Her Royal Highness, The Queen Anne of Romania, took time out from her U.S. tour and a stay in Indianapolis to visit two campuses of Indiana University in mid-October.

The purpose of her visit to Indianapolis was to participate in fundraising activities sponsored jointly by The Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation, which benefits the children of Romania, and the Children of the World (COTW), an international organization supporting projects to help children all over the world, including two in Romania.

IUPUI School of Medicine faculty, Judith Ernst and Carla Heiser, members of the Department of Nutrition & Dietetics who are also actively involved in COTW, helped to organize the Queen's visit to the university.

On her visit to IUPUI, Queen Anne was welcomed by Chancellor and Vice-President for Long-Range Planning Gerald Bepko and Vice President for External Affairs Eugene Temple. At an open forum organized by Associate Dean for International Affairs Giles Hoyt, the queen spoke of the purpose of her visit and the work being done by the Foundation, founded by one of her five daughters. Throughout her stay in Indianapolis, the queen was a guest of the Lilly House, where she was hosted one evening by President Myles Brand and his wife, Peg Brand.

Queen Anne spent one day on the Bloomington campus, home to one of the leading Romanian studies programs in the United States, where she was able to meet some of the Romanian faculty and students. The Romanian faculty at IUB are Hari Bercovici (Mathematics), Maria Bucur-Deckard (History), Ciprian Foias (Mathematics), Adriana Calinescu (Art Museum), Matei Calinescu (Comparative Literature), Christina Illias (Classics/Slavics), Olga Impey (Spanish & Portuguese), Ilinca Johnston (Comparative Literature), Nicholas Spulber (emeritus, Economics) and Virginia Zeani (Music).

Patrick O'Meara, dean for international programs, welcomed Queen Anne to the Bloomington campus with a luncheon at the University Club and accompanied her to a formal reception later in the afternoon at Bryan House.

During a press conference before the luncheon, Queen Anne spoke on the plight of children in Romania following the overthrow of the communist government there in 1989. "Many children have been abandoned by their parents because they have too many children at home and can't feed them all," she said. "We have a tremendous demand for help. Thousands and thousands of children..."
remain beyond our reach. The country is quite big and we haven’t been able to go to every corner of it.”

And yet, the queen did note some signs of improvement. “While the development in Romania is slow, and there is so much more to do, we can begin to see smiles on the children’s faces. We can feel that freedom, when I visit them in their homes,” she said.

“Only through education and teachers who could go over there, can we give them a chance to again become human little creatures. These children will never forget the charity of a few individuals—not many, a few—and now they want to give something back.”

Queen Anne called for more exchanges between young Americans and Romanians. “I hope the young people of our two countries will be able to give something of themselves, not charity, but to each other. It will build bridges. That is what we need. Exchange programs, like the one being developed by IU with the university in Cluj will help insure cooperation between the United States and Romanian students,” Queen Anne said.

At the luncheon, Vice President Kenneth R. Gros Louis presented the queen with a memento of her stay in Indiana and assured her that IU would continue to strengthen its relationships with Romanian institutes of higher education. The queen spent some time speaking with Chancellor Herman B Wells, who has been so instrumental in developing IU’s international programs.

Queen Anne and her husband, King Michael of Romania, who ruled until the communist takeover at the end of WW II, now reside in Switzerland, where they continue working to benefit their country.

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**Polish Studies Center Receives New Co-Director, Moves to New Location**

The Polish Studies Center at IU Bloomington has been very active this fall.

In a move to expand faculty participation in the management of the center, the Office of International Programs appointed Bozena Shallcross as associate director of Polish Studies beginning in September 1996. She and Director Timothy Wiles will share some of the duties of coordinating the center’s academic and cultural programs. “We’re moving more toward the idea of a team to direct this center,” said Wiles.

In the meantime, the center has hosted three visitors from Warsaw University this fall. Anna Cwilag, and Henryk Hollender from the University of Warsaw Library, were at IU September 1-15 to observe the library and computer center. Marcin Zaremba, a junior research associate from Warsaw University, is studying political science and Polish studies at IU this semester.

Another scholar, Malgorzata Durska, who is in charge of entrepreneurship education at Warsaw University’s American Studies Center, holds a Fulbright position this year and is consulting with faculty at the School of Business.

Finally, two IREX Fellows from Poland are at IU for the 1996-97 academic year. Agnieszka Markowska is a doctoral student in environmental economics who is affiliated with the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Bartlomej Wazniewicz is a graduate of Jagiellonian University and an IREX Fellow in environmental studies at SPEA.

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