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FROM THE DIRECTOR
IBPI has continued to grow and evolve as we look toward our five year anniversary this summer. We are excited to have support from new arenas, including the Summit Foundation grant to support professional and faculty development, the Ann Niles Lecture Fund supported by Philip Niles, and new funding from Dr. AJ Zeleda which will provide assistance to a student participating in the summer study program.

This year, I’ve also had the privilege to serve on several committees related to bicycle and pedestrian interests. This work strengthens our work and moves IBPI’s reputation into the national arena. These include serving as co-chair of the newly-formed University Curriculum Subcommittee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB), member of TRB’s Pedestrian Committee, panel member for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)'s project to update the AASHTO guide for pedestrian facilities, and steering committee member for the Equal Footing Campaign of America Walks.

I also had the opportunity to study and experience the integration of cycling and bike-share facilities in France this past June and bring that knowledge back to the classroom.

As always, we deeply appreciate the time, talent and resources so generously provided by Advisory Board members, partners and students.

Lynn

IBPI Welcomes New Program Administrator
We are pleased to welcome Sophie Goss to IBPI. Sophie brings a wealth of experience in event logistics and support, publication development, writing, editing, photography and design, and more than ten years in administrative and program support. With a long-standing commitment to human-powered transport, Sophie is excited about the opportunity to promote bicycle and pedestrian transportation through the work of IBPI.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Summit Foundation Grant Funds Professional and Faculty Development Efforts

IBPI received a generous grant from the Summit Foundation to promote sustainable transportation through professional development and university faculty training. To increase the capacity of professionals in the transportation engineering and planning fields, the grant will provide scholarships to cover registration costs for practitioners to attend IBPI’s professional development workshops in 2012, and travel stipends for the week-long intensive program. In addition, the grant will allow IBPI to develop and pilot a program that will provide resources and training to faculty to teach bicycle and pedestrian topics in university planning and engineering course. The ultimate aim is to integrate these topics into course work so students will gain the knowledge they need to plan and design bicycle and pedestrian facilities when they graduate and begin their careers.

Ann Niles Lecture Series

IBPI is pleased to announce the Ann Niles Transportation Lecture Endowment. This generous gift, given by Philip Niles in memory of his late wife Ann, will provide funds for the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation program to bring speakers to PSU to address transportation and planning issues for the benefit of students, faculty and the greater community. The endowment is a legacy to Ann Niles who was a strong advocate for livable neighborhoods and served on many boards and committees related to transportation in Portland. We are excited about this opportunity to bring world-class thinkers on pedestrian and bicycle issues to share their outlook with scholars, practitioners and local advocates. Look for the announcement of the inaugural lecture later this year.

New Bicycle and Pedestrian Curriculum

IBPI has developed a set of eight curriculum modules on bicycle and pedestrian topics that are designed for use by transportation engineering and planning faculty wishing to integrate these topics into their courses. Each module contains a powerpoint presentation, lecture notes, sample assignments and suggested reading list. Caroline Chapman, a recent graduate of the MURP program, assisted on this project.

Bicycle Facilities Cost Documentation Project

IBPI recently completed a Cost Analysis of Bicycle Facilities, commissioned by Active Living Research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The intent of the project was to document the costs of installing various bicycle facilities on existing roadways to provide valuable information for communities that that do not yet have experience building these facilities and additional context and comparative information for agencies who do have experience. Research Associate Nathan McNeil collected data and drafted report content.
Education Abroad Program Focuses on Bicycle Travel

In June, a group of students from the University of Oregon and Portland State University had the opportunity to study bicycle transportation and culture in The Netherlands. The course focused on the practices and policies that foster safe, convenient and accessible bicycle infrastructure and the underlying culture that supports a high rate of bicycle use. Over nine days, the students observed and experienced a variety of cycling facilities in urban, suburban and rural locations, met with local officials and government representatives for formal presentations and informal dialogue about their bicycle transportation planning and design; and engaged in conversation with program faculty to reflect on the day’s activities.

For 2012, the course will be expanded to two countries over three weeks, allowing for more in-depth exploration of bicycle planning and culture. Beginning in Denmark, students will study cycling in Copenhagen and environs, then move to The Netherlands, based in both Amsterdam and Utrecht. Students will have the opportunity to compare and contrast their observations and experiences in two unique cultures.

New Scholarship for Summer Study Program

A new scholarship will be available this year for one student participating in the Education Abroad program, thanks to the generosity of A J Zeleda, OD. A J is an avid cycling advocate and enthusiast and a member of the Oregon Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the Department of Transportation and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance legislative committee.

Scholarships Continue to Support Student Study

Thanks to the generous support of our scholarship sponsors, five students, who are focusing their studies and career path on bicycle and/or pedestrian transportation, are receiving assistance with their studies.

Rex Burkholder & Lydia Rich Scholarship: Tara Goddard

Tara holds a Masters in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Davis and a Bachelors in Mechanical and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Before coming to PSU she was the Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator in Davis, California. She enjoys working at the intersection of urban planning and engineering, and exploring the psychology and sociology of travel behavior.

Alta Planning + Design Scholarship: Collin Roughton

Collin earned a BA in Sociology from New College of Florida. He has worked for Coalition for a Livable Future and the Community Cycling Center as a youth programs instructor. In the winter of 2010, he rode his bike from Miami to Los Angeles. He is interested in active transportation, livable streets, social justice in planning and creating conditions where bicycling is attractive and accessible to all.

Bike Gallery Scholarship: Derek Abe

Derek Abe is the Bicycle Programs Specialist at PSU Transportation, responsible for planning and managing the University’s bicycle encouragement and education programs and bicycle parking facilities. He is currently investigating the interface between wildlife ecology and transportation networks as an adjunct environmental researcher for the Environmental Sciences and Management department.

DKS Associates Scholarship: Chloe Ritter

Chloe holds a Bachelor of Theater Studies from the University of Kansas. She has worked with the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance to promote awareness of bicycle and pedestrian issues. She is interested in making walking and bicycling as safe and fun in other cities as it is in Portland.

Stephen Gomez Scholarship: Kathryn Doherty-Chapman

Kathryn holds a bachelors degree in Geography and Urban Studies from Temple University. A Portland native, she is excited to be back home bringing skills and experience from working in bicycle education, youth development and community economic development. Her studies focus on land use and transportation.