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### **Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education chair to open USI summer institute**

Dr. Erwin Boschmann, chair of the Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education from Indiana University, will be the opening speaker for USI's 2001 Summer Institute for Online Teaching and Learning, a two-week workshop scheduled May 14 to May 25 on campus. Dr. Boschmann's presentation, open to USI faculty and others interested in distance learning, will open the institute at 8:30 a.m. in Carter Hall on Monday, May 14.

The Boschmann session will examine some underlying principles, examine the admittedly sparse research literature on teaching and learning in distributed education, and it will focus on the need for, and our resistance to change.

Dr. Boschmann said, "Not since the invention of the printing press have educators had such a sweeping set of opportunities to help the learner, as we do today with the advent of sophisticated and ever more readily available information technologies. The institutionalization of mass education in the past century often brought with it the necessity for non-interactive delivery of content; however today, with information technologies, for the first time, we can educate the masses and do so in a pedagogically sound, interactive ways."

Other institute presenters are faculty from USI and Dwayne Buttler, from the Indiana University Copyright Management Center. USI faculty presenters are Sandra Hermann, Scott Gordon, Joe Palladino, Charles Harrington, Tim Schibik, Karen Bonnell, Saxson Reasons, Judy Halstead, Ed Jones, and Munir Quddus. Sessions will be held in classrooms and laboratories in the Liberal Arts Center.

Twelve USI faculty members have been selected to participate in the workshop. During the workshop, the faculty will develop courses for online delivery during the 2001-02 academic year.

The summer institute is sponsored by Instructional Technology Services (ITS) and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), made possible in part by funding from the University Lilly Retention Grant Program.

Questions about the institute can be directed to Saxson Reasons, manager of Instructional Technology Programming, 465-1061 or to Karen Bonnell, director of Instructional Technology Services, 465-7182.

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