Research Scholar on Ageing* Visits Bloomington in April

From April 20 to 30, 2000, Clare Wenger, a professor of social gerontology and director of the Centre for Social Policy Research and Development at the University of Wales in Bangor, United Kingdom, will be a resident scholar at Indiana University Bloomington. Her visit, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Global Change, is in connection with the Global Ageing Initiative of the Center on Aging and the Aged in the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER). Wenger is actively engaged in collaborative projects on ageing with colleagues in Wales, India, Bangladesh, and now at IUB. IUB's project on ageing is under the leadership of HPER Associate Professor Barbara Hawkins, acting director of the Center on Aging and the Aged.

During her residency at IUB, Wenger will give lectures on topics such as social networks of older persons in an international context, international perspectives on the sociology of ageing, and findings from the Bangor-Wales Longitudinal Study of Ageing. She will also work on the development of a Web-based module on the role of social support networks in later life. For more information, contact Barbara Hawkins by e-mail at hawkinsb@indiana.edu or by telephone at 812-855-3093. For background information on the Global Ageing Initiative, consult the Web site at www.indiana.edu/~caa.

*NOTE: "Ageing" is the preferred international spelling.

IUPUI Nursing Administration Professor Speaks in Asia

Constance M. Baker, of the IU School of Nursing at IUPUI, attended the First Asia-Pacific Conference on Problem-Based Learning, held in the Hong Kong Convention Center on December 9-11, 1999. IUPUI was only one of four U.S. universities that were represented by the 235 participants. Baker presented a paper on building institutional and individual capacity for problem-based learning.

She then traveled to the Philippines to co-lead two faculty workshops. The first was a five-day writing workshop, featuring the editor of the Philippinines Nurses’ Journal, held at Silliman University’s College of Nursing in Dumaguete City, Negros, for more than 40 nursing faculty from several universities. The university’s President Agustin A. Pulido, an IU alumnus who received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1961, was her host. Her second presentation was given at a two-day nursing curriculum workshop hosted by San Pedro College in Davao City, Mindanao, for 65 participants from 17 nursing schools, several health care agencies, and the Commission on Higher Education.

Baker completed her trip with visits to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam where she presented a paper on building capacity for curriculum development at the Vietnam National University—Ho Chi Minh City, University of Social Sciences and Humanities. She was hosted by Nguyen Van Tai, vice rector for International Relations, and IUPUI’s Patricia Biddinger, who has spent the past year and a half as an educational consultant in Vietnam and will be returning to IUPUI in spring.