



Changes in the Management of ITCCMC

Brigadier General Dr. József Boda, Director General of the International Training and Civilian Crisis Management Center was promoted to the Director General of Special Services for National Security on July 1, 2010.

General Boda began as the Hungarian Program Director at ILEA in November 1997, and in 1999 assumed directorship of the International Training Center. In January of 2010 he became the Director General of the International Training and Civilian Crisis Management Center. He has provided outstanding assistance to ILEA and other international law enforcement training projects and programs for more than 12 years. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to our joint goal of achieving a modern, co-operative international law enforcement community.

Police Colonel Dr. István Farkas has been appointed as the new Director General of the International Training and Civilian Crisis Management Center. He has been working at the institution for 10 years and acted for General Boda for 16 months, while General Boda was assigned to the UN mission, Georgia in 2004.

ILEA wishes both men continued success in their new positions.

Lt. Col. Hajni Gósi



Deputy Director Introduction

After service in West Africa, North Africa, Europe, and South America, I have seen the value and importance of training. I am delighted to be new Deputy Director at ILEA Budapest and work with the great staff here and meet students and alumni from this region. Training is critically important in police work for many reasons:

- The development of professional competence
 - Learning how to use the newest technologies
 - Mastering leadership, management and planning skills
 - Developing relationships with police from other countries

ILEA provides the best state of the art training. The best instructors from US police academies come here to teach. Our students leave here enthusiastic about their training and the experience, but the ILEA experience must not stop at graduation.

It is the relationships that are established here between national police forces that is the most important part of what ILEA does. That is why maintaining contact with our alumni is so important. In these bulletins ILEA wants to give our alumni:

- An idea of what is happening on our campus
 - An introduction to our staff
 - The schedule of upcoming training opportunities
 - Updates on alumni activities
 - Training ideas and best practices

ILEA is changing in response to technological developments and the evolving threats posed by criminals and terrorists. We think that you our alumni will be interested to learn about what is happening here at ILEA Budapest.

Deputy Director Thomas E. Stocking has served as an ARSO in Dakar Senegal, and RSO in Algiers, Algeria; Lisbon, Portugal; and Brasilia, Brazil. From 2005 to 2007 he was the Department of State Visiting Professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.





FBI Supervisory Special Agent Penny Hoback has been ILEA Director since 2008.

Dear ILEA Alumni

In May of this year, ILEA celebrated its 15 year anniversary with the graduation of Session 75 from the core eight-week program. For any international program of this nature to last 15 years in our changing world, is evidence of success.

ILEA and ILEA Alumni have enjoyed many successes over the past 15 years, and we hope to catch you up on some of our recent activities in this newsletter. For example, ILEA management has changed. I personally want to welcome Tom Stocking as the new Deputy Director. International Training and Civilian Crisis Management Center management has also changed. We also look forward to working with Col. István Farkas, though we will all miss Brigadier General József Boda, who was our friend and partner for 12 years, as he moves on to his new position.

ILEA has made technical advances and improvements in its facilities. We have also been encouraging and expanding the number of alumni activities. It has been rewarding to hear about your successful investigations, your promotions, and your many other achievements. ILEA is only successful if our alumni are successful, so I personally encourage you to stay in touch and share your accomplishments with us.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we wish you success in your future careers.

Macedonian Alumni Event

On May 6, 2010, U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia, Philip Reeker hosted a reception in Skopje, Macedonia for almost 200 Macedonian law enforcement officers who were trained through the Core Course Program of ILEA Budapest. It was the first reunion for the alumni in Macedonia and was highly appreciated. Macedonia has long been an ILEA participating country: the first group of law enforcement officers arrived in October 1996 to join Session #8. Since then, 232 officers have been trained in 14 sessions (with an average of 16 delegates per group), Session #74 having graduated in March 2010 being the most recent. The Macedonian alumni community represents the second largest country group of the more than 3500 officers trained currently at ILEA in the Core Course Program. In addition, many other Macedonian officers have attended ILEA specialized short courses.

Approximately 190 of the Macedonian eight-week-course graduates attended the reception at the ambassador's residence. After welcoming the guests, Ambassador Reeker addressed the crowd in Macedonian. He pointed out the key roles ILEA plays in the strategic partnership of the two countries. Besides the knowledge and skills acquired through the courses, participants benefit much from the contacts they build while training at ILEA. He noted that many of the Macedonian alumni are at high level positions and brought up the example of Mr. Ljupco Todorovski (Session #22) who serves now as the Director of the Public Security Bureau, being the second highest ranking official after the minister in the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Following the ambassador's remarks, Gordana Jankulovska, Minister of Internal Affairs and Penny K. Hoback, Director of ILEA Budapest spoke to the audience. Mr. Vanco Kargov, Director of the Macedonian Customs Administration and Mr. Salji Ramadani, Assistant Minister of International Cooperation and European Integration also attended. The Macedonian media covered the event.

ILEA prepared a feedback survey to capture participants' career developments after graduating from ILEA. The results show that close to two thirds of them have been promoted since graduating ILEA. The above mentioned questionnaire can be viewed and completed at <http://89.135.35.120/alumni>





Success at ILEA

As a graduate of ILEA, you have probably been approached by members of your agency who are interested in attending. This is perfectly understandable, because ILEA is one of the most important law enforcement training centers in the world. Decision makers and movers and shakers from near and far gather to learn the state of the art in our chosen profession. In our ever changing world, we also turn to ILEA to help us forge a consensus as to what our future best practices should be. Many ambitious colleagues will inquire about whether attending the eight-week Core Course is right for them. Some you will know won't have any problems attending ILEA. Others, you know instinctively will have trouble making it through to graduation. The question you should ask your interested colleague simply is: "Why do you want to go to ILEA?" The response will help you decide whether they are a good candidate.

Let's take a quick look at what it takes to be successful at ILEA.

Briefly the three major components of training at ILEA are: academic, physical and psychological.

Academics are the mainstay of ILEA. The attendees are all deemed to be proficient in matters related to the instruction. This means there are no "basic" classes. The instructors chosen to instruct are all experts in their fields. ILEA searches for the best instructors from the best agencies to give advanced training to students who can keep up. Academics are taught at a college level, and interaction between the students and instructors is expected.

Physical training is an important part of the ILEA process. Law enforcement is a physically demanding and stressful occupation. Even if your job keeps you behind a desk, you need to take good care of yourself to stand the rigors of long investigations or emergency events. Remember, more of our colleagues die or are disabled from stress-related illnesses than from violence directed against them. The ILEA physical training staff will help you develop a fitness regime, but you should be willing to engage in strenuous physical training while you attend.

The psychological component may just be the most important facet of success at ILEA. You must be a challenge-oriented person who is not deterred by minor inconvenience. Face it, ILEA isn't a five star hotel. It is a spartan training facility. It is clean, modern and safe. It is not opulent, spacious or private. You must be willing to live closely with your colleagues. You should be organized, and flexible. Your attitude will determine your success. You must be open to new ideas, and willing to work hard even in areas you don't see a relevant to you. In short, what you get out of ILEA is in direct proportion to what you put into ILEA.

ILEA is hard. Future attendees should know that much will be expected of them. If they are challenge-oriented professionals looking to enhance their career, they will be successful. If their motives are less than professional, neither they, nor your organization will benefit from their attendance.

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Coordinator for Session 77



Team Building ILEA Style: Visiting Visegrád

The ILEA program is centered around classroom instruction, but this is not all that students experience. In addition to intensive study, special events are dedicated to promoting closer cooperation among students and staff and giving the students an opportunity to enjoy Hungarian culture and new friendships. Typical team building activities include:

- National day dinners.
- Special physical training events like the climbing wall or running at the Normafa.
- Movie nights.
- Excursions

The excursions are especially appreciated because they combine education, exercise, and entertainment. The class excursion to Visegrád castle is always a highlight of the program. This castle originally constructed in the 13th century is located on one of the most scenic spots on the Danube, and is rich in history.

The ILEA excursion includes a presentation on the history of the castle, a medieval style banquet, and the always popular knight's tournament. The ILEA students are divided into 6 multinational teams and compete in archery, spear throwing, swordsmanship, and other medieval skills. After our friendly competition, the ILEA group watches the Knights of St. George engage in a thrilling demonstration of medieval combat.

This excursion provides an enjoyable break from the classroom and brings students from different countries closer together. There is nothing like having fun together to get people to relax, become more open, and realize how much we all have in common.

Alumni Stories...

We are very proud of them...

Brig. Gen. Dr. Attila Petőfi, ILEA Budapest, Session #8

We police officers who have been serving for long decades in Hungary know him well. General Attila Petőfi was a graduate of ILEA in 1996, Session # 8, and ILEA Roswell in 2002, Session # 8.

The General graduated from Police College and University of Law. He joined the Hungarian National Police in 1986. He served in different positions, at various levels of Budapest Police Headquarters until he was assigned to the Directorate of Combating Organized Crime, and he participated significantly in the organization the National Bureau of Investigation in 2004. At that time, he was appointed the deputy director of operational matters then of general matters, and in 2007 he was appointed director.

He has become the highest ranking officer of the Hungarian ILEA Alumni, since he was appointed in June 2010 as the Deputy Chief Commissioner in Criminal Matters of the Hungarian National Police. We still keep in touch and can always count on him for help. He himself has given presentations sharing his experiences with his fellow ILEA participants.

ILEA wishes him success in his current position!

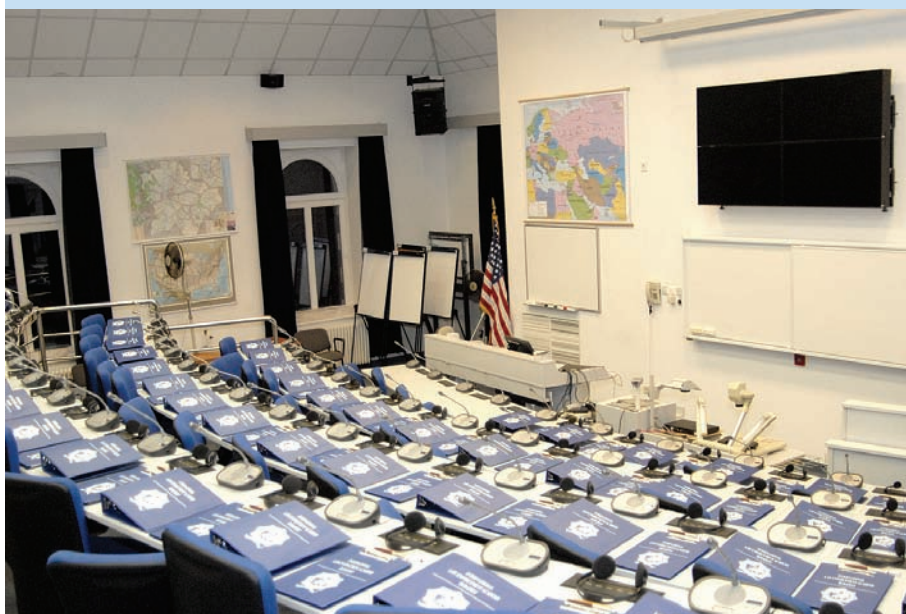
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Brig. Gen. Bozo Barbaric and Brig. Gen. Dr. Attila Petőfi, two ILEA Alumni met after 14 years in April 2010, in an official visit to Budapest. They returned back to the good old alma mater, to recall the great memories, they had during the eight weeks in 1996.

New Technology Improves the ILEA Experience

When ILEA opened in 1995 16 million people in the world were using the internet. Today the number of internet users is approaching 2 billion. Overhead projectors, CDs and VHS tapes played on analog televisions were the most modern forms of technology employed in the classroom. Today's classrooms are equipped with computers connected to the internet and projectors that can show both PowerPoint presentations and stream video.



Technological change extends well beyond the classroom. Today's ILEA student is likely to be an internet user and to enable our students to maintain contact with home and office, each dormitory is equipped with "internet cafes" where students have access to computers.

Recently students have been bringing wireless devices with them. To meet the student demand for wireless services, each dorm is now covered by a wifi network. This service is so popular that the capacity of the system was recently doubled to provide 120 megabits per second capacity.

For alumni, ILEA is continuing to make improvement to our web site. Look for news about ILEA reunions; training updates; and upcoming courses.

Do you have any news to share? Any exciting stories to tell? Have you celebrated any awards or promotions? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us, and we will share your news in our Alumni Newsletter. Don't worry about your English ability; we can help!