



## Dear ILEA Alumni and friends:

This edition of our newsletter highlights some VIP visits to ILEA and the value of our alumni to our program. In fact, many of the VIP visitors we regularly receive are ILEA alumni who have risen in their positions, but who have never forgotten their time at ILEA and the friendships and the contacts they have formed. The recent visit of the Bulgarian Minister of Interior Tsvetan Tsvetanov is a great example of one of our alumni achieving success and making good use of his ILEA experience. When we have such distinguished visitors as US Attorney General Eric Holder, I always proudly share successes such as these, and I know for every success story I hear about, there is another that I have not heard about.

I am very proud of the success the ILEA program enjoys and know that ILEA's good reputation is a reflection on the quality of our participants and the hard working Hungarian staff. My term ends as the ILEA Director after this session. Although I am sad to be leaving my friends behind, I will continue to be proud of the ILEA program and support it enthusiastically from the sidelines. I expect to continue to hear about the accomplishments of ILEA alumni and the growth of the program. To all of you I wish you the best with your continued careers, and as I always stressed at the end of each session, stay safe and please, **PLEASE, PLEASE** stay in touch!

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ILEA Director



## ILEA Receives Attorney General Holder and Minister of Interior Tsvetanov

Hungary's term as the President of the Council of the European Union (Jan. 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011) has brought many VIPs to Budapest recently. Two VIPs visited ILEA on April 13 and 14.

The first to come on April 13 was U. S. Attorney General Eric Holder. Ever since he served as the Deputy Attorney General in the Clinton Administration, Holder has wanted to visit ILEA. He met with ILEA Session #80 and spoke about the importance of law enforcement training and relationship building that take place at ILEA. Speaking on behalf of Session #80, Albanian Team Leader Kastriot Gjeli expressed the deep gratitude that the entire class had for the opportunity to come and study at ILEA.

Next, the Attorney General observed the FBI Crime Scene Investigation class with participants from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Romania. The practical exercise on lifting latent fingerprints was an excellent example of how ILEA training improves the competency of partner nations.



The next day Tsvetan Tsvetanov, Bulgarian Minister of Interior (Session #43) made a special personal trip to ILEA. Speaking directly to Session #80, Tsvetanov pointed to his old seat and shared how 8 years ago he was the Bulgarian Team Leader. He described his course of training at ILEA as some of the best time of his life, and challenged the participants to make the most of this opportunity. He spoke movingly about how the contacts he developed within his own delegation, with other participants, and US law enforcement have benefitted him tremendously in his work as Minister of Interior.

(Read more about Minister Tsvetanov in *Alumni Stories*)

## FEATURED ALUMNI:

## Minister, Ministry of Interior Tsvetan Tsvetanov

Bulgaria, Session #43, 2003

On April 14, ILEA welcomed a Bulgarian delegation of high ranking officials led by the Minister of Interior, Tsvetan Tsvetanov.

Tsvetan Genchev Tsvetanov started his career in the Ministry of Interior in 1987 where he served in several different capacities. Between 1997 and 2001, he was a chief inspector with Rank VII at the Human Resources Directorate, following which he became an operational assistant to the Chief Secretary of the Interior Ministry, Gen. Boyko Borisov. He served in this position from 2001-2005.

In November 2005, Mr. Tsvetanov was appointed Deputy Mayor of Sofia in charge of public order and security. He served there till December 2006, when he was elected party chair of the newly formed GERB party (Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria). In this capacity, he worked until 2009, when GERB won the Parliamentary Elections and Mr. Tsvetanov was appointed Minister of Interior and Deputy Prime Minister; two positions he has held ever since.

Tsvetanov also holds a Master's degree from the National Sports Academy of Sofia, where he acquired the qualifications of a physical education teacher and track-and-field athletics coach. In 2000, he completed his post-graduate studies in law at the University for National and World Economy in Sofia. During his career he attended courses of the FBI, DHS (Department of Homeland Security), DS (Department of State), the US Secret Service, and the Spanish Police on various topics, such as the exchange and processing of intelligence data, controlled supplies of weapons of mass destruction, leadership, international terrorism, and illegal automobile trafficking.

In the course of his professional work, he received several awards from the Ministry of Interior of Bulgaria, international law enforcement organizations and foreign governments. Some of his international accomplishments are as follow:

- Certificate of Appreciation by the Director of Europol, Jürgen Storbeck, for successful results and outstanding contribution in countering dissemination of counterfeit Euro (2004)
- White Cross of Law Enforcement Merit Medal by the Spanish National Police, awarded by the Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Spain (2005)
- Certificate for outstanding international operational police cooperation awarded by the Director of Europol, Rob Wainwright (2009)
- Insignia of honor for outstanding performance of official duties, awarded by the Minister of the Interior of Lithuania Raimundas Palaitis (2009).

Tsvetanov was named as a possible government candidate for the 2011 Bulgarian presidential election in October. He is married and is a father of three girls.



## Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov at ILEA Budapest

Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov was the team leader of the Bulgarian delegation of Session #43 (2003). ILEA staff remembers him as a man with excellent leadership qualities who always kept his team together. ILEA Technician Attila Simon recalled that when the forensic laboratory was built on ILEA campus, ILEA received a truckload of forensic equipment, but without any loaders to handle the heavy boxes. He indicated to Mr. Tsvetanov that he needed help; upon which he called together his entire team and in a matter of minutes they unloaded the truck and carried the heavy boxes up to the very top floor where the new laboratory was created. Physical Training Instructors Lt.Col. József Kobák and Péter Pakányi remember how unmotivated delegates were when they found out about the strenuous physical training program. As time passed, however, they became better and better and improved much on their results. Tsvetanov caught the spirit of regular physical exercise so well that he continued his workout program even beyond his ILEA training. Upon returning home, he started to persuade his colleagues to pay more attention to their fitness level and work out more frequently, said József Kobák. Lt.Col. Hajnalka Gósi, Head of the Hungarian Secretariat still remembers his excellent presentation to the class on how Bulgaria worked together with the United States Secret Service on counterfeit money issues and the successes they were able to enjoy as a direct result of their cooperation. One year later, Tsvetanov was accepted to the ILEA Roswell program as well and received further training in New Mexico, USA.



# A Team Leader's Experience

## by Lt.Col. Tibor Karolyi

The students, who participate in ILEA Course #80, represent every area of law enforcement. One can say that practically speaking this class constituted a next-to-perfect police department. As we previously expected, the high level presentations were delivered by extraordinarily trained law enforcement professionals with enormous practical experience.

Throughout the session we could sense that the capabilities and ideas were very similar in the law enforcement agencies represented in this international course, however we must admit that the practical implementation of these ideas is different due to the legal and financial conditions in the respective countries.

The instructors delivered a professionally comprehensive array of topics. Among these I want to highlight topics such as organized crime, drug-related crimes and various law enforcement tactics during investigative efforts.

The National Dinners provided an excellent opportunity for us to talk with each other informally, and also to get to know each other better with the help of culinary masterpieces of national cuisines followed by a great variety of national beverages.

ILEA offers lots of great instruction. We have learned much in our 8 weeks. Our challenge is to take what we have learned, both the theoretical and practical, and apply it to our work.

International relations must be established and also used in order for us to achieve our common goals. In this way we can conduct international law enforcement activities in a modern manner.

The key elements to the efficiency of the work of law enforcement executives are individual capabilities, level of training and the effect of all these individual traits on the agency these executives work for. Without adequate legal and financial support no national agency can work efficiently.

We, Hungarian graduates of ILEA Course #80 will do our best to use our knowledge and international relations as well as professional and personal bonds acquired at the Academy to conduct our law enforcement activities more efficiently both nationally and internationally.

This is the way we would like to create a professional environment where novel, high quality work is accepted.



## ILEA Reunion Ljubljana, Slovenia, April 19, 2011

On April 19, 2011 U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia Joseph Mussomeli hosted an ILEA Reunion at his residence in Ljubljana. Nearly 60 people attended representing ILEA graduates from Slovenia, Croatia, and Hungary as well as senior representatives from the Slovenian police, ILEA Budapest and U.S. Embassy.

Vladimir Pocek, Head, International Police Cooperation Section Slovenian Police; and Branko Skrbinek, Head, Security and Protection Office Slovenian Police were presented ILEA plaques by Deputy Director Stocking in recognition of their support both for the Embassy's security program and ILEA.

Some reception attendees had participated in ILEA over thirteen years ago, others graduated as recently as December 2011 in Session 78. One constant is that whenever ILEA graduates come together they love to reminisce about this special time in their lives, and express the gratitude that they had for the opportunity to attend ILEA.

In coordination with the local U.S. Embassy and national ILEA graduates, ILEA Budapest seeks to sponsor more of such reunions. These reunions serve an important role in maintaining regional liaison between ILEA graduates, and give ILEA important feedback on how ILEA training has made a long term positive impact both on an individual officer's career development as well as organizational improvements within a national police force.





## Police Lieutenant Dr. Balázs Huszár

April 1, 2011 – As a student in ILEA Course #80 I had the opportunity to participate in the 2nd Judo European Championship organized in Moscow, Russia, for athletes representing the staffs of armies, firefighters and law enforcement agencies from all over Europe. The event was organized and coordinated by the European Judo Union in Moscow in the famous Dynamo Moscow Basketball Hall. 32 teams from 25 countries participated in the competition. An indicator of the high level and prestige of the event was the fact that several officials representing the EJU were present in the event, among them Mr. Sergey Solovejchik, President of the EJU.

A significant help for me to prepare for the competition was that there is an excellently equipped weight room and gymnasium in the ILEA compound, and also that during the executive course we had a high number of physical training classes as part of our course itinerary.

In the picture to the right you can see Police Lieutenant Dr. Balázs Huszár – in white – in action against his opponent, an officer of the Special Services of the Russian Police, right before his move that brought him victory in category 90 kg+.

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 (ilea@ilea.hu), and we will share your news in our Alumni Newsletter. Don't worry about your English ability, we can help!

The Hungarian team, which was comprised mainly of professional police officers, whose daily activities are criminal investigation on a daily basis, was ranked 9-16 in the competition after we defeated the team of the Turkish police 5:0, which was followed by our 4:1 defeat by the team of the Russian Special Services, as a result of which our team could not qualify itself for the best 8 teams. The training opportunity I mentioned earlier greatly contributed to the fact that I could save the honor of the Hungarian team by defeating my Russian opponent as the last competitor in the second qualifying round in the 90 kg category.

A highlight of the competition was, and also an expression of the appreciation of police work by the organizers, when, during the opening ceremony of the competition, memorial medals, apartments and cars as a token of material assistance were presented to the relatives of police officers, who died in the line of duty in 2010-2011. The whole competition was organized and will be organized also in the future to commemorate and appreciate the dedicated efforts and achievements of law enforcement officers, and also to express mutual respect towards agencies within the international law enforcement community. We must remember how hard it is for us to serve our communities, and work for a common goal, the basic pillar of which is the friendly bonds we establish during such events.

I want to express my thanks to the ILEA Management and Staff for making it possible for me to participate in this competition and for all their assistance with my preparations and travel to Moscow.

