Dear Colloquium Attendees:

Can it be possible that this is the eleventh consecutive year for the Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education?! It seems like just a few short years ago when about 30 people gathered in Kingston, Rhode Island, with the help of a FIPSE grant, to exchange experiences, ideas, and hopes about international programs for engineering students. We did not know then that the meeting would become an annual event and the only national meeting to bring together so many different constituencies for a truly cross-disciplinary approach to the issues. At what other conference can one find engineers together with language educators, anthropologists, international program coordinators, as well as leaders from the public and private sectors, all devoted to the same cause, namely the global education of engineering students. We hope you will enjoy the meeting, take valuable ideas back home, and then prepare yourselves for the Twelfth Annual Colloquium, which will take place October 22-25, 2009 at Iowa State University.

This year the Colloquium has a new dimension which you will hear about in the next two days. The Colloquium was actually preceded by an invitation-only, NSF-sponsored Summit Meeting on the Globalization of Engineering Education. With approximately 20 persons, the Summit spent November 5-6 in working sessions to explore the status of global engineering education, including its rationale, its urgency, the hurdles in its path, a review of progress to date, and recommendations for the future. The results of the Summit Meeting will be partially reported and discussed during the Colloquium, and will ultimately yield a report, which we hope will become a working document and road map for engineering educators over the coming years.

Enjoy your time in Newport!

John Grandin, for the Steering Committee and the URI IEP team

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Thursday, November 6

1:00 - 5:00 PM Pre-Conference Workshop

5:00 - 7:00 PM Registration

6:00 - 7:00 PM Reception and Conference Opening

7:00 - 9:30 PM Dinner and Keynote Address

Friday, November 7

7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 AM Plenary I - Partnerships with Industry

10:30 AM - Noon Plenary II - Partnerships with the Public Sector

Saturday, November 8

7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 AM Concurrent Working Sessions I

10:30 AM - Noon Concurrent Working Sessions II

Sunday, November 9

8:30 AM - Noon Post-Conference Workshop

12:15 - 1:30 PM Luncheon and Keynote Address

2:00 - 3:30 PM Plenary III - Partnerships with Universities Abroad

3:30 - 4:45 PM Plenary IV - Service Learning Partnerships

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