



# Expanding Horizons

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## Developments in Europe

By George M. Dennison, President

I had the pleasure of spending virtually the entire month of June visiting campuses and signing new exchange agreements in France and Germany. These agreements will provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to study and work in one of three cities in Southern France or in Potsdam, Germany, just outside Berlin. Heretofore, we have had only limited exchange possibilities in France, and virtually none in Germany. As a result of the trip this summer, Professors Chris Anderson and Michel Valentin and I, with assistance from Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry of the Office of International Programs, negotiated three agreements in France – Toulouse, Montpellier, and Lyons – and Dean Jerry Fetz and I completed an agreement in Potsdam.

The delegation that visited Potsdam included Professor Harry Fritz and Nancy Fritz, Professors Bill Farr, Albert Borgmann, Lynne Koester, Robert Hausmann, Marc Hendrix, Matthias Rillig, and Jill Bergman, Dean Jerry Fetz, Assistant Vice President Mehrdad Kia, and me. In addition, Julie Schwartz, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, and Udo Fluck, Office of International Programs, organized an event for our alumni in Europe while we were in Potsdam.

In addition, Professor Anderson opened discussions with a University in Italy, while Marja visited still another University in Spain. Earlier in the Spring, Professor Marc Hendrix visited a University in Spain, while Assistant Vice President Mehrdad Kia and Dean Jerry Fetz initiated discussions that will lead to an agreement with the University of Cork in Ireland. These agreements have great potential for enhancing collaboration in Europe, with the first exchange occurring between Montpellier and Montana during Spring Semester 2005. Professor Anderson will go to France and we will have a visiting Professor from France.

I know that everyone who has the opportunity to visit will find Southern France truly delightful, filled with wonderful places to visit and very friendly people. In addition, the three universities have much to offer. Perhaps the most memorable sites for me were the Roman aqueduct that still stands, and the complete medieval walled City of Carcasconne. The Berlin scene is truly astonishing, with historic sites, impressive museums, and won-



**Top:** Delegation to France led by Pres. Dennison meets with faculty from Université de Toulouse.

**Left:** Presidents shake hands after signing of agreement with Université Jean Moulin.

derful parks for relaxing or jogging. We found it difficult to believe that less than one block length of the Berlin Wall remains, although one can still visit Check Point Charlie. I expect these new agreements will attract a great deal of attention, interest, and participation in the years to come.

## New and Upcoming Partnerships in Europe

### FRANCE

Université Catholique de l'Ouest: [www.uco.fr](http://www.uco.fr)

Université Jean Moulin: [www.univ-lyon3.fr/html](http://www.univ-lyon3.fr/html)

Université Paul Valéry: [www.univ-montp3.fr](http://www.univ-montp3.fr)

Université de Toulouse Le Mirail: [www.univ-tlse2.fr](http://www.univ-tlse2.fr)

### GERMANY

University of Potsdam: [www.uni-potsdam.de](http://www.uni-potsdam.de)

### IRELAND

University College Cork: [www.ucc.ie](http://www.ucc.ie)

### SPAIN

University of Granada: [www.ugr.es/university.htm](http://www.ugr.es/university.htm)

# UM Students, too, can now experience the “luck of the Irish”

By Gerald Fetz, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

The University of Montana is in the process of finalizing a new university-wide partnership with University College Cork. Situated in south central Ireland on the River Lee, which flows through the center of town and into Cork Harbor and on into the Irish Sea, the city of Cork (pop. 200,000) and its region, County Cork, are hardly unfamiliar place names to most Americans. They are certainly not unfamiliar to any American with a touch of shamrock in his or her family background, including many Montanans. Even if not all of the Irish who came to America in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries were from County Cork, most of them departed from there by ship. Across Cork Harbor from the center of the city is the old port town of CobH (pronounced Cove) from where over 3.5 million Irish men, women, and children embarked to the U.S. and other foreign destinations between 1850 and 1910. Today, Cork is a delightful smaller city with a healthy economy and a colorful Irish flair, surrounded by a picture-book beautiful countryside, near the spectacular southern Irish coast. For the year 2005, Cork has been designated “European Capital of Culture,” in recognition of its flourishing cultural life.

When Gerald Fetz (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences), Mehrdad Kia (Director of the Office of International Programs), and Robert Hausmann (Director of the English Language Institute) arrived in Cork this past June to follow up on initial interest expressed by both universities to develop a formal partnership, they discovered a huge level of interest in Montana. Two nights before their arrival, in fact, an Irish public television network had broadcast a much publicized documentary about Butte. Butte, of course, as the names listed in the phone book there still illustrate, was one of the key destinations for many of the Irish who emigrated by way of CobH. It was immediately obvious to the three U.M. representatives that not only Butte was a kind of mythical place for many Irish, but all of Montana as well.

And even though none of the three can claim any Irish heritage, they were welcomed like long lost kin.

The discussions that took place over a four day period resulted in a lot of excitement about a partnership on both sides between the two universities. Plans for the first phase of that relationship are now being implemented. It is envisioned that the first U.M. students can spend a semester or even a year at UCC beginning next fall, and vice-versa. U.M. faculty members will also be recruited this year to spend part or all of next year teaching and conducting research at UCC. University College Cork, founded in 1845, has approximately 14,000 students across some eight faculties (schools or colleges): Arts, Science, Celtic Studies, Commerce, Law, Food Science and Technology, Engineering, and

Medicine. It has extensive graduate programs, as well as undergraduate, and has recently become Ireland’s premier research university. Many of UCC’s academic programs match up very well with those at U.M., and that fact, we anticipate, will enable many U.M. students to spend time studying and living there without missing a beat in their academic progress. UCC also has some 1400 international students from almost 70 different countries.

Students who would like to learn more about the possibility of studying at our new partner in Ireland, and faculty members interested in possibilities of teaching and/or investigating research possibilities and collaborations in the context of this new partnership, are encouraged to contact the Office of International Programs.

## University of Granada, Spain

By Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, Assistant Director of Study Abroad,  
Office of International Programs

In June 2004 Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, Assistant Director for Study Abroad at the Office of International Programs, traveled to Spain to visit the University of Granada to discuss opportunities for student and faculty exchanges with The University of Montana. Granada is situated in the south-east of Andalusia, midway between the Mediterranean Sea and the high mountains. Granada is a true university-style city, since 60,000 of the city’s 270,000 inhabitants are students. The city is only 30 minutes by car from Sierra Nevada ski resort and less than hour away from the Mediterranean with attractive tropical beaches. A visitor is reminded of Granada’s rich history in several ways: it is the last stronghold of Islam in Western Europe as seen in the beautiful Alhambra and the Generalife. Granada is also a Renaissance city as exemplified by the Hospital Real and the Cathedral.

With 470 years of tradition, University of Granada has continuously influenced the city’s cultural and social environment. Today Granada is one of Spain’s major universities. The university has over 60,000 students, as well as 3,100 lecturers and an administrative staff of 1,500, of which more than 8,000 are international. The University of Granada runs 50 degree courses and 22 diploma courses, as well as 132 doctorate programs. UM students will have courses to choose from Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Business, and Experimental and Health Sciences. Currently, University of Granada and The University of Montana are negotiating the details of the exchange agreement, and are hoping to have the first exchanges in place by Fall 2005. For further information, please visit University of Granada’s website at [www.ugr.es/university.htm](http://www.ugr.es/university.htm) or call Marja at 243-2296.

# Office of International Programs (OIP)

## Events and Activities 2003-2004

### **Conference – *Central Asia: Its Geopolitical Significance & Future Impact*, April 2003**

The Conference of Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs Directors and OIP hosted a four day conference on Central Asia at The University of Montana.

### **Lecture – *Women in Postwar Afghanistan* by Shahla Arsala, April 2003**

OIP, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, the Montana World Affairs Council and the Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program sponsored the lecture by the co-founder of the Afghan Women's Association and founder of the Widow's Project.

### **OIP moves to Linguistics Building, facilitating the integration of OIP and English Language Programs (ELP), the building is renamed International Center, July 2003.**

### **International Brown Bag Lecture Series, September, 2003 – April, 2004**

Presentations given twice a month by faculty on international topics and projects.

### **Study Abroad Fair, September 2003, February 2004**

An event held twice annually in the UC atrium for students to get information about study abroad opportunities offered at UM.

### **Re-Entry Meeting, September 2003**

An event held for all returning study abroad students to share their experiences with other students who have been abroad, get support in difficulties with re-adjusting to life in the U.S., and learn about how they can put their overseas experience to work.

### **Delegation to Korea and Japan, October 2003**

President Dennison and Professors Kia and Hausmann visited Ajou University, Kangnung National University, Korea National University of Education, and Andong National University in Korea, as well as Toyo University, Meisei University and Sophia University in Japan.

### **Lecture - *Chechnya Diary: A War Correspondent's Story of Surviving the War in Chechnya* by Thomas Goltz, October 2003, Co-sponsored by OIP and the World Affairs Council of Montana.**

### **International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) First All-Member Symposium in Monterrey, Mexico, October 2003**

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry traveled to Monterrey, Mexico, to attend ISEP All-Member Symposium.

### **Pre-departure Orientation for Study Abroad Students, November 2003, April 2004**

A workshop held twice annually to prepare students for studying abroad on UM's programs. Topics covered include: health and safety, visa issues, credit transfer, and cultural adjustment. The workshop is organized and led by Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry.

### **International Education Week, November 2003**

A week of lectures, films, presentations and performances held annually, which focuses on one region of the world. The theme was Latin America.

### **Lecture – *Conservation of Rainforests in Chile: Water Production, Salmon Farming and Sports Fishing* by Professor Antonio Lara, Universidad Austral de Chile, November 2003**

### **Pakistan Teacher Education and Professional Development Program**

**January – March, 2004:** 21 administrators, **May – August, 2004:** 26 science teachers

The program is co-sponsored by USAID and OIP.

### **Training of Kyrgyz Administrators from Naryn State University, Kyrgyzstan, Spring 2004**

### **Training Program, Spring 2004, Fall 2004**

Training of scholars from Republic of Georgia: Tbilisi Institute of Asia & Africa and Kutaisi State University sponsored by a grant from United States Department of State.

**Election to ISEP Council of Advisors, March 2004**

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry was elected to represent UM in the Council of Advisors of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). The Council of Advisors is made up of 15 to 20 representatives from 130 member universities around the world.

**International Week, March 2004**

A week of lectures, films, presentations and performances held annually and aimed at internationalizing campus. This year the event took place in conjunction with *Expanding Horizons: A week of U.S. – Muslim cultural understanding*, co-sponsored by OIP and the Muslim Student Association. The events were supported by a grant from NAFSA.

**Model Arab League Conference, April 2004**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Rockies Model Arab League was co-sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations (Washington DC) and OIP.

**Lecture – *Oil, Democracy, and Islam* by John Fox, Director for Central Asia and the Caucasus, U.S. State Department, April 2004**, Sponsored by OIP, The Central Asia & Caspian Basin Program and the World Affairs Council of Montana.

**Visitor from University of Joensuu, Finland, April 2004**

Mr. Petri Lintunen, Director of Administration

**Delegation of German Fulbright Scholars, May 2004**

Five visitors from various universities in Germany came to UM as part of the Seminar for International Education Administrators. OIP's Barbara Seekins organized the visit and accompanied the German visitors during their stay.

**Visitor from Charles Sturt University, Australia, May 2004**

Ms. Nuala Grundy, Coordinator for Study Abroad and Exchanges

**NAFSA 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, May 2004**

Barbara Seekins and Meghan Squires represented OIP at the conference.

**Delegation to Kazakhstan, May 2004**

Professors Mehrdad Kia and Wes Snyder accompanied a congressional and business delegation on a trip to Kazakhstan. The trip included meetings with Kazakhstan's Ministry of Education and the rectors of Kazakh National Pedagogical University and Eurasian National University.

**Conference – Georgia-U.S.A. Relations: A Dialogue between Georgian and American Scholars, June 1 – June 2, 2004  
Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa, Tbilisi, Georgia**

A two-day conference co-hosted by Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa and UM. The conference included the opening ceremony of the Montana Room attended by Richard Miles, the United States ambassador to Republic of Georgia.

**Delegation to France, June 2004**

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry accompanied President Dennison, Professors Chris Anderson and Michel Valentin on a visit to four universities in France to negotiate new partnerships for UM. Marja also visited the University of Granada in Spain.

**Delegation to Cork, Ireland and Potsdam, Germany, June 2004**

Dean Jerry Fetz and Professors Mehrdad Kia and Robert Hausmann visited University College Cork in Republic of Ireland to explore and negotiate the possibility of an exchange relationship. The group also visited the University of Potsdam in Germany for the signing of the exchange agreement negotiated and completed by President Dennison and Dean Fetz.

**Delegation from Kasetsart University, Thailand, July 2004**

Three representatives from Kasetsart University visited UM to explore areas for future cooperation. The trip was organized by Professors Maureen Fleming and Ray Murray.

**Visitor from the Metropolitan Technological University of Santiago, Chile (UTEM), July/August 2004**

Rene Villalobos, Professor of English, Director of the English Language Certificate Course and Director of UTEM Ministry of Education Grant for reforming English Language Instruction. The visit was organized and hosted by Professor Robert Hausmann, the Director of the English Language Programs.

# UM delegation visits University of Potsdam, Germany, to establish flagship exchange relationship

By Marc Hendrix, Professor, Geology

In late June, a delegation of UM administrators, faculty, and staff visited the University of Potsdam in Germany, in order to lay the groundwork for two-way exchange of faculty and students between UM and University of Potsdam and to identify the best opportunities for cooperative scientific research between the two schools. The delegation was led by President Dennison and CAS Dean Jerry Fetz and included Professors Albert Borgmann (Philosophy), Jill Bergman (English), William Farr (History), Harry Fritz (History), Robert Hausmann (English Language Programs), Marc Hendrix (Geology), Mehrdad Kia (Office of International Programs), Lynne Koester (Psychology), Matthias Rillig (Biological Sciences) as well as Julie Schwartz from the Alumni Office and Udo Fluck from Office of International Programs.

University of Potsdam has several small campuses, all of which are located within the city of Potsdam, a suburb of the German capital of Berlin. Potsdam and Berlin boast a very colorful recent history that contributes to the dynamic feel of the two cities. Long a hub of central European activity, Berlin was something of a capital city during the long rule of the Prussian monarchs from the late seventeenth until the early twentieth centuries. Scattered around the city are various castles, summer residences, and other vestiges of Prussian aristocratic life. The German monarchy finally dissolved following WWI, at which point Berlin became capital of Germany. Berlin was the hub of German government during the buildup to WWII and was, in fact, the scene of the final fall of the third Reich – Adolf Hitler’s government — during a very bloody firefight that ended the world war in Europe. Unmistakable signs of that street fight are everywhere both in Berlin and, to a lesser extent, Potsdam. Most buildings that have not been completely restored bear the marks of machine gun fire or other, larger caliber weaponry that was involved either during the allied bombing of Berlin prior to its fall or during the final days of the third Reich. Following the fall of Hitler’s government, Berlin was a divided city – quite literally! Until German reunification in 1990, East Berlin was the capital of East Germany, while West Berlin remained an outlier city controlled by West Germany though completely surrounded by East Germany. The infamous Berlin Wall divided the two halves of the city and was the official demarcation of the former East-West boundary. The Wall was heavily guarded during the Cold War and was the site of numerous attempted defections (very few successful) and several prominent spy exchanges. In 1990, President Reagan shook hands with Mikhail Gorbachev across the official demarcation line, symbolizing the importance of this boundary during the Cold War.

Since reunification, a tremendous amount of money has poured into East Berlin and Potsdam, contributing to its cosmopolitan and politically-charged feel. Many of the buildings have been completely renovated with modern, western-style facades. In-

terestingly, these “new” buildings exist side-by-side with unrestored buildings of the same basic architecture. Given the weaker Soviet economy supporting East Berlin, many of the buildings were allowed to degrade over the 45 years behind the “Iron Curtain”. Now that Berlin is again unified, considerable incentive exists to restore all of the old buildings, but this has not happened uniformly because major questions surround the ownership of many of these structures. (No one wants to invest money into restoring an old building if there is some uncertainty over who actually owns the structure.) The uncertain ownership of much of downtown Berlin and Potsdam again is a direct result of the area’s recent history. Many buildings in downtown Berlin were confiscated from Jewish ownership during or before WWII, then spent 45+ years behind the “Iron Curtain” as state-owned Soviet property. Now over a half-century later, the original deeds have been lost, the original owners have long since perished, and/or no demonstrable next-of-kin have been identified. No doubt there is a lot of money being made these days by lawyers representing prospective new owners of some of these historic buildings!

Set against this impressive historic backdrop is the University of Potsdam – UM’s new exchange partner. University of Potsdam has four campuses scattered around Potsdam. Each of the campuses is undergoing a significant amount of renovation. Since reunification, the German government has made a concerted effort to build up a laboratory infrastructure for the University of Potsdam. Many of the labs are brand-new with state-of-the art equipment. Moreover, University of Potsdam’s scientists are actively involved in a wide variety of exciting research that ranges from understanding how the Himalayan Mountains formed to investigating the molecular building blocks of unicellular life. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of University of Potsdam is the breadth of disciplines studied there. In addition to very strong growth in the sciences, University of Potsdam has impressive programs in history, social sciences, political science, geography, environmental studies, and foreign languages.

Given its colorful history, its proximity to Berlin, and its rapid rate of infrastructure growth, University of Potsdam represents a particularly attractive overseas exchange opportunity for both UM students and faculty. Exchanges can last for one or two semesters. UM students will receive credit for University of Potsdam classes and, more importantly, will have the opportunity to grow through exposure to German culture and the worldly nature of Berlin. Faculty can engage in exchanges and count those semesters as time accrued towards sabbatical. Interested UM students and faculty should contact the Office of International Programs for more information about exchange opportunities and the chance to spend some quality educational time in one of the hubs of the “New Europe”!

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## 2004 - 2005 Faculty Exchange

### Incoming faculty and Scholars:

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Hiroko Furuta, Kumamoto University, Japan  
Keiichi Nakabachi, Toyo University, Japan  
Zhanara Baikenova, Kazakh National Technical University,  
Kazakhstan  
Nomin Park, Kangnung National University, Korea  
Mariam Gabashvili, Tbilisi Institute of Asia & Africa,  
Republic of Georgia  
Ia Iashvili, Kutaisi State University, Republic of Georgia  
Maria Korotkova, Tbilisi Institute of Asia & Africa, Republic  
of Georgia  
Maia Sukhiashvili, Kutaisi State University, Republic of  
Georgia

### Outgoing Faculty 2004 - 2005:

Erling Oelz, Mansfield Library – University of Joensuu and  
University of Helsinki, Finland

If you have questions about the next call for proposals for  
faculty exchange, please contact Marc Hendrix, chair of the  
International Committee at X5278. For more information  
regarding available sites and proposal guidelines, please visit  
[www.umt.edu/oip](http://www.umt.edu/oip).

We welcome items of international or intercultural interest for  
the next newsletter. Please send them to International Programs,  
International Center, or email us ([goabroad@mso.umt.edu](mailto:goabroad@mso.umt.edu)).

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