

Upcoming Events

Oct. 5, 4 PM, IEP House - **IEP Open House** - Welcome IEP Freshmen, exchange students, current and prospective students! Hear from students who have recently returned from their year abroad!

Oct. 10, 4 PM, IEP House - **Spanish IEP Info. Session** - Come meet Sharon Ruggieri and hear about her experiences in Puerto Rico, Spain and Mexico!

Oct. 11, 11 AM-3 PM, Union Ballroom - **Engineering Career Fair** - career.uri.edu

Oct. 17, 5 PM, IEP House - **French IEP Info. Session** - Come meet returnees from France J-P Shulman (CVE) and Sarah Gabryluk (IME) and hear about their experiences!

Oct. 18, 4 PM, IEP House - **German IEP Info. Session** - In conjunction with *Kaffeestunde*, German coffee hour. Hear from returnees who studied in Braunschweig and completed internships abroad.

Oct. 19, 4 PM, IEP House - **Chinese IEP Info. Session** - Find out about the newest addition to the IEP! There will be a presentation about the study tour to China this summer.

Scholarships

• **Gilman International Scholarship** for U.S. Citizens who are Pell Grant holders. Deadline for AY 2007-08 Study Abroad - Apr. 7. **Critical Language Supplement now available for Chinese studies. www.iie.org/gilman

• **Boren Scholarships** (National Security Education Program) for students going to China or Latin America. Deadline for AY 2007-08 Study Abroad - Feb. 13. www.iie.org/nsep

• **DAAD** (numerous awards for study in Germany). Deadline for undergraduate studies in Germany during AY 2007-08 - Jan. 31. Graduate awards also available. www.daad.org

Alumni Updates

- **Michael Rossoni '05** is now working for APC, a stone's throw from URI, as a Technical Support Engineer.
- Spanish IEP grad **Hostos Monegro '05** is a Technology Analyst for Goldman Sachs on Wall Street and recently began work on his MBA/MSIS at Stevens Institute of Technology.
- **Paul Hutchins '05** recently returned from a year of teaching English in China and has landed a job in San Diego, CA with Yeager Skanska, a global civil engineering firm.
- **Pat Tunney '99** started WPT Consulting 6 months ago, an independent consulting company "helping businesses get more out of their investment in SAP." www.wptconsulting.com
- **Valentino LaScola '05** is currently in the German *Schwarzwald* at Supfina's Wolfach location for a three-month training session. Val is a Sales Engineer (Lean Systems) for Supfina Machine Company in North Kingstown, RI.
- **Erik Anderson '02** is newly married and will begin the M.S./Diplom program in January. *Herzlichen Glückwunsch!*
- **Eric Sargent '03** was the first U.S. student to complete the M.S./Diplom in December! He is now in ZF Friedrichshafen's Management Trainee Program.
- **Jimmy De La Zerda '04** is working on his MBA through a special program with his employer, UPS, in Chicago, IL.
- **Meghan Collins '05** is now employed by Baxter Healthcare - a medical device company headquartered in the suburbs of Chicago.
- Congratulations to Jenna Fournier and **Derek Simpson '01**, who were married on July 2, 2006! Derek is a civil engineer with GZA GeoEnvironmental in Norwood, MA.

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Constance. He has a daughter who studies in Vienna, and a son who studies in Stuttgart (engineering!). Both he and his wife are avid hikers and have helped introduce John Grandin to the nearby Austrian mountains.

Thanks to Mr. Uwe Berner's involvement, ZF and the IEP enjoy a very productive relationship. IEP Students intern at numerous ZF locations and many IEP graduates have gone to work for ZF in Germany and the U.S. ZF is also a financial supporter of the IEP.



9th Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education

Educating Engineers as Global Citizens

November 2-5, 2006
at the
Hotel Viking in Newport, RI

IEP Global Update

University of Rhode Island International Engineering Program



Director
John Grandin

In late August I was invited to Ohio to speak about Globalization at a management trainee seminar for one of our partner companies, the German-based ZF Friedrichshafen AG. ZF is a global supplier to the automobile industry of transmission, steering, and suspension components. The program was part of a core strategy to provide up-and-coming employees with the skills necessary for global teaming and to encourage them to take on international assignments. While I was happy to speak to them about the phenomenon of Globalization, I realized upon arrival that they may well have more to tell me about the topic than I could possibly tell them! Yes, they were future leaders of a German company, but they themselves came from many different

Advisory Board Spotlight: Uwe Berner

Second in a series of biographical sketches on members of the IEP Advisory Board



Mr. Uwe Berner is a long term member of the IEP Advisory Board and has served as Executive Vice President of Human Resources and Service Companies for ZF Friedrichshafen AG (see above for more information) since 1989.

After completing his degree in Business Administration (*Dipl.-Kaufmann*) in 1971, Mr. Berner went to work for Standard Elektrik Lorenz AG in Stuttgart as a Trainee. Soon after he was promoted to Personnel Officer in the Education Sector, and in 1974 he became Head of the Corporate Department for Specialist and Management Training.

In 1977 Mr. Berner moved into the international arena, serving as Head of Personnel & Social Affairs for SEL Telecommunication in its Headquarters & Export Sector. Later he entered the automobile sector, becoming Executive Vice President and Labor Relations Director for FIAT, Iveco-Magirus AG. After four years with FIAT, Mr. Berner joined the management board of ZF Friedrichshafen AG.

Mr. Berner is married and lives in Lindau on Lake *continued on back page*

national locations and were indeed living Globalization on a daily basis. They were from Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, the United States, Turkey, Brazil, and China. They all shared the commonality of the company and their chosen areas of expertise, but were in Ohio learning to appreciate each other's cultural perspectives and issues, and how best to achieve their goals through cross-cultural teamwork. I was very proud to tell them about the IEP and the many students who have interned for and even gone to work for ZF. And I was really pleased to see once again how important the IEP curriculum is and its focus on the need for young engineers to be mobile, flexible, cross-culturally competent, and multilingual. Such is the nature of business and technology in the 21st Century. Such is the nature of the IEP.



East meets West in Hangzhou, China

1st Annual IEP China Study Tour participants and friends from Zhejiang University City College pose for a picture together at Lingyin Temple historic site in Hangzhou, China. URI students from L to R: Aaron Hebenstreit, Jim Leuzarder, Katrina Josephson, Alexandra Dempsey, Jenna D'Amico, Curtis Richard, Graeme O'Connell, Melanie Rand, Ana Franco, Nate Walker, Program Coordinator Erin Papa, John Ellwood, Nicole Stanton, and Cassandra Pinner.

