



# GLOBAL UPDATE

## Director's Corner

Notes from the Road:

It is a sign of the global nature of things that I am writing this column from my hotel in Germany, where I have been visiting the *Technische Universität Braunschweig* with four colleagues from the College of Engineering. Today we have seen a remote control driven automobile, several of us have failed the test in an Airbus flight simulator, we have met with one of our students completing simultaneous masters-level

degrees, and we have exchanged ideas for a new International Doctor of Science degree with Braunschweig's new president, Professor Dr. Juergen Hesselbach. We all feel good about the fact that URI and Braunschweig have exchanged over 300 students in the last nine years, and all believe that these numbers will continue to grow.

Jet-lag will have new meaning for me after this trip. I am on my way back to Rhode Island on Sun-

day after one week in Germany, but then will leave two days later for the first IEP venture into China. After landing in Shanghai, I will visit two Texas Instruments Corporation facilities to learn personally about their needs for engineers with Chinese language and culture experience. After this trip, which will include visits to three potential partner universities, we will be able to talk much more specifically about the Chinese IEP. Stay tuned!

~John Grandin

## Life in Santander, Spain...Our Newest Exchange

*The IEP's newest exchange partner, La Universidad de Cantabria, located in Santander on the north coast of Spain, is considered one of the top 10 universities in Spain for its scientific productivity and quality. Our pioneer student writes us on his experience:*

I have been here for a little over two weeks now, and I am happy to say I have adjusted very well to all the nuances of studying in a foreign country. Things one has to adjust to are: the way of life in Santander, meeting other students from all around the world with experiences and opinions other than your own, and the difference between the educational systems of the United States and Spain.

What I have found most fascinating so far is that although I am an exchange student like most people I have met here, I am still lacking the

familiar bond most of the other students have all being from countries in Europe. Not only do you have to consider the differences in lifestyles between the United States and Spain, but those of the United States and Europe as well. My point being



that you need to overlook how things are done back home and adjust to the way they are done abroad.

I am living with two students from Italy and one from Germany, and have made friends that are here studying from all around Europe. I

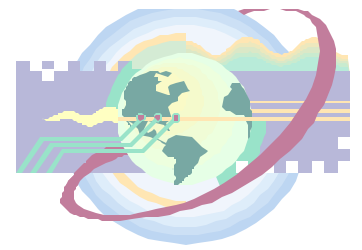
was surprised to see how enthusiastic they have all been to have me visit them in their respective countries (this is a very good thing if you like to travel cheap). Of course I have returned the gesture by offering them whatever they need when they visit the States. Prior to coming here I only had friends that I could visit in one particular region of the world, but after only being here such a short time I can see that I will be leaving with a list full of friends that I will need to visit all around the world.

In closing, I didn't imagine myself feeling so comfortable here so quickly. Maybe it is because of the other international experiences I have had as a student in the International Engineering Program (I studied in the Dominican Republic and interned in Mexico).

~Hostos Amaury Monegro

# WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?

22 IEP students are interning in Europe this spring and two are studying in Spain! Two more exchange students arrived in January to study at URI this semester, and one student from Spain is now performing research in the chemical engineering department with Dr. Otto Gregory.



IEP INTERNSHIPS			
GERMANY	MAJOR	COMPANY	LOCATION
Meghan Bellows	Chemical	BASF	Ludwigshafen
Shyla Booker	Biomedical	Siemens	Erlangen
Michael Brenker	Ocean	ZF Friedrichshafen	Friedrichshafen
Robert Delack	Mechanical	Volkswagen	Braunschweig
Brian Dowdell	Chemical	PolyIC	Erlangen
R. John Ellwood	Mechanical	ZF Friedrichshafen	Friedrichshafen
Ana Franco	Mechanical	DaimlerChrysler	Sindelfingen
Douglas Gemme	Ocean	Institut für Wasserbau	Braunschweig
Sabrina Lin	Comp. Science	SAP	Karlsruhe
Krystal Muise	Mechanical	Schroff	Straubenhardt
Thomas Nimmo	Computer	Siemens	Munich
Christopher Piecuch	Math/Physics	Bosch	Stuttgart
Benjamin Potter	Ocean	DaimlerChrysler	Sindelfingen
Elizabeth Price	Mechanical	Bosch	Stuttgart
Sareh Rajae	Biomedical	Aviso	Gera
Scott Skuncik	Civil	TBA	Braunschweig
Kanako Sumi	Industrial	ZF Friedrichshafen	Friedrichshafen
Kyle Sutherland	Computer	BMW	Munich
Nathaniel Walker	Computer	Siemens ICM	Munich
FRANCE			
Drew Brodeur	Chemical	Rhodia	Clamecy
Paulo Cardoso	Chemical	Rhodia	Lyon
SWITZERLAND			
Soanny Delgado	Civil	University of Applied Sciences	Fribourg

? **Haben Sie Fragen?** German tutors **Eike Busch** and **Aaron Hebenstreit** are at your service. Find them in the German Language Resource Room (Independence Room 11) at the following times:

Tues., Thurs. 10-12 Eike  
 Tues. 2:30-5:00 Aaron  
 Wed. 2:30-4:00 Aaron

? **¿Quieres practicar tu español?** Come to *Tertulia*, Spanish coffee hour, every Wednesday at 3 PM at the International Center on Lower College Road.

? **Voulez vous parler en Français?** Join us for *La Causerie* Mondays at 12:30 in the Hoffman Room in Independence Hall.

## IEP EXCHANGES

**UNIVERSIDAD DE CANTABRIA**  
 Hostos Monegro

**UNIVERSIDAD DE ZARAGOZA**  
 Taylor Spalt

**URI** welcomes Carla Salas from the **Universidad de Zaragoza**, David Juarez from the **Universidad de Valladolid**, and Michel Narchi from **L'Université d'Orléans** who are here for spring semester 2005!

? **Sprechen Sie Deutsch?** Come to *Kaffeestunde* every Wednesday at 4 PM in the IEP House dining room.

[www.uri.edu/iep](http://www.uri.edu/iep)

# Calendar of Events

March 7

*Pre-departure seminar for IEP students planning to study and/or intern abroad during AY2005-06*

May 15-29

*IEP Study Tour to Germany*

June 27-August 6

*Deutsche Sommerschule am Atlantik (German Summer School of the Atlantic)*

Get your applications in ASAP!

November 10-13

*8th Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education at the Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia*

More events to come!



Above: German IEP students Tom Nimmo and Sareh Rajae in Hannover, Germany

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