



International Council of Delaware

## **International Council of Delaware- Highlights of FY 2004**

The International Council of Delaware (ICD) mission is to expand Delaware's international capacity through international education, arts and culture exchanges and international tourism. Underscoring this mission is the belief that a sophisticated, globally aware citizenry is better positioned to compete in an increasingly global economy. The Council works in cooperation with the Delaware Economic Development Office.

To catalyze new programs, International Council of Delaware activities include a grants program to schools, universities and community organizations, international trade delegations, and research on international education. The following programs highlight areas of work in FY 2004.

### ***Support for international education***

Delaware's institutions of higher education are critical leaders in developing tomorrow's global citizens. FY 2004 produced substantial developments in international education that will benefit Delaware for years to come. To facilitate this progress, ICD provides grants of \$20,000 each to Delaware State University, Delaware Technical & Community College, and the University of Delaware. A few examples of their work are:

### ***Delaware State University***

#### **Going Global:**

The new international look of Delaware State University's web site, pictured here, speaks to the growth of international education programs this



year. The University's study abroad program in Namibia, launched through a seed grant from ICD, entered its third year, and is up for renewal through a grant from the US Department of Agriculture. Dr. John Graham, Director of International Programs, has utilized ICD support in planning delegations this year to the People's Republic of China, and will soon launch a new study abroad program in China for DSU students. Dr. Graham has also initiated collaborative projects with University of Delaware faculty, to provide additional opportunities for students from both institutions.

## ***Delaware Technical & Community College***

**Model Education Programs:** Del Tech continues to provide an international model for technical education. Protecting the environment is an international responsibility, and to this end, the College continued work on a \$300,000 US Agency for International Development (USAID) project in Bulgaria to establish wastewater treatment training based on the Del Tech curriculum. This project, originally started through a small grant from ICD, now has the potential to expand to Turkey. This year, assisted by ICD small grant funds, Turkish technical college educators attended a month-long program in Delaware to study curricular options. Also this year, Dr. Orlando George, President of Del Tech and current President of Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) was honored as Delaware International Educator of the Year.

## ***University of Delaware***

**Global Citizenship Certificate Program:** ICD funds allowed the University of Delaware to fund a second year developing a portfolio of courses with expanded international content that will form the core of the Global Citizenship Certificate Program. When completed in 2005, students will be able to take a series of linked courses, with international content, across disciplinary areas.

**Study Abroad:** Ranked sixth in the nation for its study abroad programming, the University of Delaware continues to innovate. The University has launched a student photo contest to capture learning moments in study abroad programs. The photo below by student Eliana Gall was awarded first prize; her study abroad program in Peru was conducted by the Department of Business Administration.



Eliana Gall  
Peru BUAD 2004 Winter  
Photo - "Peruvian Boy with his Grandfather" "In Hauripampa, people told us how the false promises of a mining company impacted their children's prospects for healthcare and education."

## ***International Science and Technology***

### **University of Kalmar (Sweden)/University of Delaware Biotechnology**

**Collaborations:** A December 2003 ICD Delaware delegation to Kalmar, Sweden, set the stage for current work to develop scientific research and educational collaborations between Delaware and Kalmar. In April 2004, a follow-up delegation of four life scientists from the University of Kalmar, and the head of Kalmar Bioscience met with University of Delaware faculty in a four-day series of meetings organized by the Delaware Biotechnology Institute and the International Council of Delaware.

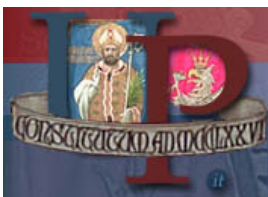


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Anticipated areas of collaborative research include avian influenza, biomaterials, and cancer-related biology research. A return visit by UD scientists is being planned for late summer 2004. At that time, the group is expected to begin writing a \$125,000 proposal to the National Science Foundation to support a three-year pilot collaboration.

International scientific collaborations benefit Delaware both by providing an expanded funding network and much needed international science opportunities for Delaware undergraduate and graduate students.

**University of Perugia (Italy) Biotechnology Scholarship Offer:** Following a November, 2003 ICD Delaware delegation to Perugia, Italy, in May 2004 the University of Perugia has extended a full MS in Biotechnology scholarship offer to a University of Delaware student. The two year program offer covers full tuition and a stipend of \$1,800 per month for ten months of study per year.



Dr. Maria Viola Magni from the University of Perugia Department of Biochemical Sciences and Molecular Biotechnology, and Dr. Lesa Griffiths, Director, UD Center for International Studies will serve as points of contact for the scholar, who will be identified for participation for fall 2004, or fall 2005.

The University of Perugia is part of a consortium of European universities developing a new curriculum in biotechnology and they are looking for partners outside their original consortium of 12 European institutions. In order to facilitate interaction, they have offered the M.S. scholarship in the area of biotechnology medical applications. The program will be taught in English and includes a semester at one other university on the consortium. They are looking for students with a B.S. in biology, biochemistry, animal science, plant science and others. Ultimately the University of Perugia would like to pursue faculty exchanges and perhaps interactions with scientists from the private sector in Delaware.

## ***International Education Research***

The Delaware K-20 International Education Study is a year-long project looking at Delaware's international education resources, practices, and challenges. A collaboration among the University of Delaware, the Delaware Department of Education and the International Council of Delaware, the study has involved both a

survey of K-12 teachers and reports by higher education. The study will culminate in a report with recommendations in summer 2004. The study was funded through a \$10,000 grant from the Longview Foundation.

### ***International K-12 Education - Delaware Department of Education***

#### **Helping Teachers Add International Perspective in the Classroom:**

**Asia:** Delaware's K-12 educators can select from a menu of professional development opportunities that energize educators and benefit students. ICD has provided support toward two internationally-focused programs this year. One, a professional development cluster focused on Asia, entitled *Researching and Rethinking Asia*, brought academic experts on Asia to the professional development classroom of some 30 K-12 educators in a year-long program of lectures, readings, discussions, and materials development.

**Classrooms linked through the web:** Using the computers installed in every classroom in the state, Delaware educators can now opt to be part of an international network of classrooms online, through the international nonprofit company iEarn. This year, thirty educators developed class projects in a wide variety of disciplines, and interacted with other classrooms located in another country. In evaluating the online collaboration, one Delaware teacher commented that she 'had not felt so excited about teaching in twenty years.'

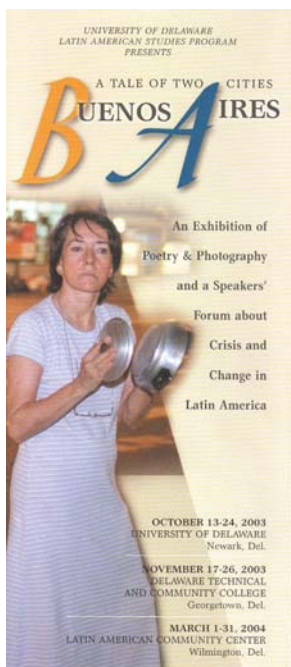
### ***Arts, Culture and Tourism***

**Parallel Visions** – An ICD small grant is supporting Sister Cities of Wilmington to plan, fundraise and publicize a traveling art exhibition, entitled "Parallel Visions" for 2005, featuring work from all of Wilmington's Sister Cities: Fulda, Kalmar, Ningbo, Watford, Olevano sul Tosciano, and Osogbo. The arts exhibition will be one of a series of attractions planned in Wilmington to attract visitors in 2005.

**First Annual Spring International Gala** – Small grant support assisted William Penn High School, New Castle, to celebrate the international diversity of the school through an evening of international food, music and dance featuring performances by William Penn students. More than 200 students, educators and family members participated in the May 2004 event. Support from ICD through the General Assembly was graciously acknowledged, and parents praised the value of supporting the international dimensions of schools such as William Penn.



**Southern Delaware School for the Arts:** Social Studies teacher John Sypherd creatively combines teaching international geography, history and economics with music. In this case, his teaching about the Caribbean includes instruction on steel drums for his seventh and eighth grade students. Mr. Sypherd was awarded an ICD small grant to bring a steel drum instructor from Trinidad, West Indies, to help train students who elect to participate in a steel drum band that will subsequently perform throughout the Delmarva area in spring and summer 2004.



**Buenos Aires: A Tale of Two Cities:** When economic crisis hit Argentina in the early 2000's, many Argentines lost everything they had worked for – savings, jobs, and hopes. "A Tale of Two Cities" featured photography and poetry that captured both the city's gleaming shopping malls and children begging on the street.

ICD supported this traveling exhibit in Delaware for display at the Latin American Community Center in Wilmington. Organized by the Latin American Studies Program at the University of Delaware, the Community Center location provided access to the local Latino community during March 2004, and was a featured stop on the "Art on the Town" loop in Wilmington.