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Arrangements were made for Professors Lisboa and Marques Mendes to take the English examination. I accompanied them to Lisbon and took advantage of trip to arrange a visit with Dr. Benjamin Katz and others involved in the AID/Wharton/Portugal MBA program. It is my opinion that our staff members ought to be encouraged to establish contact with other programs and organizations closely related to IUBI activities.

Also on this trip, I had the opportunity to visit with Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Finberg on general project operations and with Mr. Black on cooperation between the Purdue and USDA projects.

Prof. Mendes and I assisted the Reitor in preparation for the monthly meeting of the 3 Institutes held here on April 22. At this meeting, the general progress of the project was reviewed and details of the IUBI program presented. Considerable discussion was devoted to the problem of official recognition of the extension role of the Institutes.

Plans were firmed up for the Extension Workshop. Dr. Robert Pricer and Dr. Robert Frist have agreed to serve as consultants for this activity. I have reported to them the decisions and suggestions of the Planning Committee.

The English training which has been provided since January will come to an end within a few weeks. The Institute contracted a professor of English early in the year with the expectation that this would provide for permanent teaching of both staff and students; however, this person could not fill the position because of serious illness. We need to explore the possibilities of obtaining a long term English teacher from the American Language Training Institute or possibly of establishing a permanent branch in Covilhã.

Arrangements were made for the consultantship of Dr. Behery in mid-May. He will present a graduate level course in non-woven fabrics, assist in developing an undergraduate course in this area and consult with staff members in fiber physics.

Dr. Thompson arrived for his work at Evora and will come go to Covilhã and Vila Real in May.