IES Elects IU’s Overseas Study Director to Important Leadership Post

In recognition of his stature and leadership in the field of study abroad, representatives of the member institutions of the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) have elected Richard E. Stryker, director of Indiana University’s Office of Overseas Study and executive associate dean for International Programs, to be chair of the IES General Conference. Originally founded in 1950 as the Institute of European Studies, IES is an academic consortium representing a highly select group of 125 U.S. colleges and universities that offers top-quality study abroad programs around the world. IES is one of Indiana University’s major partners in co-sponsored programs offered in such sites as Dublin, Freiburg, London, Madrid, Paris, Tokyo, and Vienna.

Traditionally, private institutions such as Harvard, Cornell, and Brown have dominated IES. Stryker, who is in his twelfth year as director, will be the first faculty member and study abroad director from a public university ever elected to this post. In praising his election to such a competitive office, IES President Mary M. Dwyer wrote Stryker that “Since the study abroad market is growing in the public sector, it is vital that the consortium be represented by someone as experienced as you are in the public university sector.” Stryker’s duties will include representing the consortium institutions at IES Board of Trustees meetings and deliberations, sitting as ex officio member on the IES Academic Council (their primary academic policy-making body), appointing consortium member representatives to various governance committees, and chairing the annual conference. His appointment is for three years.

Angolan University Consults with IU Campuses

Last fall, a high-level delegation from the Universidade Augustinho Neto (UAN) in Angola visited the Indianapolis, Bloomington, and Southeast campuses of Indiana University under the auspices of IU’s Center for International Education and Development Assistance (CIEDA), directed by Charles Reafsnyder. They discussed administrative, curricular, and architectural issues relating to the reorganization of UAN with IU administrators and faculty and other consultants familiar with higher education issues in Africa. They also toured many of the buildings and libraries at the different campuses.

While in Bloomington, they met with IUB Chancellor Kenneth R. R. Gros Louis (center). Pictured left to right are Orlando Fernandes de Mata, head of UAN’s biology department; Jorge Alves, architect, Provincial Government of Luanda; Salvador Soares, UAN architect; Dr. Carlos Diakanawa, vice rector of UAN; Augusto Kambwa, head, UAN’s education department; Dr. Anabela Leitao, coordinator of UAN’s scientific mission; Chancellor Gros Louis; Dr. Cesaltina Teta of the Secretary of the Council of Ministers’ office; Euclides de Carvalho, architect, Ministry of Public Works; Dr. Jaime Franco, director, Office of Studies in the Ministry of Education; with (kneeling) Charles Reafsnyder and Maurice Garnier (Sociology, IUB).