

Going Global

ASU's worldwide outreach has gained new momentum with the appointment of Anthony "Bud" Rock as the first vice president for global engagement. Rock and his staff have welcomed international visitors to ASU in recent months, and have begun forging new ties with universities and governments in Vietnam and Germany while continuing involvement with Latin America, China and Singapore.

Raccach welcomes Fulbright assignment

By Chris Lambrakis

Moshe Raccach found that his knowledge of the French language came in handy when meeting Boris Angelkov back in 2004. This commonality helped them develop a friendship that a few years later helped lead to a Fulbright assignment for Raccach in Bitola, Macedonia, Oct. 14-27.

Angelkov, a professor of biotechnical sciences at the University St. Kliment Ohridski in Macedonia, was interested in food, agricultural biotechnology and food safety, including predictive microbiology – all areas in which Raccach, a professor in the Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness, has expertise.

After much work and collaboration, a grant from the Fulbright Foundation Senior Specialist Program is allowing Raccach to travel to the University St. Kliment Ohridski to collaborate with professors such as Angelkov, as well as with industry scientists on curriculum, faculty development and other creative endeavors.

"It is my first Fulbright assignment, and I feel very grateful that I was selected and recommended by a specialist peer review committee – and approved by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board," Raccach says.

As a Fulbright Senior Specialist, Raccach will present lectures at graduate and undergraduate levels, participate in seminars or workshops, and take part in specialized academic programs and conferences. All of these will focus on his area of expertise.

An exchange of technological perspectives in food microbiology and safety, and the latest cutting-edge information in content and delivery systems in teaching microbiological aspects of food science, will be beneficial in the development of creative programs of mutual interest, Raccach says.

"The experience will allow me to share what I know, as well as work with others to compare American and European perspectives of content and area of emphasis in teaching and research in food microbiology, safety and security," Raccach says.

This experience will help Raccach better understand their system, approach, attitudes and philosophy of education and creative activities, in general, and specifically toward biotechnology and food safety.

"My work in the United States and abroad (Latin America) has influenced my perspective and shaped my research and teaching," Raccach says. "I am capable of enriching the lives of my students, my fellow faculty and others with firsthand experience and examples."

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Zhiyun Ouyang, third from right, director of the National Laboratory of Urban and Regional Ecology's Eco-Environmental Center at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, gestures as he engages in a discussion during the CAS delegation's recent visit to ASU. The delegation participated in the second Joint Workshop on Urban Sustainability.

Delegation from Chinese Academy of Sciences attends urban sustainability workshop at ASU

By Samantha Irwin

A delegation from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) recently visited ASU to participate in the second Joint Workshop on Urban Sustainability. Members of the CAS delegation met with key players in ASU's ongoing urban sustainability research.

The Joint Center on Urban Sustainability was created to promote ASU's international profile in one of the most strategically important research areas. A major goal of the workshop was to discuss how academic institutions can connect with their communities, particularly in the area of urban sustainability.

The many similarities between Beijing and Phoenix created an opportunity for each group to share ideas and research strategies relevant to both cities.

"The highly collaborative nature of this workshop created a forum for us to discuss how urban sustainability research affects communities here and in China, and how this research can be moved into policy," says Rick Shangraw, ASU's vice president for research and economic affairs.

ASU and CAS each place a high

priority on sustainability research. Experts on water, urban ecology and the translation of science into policy from both institutions spoke at the workshop to help fuel collaborative discussions on possible solutions and strategies.

"This workshop is a follow-up discussion from the first workshop we held in Beijing," says Jonathan Fink, the Julie Ann Wrigley Director of the Global Institute of Sustainability at ASU, and convener of the two workshops. "At this second workshop, we were able to become more focused on substantive research projects such as urban-system modeling and ecosystem management."

"The Global Institute of Sustainability is the hub of all of ASU's sustainability initiatives in research, education, and business practices and the ASU-CAS Joint Center on Urban Sustainability is an important vehicle that brings together scientists from two major research institutions to work on some of the most important issues facing the rapid growth of both Chinese and U.S. cities," adds Zhiyun Ouyang, director of the National Laboratory of Urban and Regional

Ecology's Eco-environmental Center at the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The workshop also aimed to create global presence and support for ASU research, and to increase international research collaboration. Ideas such as creating joint research proposals and building an ASU Decision Theater at the CAS were discussed.

"The Joint Center is at a major turning point and will allow us to focus on some important urban sustainability issues and to generate important and high-impact work from comparisons on urban issues in Phoenix and Beijing," says Jennie Si, director of China initiatives and special projects in ASU's Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Affairs.

ASU has developed several programs and partnerships in China, including the W. P. Carey MBA program in Shanghai, a sister institution relationship with Sichuan University and the successful "Welcome to Mars!" exhibit in May 2005 at the annual Chinese Science and Technology Week.

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Sun Devil SPORTS

Sun Devils debut at No. 8 in BCS rankings

The first Bowl Championship Series standings have been released, and the Sun Devils football squad finds itself holding down the No. 8 slot.

ASU, now 7-0 after a 44-20 win over Washington Oct. 13, is the highest ranked Pac-10 team in the first BCS standings of the season. Ohio State is ranked first, with South Florida coming in second. Oregon is the only other Pac-10 school in the top 10, at No. 10 on the list.

ASU's No. 8 BCS ranking is the highest in school history. The BCS began in the 1998 season.

The Sun Devils' next gridiron contest will take place Oct. 27 at Sun Devil Stadium against the California Golden Bears. It's ASU's Homecoming game. The Golden Bears were ranked No. 12 in the BCS standings.

ASU junior safety Nolan earns national notice

ASU junior safety Troy Nolan has been named a second-team mid-season All-American by SI.com.

Nolan leads the Pac-10 with four interceptions, including one for a touchdown. He has 25 total tackles so far this season, along with three pass break-ups. The Los Angeles native's four picks are tied for 10th most in the nation.

ASU wrestling coaches schedule clinic Nov. 3

The ASU wrestling team will conduct a coaches and wrestlers clinic inside the Riches Wrestling Complex on the Tempe campus Nov. 3, according to head wrestling coach Thom Ortiz.

The two-hour session inside the Sun Devils' training center will be followed by wrestle-offs to determine the starting 10 for the 2007-2008 ASU season.

The clinic, which costs \$20 for each participant, will start at 9 a.m. and will feature instruction from Ortiz, a three-time All-American and three-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year and his assistant coaches, Eric Larkin, a four-time All-American and 2004 NCAA Champion, and Brian Stith, a two-time All-American and 2006 NCAA runner-up.

All three instructors are former Sun Devil student-athletes.

Following the clinic, participants as well as fans are invited to attend the team's annual wrestle-offs. The wrestle-offs, which are free to attend, will begin at 11 a.m.

To register for the clinic, visit the Web site <http://thesundevils.cstv.com/index-main.html>.



ASU's Alexandra Elstron, left, and teammate Carly Kallas Oldenkamp go up for the ball in the Sun Devils' contest against Washington State at Sun Devil Soccer Stadium Oct. 14. Elstron eventually scored ASU's winning goal in overtime to upset the 25th-ranked Cougars, 1-0. The Sun Devils have started the Pac-10 season 2-0 for the first time since 2003. The squad is 8-5-0 overall.

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