

# IU International Alumni Newsletter

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## IU supports better access to U.S. higher education for international students

Over the past year, numerous articles by academic organizations and the American press have reported a significant decline in the number of international students coming to U.S. institutions of higher education. Among many reasons cited is the major difficulty in obtaining a visa and the long waiting period to process an application at consular offices around the world.

Indiana University has been active in voicing concern about these procedures and the need to improve them. In October 2004, Indiana's Sen. **Richard G. Lugar** (R-Ind.), chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, held a hearing on "Addressing the New Reality of Current Visa Policy on International Students and Researchers." Reminding a packed Senate hearing room that "hosting foreign students is one of the most successful elements of our public diplomacy" and that "these temporary visitors provide enormous economic and cultural benefits to our country," Lugar and his committee invited presidents from three major research universities to testify, including IU President **Adam W. Herbert**.

Herbert spoke of IU's rich legacy of outstanding research and teaching programs devoted to studying the world's major regions. He said that the current number of 4,400 international students and 1,250 visiting faculty and researchers significantly contributed to IU's global prominence; to the diversity and quality of education in IU's classrooms, laboratories, and language and culture classes; to important research projects in the sciences and medicine; and to the bonds of friendship that form between Americans and interna-

tionals. The president warned of the potential negative consequences for IU if present trends continue.

A second panel of discussants from national education organizations also testified at the hearing, citing two sets of suggested recom-

discussion to which **Christopher Viers**, IU's associate dean for international programs and director of the Office of International Services, was invited. The meeting included representatives from the departments of State and Homeland Security, as well as individuals



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At the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing are, from left, presidents **C.D. Mote** of the University of Maryland, **Adam W. Herbert** of Indiana University, and **Martin Jischke** of Purdue University.

mendations that have been widely discussed in the nation's higher-education community. The hearing concluded with the suggestion that the Senate convene a roundtable meeting to help identify administrative or legislative actions that could lead to a more efficient visa process while balancing the needs of U.S. security.

On Nov. 8, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations convened a roundtable

from the research and international academic NGO communities.

Viers spoke of needing a comprehensive national strategy to enable international students to have greater and quicker access to U.S. institutions of higher education. Such a plan should include a recruitment strategy and priority processing of security clearances through coordinated efforts of the departments of State, Commerce, and Education. It should address issues of cost through innovative and expanded loan, tuition, and scholarship programs, especially for students from world regions that are underrepresented.

Viers and his colleagues also advocated enhancing the integrity of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System by permitting universities to have the capability to correct inaccurate data entered in the government

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## Latest development on visas for foreign scholars

New regulations announced in June 2005 from the U.S. Department of State will allow some foreign scholars to extend their visas from three years up to five years. The extension would permit professors and scholars who hold "J" visas under the department's Exchange Visitor Program to enter and leave the United States an unlimited number of times over a five-year period. Once their visas expire, participants in the program will have to wait two years before they can apply for another five-year visa. The new rule will help guarantee the continuity of work conducted by multinational research teams on advanced scientific projects.

# Recruiting internationally: Dean Patrick O'Meara travels to Thailand

*IU's dean for international programs, Patrick O'Meara, is heartened by the historical ties that bind Indiana University to its international alumni and to the institutions abroad that it has helped to build. He describes his January 2005 trip to Thailand.*

Early in January, I traveled to Thailand to receive an honorary doctorate from the National Institute of Development Administration. In many ways, the degree, which was conferred by Princess **Mala Chakri Sirindhorn**, the daughter of King **Bhumibol Adulyadej**, was a recognition of Indiana University's decades-long relationship with NIDA.

Fifty years ago, on May 3, 1955, IU agreed to assist the Thai government establish the Institute of Public Administration at Thammasat University in Bangkok, the precursor of NIDA. The project had major funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development. The contract was signed in Washington, D.C., by IU President **Herman B Wells** and by Thailand's Prime Minister **P. Pibulsonggram**, rector of Thammasat University, who was in the United States on an official visit at the invitation of President **Dwight Eisenhower**.

From the earliest days of his presidency, Wells had always had a global perspective, traveling widely, exploring ways that the university could assist other nations and institutions, welcoming international visitors to the campus, and interacting frequently with students from different parts of the world. In his autobiography *Being Lucky* (Indiana University Press, 1987), Wells describes going to Thailand on various occasions to encourage those working on the IPA project. In the IU Archives, there are numerous photographs of Wells with students and dignitaries from Thailand, which he thought was "one of the most interesting countries in the world."

Accompanying me on this trip to Bangkok were my colleagues, associate deans **Susan Sutton** of the Office of International Affairs at IUPUI and **Christopher Viers** of the Office of International Services, as well as **David Jones**, director of IU's Center on Southeast Asia. They were impressed with NIDA's enormous impact on the country. Today, it is one of Thailand's leading institutions of higher education, and its graduates hold key administrative positions throughout the country.

In addition to the collaboration with NIDA, which brought many Thai graduate students, faculty, and administrators to IU for training and advanced degrees, IU has also had long-standing linkages with other Thai institutions such as Chulalongkorn University, which also received us warmly with a reception hosted by the School of Sports Science. IU's schools of Nursing and Dentistry also have long-standing connections with Thailand.

One of the most remarkable aspects of our recent trip was the interest and enthusiasm of our Thai IU alumni. We had hesitated about traveling to Thailand so soon after the devastation of the tsunami, but everyone we met there was determined to continue on with daily life. On short notice, the alumni organized a splendid reception for more than 150 people. The goodwill and nostalgia for IU was palpable and overwhelming. The reception included invitations to students and their parents who had applied for admission for the fall semester 2005. The interaction between these students, the alumni, and some of our current students who were home for the recess, added powerfully to our efforts to interest these prospective Thai students.



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Princess **Mala Chakri Sirindhorn**, left, presents an honorary doctorate from the National Institute of Development Administration to Indiana University's **Patrick O'Meara**. NIDA, one of Thailand's leading institutions of higher education, was founded in 1955 with the assistance of Indiana University.

For our part, we organized a luncheon for major donors, and, again, this was a notable event. We also had the opportunity to meet with officials of the U.S. Embassy, the Fulbright Commission, and the Institute for International Education to talk about recruiting students to Indiana University. We also spoke with representatives of the Thai Civil Service Commission.

What is the central lesson to be learned from our contact with our Thai alumni? It is evident that our international alumni are loyal and caring members of the larger IU family. I have personally been welcomed enthusiastically by alumni in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

Yet, we now face a time of uncertainty. Our meetings in Bangkok indicated that IU is facing severe competition from Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom as well as other U.S. universities. Post-9/11 requirements put in place by Homeland Security and the

SEVIS system have also created the unintended impression that the United States is less welcoming than before.

The current climate requires a much more direct, vigilant, and visible plan of action if we are to continue attracting international students to our campuses. The Asian countries have traditionally been the major countries sending international students to the United States and elsewhere. Over the past two years, IU as a whole has seen a significant decline in applications and enrollment from these countries, reflecting a nationwide pattern. Many U.S. universities are now directly and vigorously addressing the problem.

IU President **Adam W. Herbert** (see story on page 1), in testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last October, summed up the situation:

"What is happening at Indiana University is happening at colleges and universities throughout the United States. Many intellectual and cultural ties that cross borders and unite peoples are being severed. Stemming the flow of international students and scholars who want to participate in our academic life also stems the free flow of knowledge and ideas. This is a moment for decisive action. We must return the United States to its preeminence in international education."

Indiana University is now seriously assessing the situation and considering ways of remedying the decline in our international student population. Representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and other agencies indicated that many Thai students feel that they might no longer be welcome in the United States or that the visa process was too formidable. In fact, we were assured by the U.S. Embassy that, contrary to perception, 80 percent of applicants do indeed get their visas, even though the process might now take six weeks. Of course, there must be recruitment efforts by departments, schools, and the university as a whole. At the same time, we must also allocate resources to nurturing our international alumni. Most recently, IU alumni clubs in 19 countries in Asia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, India, and Latin America eagerly agreed to host events for prospective students and their parents.

International students have contributed enormously to the diversity and quality of our university and to the economic well-being of our state. I hope that their special presence will grow rather than decline. **Herman B Wells**, in being at the founding of important Thai institutions such as NIDA, profoundly understood the essence of the contribution of international students and international knowledge to the intellectual stature of Indiana University. We need to ensure that his great legacy continues to flourish.

# International students enroll at all eight campuses of Indiana University

Students from around the world are enrolled at the eight campuses of Indiana University, spread throughout the state in cities and towns large and small (see IU's Web site [www.indiana.edu/intl/about.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/intl/about.shtml)). As recently as 2003 — the latest year available — a national survey ranked the state of Indiana as the 11th top destination for international students. Indiana is popularly known as the “Hoosier State,” a state famous for “Hoosier hospitality.” The eight IU campuses provide welcoming and safe environments and have some of the top academic programs in the nation, especially at its largest campuses in Bloomington and Indianapolis (see story on page 4).

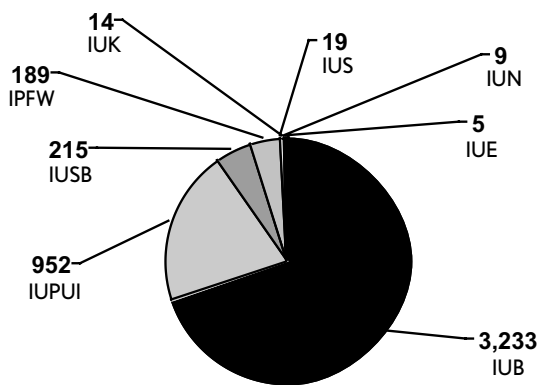
In fall 2004, the eight campuses of Indiana University enrolled a total of 4,636 international students from about 130 different countries. At

the four campuses with the largest number of international students, the percentage of international relative to the total student population is as follows: IU Bloomington, 8.5 percent; IUPUI, 3.2 percent; IPFW, 3.0 percent; IU South Bend, 2.9 percent. The distribution of students by campus is shown in figure 1.

In fall 2004, IU Bloomington enrolled a total of 3,509 international students (including those on Optimal Practical Training) from 128 countries, distributed across several world areas (see figure 2).

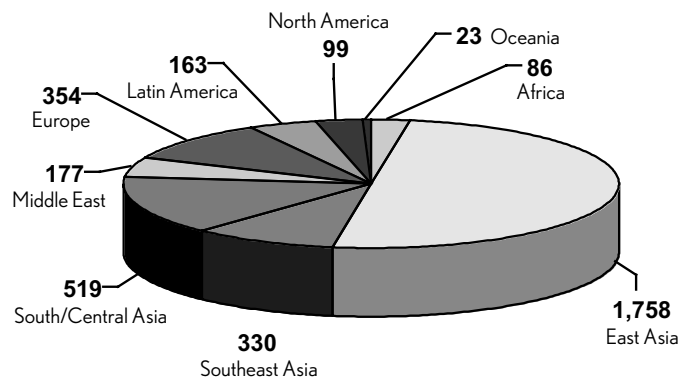
Indiana University's portal page on the World Wide Web, [www.indiana.edu](http://www.indiana.edu), has numerous links under “International Resources” to the many university-wide as well as campus-wide resources that are available to guide the user to the eight campuses of the university.

Fig. 1: Fall 2004 IU international enrollments, by campus



The IU Bloomington figure does not include international students on Optimal Practical Training.

Fig. 2: Fall 2004 international enrollment, IU Bloomington, by world area



These figures include students on Optimal Practical Training.

## Access

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database. This would thus fulfill the original intent of SEVIS, which was to enhance rather than impede educational exchange. Participants agreed that there was a need to move to next steps in correcting problems, and Senate staff pledged to push non-legislative solutions and establish future meetings.

In April 2005, Indiana University partnered with the Committee on Institutional Cooperation and NAFSA: Association of International Educators to host a symposium titled “In America's Interest: Welcoming International Students — The Role of Higher Education.” The purpose of the symposium was to discuss the implications of a 2003 report published by NAFSA's Strategic Task Force on International Student Access.

Participants were top administrators and key staff from CIC institutions (comprising the major Midwestern universities) who are involved in attracting and welcoming international students. They were from admissions offices, graduate and undergraduate programs, international offices, intensive English programs, financial aid offices, student services

units, and alumni associations. Three working groups discussed the following topics: (a) how U.S. institutions can overcome the negative perceptions abroad concerning international student access; (b) how universities can minimize the financial barriers that impede international student access; and (c) how

institutions can work to reverse recent declines in the flow of international students by using more comprehensive recruitment strategies.

The findings and recommendations of these three working groups will soon be published by NAFSA and distributed across the United States.



At the closing panel of the April symposium are IU's **Christopher Viers**, right, and **Kenneth A. Rogers**, second from left, longtime OIS director and associate dean who retired in 2002.

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## International Committee provides visibility abroad

In 1996, top administrators from the Office of International Programs, the Indiana University Alumni Association, and the Indiana University Foundation met to discuss ways that IU could reach out more effectively to its international alumni. In 1997, an International Committee of the IU Foundation board of directors was formed. Until recently, the committee met once a year in conjunction with the IU Foundation's October board meeting. Starting with the October board meeting that took place in October 2004, it was decided that the committee would meet twice a year. The next International Committee meeting is scheduled for June 2005.

The International Committee is composed of members of the IU Foundation board of directors who have international business and educational ties, as well as international alumni and friends who hold senior-level positions in their home countries. Some of the regions represented by committee members include, among others, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, and Taiwan.

The committee collaborates with the IUAA and the Office of International Programs to carry out an ambitious agenda and to promote Indiana University abroad. Among its many priorities are

- engaging and assisting IUAA's international alumni chapters;
- advising on international student recruitment;
- raising funds for international student scholarships;
- helping Indiana University identify institutional partnerships abroad;
- considering ways whereby more IU undergraduates, including non-traditional and minority U.S. students, can have a range of experiences overseas;
- assisting the IU Foundation board in understanding the international dimensions of the university and the interests of its international alumni; and
- considering initiating a Distinguished International Visiting Scholars Program to bring world-class political leaders, distinguished scholars, and others to IU's eight campuses for extended stays.

Many of these priorities point to the importance to the committee of encouraging the continued flow of international students to the eight campuses of Indiana University. The committee chair, **Scott Schurz**, stressed that "a major purpose now is to identify outstanding students in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe, who we think would be excellent candidates to come to the U.S. and in particular to IU to study." At least half of the International Committee members reside overseas and could, therefore, become more involved, provide guidance, and work in tandem with IU's international alumni chapters to recruit



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From left are, **Scott Schurz**, International Committee chair; **Gayle Cook**, committee member; and **Curt Simic**, president and CEO of the IU Foundation, at the October 2004 International Committee meeting.

international students to IU. A major challenge for the committee would be to identify sources of funding and endowments that can offer scholarships to international students thinking of studying at IU. Schurz also sees a potentially greater role for alumni chapter members and International Committee members living abroad to assist in mentoring and hosting both IU scholarship students from the Hutton Honors College who are studying abroad as well as IU faculty who may be abroad teaching, doing research, or attending conferences.

President and CEO of the IU Foundation **Curt Simic** underscores the importance of the committee's mission: "The International Committee of the IU Foundation board understands what Dr. Wells knew so many years ago — that a great university encompasses the globe. It exposes the students and citizens of the state to the rich cultures in other parts of the world, and to varying points of view and cultural norms. Most important, it creates understanding and builds bonds across nations."

## IU graduate programs highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report

Indiana University Bloomington's graduate programs in business, education, history, law, medicine, psychology, and sociology received high rankings in the 2006 edition of *U.S. News & World Report*: "America's Best Graduate Schools."

"Overall, rankings by *U.S. News & World Report* are rather subjective, and the criteria change each year. Even so, we are pleased that IU consistently ranks in the top 20 in our major programs, with several in the top 10," said **Kenneth Gros Louis**, IU senior vice president for academic affairs and chancellor of the Bloomington campus.

- The Kelley School of Business was ranked in the top 20 in every specialty area. Its production and operations program was ranked highest at ninth.
- The School of Education at Bloomington was ranked 15th, up three positions from last year. Four education graduate programs remained in the top 10 nationally — counseling/personnel services, curriculum/instruction, elementary education, and higher-education administration. Higher-education administration was the highest-ranked at sixth.
- The IU School of Law–Bloomington is ranked 14th among public law schools in the country.
- In IU Bloomington's College of Arts and Sciences: The sociology program was ranked 11th, while its specialty in social psychology was ranked second and its specialty in sex and gender sociology ninth; the history program was ranked 19th overall, with its African history program ninth and its Latin American history program 10th; two of the specialties in the English program, 18th- to 20th-century literature, and gender and literature, were in the top 20; the psychology program's experimental psychology specialty was tied for sixth, and two other specialties were recognized in the top 20 — social psychology was tied for 14th, and the cognitive science program was 15th; the criminal justice program was listed as 20th.
- The IUPUI health-care law program was ranked ninth.

The full rankings by *U.S. News & World Report* are available to the public in the book *America's Best Graduate Schools* and are posted on the magazine's Web site at [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

# Students explore the world, with support from the Hutton Foundation

The number of Indiana University students who seek to acquire wider knowledge and experience of the world beyond the borders of Indiana through study abroad programs has been growing exponentially over the past dozen years. Currently, almost 1,700 IU students throughout the IU system take advantage of intersession, summer, semester, and academic-year programs offered in the world's major regions. The IU Bloomington campus is a leader among universities in sending students overseas, with more than 80 programs in 33 countries.

In 2003–04, thanks to a generous \$9 million gift from the **Edward L. Hutton** Foundation, more programs were developed and more

students were able to participate through Hutton International Experiences scholarships. Hutton, chair of Roto-Rooter Inc. and Omnicare, a pharmaceutical-care company, has been one of IU's most enthusiastic alumni and philanthropic supporters throughout his career. His early experiences spent in post-war Germany reconstruction efforts convinced him of the importance "for students to be curious and engaged about the rest of the world. ... [Going abroad] contributes to the fight against isolationism." He says his long-term goal is to see "Indiana University become No. 1 in the country to send students abroad." The latest figures available, for academic year 2002–03, released in November 2004, show IU Bloomington ranked as No. 9 nationwide.

IU President **Adam W. Herbert** said, "Ed Hutton has added new meaning to President Herman Wells's statement that the campus of Indiana University is not just in Bloomington, not just in Indiana or in the United States, but extends around the globe. He has helped our students become citizens of the world, and for that he has our enduring gratitude."

**Christie Smith** spent a spring semester at the University of Wollongong in Australia. "My study abroad trip made me realize just how small our world really is. Relationships, traditions, and daily events — though different in appearance or practice — share many qualities across cultural borders. ... The



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*Parker Whitman explores the inside of a glacier.*

discoveries you make about yourself, your host country, and the world around you are profound." She is seen at left with an Australian friend on Frazier Island.

On a side trip to climb the peaks of the St. Arnaud Range on South Island, New Zealand, **Parker Whitman** underwent a profound realization about himself at the top of the range. "Deep down, I know that I underwent something, felt something flow through me that, I think, transcends culture. It's about living in this world. It's about feeling small ... about feeling young on old rocks on the other side of the world. ... I think that I figured out what 'alive' meant that day and that I finally felt connected to everything all around me."

**Sonia Santana** spent a summer in Ghana, returning with a new sense of self-discovery. "By learning about the trans-Atlantic slave trade through oral accounts from a vast and diverse group of people, I got a clearer picture of how an event of such atrocious measures could have occurred in history and what this historical event means today. ... As a Puerto Rican woman, ... I felt as though I had adequately and justifiably traced my ancestral lines. However, I was wrong. ... This was the learning experience that affected me the most and that I will carry for the rest of my life. Traveling to Ghana has given me something no one can ever really relate to nor ever take away."



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*Sonia Santana spent a summer in Ghana.*



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*Christie Smith, left, with friend on Frazier Island*

## Hutton Honors College named for philanthropist

In January 2005, Indiana University re-named IU Bloomington's Honors College the Hutton Honors College, in recognition of Edward L. Hutton's philanthropic spirit and commitment to the university. Hutton has also been generous in funding other student scholarships and endowed faculty professorships at IU through the IU Foundation. Hutton received an honorary doctor of laws degree from IU in 1992 and the IU Foundation's Herman B Wells Visionary Award in 2002.

The Hutton Honors College recruits diverse, talented, and highly motivated students. It offers a range of small, challenging courses along with a variety of extracurricular and service programs. These opportunities, which include a close working relationship with some of IU's top faculty, affirm IU's commitment to providing students with both the intimacy of a small college and the breadth of a large research institution.

The Hutton International Experiences Program was started in 2000 as a pilot project of the then-Honors College. The program assists with costs for travel and living expenses for IU Bloomington students so that they can study abroad or get involved in service projects and internships outside the United States. Since its inception, more than 1,000 students have benefited from the program. Eventually, the program aims to enable 600 students annually to incorporate international experiences into their academic programs.



Greg Whitaker

*Edward L. Hutton*

## Some Hoosier athletes are international ...

Some of the most talented international students currently studying at Indiana University Bloomington are top athletes in IU varsity sports, considered one of the best all-sports programs in the nation. Among these are **Sergiy Fesenko**, of the Ukraine; **Dominika Walterova**, of the Czech Republic; **Sarah Batty**, of England; and **Mariangee Bogado**, of Argentina. Below are a few highlights about each of these student-athletes.



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**Dominika Walterova** (tennis): Before coming to IU, Walterova won three singles indoor tournaments and five doubles tournaments in the Czech Republic. As a sophomore, she had eight singles wins and an overall doubles record of 16-13. Walterova is majoring in psychology.



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**Sarah Batty** (tennis): As a freshman, Batty was the only player to play singles in all 25 spring matches; as a sophomore, she had overall singles mark of 21-13. In summer 2004, Batty won mixed doubles at the ITA Summer Nationals. Batty is majoring in sports marketing and management.



**Sergiy Fesenko** (men's swimming and diving): In this year's NCAA playoffs, Fesenko amassed the most points individually – 12 out of the 76 total tally – securing IU a 16th-place performance, its best team finish since 1991. He competed in 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, for the Ukraine. Fesenko says, "My goal is to win a medal at next year's NCAA Championship, and I know that I am capable of that."

**Mariangee Bogado** (softball): As a freshman, Bogado started all 59 games in which she appeared; as a sophomore, she is the top pitcher of the team. Bogado threw her first career no-hitter in April 2005, saying: "I just wanted to get a win for the team and myself." She is majoring in criminal justice.



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## ... while other Hoosier athletes go international

Outstanding IU volleyball star **Katie Pollom**, from Indianapolis, spent the spring 2005 semester studying abroad in an IU-administered program in Aix-en-Provence, France. She has been chronicling her time in Europe via diary entries posted almost every week on the IU Hoosiers Web site. Below are excerpts from the 12th and 14th installments that tell of her impressions and experiences.

**April 7: Salut tout le monde** (Hi, everyone). This past weekend, I took a break from traveling and stayed in Aix. I did spend quite a bit of time ... this week with the African Dance Company. ... I met the guy from the Congo who is starting the first African Dance Company here in Aix, and he introduced me to the rest of the group, and I learned a lot from their drummer, Diego, who practices many hours a day on his African and Indian drums. I've also learned many traditional African dances from Senegal, Guinea, and the Congo. ... Last week, I came across something very bizarre as I was walking through the hall of our school with two friends. I noticed a poster, and I stopped

dead in my tracks while I took a double take. The poster was some sort of advertisement for sports at our school, and there were three pictures: one of a basketball player, one of a soccer player, and one of a volleyball player. However, to my surprise, the volleyball player was ME, and it was a picture from my 2003 season at IU. I recognized the picture right away and pointed it out to my friends who of course were curious what that picture was doing on the wall of the school in Aix! ... I have never played volleyball in France, yet they have the school emblem over my picture as if it is a volleyball player from Aix! ... [Someone] asked if I was sure it wasn't someone who just looked like me! I assured her, "It's my red hair and IU uniform!" Needless to say, the people in my program have gotten a kick out of this story!

**May 5:** On Mondays, I am an English

assistant at a local junior high school. Right now, they are studying Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the civil rights movement in America. These last two weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk with them about their views on racism and segregation in Europe and France in general. We have also had some good discussions about diversity and integration as I have explained some of the differences in the U.S. versus France. The kids have amazed me with their English skills at their age (about 14), and they have asked some very interesting questions. I have also had a chance to talk a little about Indiana, since none of them really know where my home state is, as well as the differences in the American and French education systems.

For a complete list of entries, see "Adventures in France with Katie Pollom" on the IU Hoosiers Web site at: <http://iuhoosiers.com/volleyball/news/04-05/pollomfrance.html>.



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**Katie Pollom**

# IUB's Dowling International Center features popular concert series

Several years ago, the staff of Indiana University Bloomington's Leo R. Dowling International Center decided to create a cultural program that highlighted many

of the very talented international students studying at IU's world-renowned School of Music. The Lunch Time Concert Series was born and continues to be one of center's most



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*Maxim Bernard is pursuing a master's degree in piano performance.*

popular programs, providing a needed respite and a treat for the senses at the end of a busy week. Admission is free, and all faculty, staff, students, and community members are welcome. The Friday half-hour concerts are followed by a light lunch, providing a relaxed atmosphere for the audience to mingle and meet the artists.

Most of the soloists and ensemble players are drawn from the School of Music, offering all periods of the classical repertoire. Other types of music are sometimes featured, including jazz, blues, and ethnic music, depending on the performers.

**Sandy Britton**, assistant director of the Office of International Services and coordinator of the

International Center, says that the concert program is one of the most popular and congenial cultural events of each week: "The students are happy to have the opportunity to perform before a live and appreciative audience. Yet they are performing for us, and it is we who are really privileged to have these talented students around, providing such enriching experiences for all."

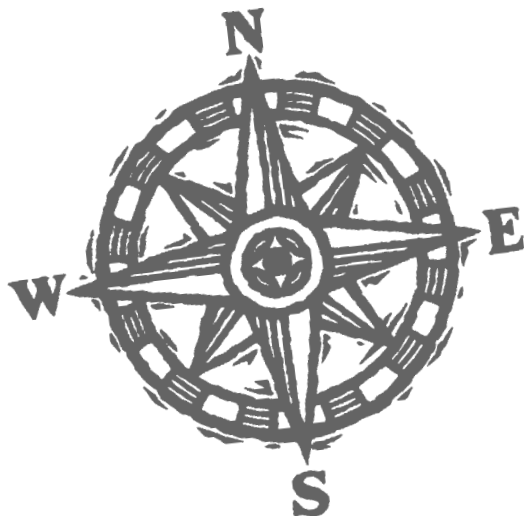
The concerts are advertised each semester on the OIS Web site at: <http://webdb.iu.edu/InternationalServices/scripts/ois/record.cfm?id=501#>.

Before coming to IU's School of Music, **Maxim Bernard** was already an accomplished performer back home in Quebec City, Canada, having played with the Quebec Symphony Orchestra and Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and having won numerous scholarships. He came to Bloomington in fall 2004 to pursue a master's in piano performance, studying under the distinguished musician and master teacher **Menahem Pressler**. His performance in February included works of Beethoven, Ravel, and Liszt.

## IU Bloomington's international student organizations thrive

A major factor that makes the IU Bloomington campus seem like a miniature United Nations is the sheer number of international student-run clubs and associations. These groups represent the broad diversity of countries and regions whose students choose to study at IUB. Each year, these dedicated and energetic student groups take charge of sponsoring social and cultural events at the Leo R. Dowling International Center that draw enthusiastic audiences eager to participate in intercultural exchange and friendship. The following groups can be contacted through their permanent e-mail addresses.

Many of these student groups have their own Web pages. For a more complete list of international student associations, follow the links at the Leo R. Dowling International Web site: [webdb.iu.edu/InternationalServices/scripts/ois/icStudentGroups.cfm](http://webdb.iu.edu/InternationalServices/scripts/ois/icStudentGroups.cfm).



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# IU promotes awareness in response to the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster

On Jan. 13, 2005, Indiana University Bloomington responded to the devastating December earthquake and tsunami that ravaged the coastlines of the Indian Ocean by holding a public forum to examine the causes and consequences of this unprecedented global disaster. IUB Chancellor **Kenneth Gros Louis** spoke before a packed audience: "We are here tonight to try to understand, to join our community to the many communities affected by this disaster, to hear personal stories, to draw love from our hearts and financial support from our resources, to bring some small measure of comfort and help to those we now know are our neighbors."

The special guest was **Peter Kovach** of the State Department's Bureau of Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs. IU professors who spoke on the scientific, social, political, and humanitarian aspects of the disaster were **Michael Hamburger** (Department of Geological Sciences), an expert on earthquakes; **Margaret Sutton** (School of Education), a specialist on Indonesia; and **Sandeep Junnarkar** (School of Journalism), addressing media coverage. Panel discussants were **Patrick O'Meara**, dean for international programs; **Sumit Ganguly**, director of the India Studies Program; and **Maria Montessori**, visiting professor from the State University of Padang in West Sumatra, Indonesia.

Throughout spring 2005, IU Bloomington has been hosting or sponsoring numerous educational and cultural events to keep up community awareness of the tragedy and its aftermath and to encourage continued community giving toward the enormous relief efforts required and being mounted worldwide



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Dean **Lauren Robel** of IU's School of Law-Bloomington welcomes His Excellency Dr. **Kasit Piromya** of Thailand to Bloomington.

by international agencies. Among the events and activities in March alone — from latest to earliest — were the following:

- an interactive videoconference, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Global Change, that connected IU students with citizens and World Bank leaders in New Delhi to discuss

the recently released U.N. Millennium Report on promoting world development;

- a seminar presented by **Leslie Lenkowsky**, a philanthropy specialist at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, speaking on humanitarian aid in Asia;

- a "Tapestry of Song" benefit concert performed by women from a wide vocal repertoire and styles that included jazz, folk, musicals, art songs, and American gospels, with benefits going to rebuilding schools in Aceh, Indonesia;

- a benefit dinner sponsored by the Asian Culture Center and various student organizations with proceeds to benefit efforts in India, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka; and

- a public lecture in March held at the School of Law-Bloomington's Moot Court Room by His Excellency Dr. **Kasit Piromya**, Thailand's Ambassador to the United States. The ambassador spoke on a wide range of current topics in his speech, "U.S.-Thai Relations: Elections, Trade, Tsunami."

In the earlier two months of January and February, the campus offered 18 different events related to tsunami phenomena to promote campus and community awareness and knowledge. IU Bloomington has a dedicated Web site that lists campus activities, how to give, and resources to check for learning more about tsunami phenomena: [www.indiana.edu/~tsunami](http://www.indiana.edu/~tsunami).

## IU builds new life-sciences complex on Bloomington campus

In September 2001, Indiana University's board of trustees voted to proceed with plans to build a new life-sciences building between Myers Hall and the Chemistry Building on the Bloomington campus. The new "Multidisciplinary Science Building" will provide much-needed laboratory space for the Linda and Jack Gill Center of Biomolecular Measurement, the Johnson Center for Science and Entrepreneurship, and scientists in biochemistry and proteomics (the study of proteins in cells and tissues). The new complex will also house researchers in the departments of chemistry, biology, psychology, and physics.

In April 2004, IU announced that one of the leading philanthropic families of Indiana was providing a major gift of \$9 million toward construction of the 140,000-square-foot research and teaching facility, to be named Simon Hall. "The **Simon family's** remarkable vision will enable Indiana University to significantly enhance basic research on our Bloomington campus. The collaborative research facilitated by the Simons' generosity will dramatically distinguish our work in the life sciences and advance our pursuit of new knowledge," said IU President **Adam W.**

**Herbert**. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in June 2004, and construction is expected to be completed in 2007.

"Simon Hall, specifically designed for multidisciplinary research, will be a unifying hub for fundamental research in sciences and have a transformative influence on life-science research on this campus ... allowing us to expand research and teaching activities in a tangible way," said IUB College of Arts and Sciences Dean **Kumble R. Subbaswamy**.

The College's basic science departments, such as chemistry, biology, and physics, are fundamental components of the life-sciences research arsenal in central Indiana. Basic research, combined with health and clinical work that occurs at such locations as the IU School of Medicine, provides the engine for the life-sciences initiative promoted by



Artist's rendering of the Multidisciplinary Life Sciences Building, courtesy of IU.

BioCrossroads, central Indiana's life-sciences network.

"The critical link between basic scientific research and the application of that research to the creation of new medications or procedures will be well served by this facility," said Dr. **August "Gus" Watanabe**, executive vice president for science and technology at Eli Lilly, chair of the BioCrossroads board of directors, and

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# IU to use grant to establish endowment for American University of Central Asia

The recent pro-democracy revolution in Kyrgyzstan turned world attention on this small Central Asian nation. One institution is already in place in the capital city of Bishkek that is certain to improve the nation's chances of making a successful transition to democracy — the American University of Central Asia.

AUCA, which currently enrolls some 1,100 students, has been closely involved in scholarly exchanges with Indiana University since it was founded in 1997. In April, that relationship was strengthened with the announcement that IU will receive a \$15 million grant to establish an endowment fund for AUCA. The U.S. Agency for International Development will provide \$10 million, and the Open Society Institute, founded by philanthropist George Soros, will provide the balance. The endowment's financial assets will be managed by the Indiana University Foundation and will help to underwrite AUCA's operational costs.

Housed in a building that once was the home of the Communist Party of Kyrgyzstan, AUCA students are studying business administration, economics, journalism, and Western legal and political systems. Some are working toward master's degrees in business administration. Just a short walk from the Parliament building where throngs of democ-



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During her recent visit in February to the Bloomington campus, **Ellen Hurwitz**, president of the American University of Central Asia, meets with, from left, **Patrick O'Meara**, dean for international programs; **Adam W. Herbert**, IU president; and **Charles Reafsnnyder**, associate dean for international programs.

racy supporters last month forced the ouster of President Askar Akayev, these students are learning everything they will need to establish a democratic government, the rule of law, and a free-market economy. Many AUCA faculty and students are actively contributing to the democratic transformation taking place in Kyrgyzstan as journalists and political activists and through work in non-governmental organizations.

**Patrick O'Meara**, dean for international programs at IU, said AUCA is unlike any other university in Central Asia. "It is the first and only institution of higher education in the region that operates according to the American model with a credit-hour system, an American-style curriculum, and a commitment to academic integrity and honesty," O'Meara said. "If IU wants to have an impact on the world, we have to be ready to support such efforts."

He said the grant will enable IU to help AUCA promote diversity and transparency in their operations and improve the quality of their academic programs. He added that

more than 40 Indiana faculty and staff, who otherwise might never have had the opportunity, will be able to teach, consult, and conduct research in Central Asia.

AUCA courses are taught in English by professors who have studied in the United States or who have benefited from exchange visits by American educators. Over the past five years, more than 35 AUCA faculty and administrators have visited IU's Bloomington campus or other higher education institutions in the state. Nearly 40 faculty members from IU and other institutions have spent time with their counterparts in Bishkek.

The IU banner hanging in the main entranceway to AUCA signifies the close collaboration between the two institutions. AUCA President **Ellen Hurwitz** underscored the importance of this relationship to her university. "Recent events in Kyrgyzstan motivate us to charge ahead aggressively in developing long-term financial independence," Hurwitz said. "We are profoundly grateful to our partners who recognize our strategic value and who champion our cause."

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## Life-sciences complex

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a member of the International Committee of the IU Foundation board of directors. "The entire university, from the excellent scientists and researchers on the Bloomington campus, to those at the medical school in Indianapolis and on other campuses, supports our efforts to make Indiana a premier center for the life sciences."

Two additional science buildings, Multidisciplinary Science Building Phases II and III,

are planned for sites just north of 10th Street, near the Geology Building. Planners currently anticipate that Phase II will house earth and environmental scientists and neuroscientists.

"Indiana University excels in an impressive number of traditional scientific disciplines," said **Michael McRobbie**, IU vice president for research. "Encouraging scientific inquiry that spans these disciplines in new multidisciplinary directions increases the depth and variety of research here and enhances our reputation among the world's very best basic research universities."

# IU schools, programs, faculty, and alumni earn top national awards

• This year, Indiana University's **Kelley School of Business** earned the Global Prize title in the Global Prize Case Competition, one of the most prestigious MBA case competitions in the world, sponsored by A.T. Kearney, the Chicago-based global management-consulting firm. Four first-year MBA students competed via teleconference against Manchester Business School, the European Global Prize winner, in the final round, held last month. The winning Kelley team earned \$4,000 as the winner of the campus competition and \$10,000 as the winner of the North American Global Prize on their way to winning the international title. Since 1996, Kelley MBA program teams have placed in the top three in more than 25 national case competitions.

The Kelley School's customized executive-education programs have been ranked in the

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top 30 internationally, as rated by the *Financial Times of London* in its annual survey of international non-degree programs. In a field dominated

by business schools from across Europe and North America, the Kelley School ranked 29th overall, 13th among U.S.-based institutions and second among Big Ten universities. *Business Week* magazine ranked the program 16th in its last survey in 2003. "The Kelley School has a long history of providing world-class custom executive-education programs. We take a practical value-added approach to program design that results in high levels of client satisfaction," said **Daniel Smith**, the school's interim dean. "To be ranked among the top 15 providers in the nation is a testimony to the quality of our programs."

• The IU School of Music's **Menahe Pressler**, a distinguished professor of music, legendary pianist, and founding member of the Beaux Arts Trio, has been named a commander in France's Order of Arts and Letters by the French Minister of Culture, Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres. "This is very unexpected. It is the greatest cultural honor that France gives to a foreigner," said Pressler, who was born in Germany and joined the IU faculty in 1955. "This honors not only me, but also my school." The Beaux Arts Trio is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

• IUB alumna **Kathleen Tran**, who in 2002 became the 14th IU



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Kathleen Tran

student and second woman from IU to be named a Rhodes Scholar and is currently finishing up her master's degree in comparative social policy at the University of Oxford, has won another major academic honor. She was selected as one of 30 winners of the 2005 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans. She will receive a stipend of up to \$20,000 plus half-tuition for up to two years of graduate study at any U.S. institution of higher learning. Since being named a Rhodes Scholar, Tran has made her first visits to Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Of her newest honor, she writes that the Soros Fellowship is "meaningful in that it reflects my status as a New American. I'm very proud of my Vietnamese heritage, which has always been a very big part of me. The people who receive the Soros are all essentially new to this country, and many have overcome terrible struggles to come to the United States. Reading their bios is a vivid reminder for me of what America is all about; it is very telling that 'foreigners' can come into this country and achieve so much." An accomplished pianist, Tran plans to devote herself to medicine and becoming a physician. The Soros fellowships are among the nation's most prestigious awards for graduate study.

• Grammy-winning violinist and conductor **Jaime Laredo** has been appointed to the faculty of the Indiana University School of Music. Laredo, a pupil and friend of the late IU Distinguished Professor **Josef Gingold**, has performed worldwide for more than 40 years as a soloist, conductor, recitalist, and chamber musician. He is the second faculty member appointed to the school through the university's "Commitment to Excellence" program, which is helping the school add four eminent master teachers.

• Four of this year's 2005-06 winners of Guggenheim fellowships are professors at Indiana University Bloomington. These are biologists **Lynda Delph** and **Jeffrey Palmer**,



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Beaux Arts Trio members are, from left, **Daniel Hope**, violin; **Menahe Pressler**, piano; and **Antonio Meneses**, cello.

composer **Don Freund**, and historian **Michael Grossberg**. Grossberg will use the award to complete a book on the history of child protection in the United States. Palmer will study the rampant exchange of genes between unrelated plants on the remote South Pacific island of New Caledonia. Delph will appraise work by geneticists and gather new genetic data in order to merge evolutionary theory with knowledge gained from molecular biology studies. Freund plans to use his Guggenheim grant to complete a major compositional project in collaboration with other musical artists.

Their election brings IU's total number of Guggenheim fellowships awarded to 117. At least one IU faculty member has earned a Guggenheim each year since 1998, and IU has more present and past fellows than all other state institutions combined. The Guggenheim fellowship is one of the world's most prestigious research awards for artists, humanists, and scientists. Selection of scholars is based on those who have demonstrated "distinguished achievement in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishment" in their fields.

# HPER reaches out to Lebanese and Kyrgyz youth through basketball

The Department of Recreation and Parks Administration at Indiana University's School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation is collaborating with units at Purdue University and the University of Notre Dame to provide a "peace-through-sports" initiative to certain Islamic countries. The aim is to advance understanding, appreciation, and cooperation between the United States and the Muslim world through culturally sensitive sports training that stresses tolerance, sportsmanship, and leadership. The hope is that such training can bring about positive change and eventually contribute to peace efforts around the world.

Managed by the Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange at Purdue, the training of trainers program, called "Unity Through Sports," includes a strong component of tolerance and conflict-resolution training in addition to teaching the more usual coaching and officiating skills and techniques. This year, the program is bringing coaches and players from youth sports programs in Lebanon and Kyrgyzstan to Indiana. Department chair **Lynn Jamieson** says, "Our faculty are involved in researching how to address sociocultural issues in war-torn or otherwise stressed countries through recreational sports."

Last December, four coaches and the executive manager of the Lebanese Basketball Federation — which coordinates leagues for players ages 8 to 24 in a country where basketball is the national sport — traveled to Indiana to learn best practices in coaching, sports management, and youth leadership at the three universities. At IU they learned how to be better coaches, participated in hands-on coaching clinics, observed game practices, and met with officials of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. HPER lecturer **Joby Wright**, who has conducted coaching clinics abroad in eight countries, coordinated the activities.

At Purdue's Department of Youth Development, they got youth leadership, communications skills, and community-service training from specialist **Jerry Peters**. At Notre Dame, they worked with **Rashied Omar** of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, which conducts research, education, and outreach programs into the causes of violence and the conditions for sustainable peace.

In early July, 12 Lebanese youth basketball players will get the chance to attend summer basketball camp at IUB and receive the sportsmanship training at Purdue and Notre Dame.

Later in July, a group of 10 youth coaches and players from the southern Osh region in Kyrgyzstan will travel to Indiana to attend a similar three-week coaching and leadership training course at the three universities. Their goal is to create youth recreational sports leagues throughout the Osh region that include strong youth development, leadership, service, and tolerance components. The program is partially funded by the Mercy Corps and Nike.

The overall ICCE program is being funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in addition to other sponsors.



IU School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Lebanese delegates who visited IU in December are, from left, **Antoine Kara**, a coach and physical education teacher from Fanar; **Lubna Ghanem**, an assistant coordinator from Beirut; **David Der-Yeghiayan**, a basketball player from Beirut; **Michel Beyrouthy**, assistant manager of the Lebanese Basketball Federation; and, far right, **Dany Ammous**, coach and teacher in Zahle. HPER lecturer and coaching instructor **Joby Wright**, second from right, took the group to a boys' basketball practice at Bloomington South High School.

## IU alumnus helps to rebuild the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra

**Karim Wasfi** of Iraq was a graduate student at IU Bloomington in the late 1990s. Unable to study music in Iraq under the Saddam Hussein regime, he was somehow able, though under difficult conditions, to come to the United States and to Bloomington to take up his dedication to music and to his instrument, the cello.

Wasfi studied under cello professor **Helga Winold** in the School of Music and after graduation was beginning to build successful a career in the United States. The current events in Iraq beckoned him home to help in the reconstruction efforts, including rebuilding the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra, an orchestra that was originally founded — as

the Baghdad Philharmonic Orchestra — in the late 1950s.

Today, the 72-member orchestra has infrequent performances, by invitation only, and under heavy security. On June 10, 2005, however, the INSO offered its first large concert since spring 2004 at the National Theater in central Baghdad, to an invitation-only crowd of about 300. It was a performance of standard classical favorites by Beethoven, Dvorak, and Schubert, with Wasfi featured as soloist in

Dvorak's *Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in B-Minor*.

The concert received press coverage in the *New York Times*, and elsewhere, which quoted Wasfi: "Everywhere else this would have been just a normal event. This is not just a concert. ... We want to prove that we are alive." Admitting that the challenge of rebuilding his country is enormous, Wasfi hopes that music "can give life to something better. The message is that we are stronger than the situation."

Do you know of other IU alumni who are making a difference in the world with their IU education? Send news to the IU Alumni Association, 1000 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408, or send e-mail to [iualumni@indiana.edu](mailto:iualumni@indiana.edu).

# Redesigned 'Research at Indiana University' Web site unveiled

With help from its faculty and staff, Indiana University has extensively retooled and refurbished its research Web site, at <http://research.indiana.edu>.

"Research at Indiana University" is designed to make it easier for IU faculty and staff to find information about grant opportunities, compliance procedures, and research policies. But the site is also a celebration of research and creative activity on IU's eight campuses and can therefore be used as a public-relations and recruitment tool.

In May, the site featured IU Bloomington biologists **Roger Hangarter**, **Roger Innes**, and **Loren Rieseberg**, who are engaged in projects that may answer crucial questions posed by government, agriculture, and environmental advocates about genetically modified crops. Site visitors also will find information about ArtsWeek 2005 events and a new \$5 million internal funding opportunity for the arts and humanities. New features will appear at the beginning of each month.

The site combines information from the Office of the Vice President for Research and from the Research Gateway Web sites. It will also provide information about IU's many research centers, institutes and museums, events, scholarly publications, and Web tools for finding IU faculty and staff experts.



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## IUPUI's Office of International Affairs moves

At the end of September, the Office of International Affairs at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis moved to new offices in the Education/Social Work Building. The new address and contact information are as follows: Office of International Affairs, IUPUI, 902 W. New York St., ES 2126, Indianapolis, IN 46202; telephone (317) 274-7000; fax (317) 278-2213; E-mail [intlaff@iupui.edu](mailto:intlaff@iupui.edu); Web site [www.iupui.edu/~oia/](http://www.iupui.edu/~oia/).

In February 2005, the OIA held a lively open house attended by administrators, faculty, and students, including senior administrators from the systemwide Office of International Programs in Bloomington. Associate Dean **Susan Sutton** introduced senior administrators who gave welcoming speeches. Speakers were **Charles Bantz**, IUPUI chancellor and vice president for long-range planning; **Patrick O'Meara**, dean for international programs; **William Plater**, dean of the faculties; **Rebecca Porter**, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services; and **Vance Farrow**, an art professor who spoke of the accompanying student art exhibit that formed part of the open-house festivities.



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**Susan Sutton**, associate dean for international programs, welcomes attendees to the new home of IUPUI's Office of International Programs and introduces IUPUI Chancellor **Charles Bantz**, right.