

April, 2007

# af Alliance Française of Missoula



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**April 25:** *Médecins Sans Frontières* with Alain Dubos. Co-sponsored by St. Patrick Hospital's Ethics Committee

**May 10:** Yasmina Khadra: *The Swallows of Kaboul*

**May 18:** Ifra, a mathematician

**July 14:** Bastille Day  
Elections and annual dues. If you are interested in running for an office, please let Michel know.

**July 29—August 3:**  
French Camp at Georgetown Lake

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Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the home of Michel Valentin. All are welcome.

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## Upcoming Events

April 25—Alain Dubos

Dr. Alain Dubos will speak about "Doctors Without Borders". A recipient of the Nobel Prize in 1999, this organization has always had to adapt its original philosophy, "to go where others don't go," to the constraints of a world in upheaval after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Dr. Dubos was vice-president of Doctors Without Borders for 6 years. He has completed numerous missions, often clandestine, in many countries at war from Afghanistan to Lebanon, including Kurdistan, to name but a few. From these experiences Dr. Dubos produced a series of novels and non-fiction works. He has returned to his family's origins in the southwest region of France and continues to practice as a pediatrician.

Dr. Dubos's talk is co-sponsored with St. Patrick's Hospital Ethics Committee and will take place April 25, 7:00 pm in the St. Patrick Hospital conference center rooms 2 & 3 with a reception following.

Dr. Dubos's talk will be given in French using an interpreter.

May 10—Yasamina Khadra

Yasamina Khadra is the author of several books. *Les Hirondelles de Kaboul* was chosen as best book of the year in 2005 by the San Francisco Chronicle and the Christian Science Monitor.

Yasamina Khadra is the *non de plume* of Mohammed Moulesl-houl, who was born in Algeria in 1955. After his discharge from the Algerian army in 2005, he turned to writing as a career. *Les Hirondelles de Kaboul* is available at Shakespere & Co.

## Alliance Française has a busy month in March

Alain Mabanckou stopped in Missoula to give a talk on African Literature on March 9. On March 14, we also had another surprise visitor, Soazig Le Bihan who gave a talk on *Philosophical Interpretations of Quantum Mechanics*.

Dr. Bihan is a philosopher of physics and a Sawyer Fellow in the Humanities Department at the Illinois Institute of Technology-Chicago.

On March 12, Dr. Etienne Klein presented a lecture on "What Do We Know About Time?"

Sarah McClain, Ester McDonald and Cindy Green set up a booth for Alliance Française at the International Festival at the University, March 11, in the children's corner. Ethel presented a slide show of French Camp and children colored stained glass windows.