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## THE ALLIANCE GOES FORWARD!

Between 1 and 3 October 2004 the second conference organised under the auspices of the Alliance for International Education took place. Following the very successful first such gathering, held in Geneva during September 2002, this second event was held at the International School of Düsseldorf (ISD). Planned and organised by the team of Terry Haywood (International School of Milan), Professor Jack Levy (George Mason University, USA), Beatrice Larose (ISD), Mary Hayden and Jeff Thompson, the conference focused on presentations and debate in seven main strands relating to the overall conference theme of 'Education for International Mindedness' and attracted over 200 participants. Thanks are due to Neil McWilliam, Head of ISD, and to Board members, for the use of the school's splendid facilities and, particularly, to Beatrice Larose, Development Director at ISD, for the wonderful organisation which helped to make everything proceed so smoothly.

A major focus of debate running throughout the three days was the nature of the Alliance for International Education, and four working groups were established under the overall chairmanship of Jeff Thompson to take forward future planning relating to strategy,



Zhen Yao and Anna Simandiraki with IBRU posters at Alliance Conference

communication, the programme for the next conference, and its location and timing - a decision on which should be made by the end of 2004.

Keynote addresses given by Dr Betty Chan, Director of the Yew Chung Education Foundation, and Malcolm McKenzie, Principal of the United World College of the Atlantic, as well as abstracts of presentations given in the seven strands, may be accessed via the Alliance for International Education website:

www.intedalliance.org

