



Partnerships and Collaboration

I find somewhat curious the recently articulated discovery on campus that the university and state will be better served by extension faculty and academic faculty working together on collaborative projects. While improvement in this area is always desirable, overlooked apparently in the most recent study and review of the Extension Service is an appreciation of the extent of ongoing, longstanding collaboration that already exists. The International Extension Program provides an excellent example.

Let's start with the West Virginia Council of International Programs (CIP). On behalf of West Virginia University, CIP has coordinated for 26 years -- the past 11 under the extension umbrella -- a unique exchange program for professionals in the human services and allied professions from around the world. Participants engage in a one-semester professional practicum in academic units or external agencies to receive training and to gain work-related experience. In 1996, the following WVU units provided internships: Department of Foreign Languages, School of Social Work, Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry, Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology, School of Medicine - Wellness Program, University Health Service, Radiology Department and College of Agriculture and Forestry -- Division of Resource Management and Division of Family Resources.

The CIP Board of Directors, which collaborates with extension in providing oversight for the program, includes 16 WVU faculty, staff and students. Fifteen WVU faculty and staff are among the families this year who provided home stays for the participants. Ten faculty and staff gave presentations or facilitated sessions during the

annual CIP orientation program, which introduces our international professionals to the U.S. and West Virginia education, social service, legal, and government systems. Participants each audit one or two university courses related to their practicum assignment and their professions.

University-wide partnerships and collaboration permeate the International Extension Program. Our Multicultural Education Camp Program and Guatemala development projects involve faculty and staff in all facets of program planning and implementation. Extension's cooperation agreement with the Center for Education and Training of Health Personnel, Ministry of Health of Indonesia, is a partnership with the WVU School of Medicine. We collaborate with multidisciplinary teams in advancing the university's work in Southern Africa and Mexico.

Partnerships and collaboration are central in extension to fulfilling our international and multicultural education mission. Various international extension programs and many of our partners and collaborators who make them happen are highlighted throughout this newsletter. We are very proud of the outcomes derived from extensive collaboration with faculty and staff throughout the institution; volunteers in the community, and organizations and agencies at the county, state, national and international levels. In the words of William Sloane Coffin, "Unity is not something we're called on to create; it is something we're called on to recognize."

Richard L. Fleisher
Extension Specialist
and Director

CIP Professionals Conclude 1996 Placements

BRAZIL

Simone Gonçalves

Architect

Institute for the History of Technology
and Industrial Archaeology

Simone, 26, earned a bachelor of arts degree in architecture from Federal University of the State of Espirito Santo. She works for an architecture firm in Vitoria, Espirito Santo. Her clients are individuals, organizations and businesses. She designs houses, hotels, schools and other buildings.

Simone was born in Itaperuna, Rio de Janeiro, and lives in Vitoria, Espirito Santo. She previously worked in Rio de Janeiro before returning to Vitoria in 1994. She is a Presbyterian and single. Her hobbies include drawing, singing, playing piano, reading, and going to movies and the beach.

COLOMBIA

Alicia del Pilar Santa

Newspaper Administrator

WVU Department of Foreign Languages

Alicia, 32, holds a bachelor's degree in business from Colegio de Estudios Superiores de Administración (CESA). She was executive assistant to the executive director of the Colombia Newspaper Association (Andiarios) for the past six years. Her responsibilities included hiring and training employees, financial management, facilitation of communication among the 30 affiliated newspapers and 250 ad agencies, and administration related to the advertising, marketing and public relations functions of the organization.

Alicia lives in Bogotá, the city where she was born. She is single and Catholic. She has traveled in Europe and studied in the United States. Her hobbies include horseback riding, listening to music and reading.

GERMANY

Georg Rocholl

Professor of Social Work

WVU School of Social Work and
University Affiliated Center for Developmental
Disabilities (UACDD)

Georg, 52, has a degree in social work and completed advanced studies in sociology, psychology and pedagogy at the University of Bochum. He is a professor of social work training, sociology and social psychology at the Fachhochschule Ostfriesland in Emden. He teaches and conducts research. He also has responsibilities in continuing education and administration. He especially enjoys the project learning program, which involves teaching social work practice and advising students in their field work placements.

Georg was born in Neheim-Hüsten and lives in Emden. He is married and the father of three children. He is hoping to gain more knowledge about child protection programs and about crisis intervention; e.g., in cases of sexual abuse or family violence. He also hopes to become familiar with different mediation techniques.

GERMANY

Gabriele Leuze

Social Worker

WVU School of Medicine -
Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry

Gabriele, 32, completed her degree in social work at the Fachhochschule Für Socialwesen Reutlingen. She is a social worker with Drogenhilfe Tübingen e.v. (Drug-help line Tübingen), which is a live-in community for drug-addicted people. She counsels drug-addicted patients and their family members, individually and in groups. She acts as liaison between the patients and their employer and/or other institutions, and coordinates additional therapy when necessary.

Gabriele was born in Plochingen and lives in Tübingen. She is single. She came to CIP for exposure to new methods that will strengthen her qualifications as a social worker. In the long term, she would like to complete a supplementary training program in psychotherapy.

GERMANY

Jörg Pohlmann

Business Mathematician

Merrill Lynch

Jörg, 27, holds a master's degree in business mathematics from University Trier, Germany. At the university he worked as a assistant teacher for math students.

Jörg was born in Dissen and lives in Borgholzhausen near Bielefeld. He is single. During his placement he hopes to gain more knowledge about finance and business administration. In 1989 he spent six weeks in the United States on vacation. His leisure activities include movie-going, sports and volunteering.

INDONESIA

Elias Eddy Lekatompessy

WVU Health Sciences Center - Wellness Program

Eddy, 55, holds a master's degree in business administration from the Post Graduate University of Indonesia. He completed his undergraduate in marketing and management at the University of Indonesia, Graduate School of Business Administration. He is an instructor for the Center for Education and Training of Health Personnel, Ministry of Health in Jakarta. He conducts training and education programs in logistic management, financial and project administration and economics for governmental health officials. He formerly was chief of the Procurement Division, Bureau of Logistics in the Office of the Secretariat General, Department of Health. He began his career in the Department of Health in 1961.

Eddy was born in Ambon, Maluccas, and lives in Jakarta. He has taken training programs in Australia and the University of Pittsburgh in the United States, and traveled in Singapore and Netherlands. He is Christian, married and the father of 10 children. His hobbies include reading, singing, chess and billiards.

INDONESIA

Ni Ketut Adi Lisdiani

Nurse/Health Education: Training, Evaluation and Planning

WVU Health Sciences Center - University Health Service

Lis, 38, earned an MHP.ED degree from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, Faculty of Medical Education. She has a bachelor's degree and advanced training in nursing and public health from the University of Indonesia. She is head of the Monitoring and Reporting Division of the Center for Education and Training of Health Personnel (CETHP), Ministry of Health in Jakarta. She monitors the organization's budget and oversees evaluation of education and training programs. She has previously served in a leadership capacity for CETHP in planning and staff development.

Lis was born in Denpasar, Bali, and now lives in Jakarta. She has studied in Australia and visited Hong Kong and Singapore. In 1995, she spent several weeks in Texas with her husband who was on assignment there. She and her husband have two children. Lis is Hindu. Her leisure activities include jogging, movies and television, reading and traveling.

MEXICO

Gabriel Araiza

Architect

WVU College of Agriculture - Division of Resource Management

Gabriel, 32, holds a master's degree in architectural design from the National University of Mexico and a bachelor's in architecture from the University of Guanajuato. He teaches architecture at three universities: University of Guanajuato and two institutions in the city of Leon -- University Iberoamericana and University del Bajío. He teaches classes, and organizes exchanges and trips to study different styles of architecture. He coordinates the Design Program of the School of Architecture at the University of Guanajuato.

Gabriel is Catholic and married. He and his wife spent their honeymoon in Guatemala in 1993. His leisure activities include drawing, theatre and movie-going and watching television.

MEXICO

María del Carmen Pérez

Architect (Faculty and Private Practice)

WVU College of Agriculture - Division of Family Resources

Carmen, 30, completed a bachelor's degree in architecture from Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. She has completed a master's in building and site restoration at the University of Guanajuato. She has been teaching architecture part-time at the University of Guanajuato for the past four years. She teaches basic design, computer-aided design, and project design workshops. She serves as a Spanish-English translator for the dean of the Architecture School. She is also a practicing architect in Guanajuato.

Carmen was born in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, and lives in Guanajuato. She is Catholic and single. Her hobbies include painting, reading, and going to movies, theater and concerts.

SIERRA LEONE

Amadu Konteh

Physician

WVU School of Medicine - Department of Radiology

Amadu, 36, completed degrees in dentistry in 1989 and general medicine from Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. He graduated as a doctor in general medicine in 1992. He works and lives in Rimavská Sobota, Republic of Slovakia, where he is a diagnostic radiologist. He interprets x-rays and engages in various diagnostic procedures involving CT scans, ultrasound machines and angiography. He successfully completed specialization exams in radiology last spring.

Amadu was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is a native English speaker who is fluent in Temme, Creole, Czech, and Slovak. His hobbies include teaching English, athletics, gardening and photography.

THAILAND

Ampairat Aksornprom

University Instructor

WVU College of Agriculture - Division of Family Resources

Ampairat, 37, has a master of social work degree from Thammasat University. She was a psychiatric social worker for 12 years at Somdet-chaopraya Hospital. In 1994, she began her current position as an instructor in the School of Home Economics in Sukhotai Thammathirat Open University (STOU). Her primary responsibilities are to produce correspondence materials for bachelor's degree students. STOU is a higher education institution that specializes in providing life-long learning and distance education programs.

Ampairat was born in Bangkok and lives in Pakkred Nonthaburi. She is married and Buddhist. Her leisure interests include reading and gardening. ▲

Ibrahim ‘Iba’ N’Diaye: A Remarkable Internationalist

Each issue of the International Extension Newsletter highlights the background and contributions of a person closely associated with the program. This issue focuses on Iba N’Diaye, our graduate research assistant who is a citizen of Mali.

The name Timbuktu probably conjures up for many of us an image of a far-off imaginary land. The reality is that it is a city in Mali, the seventh largest country in Africa. Since arriving in Morgantown in 1991, Iba N’Diaye has made Mali a very prominent place in the minds of all who know him.

Iba’s story of how he selected West Virginia University to do graduate work is pretty amazing. Iba’s father was a partner and West Africa representative at the time with Allis-Chalmers Farm Equipment Company based in Milwaukee, Wisc. In the late 1980s, Iba was doing rural development work. A company visitor from Milwaukee met Iba and became familiar and impressed with his project. He suggested to Iba’s father that further development study in the U.S. would help Iba make an even greater impact on Mali’s rural population. “I applied for a scholarship from the African-American Institute in New York City,” Iba explains. “Frankly, I had never heard of West Virginia University at that point. I told them, however, that I preferred a good agriculture education program located in an institution more rural than urban. They interviewed me, submitted my papers to WVU and shortly thereafter I was awarded a scholarship from the African-American Institute to work here on a master’s degree.”

One small barrier initially impeded Iba’s ability to succeed at WVU. When he arrived in the fall of 1991 he could barely speak English. But Iba learns quickly and after a semester in the Intensive English Program, he passed the TOEFL (English proficiency) exam and began work on his degree the following semester. He finished his master’s in September 1993 and returned to Mali, but only temporarily. He returned in January 1995 to begin a Ph.D. program in history. He received his graduate research assistantship with the International Extension Program the following summer.

Iba has established a distinguished record of accomplishments in West Virginia in a very short period of time. He is president of the WVU African Students Association, and formerly vice president of the International Students Association and International Muslim Student Association. He is a sought-after speaker, counselor and resource person at schools and

youth development camps throughout the state. He coordinates a pen pal exchange between young people in Mali and West Virginia. “I absolutely love kids,” Iba says. He also helps coordinate a global assessment study organized by the International Extension Program and Mercer County Extension Office.

Iba is truly a Renaissance man. Although he is too modest to talk very much about his extraordinary achievements, after you know him for a long time, you discover that he speaks eight languages. He also has studied in France and Germany where he earned master’s degrees in history, geography and philosophy.

Few people know that Iba is one of Mali’s delegates to the United Nations. “In 1994, the prime minister of Mali saw a television documentary about my rural development project and I was ‘discovered,’” Iba reports unassumingly. “I was appointed then to a special delegation to negotiate a United Nations Development Project for my country. I received my UN appointment after that.”

What are Iba’s impressions of the United States? “I feel especially grateful to be in West Virginia, he says. “The people are so friendly and special. Back home we call this human warmth. There are lots of similarities between Mali and West Virginia.” He is surprised by a gap that he perceives between the image abroad of the U.S. and actual life here. “The U.S. is seen as the number one democracy in the world. But many people are marginalized here. And fewer people than I would have imagined vote and participate in the public decision-making process.”

What are Iba’s plans after he concludes his studies here? He has two primary objectives: (1) to help reduce poverty in rural areas of Mali, and (2) to help build the political influence of farmers in Mali on governmental policy and decision-making. “I want to teach and conduct research,” he adds. “I am affiliated with the Institute of Cooperation in Education and Development, which does policy analysis and promotes rural development in Mali. I also want to produce some tropical fruit on our family plantation.”

Iba’s contributions to extension’s faculty, staff and clientele are enormous. We are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of Iba’s wisdom, diverse skills and positive attitude. Iba’s view of his role here is characteristically modest and spiritual. “I hope to reciprocate one day all that my West Virginia friends and colleagues have given me. I feel blessed to have so many opportunities -- to be a world citizen. Maybe it was just meant to happen.”▲

International and Multicultural Youth Development

➤WVU Multicultural Camp

The sixth annual Multicultural Camp was conducted July 8-12, 1996. Eighty-seven students attended the camp, highlighted by the weeklong participation of students from the WVU Intensive English Program and Costa Rica 4-S Program. The camp provides students with opportunities to learn more about other countries and global issues.

The seventh annual camp is scheduled July 6-10, 1997. Peter Jensen, extension agent in Morgan County, and Richard Fleisher co-coordinate the camp.

➤West Virginia Governor's Camp on Cultural Understanding

Eighty West Virginia teens applied and 60 were selected to participate in the third annual West Virginia Governor's Camp on Cultural Understanding July 22-26, 1996. The camp focuses on learning about differences and similarities among teens of different races, ethnic groups, religious backgrounds, cultural heritage, and rural and urban regions of the state. The camp featured presentations by a variety of multicultural educators, team building activities, ethnic music and dance, and a white-water rafting trip on the New River. It is supported by donations raised by First Lady Rachael Worby.

The fourth annual camp is scheduled in July 21-25, 1997. Arthena Sewell-Roper, extension agent in Berkeley County, and Richard Fleisher co-coordinate the camp.

➤Cultural Understanding Day at the Governor's Mansion

Arthena Sewell Roper and Richard Fleisher also planned this program with the First Lady for past and present Governor's Camp students. The purpose was to reinforce the importance of cultural understanding, tolerance and acceptance in our lives. Forty students attended. Rachael Worby welcomed the group and Governor Gaston Caperton spoke after the luncheon.

➤International 4-H Youth (IFYE) Program

Mary Williams from Hardy County is our 1996-97 IFYE delegate. She spent June 29 - Dec. 13 in Sweden. Her statewide speaking tour is scheduled Jan. 13 - May 9, 1997.

We hosted two IFYE delegates from abroad this year. Ching-Wen Lien from Taiwan visited West Virginia

from June 25 - Aug. 1. He is a financial consultant for a trading exchange corporation. Maureen Navarro-Castillo from Costa Rica was here June 25- Sept. 13. She is a high school Spanish teacher.

➤Extension Homemakers International Scholarship

Elizabeth Gorimani from Zimbabwe is the West Virginia Extension Homemakers scholarship recipient for 1996-97. Elizabeth is a senior at West Virginia University, majoring in home economics education. She prepared a booklet about her country and a slide set and script for use by Extension Homemakers and 4-H groups. Her state tour is scheduled May 19 - July 25, 1997.

➤Mali Pen Pal Program

Extension continues to implement a pen pal program for children in West Virginia and Mali. Ibrahim N'Diaye, graduate research assistant with the International Extension Program, coordinates the program with Dara Shaw, a faculty member in the WVU Intensive English Program. Four hundred youths are now involved in the project.

➤Russia/West Virginia Youth Exchange

The West Virginia 4-H Program and the people of Kaliningrad, Russia, continue to join forces to create a better understanding of the people of our two countries through youth exchanges. The exchanges came about through an invitation from the deputy mayor of Kaliningrad, Alexey Cheremnykh, to the 4-H program in our state.

In January 1994, a delegation of four adults and two youths visited Kaliningrad to share information about the 4-H program and to establish this exchange. Randolph County 4-H'ers hosted eight youths and five adults from Kaliningrad for two weeks in June of 1994. Eight youths and four adults traveled to Kaliningrad Jan. 3-13, 1995. Youth and teachers from Kaliningrad visited West Virginia in the summer of 1996. Twelve West Virginia Youth and chaperons from throughout the state will travel there in the summer of 1997.

These exchanges are under the leadership of Jeffrey Orndorff, 4-H events coordinator for the Division of Family and 4-H Youth Development. Funding in the state has been provided by WVU Extension Service, the state Department of Education, the West Virginia 4-H Club Foundation, Inc., businesses within Randolph

County, and local fund raising by West Virginia exchange participants.

➤ West Virginia/Costa Rica Youth Exchange Program

The West Virginia /Costa Rica Youth Exchange is a two-component, one-to-one exchange program in which teen participants from each country are selected and matched for age, gender and mutual interests. Host families in both countries provide participants with lodging, meals and activities.

The first component of the exchange involves a two-week visit to West Virginia by a delegation from Costa Rica. A group of 11 teenagers and two adult coordinators arrived in Keyser, on June 29, 1996. They spent the first week with their respective partner's family, and the second week at the Multicultural Camp.

In the second component, a delegation of 10 West Virginia teenagers and three adult coordinators travel to Costa Rica to spend two weeks living with host families and participating in organized 4-S activities. The West Virginia group traveled to San José, Costa Rica, Dec. 27, 1996 and returned Jan. 10, 1997.

The exchange is conducted by the Mineral and Morgan county 4-H programs and is coordinated by Celina Trushell and Richard Fleisher with Fundación Nacional de Clubes 4-S (saber, sentimiento, salud, servicio) in Costa Rica. Peter Jensen, Kay Davis, Bridget Nichols and Kim Rinard are the county coordinators and volunteers. ▲



International Education and Development - Highlights

International Extension Mini-Grants

The intent of the International Extension Mini-Grant Program is to help support new or existing program development in the area of international extension. Three mini-grants were awarded to extension faculty in 1996.

Recipient

Kay Davis
Mercer County
Extension Agent
\$600

Project

Visit to Another World -
International Education
Project for Older 4-H'ers

Cristina
Haddox-Hodges
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Extension Agent
\$745

Cultural Celebrations -
Cultural Awareness Programs
for Students, Grade One
Through Six.

Jeffrey Orndorff
Extension Specialist
\$750

Russia/West Virginia Youth
Exchange - Students in
Kaliningrad and West Virginia

Mercer County Global Assessment Project -- Update

The WVU International Extension Program in cooperation with the WVU Office of International Programs developed a pilot project -- Global-Local Connection -- which aims to incorporate an international dimension into programs of selected West Virginia counties. The first targeted county is Mercer, where the focus of the project is on the global dimensions of county economic and community development. It addresses such issues as international trade, foreign investment and international/multicultural education.

The project provides a vehicle for defining, documenting and assessing the nature and scope of international economic development activities in selected local communities. It also presents a framework for extension to help communities identify their current status of internationalization and decide on the extent to which they want to select and explore avenues for future global connections. Extension is helping create a process for community leaders to identify and assess issues. In the future, academic faculty can also participate in the project to develop educational programs on global dimensions of community development.

There have been several recent developments in the project. Richard Fleisher and Iba N'Diaye, graduate research assistant, have assembled and updated the Mercer County Global Assessment Profile with assistance from the Division of Community and Economic Development. It contains data pertaining to industries and production, manufacturers engaged in exporting, foreign affiliation of industry, employment, agriculture data and population demographics, including census information about ethnicity and languages spoken. Copies of the profile are on file in Mercer County.

Extension agents John Scott Jr. (Scotty) and David Cooke received a grant from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a China-West Virginia Research Interchange. Their trip to China was July 2-26, 1996. They talked to producers, scientists, educators, researchers and business presidents. They observed the Chinese ginseng production system and signed agreements with two provinces. Hsiu-wen Ho, our International Extension intern, is fluent in Mandarin Chinese. She translated the narrative of Scotty and David's West Virginia ginseng video and dubbed it in Chinese. Scotty, Iba and Rich also collaborated on a research briefing presented at Extension's Annual Conference. We also facilitated a visit to the Mercer County ginseng project sites by Chinese visitors to the College of Business and Economics, China Business Center.

West Virginia University Faculty Visit to Indonesia - Trip Report

Dr. Karen Douglas and Dr. R. Wesley Farr, two faculty members in the School of Medicine, and Rich visited Indonesia, January 8-26, 1996. We were guests of the Center for Education and Training of Health Personnel (CETHP), Ministry of Health. The purposes of the visit were to explore areas of collaboration, identify future projects and exchanges, interview prospective CIP candidates and give presentations.

The outcomes of the trip were very positive. Two professionals from CETHP were CIP participants in 1996. They and two other CETHP professionals participated in a three-week HIV/AIDS training and education program conducted this fall at WVU by Dr. Farr. The School of Medicine will send two medical students to Indonesia in 1997 for an internship. The CIP relationship will continue also.

Guatemala Project -- Update

The Guatemala Project consists of exchange, development and humanitarian activities engaged in by people in West Virginia and Guatemala City and the states of El Progreso and Sololá, Guatemala. International Extension (largely through CIP) and the Morgantown North Rotary Club are sponsors of the project, in conjunction with Guatemala North Rotary Club in Guatemala City. The West Virginia Extension Homemakers have become involved in the humanitarian aspects of the project.

In conjunction with the Morgantown North and Guatemala North Rotary Clubs, Bill Lawson from the Federal Energy Transfer Center (FETC) and Rich secured a Discovery Grant of \$3,000 from the Rotary International Foundation to assess the feasibility of drilling for water and building a water tank in El Carmen, El Progreso. In conjunction with West Virginia CIP, Pablo Gonzalez, board member and WVU associate professor of Spanish, and Rich were members of a delegation that traveled to Guatemala April 25 - May 1, 1996, to advance our projects. Another trip is scheduled in January 1997, to follow up on the water project and expand our relationships.

West Virginia Extension Homemakers concluded a statewide donation drive to provide household items and school supplies to low-income families in San Lucas Toliman, Sololá. Extension Homemakers clubs collected 2,000 pounds of donated items, which were shipped to Guatemala in November 1996. During the past year, we also raised and donated money to help build a second floor for the medical clinic in Guastatoya, to help expand an elementary school in Guastatoya, and to contribute to construction of shelters for homeless girls in Guatemala City.

Rich also has given numerous presentations about work in Guatemala, several with his wife Jane who is an active volunteer in our activities. ▲

Council of International Fellowship (CIF)

Exchange Opportunities Abroad

The Council of International Fellowship, the alumni organization affiliated with CIP, annually conducts exchanges for human service professionals throughout the world. Programs are similar to the training and work-related placements provided by West Virginia CIP. Exchanges will be conducted in 13 countries in 1997. Placements are typically 4-10 weeks in length and are open to an average of 6-12 professionals per country. (See back cover for information on the 1997 CIF Conference).

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