Collaboration with World Health Organization

In Spring 2004, FDU entered into an informal agreement with the World Health Organization (W.H.O.). This agreement centers around organizing a series of events to establish a strong relationship with this specialized organization of the United Nations. On May 6, 2004, in collaboration with the Center for Healthcare Management Studies, we held our first video conference with the W.H.O. headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland entitled “Global Health Crisis – Emerging Threats.” The series of video conferences will continue in the Fall of 2004 with five additional conferences planned for next academic year. Additionally, W.H.O. officials have agreed to participate as Global Virtual Faculty members in relevant courses at FDU. All faculty interested in working with W.H.O. officials should contact Dalila Suhonjic at suhonjic@fdu.edu or at extension 7362. Finally, we envision a future project with W.H.O. that would allow our students to take advantage of the W.H.O. internship program in their offices world wide.

Fulbright Scholar Program - A Faculty Opportunity

The Fulbright Scholar Program’s competition for 2005 – 2006 grants is presently open for lecturing and research grants in some 140 countries. Each year 800 American scholars go abroad under the Fulbright Scholar Program. Traditional Fulbright awards vary from two months to an academic year or longer. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most lecturing assignments are in English. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, a short-term grant program, offers two-to six-week grants. Few other opportunities offer the professional and personal enrichment that a Fulbright award does. Fulbright Scholars experience different cultures, form lasting bonds with colleagues from other nations, gain research and teaching insights, and share in what has become known as “the Fulbright experience.” Application deadlines are August 1 for Fulbright lecturing and research grants worldwide and a rolling
deadline for the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program. If you would like further information, you can visit the Fulbright Scholar website at www.cies.org or contact Diana Cvitan at 201-692-7161 or dcvitan@fdu.edu, for assistance with the application process.

**FULBRIGHT**

### 2005-2006 Fulbright US Student Program Opens

The Institute of International Education, on May 1, 2004 announced the opening of the US Department of State’s Fulbright U.S. Student Program for 2005-2006. Over the spring semester, several students have expressed an interest in this grant opportunity. With the opening of the competition, current application materials are now available both online and in print format. Please encourage students to visit the website www.iie.org or contact the campus advisor to request hard copies.

For those students interested in finding out more about the Fulbright, there are some important qualifying criteria: US Student Program applicants must be U.S. citizens and have completed their Bachelor’s degree by May 2005. Since it is a competitive award, students should have a record of strong academic performance and scholarly interest. A Fulbright fellowship offers students the chance to live, study and conduct research for one academic year in one of 140 countries. Funds cover most travel and living expenses for the duration of the award.

If you would like more information on the Fulbright program, visit www.iie.org. Interested students should contact their respective advisers as soon as possible to begin the application procedure. At the College at Florham, the contact is Prof. Joan Desilets at x8743 or desilets@fdu.edu. On the Metropolitan Campus, the contact is Diana Cvitan x7161 or dcvitan@fdu.edu.

### Additional University Partnerships Established

FDU has just completed an articulation agreement with Republic Polytechnic- Singapore. This agreement allows their students to earn their B.S. degree in Biology, Biology with a concentration in Biotechnology, Medical Technology, Electrical Engineering or Information Technology by completing two years of study in Singapore and two years of study at FDU. General agreements for academic cooperation have been signed with Mahidol University International College (Thailand) and Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Guayaquil (Ecuador). Also, in Ecuador, FDU has begun discussions about cooperation with Escuela Politecnica del Litoral (ESPOL). ESPOL is involved with a wide range of marine studies, as diverse as ecotourism, coastal management, and aquaculture. FDU and ESPOL are examining ways to cooperate in all these areas.

### UN Internship Program Established

Louis Telles, Christopher Cirelli and Goce Kostoski are FDU students who can now add United Nations work experience to their resumes. Three of our students have completed their internships at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The U.N. internship program started in Fall 2003. Normally, these spots are manned by graduate students, but through the assistance of Ambassador Ahmad Kamal, FDU undergraduates are eligible for this coveted opportunity. The students work two-to-three days a week and can receive academic credit for the experience. Louis Telles and Christopher Cirelli both worked at the United Nations Development Programme offices and their chief activities included writing a newsletter called *The Academy E-News* for the Virtual Development Academy (VDA), a program that involves more than 160 countries and offers courses for the UNDP staff worldwide. Telles also presented a proposal for the refinancing of the VDA to the governments of Sweden and Norway, which financed the first two years of the program. Telles and Cirelli plan a career in international relations and politics. Goce Kostoski spent this spring semester interning with the U.N.’s Group of 77, a coalition of developing countries who promote their collective economic interests. Among other things, Kostoski helped prepare for G-77 meetings, assisted in the production of the G-77 journal and prepared a report on the discrimination of migrants. The political science major, who graduates this May, expects to continue his education.

### GIG Launches – Global Issues Gateway Arrives at FDU

The Office of Global Learning is pleased to announce the launch of Fairleigh Dickinson University’s new Global Issues Gateway (http://www.gig.org) an educational website providing learning resources and in-depth analysis of global topics. Global education at Fairleigh Dickinson University has become increasingly incorporated into the curriculum and through Global Issues Gateway (GIG) we intend to further our global education outreach to the academia of all levels. GIG.org is intended
to be a selective digest focusing our rich pool of global education resources surrounding issues that transcend cultural, geographic and national boundaries.

Global Issues Gateway (GIG) will also provide original materials/features such as reviews and commentary. Global Virtual Faculty will serve as Global Scholars in Residence (GSR), offering writings and dispatches and hosting discussions from their corners of the globe. The first GSR will be Kumar Ketkar, a journalist and editor from India. FDU symposia and global education events also will be highlighted. A special media section is devoted to FDU’s United Nations Pathways program, and all U.N. lectures and videoconferences will be available via streaming media. This presents a unique opportunity for faculty and students to integrate timely discussions by U.N. ambassadors and diplomats into classroom teaching and scholarly work.

Another major section of the site focuses on global education for K–12 teachers. This section will provide content and maintain links to lesson plans and other educational materials related to global affairs for primary and secondary school teachers.

The editorial staff includes: Jason Scorza, Ph.D. (General/Politics); Walter Cummins, Ph.D. (Features); Nandita Ghosh, Ph.D. (Culture); Christopher Devine, Ph.D. (Science); Marion McClary, Ph.D. (Science); Odysseus Makridis, Ph.D. (Ethics); Sorin Tuluca, DBA (Economics); Jack Becker, Ph.D. (Forums); Cheryl Mckay, MA (K-12); Diana Cvitan, MAT (K-12) and Dalila Suhonjic, MAT (UN Features).

Our administrative and technical staff includes: Michael Sperling (Website Publisher); Mahesh Nair (Senior Website Designer/Developer) and Sesha Srinivas (Website Designer/Developer). William Kennedy (Director of Web Operations) and Donovan Golding (Security Manager, USAS) have provided active and invaluable technical consultation.

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Interrogating Boundaries Symposia Update

The Office of Global Learning in partnership with the English Department at the College at Florham has decided to extend the well-received seminar series “Interrogating Boundaries.” Events this spring included “Globalization and Sexualities” on March 10th with speaker, Dr. Arnaldo Cruz Malave of Fordham University and “Globalization and the Media” on April 21st with Dr. Awam Amkpa of New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts.

In 2004 – 2005 we hope to partner with other departments at the College at Florham, to bring new speakers on campus and to discuss critical issues related to globalization from the perspective of different disciplines. If your department would like to participate in the series, or if you would like to be added to the invitation list for next year’s series, please contact Dr. Nandita Ghosh, Department of English at the College at Florham at nghosh@fdu.edu or Diana Cvitan, Office of Global Learning, at dcvitan@fdu.edu or x7161.

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