistant Professor of Math at University of Wisconsin-Stout. Dessi is an affectionate four-year-old girl and Zlati is a big one and one-half year old boy.

The 21st Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology Workshop is July 6 to 13, 2001. See you in Manhattan, Kansas.

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY 2001.



**CATHERINE AND DANIEL WITH GENERAL COLIN POWELL, THE NEW
US SECRETARY OF STATE**