SPEA Co-Organizes Summer Program:
“Environmental Law and Policy in the European Community and the United States”

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the School of Law at Indiana University combined efforts with Erasmus University and University of Leiden in The Netherlands to present an intensive summer program on environmental law and policy, which took place on May 17-28 in Rotterdam. The summer course, open to alumni and current students of Public Affairs or Law from the U.S. and The Netherlands, was taught by faculty from the three universities. This new venture, a further extension of a long-established linkage between SPEA and the Dutch universities, was jointly organized by Project Directors Randall Baker, Director of International Programs at SPEA, and Ken Hanf, Professor of Public Administration at Erasmus University. IU faculty participating as instructors in this summer study program included: Dean James Barnes of SPEA, Randall Baker, and Mary Ellen O’Connell of the School of Law.

The Netherlands, home of the International Court of Justice and a densely populated, highly urbanized country dealing with environmental regulation policy issues often similar to those of the U.S., was considered to be an ideal location for such an international study program. During the intensive two-week course, participants examined the specific situations facing each of these two highly developed parts of the world and compared their experiences in the field of environmental law and policy.

The course featured discussions with government and private sector policymakers and experts from Europe and the U.S., and included visits to the International Court of Justice and European Community offices, as well as field trips to key environmental sites on the Rhine Harbor. The success of this internationally-sponsored course in environmental law and policy has prompted Program organizers to again offer this intensive seminar during future summer sessions. Next summer, the course will once again be convened in the Netherlands, with the 1995 summer study program possibly being offered on the Bloomington campus.

Current International Projects of SPEA

At the end of June Professor Randall Baker, SPEA’s Director of International Programs, traveled to Moscow at the invitation of the Ministry of National Protection to assist in launching the First Annual Conference on Environment and the Economy of the greater Moscow region. The conference drew over 300 participants, including elected representatives and members of the administration, as well as movement activists and other interested citizens from throughout the region.

During the previous summer, Randall Baker also traveled to the New Bulgarian University as a consultant in the establishment the Public Administration Program for the university, which was founded in 1991 through an act of the Bulgarian National Assembly. Dr. Baker, who was in residence at the New Bulgarian University as a Fulbright scholar during summer 1992, was invited in order to assist in designing the new Public Administration Program and in the recruitment of the department chair and faculty. This new department is the first public administration program to be established in Bulgaria, and the first students will be entering the Program in October of this year.

SPEA has developed a well-established exchange program with Moscow State University which is now expanding, having received offers from that university as well as the New Bulgarian University for SPEA students to participate in two intensive field courses to be offered in the coming year—Democracy in Eastern Europe (New Bulgarian University) and Physical Environment in Russia (Moscow State University). During the summer, two SPEA graduate students, Chris Snipes and Tony Gorman, received Research Internships through the SPEA-Moscow State University exchange program to conduct doctoral and master’s research in Russia. This fall, Professor Roman Zlotin of the Russian Academy of Sciences will be a visiting scholar on the Bloomington campus, teaching the SPEA course “Environmental Problems in the Former USSR.”

In June, Professor Robert Agranoff led a group of seven SPEA faculty members to China to attend the conference, “Managing Municipal Change,” jointly sponsored by SPEA, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Guang Zhou Academy of Social Sciences. Over 30 scholars from SPEA, the Guang Zhou Academy, and several universities from Hong Kong attended the conference, which met in Hong Kong as well as Guang Zhou.

During August, SPEA Associate Professor Mark Rodwin spent time on the campus of Chuo University in Japan, as part of SPEA’s formal exchange program with that university. Dr. Rodwin is currently conducting research on medical ethics in Japan as part of a comparative study on this issue in Japan and the United States.