Henry H. H. Remak receives Alliance Excellence Award

Presentation at Fall Dinner

Henry H. H. Remak was presented with the Alliance’s 2000 Promotion of Excellence Award and Honorary Membership at the October 30 Fall Dinner in Indianapolis. He is Professor Emeritus of Germanic Studies, Comparative Literature and West European Studies at IUB and served as director of the IU Institute for Advanced Study. The award was presented by co-director

Henry Bech to Professor Remak for “his untiring dedication to the learning achievements of students and scholars of Indiana University and throughout the world.”

After dinner, President Myles Brand gave a brief talk entitled “Faith in the Future,” focusing on IU’s competitive ranking and future.

Following the talk, the 32 new Alliance members were introduced after which presentations were given by the two 1999 distinguished professors: Joan Austin, School of Nursing, IUPUI, and Milos Novotny, Department of Chemistry, IUB.

The event was attended by approximately 120 members and guests including four members of the IU Board of Trustees: Trustee Stephen Backer, Trustee Cora Smith Breckenridge, Trustee James Morris, and Trustee Peter Obremzkey.

The Alliance sends a big thanks to Chancellor Bepko and his wife, Jean, for hosting the dinner and making it a very nice event.

Mark your calendars

Next year’s Alliance Fall Dinner will be held on Monday, October 15, 2001, at the Indiana Memorial Union Tudor Room on the Bloomington campus. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Happenings

Alliance member, Albert Valdman (BL), Rudy Professor of French and Italian and Linguistics, was presented with France’s highest academic honor on October 26 in Bloomington. France’s ambassador to the United States, His Excellency François
Bujon de l'Estang decorated Albert Valdman with the Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques award. The Palmes Académiques were established in 1808 by Napoleon Bonaparte as an award for accomplishment in the areas of teaching, scholarship and research.

Morris Aprison (IN), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Neurobiology and Department of Biochemistry, will have his autobiographical chapter as one of a series of chapters in The History of Neuroscience in Autobiography, Volume 3 (Academic Press) which will be published sometime in late December 2000.

Joan Austin (IN), Distinguished Professor, School of Nursing, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine, a unit of the National Academy of Sciences.

Several Alliance members were recipients of the 2000 World of Difference Awards presented by the Indiana Health Industry Forum. The Wells Center received the Rising Star Award. Mary C. Dinauer, Nora Letzer Professor of Pediatrics, is director of the center and was a finalist in that category as was Alliance member, Joan Austin, Distinguished Professor, School of Nursing, and director for the Center for Enhancing Quality of Life in Chronic Illness on the IUPUI campus. George Stookey, Distinguished Professor, School of Dentistry, received the Outstanding Contribution to the Health Industry Award and was a finalist in the Lifetime Achievement category.

The Alliance extends their congratulations to all of the above members who received these special honors and prestigious awards.

New Members

The Alliance welcomes the following new members:

Donald Cunningham (BL) - Barbara Jacobs Chair in Education

Alan Dennis (BL) - John T. Chambers Chair of Internet Systems, Kelley School of Business

Robert J. Fallon (IN) - Zachary E. Klingler Professor of Pediatrics

Thomas F. Gieryn (BL) - Rudy Professor of Sociology

Alon Harris (IN) - Letzer Professor of Ophthalmology

George B. Hutchinson (BL) - Booth Tarkington Chair of

Literary Studies

Robert B. Jones (IN) - John F. Williams, Jr., M.D. Professor

Giancarlo Maiorino (BL) - Rudy Professor of Comparative Literature

Rudolf A. Raff (BL) - Rudy Professor of Biology

Pravin Trivedi (BL) - Rudy Professor of Economics

Charles A. Trzcinka (BL) - Summerville Chair in Finance

Pamela Walters (BL) - Rudy Professor of Sociology

Edward C. Weisberger (IN) - Betty A. Morgan Professor of Otolaryngology

In Memoriam

Dr. William G. Shafer (IN), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, School of Dentistry, passed away on June 17.

If we have overlooked anyone, please contact the Alliance office (812-855-8279; alliance@indiana.edu). Even though missed, they certainly are not forgotten.
Special Honors and Awards

The Alliance wishes to congratulate those receiving special honors, recognition, and awards within the past year.

Scott Gordon (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics and the History and Philosophy of Science, attended an international conference held in Bruges, Belgium that was devoted to discussion of his book “Controlling the State: Constitutionalism from Ancient Athens to Today” (Harvard, 1999). The American Association of Publishers has cited the book as the best scholarly work in Government and Political Science published in 1999.

Gary M. Hieftje (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, is the recipient of the 2001 Pittsburgh Spectroscopy Award. Exceptional contributions to spectroscopy and to the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh were the driving forces behind the nomination. The award will be presented at a special symposium that will be held in his honor at PittCON in New Orleans in March.

Fadwa Malti-Douglas (BL), The Martha C. Kraft Professor of Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences, received the Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture Award for IU Bloomington, 2000. Her most recent academic book, The Starr Report Disrobed (2000), was nominated by Columbia University Press for the Pulitzer Prize.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz (IN), Edwin Letzer Professor of Pediatrics, has been named president of the Society for Pediatric Research, the world’s largest pediatric research organization.

Thomas Sebeok (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Linguistics/Semiotics. The University of Toronto has recently announced the creation of a Thomas A. Sebeok Distinguished Lecture Series in homage of his contributions to the development of semiotics and communication studies. The series is under the joint sponsorship of Victoria and University Colleges, which publish each lecture in a separate booklet form.

David Weaver (BL), Roy Howard Research Professor in the School of Journalism at IUB, has been named one of two ICA Fellows by the International Communication Association at its recent 50th annual conference in Acapulco, Mexico. ICA Fellows are communication scholars who have been recognized for their contribution to the scholarship of the communication field and for their support of the Association. They are selected mainly on the basis of scholarly distinction. Weaver is the only faculty member from Indiana University in this group of 48 prominent communication scholars.

Note: If you have received an award within the past year and would like to have it mentioned in the June issue of Excellence, please contact Janet at the Alliance Office (855-8279; jiblack@indiana.edu).

New Steering Committee Member:

Milos Novotny (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, was recently elected to the Alliance Steering Committee. He replaces Eugene Rousseau (BL), Distinguished Professor, School of Music, who served several terms on the committee. The Alliance extends their warmest thanks to Professor Rousseau and sends its best wishes for a happy retirement. You can reach Professor...
Promotion of Excellence nominations

Nominations are solicited for honorary membership in the Alliance and the Alliance's Promotion of Excellence Award in 2001. The Alliance is committed to the promotion of excellence at Indiana University. In keeping with this mission, members elect from time to time individuals to honorary membership in the Alliance and for the Promotion of Excellence Award.

To be eligible for these awards, an individual must have (1) pursued excellence in her or his own career; (2) facilitated the achievement of excellence in others; (3) created mechanisms at Indiana University that enabled others to pursue excellence; and or (4) moved an organizational unit at IU forward to achieve an outstanding reputation.

Nomination Process: Members wishing to nominate an individual to honorary membership and the Promotion of Excellence Award must submit an application that includes:

- Letter of nomination, describing in detail the candidate's accomplishments as they bear on the aforementioned criteria
- Letters of support from at least two other members of the Alliance
- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae
- Additional supporting evidence as appropriate

Nominations should be sent to Janet Black, Indiana University, Alliance Office, Poplars 823, IUB (47405) by March 1, 2001.

Profiles in Excellence

The following interviews were conducted electronically. The Alliance wishes to thank the members profiled for agreeing to be interviewed.

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Member Profile I
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Joan Austin (IN), Distinguished Professor, IU School of Nursing, is currently a research commission member of the International Bureau for Epilepsy, serves on the advisory board of the Epilepsy Foundation of America as well as on the board of directors for the American Epilepsy Society.
She is also the principal investigator who leads the administrative core of the new Center for Enhancing the Quality of Life in Chronic Illness headquartered at IUPUI.

Q. What are your research interests and your mission?

A. Our research team studies quality of life problems in chronically ill children. By quality of life problems, I am referring to the psychological, social, and school functioning of these children. We also are studying family adjustment to the child’s condition.

Although many of us might think of childhood as a time of freedom from chronic illness, approximately 31% of children have at least one chronic health condition. In addition to their physical symptoms, these children have high rates of quality-of-life problems.

Some chronic conditions, however, are associated with substantially more quality-of-life problems than others. Children with neurological conditions, such as epilepsy, are among those who fare the worst.

Our research team focuses on children with epilepsy. We are seeking to identify causes of their quality-of-life problems so we can develop interventions that would prevent or reduce these problems.

Q. You and Victoria Champion (IN) recently received a National Institutes of Health grant. Explain the grant and where it fits into your research.

A. The grant we received from the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) at the National Institutes of Health is entitled “Center for Enhancing Quality of Life in Chronic Illness.” It is one of only nine nursing research centers funded by NINR. There are three major objectives for our center:

The first is to develop knowledge in the area of enhancing quality of life in persons with a chronic illness. The second is to support collaborative research in the area. All of the studies to be supported by the Center will have interdisciplinary research teams. Our five currently funded studies have investigators from nursing, medicine, psychology, and allied health. The third major objective focuses on knowledge transfer. Once we have developed and tested interventions designed to improve quality of life, we will distribute that information both to health care professionals and to persons living with chronic conditions.

My research along with others in chronic illness at the School of Nursing provided the basis for our having excellence in the area, which helped us to be selected for the center funding.

Q. Speak to the meaning of excellence in your life and work.

A. When I was growing up my grandmother used to say, “If it is worth doing, it is worth doing well.” I feel that way about my research. I know first hand how difficult epilepsy can be for children and their families. The National Institutes of Health has funded me to do research that hopefully someday will be helpful to children with epilepsy. I want to do my small part to the best of my ability.

Q. Recently you were elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine. Are there other honors that you would like to mention?

A. This past year I received two awards that were very meaningful. One (Award of Social Accomplishment) was from the International Bureau of Epilepsy and International League Against Epilepsy for my research. My research was found to have important impact on persons living with epilepsy.

The second award was the Senator Jacob Javits
Neuroscience Investigator Award from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, 2000. This award was especially meaningful because it was based on the quality of my research.

Q. What are your interests outside of research.

A. My husband and I both grew up in southern Indiana and have season tickets for IU basketball and football. We also have had season tickets to the IU student theater productions for the past 25 years. We like to take hikes and work in the yard. We have a small grape arbor in our back yard. Every summer I make grape jelly.

Q. Finally, is there anything of human interest that you may want to share with the members?

A. I am very fortunate to have an excellent multidisciplinary research team. Dean McBride also has been a wonderful research mentor. She has given me many invaluable insights into my research findings.

I am also indebted to the hundreds of families who have participated in my research studies over the past two decades. They have been willing to talk to us during very stressful periods. I have been so impressed with how willing families are to share their experience in the hope of helping someone else. I would not have received any research awards without all of the people who have helped me.

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Member Profile II
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Rudy Pozzati (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, School of Fine Arts, is credited with building the IU printmaking program into one of the finest in the country. He retired in 1991 from academics but continues to be very active professionally.

Q. Since retiring, what reflections, if any, would you like to share with the group?

A. There are significant changes in moving from a position with the university, but I feel that I made good preparations for this stage in my life. My work has been the greatest beneficiary of my time and attention along with travel. All through my career, travel played an important role in presenting new places, sights, people, diverse cultures and the general impetus to add new interests and diversity to my creative work and to be better informed of the world around me. Some of the travel was for long periods of time such as sabbaticals and grants. Other moves from home were for shorter time frames but nearly all were beneficial and enlightening. To me these experiences added much to my ability and effectiveness as a member of the Fine Arts faculty and what I could offer to my students.

Q. Are there any recent honors or commissions that you would like to mention?

A. In the past two years, most of my time has been spent on commissions. These include the Rochester Print Society, Rochester, NY. This is one of the premier print clubs in America, active since the late 1930's. I did a large, multi-color print for them in an edition of 125 - a labor of about five months.

Colorprint U.S.A. This is a highly respected annual, national print competition. In 1998, instead of the usual exhibition, one artist was selected from each state to do an edition of fifty prints. I was chosen to represent Indiana. Each of the fifty artists received a portfolio of all the prints, and we were to find a venue for exhibiting these works. The Indianapolis Museum of Art offered to show my portfolio of the fifty works. On November
8, 1998, these exhibitions opened throughout the U.S. This was a very novel idea - one that I had never been involved with before.

In September, 1999, the Indiana University School of Medicine planned a huge celebration for the 75th birthday of Janos Starker. I was honored with a commission to do a large, multi-color print for the occasion. The edition of twenty-five impressions was used as a fund raiser. They also used the image in the introduction of the video done by PBS for national and international release.

In the spring of 2000, the Heritage Society of the Bloomington Hospital commissioned me to do a multi-color print comprising of one hundred impressions, one of which will go to each member of the society. This is a benevolent group of people who are addressing significant concerns with the common goal being the welfare of the Bloomington Hospital.

In mid-summer of 2000, I received notification that I was among twenty-six artists selected to do a commission print for an International Print Symposium to be held in Cortona, Italy in May of 2001. Artists were selected on the merit of their work but also on the amount of time they have lived and worked in Italy and used Italian themes in their imagery. The theme of the exhibition is an interesting one, Saints and/or Sinners. The exhibition will include artists from U.S., England, France, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia. Two exhibitions will be formed from these prints. One is to open at the Corcoran Museum, Washington, D.C. and then circulate in the U.S.

Q. What are you interests outside of your field?

A. Both Doti and I are interested and concerned about the well being and development of our five children, all of whom are now adults and out there in the world, the youngest one just having moved to New York to follow a career in graphic design. One remains in Indiana. The others reside in Oregon, Arizona and Maryland.

The other great interest is travel which I also share with Doti. We have had significant experiences living in Italy, Hawaii, Japan, France, Australia and many places in the United States, especially the Southwest in Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona.

As to excellence in my life and work, I quote what was written for the catalogue of the summer exhibition, New Art of the West 7 at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis. (This was an important national exhibition with only 20 artists invited.
Each artist showed three works.) “My professional preparation at the University of Colorado was highlighted by the opportunity of working with Max Beckmann in the summer of 1949 and with Ben Shahn in the summer of 1950. The impetus from these two highly acclaimed artists was huge! My professional life has been spent attempting to maintain the force of that drive in every way possible in the areas of drawing, painting and printmaking.”

Q. Finally, is there anything of human interest you may want to share with the members?

A. Being the only offspring of Italian immigrants in the high mountain country of southwestern Colorado, life was hardened by the Great Depression and the national calamity of bank failures and collapse of the stock market. I still managed to receive a scholarship to the University of Colorado for a year before being drafted for military service in WWII, 1943-46. This included eighteen months in Europe, nine months of that in combat in a field artillery unit at the tail end of the Battle of the Bulge. After returning home, Doti and I were married, and I went back to the University of Colorado to finish two degrees. My first position was at the University of Nebraska (1950-52) after which I was awarded a Fulbright Grant to work in Italy for a year. Back to Nebraska (1953-56), when I received an offer to join the Fine Arts faculty at Indiana, and as they say, “THE REST IS HISTORY.”

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Letters to the Editor

The Steering Committee invites the general membership to contribute “letters to the editor.” The topics should be related to the mission of the Alliance. Given our sparse publication schedule, the letters ought to address concerns that will be of relevance after a delay of weeks or months. Such letters provide a means for members not on the Steering Committee to play a role in setting policy and priorities, and we encourage you to make such a contribution. Please send letters to the Alliance office, P.O. Box 823, IUB, Fax: 812-855-5767 or E-mail to alliance@indiana.edu.