On September 7, the Arts Administration Program in the IU School of Business welcomed eleven German arts administrators to the Bloomington campus. The German visitors, representing both the eastern and western sectors of their recently united country, were touring various U.S. arts organizations through sponsorship of IIE's (Institute of International Education) Professional Exchange Program. The focus of this Professional Exchange tour, Arts Funding and Management in the United States: A Single Country Project for Germany, was addressed from various perspectives during the administrators' IU Bloomington stay through a two and a-half day seminar organized by James Suelflow, Director of the Arts Administration Program. The seminar featured: arts management education sessions by instructors from IU's School of Music and the Mathers Museum; the panel discussion, “Training and Educating Artists in the United States,” by representatives from the department of Theatre and Drama and the Schools of Music and Fine Arts; and two fundraising workshops presented by staff from IU's Fundraising School and Center of Philanthropy. The German arts administrators also toured several campus arts facilities during their visit.

IUPUI Begins New Cooperative Education Project with Malaysia's Tenaga Institute

Last May, the IUPUI School of Engineering and Technology formalized a cooperative “twinning” agreement with Malaysia's Tenaga Nasional Institute of Engineering and Technology—the new educational training facility of Tenaga Nasional Berhad, a state-owned company undergoing privatization which provides 97% of that country’s electric power. (see May/June 1994 International Programs Newsletter). Under the terms of the agreement, the IUPUI School is assisting the Tenaga Institute in the development of two-year preparatory programs in electrical and mechanical engineering.

On July 11, Tenaga Institute’s first group of fifty students began their engineering studies. Representing Indiana University at the July 9 opening ceremony for the Tenaga Institute were IUPUI’s Dean Alfred Potvin of the School of Engineering and Technology, Associate Vice-Chancellor William Plater, and Associate Dean of International Affairs Giles Hoyt.

The Tenaga program is based on IUPUI’s curriculum and is being partially taught by IUPUI faculty. In June, IUPUI’s Director of International Affairs Pat Biddinger traveled to Kuala Lumpur to orient Tenaga Institute staff to the IUPUI system of registration and student records. This summer, David Burns and Anita Proffitt—two retired IUPUI faculty with prior teaching experience in Malaysia—traveled to Kuala Lumpur to assume new teaching duties at the Tenaga Institute. Associate Dean Oner Yurtseven of IUPUI’s School of Engineering and Technology is in Malaysia serving as the program’s provost and chief academic officer, while Timothy Diemer is director of administration at the IUPUI campus.

The IUPUI-Tenaga twinning agreement provides for Tenaga students to transfer to IUPUI and other U.S. institutions to complete their engineering degrees after their first two years of instruction in Malaysia. The Tenaga agreement—one of several new initiatives of IUPUI’s recently-formed Southeast Asia Program, under the directorship of Marjorie Lyles—will also provide IUPUI engineering students with new internship opportunities in the rapidly growing business and industry sectors of Malaysia.