

## Thoughts from Abroad!

### MIT halfway...

#### Diana Malvius, January & February 2010

In January, all activities at MIT are slowed down and students and researchers have an extended Christmas vacation. Corridors and halls yawn empty and the campus feels deserted. I took the opportunity to take leave after an exciting and busy year.

The New Year began with the birth of my daughter, so January was devoted to baby talk and diaper changing. Perfect timing before the Spring Semester began! And the best holiday ever ☺.

You can spend a lot of time on exciting lectures and social activities organized at MIT. There are literally hundreds of community groups and associations to choose from. I myself have chosen to associate with a couple of networks that cater especially for women - namely [Sloan Women in Management](#) (SWIM) and [Graduate Women at MIT](#) (GWAMIT). In addition, there are often local (Departmental) network meetings to be involved in (Aero-Astro for example). There is no Swedish or Scandinavian club at MIT, but you easily have the chance to meet other Swedes by becoming a member of the [MIT European Club](#).

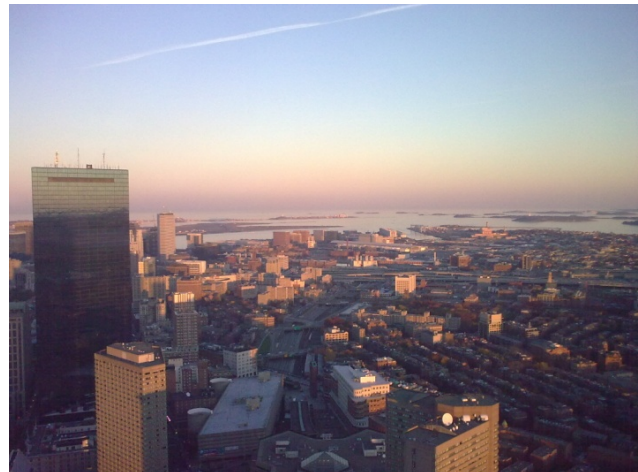
In mid-February, the Aero-Astro weekly meetings recommenced and I returned to work. Before that, however, I did get time for a trip to that favorite U.S. city, aka New York - a must when you're in Boston! And I also finally got an opportunity to see more of Boston itself ...



**Mums Expecting!  
the Childbirth Preparation Gang**



**Manhattan and...**



**... Boston from above**

Have a good one!

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