The Indiana University Center on Philanthropy’s Eastern European Initiative is helping to develop the region’s voluntary sector through collaborative research and education projects with local scholars. The Center’s Eastern European program, directed by Miroslav Ruzica (center), is currently assisting two Croatian scholars in philanthropic research and curriculum development. Professor Ruzica, who recently joined the IUPUI School of Social Work faculty, is himself a native of Croatia.

Sinisa Zrinscak (left), a faculty member in the University of Zagreb’s Department of Social Work, spent last October through December at the Center as a scholar-in-residence studying various religious organizations in Indiana. With the assistance of the Center, Zrinscak is continuing his research on religious philanthropy in his homeland. He is heading an East European research team investigating “The Role of Religion and Church in the Process of Transition and in the Development of a Voluntary, Nonprofit Sector in Eastern Europe,” a research project scheduled for completion by June 1996.

Jasminka Leduc (right), professor of education and associate dean of research at the University of Rijeka, is a Fulbright Scholar at IU Bloomington who is working with the Center to develop philanthropy curricula and seminars for teacher education at the University of Rijeka. Dr. Leduc’s collaborative project with the Center on Philanthropy, “Initiating Philanthropic Activities in Croatia Through Teacher Education,” will continue for the next three years.

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**1996-97 Competition for Fulbright and Related Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad**

The Fulbright Program for study or research abroad in academic fields and professional training in the creative and performing arts seeks to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. Student Fulbright Grants are available for study or research. Fulbright Travel Grants are available to selected countries to supplement to maintenance awards from other sources that do not provide funds for international travel or to supplement the applicant’s personal funds.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant. Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor’s degree, but must have four years of relevant training or study. Candidates in medicine must have an M.D. or equivalent (e.g., D.D.S., O.D., etc.) at the time of application. All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out their proposed study or research.

Indiana University’s Fulbright Committee will review dossiers and interview candidates. All applications will be forwarded to the Institute of International Education for consideration. The Indiana University application deadline is September 18, 1995. For further information and application materials, students currently enrolled at any of IU’s eight campuses should contact: Susan Carty, Fulbright Program Advisor, Office of International Programs, Franklin Hall 311, IU Bloomington; Tel: 812-855-7557; Fax: 812-855-6452; Internet: scarty@indiana.edu.