



## ILEA Budapest Welcomes New Deputy Director Steve Sekellick

In August 2013, Steve Sekellick assumed the duties of Deputy Director, International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Budapest. Steve has more than 26 years with the United States Department of State, serving in a variety of overseas and domestic assignments. His domestic assignments have focused primarily on criminal investigations and dignitary protection while his overseas assignments have concentrated on managing security programs in both permissive and non-permissive environments.

Prior to this assignment, Steve was the Senior Deputy Regional Security Officer (RSO) for Mission Afghanistan. Previous overseas assignments include Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Baghdad, Iraq; Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.; Maputo, Mozambique and Madrid, Spain.

Steve's domestic assignments include two tours as the Resident Agent-in-Charge for the Diplomatic Security (DS) Office in Atlanta, GA where he supervised multiple passport and visa fraud investigations and liaised with the United States Attorneys representing eight judicial district offices in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina. His other assignments include tours at Washington Field Office, New Haven Resident Office, Dallas Resident Office and TDY assignments to over 40 countries.

Before joining the Department of State, Steve served three years as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. and in 1981, he received a BA Degree in Administration of Justice from the American University in Washington, DC.

Steve is eager to apply his experience in law enforcement and diplomacy at ILEA and is excited to have the opportunity to make contributions to such a great training program. Married with three grown children, Steve is thrilled to be living and working in Budapest. His family remains in the U.S. while his youngest son completes his senior year in high school. Steve looks forward to his wife joining him so that together they can visit and experience the culture and beauty of Hungary and the surrounding region.



It is with great sadness that on November 15, 2013, Lt. Colonel Gabriella Neffoliczky passed away after a long brave battle against a terrible illness.

Gabi joined the Hungarian National Police in 1989 and rose to the rank of Lt. Col. Gabi was a proud founding member of ILEA Budapest - joining ILEA in April 1995. She always had a smile on her face and was loved by all that met her.

Gabi leaves behind her beloved husband Péter and her beautiful daughter, Réka. We will all miss Gabi's smile, caring and kindness. May she rest in peace.





## Farewell to Deputy Director Thomas Stocking

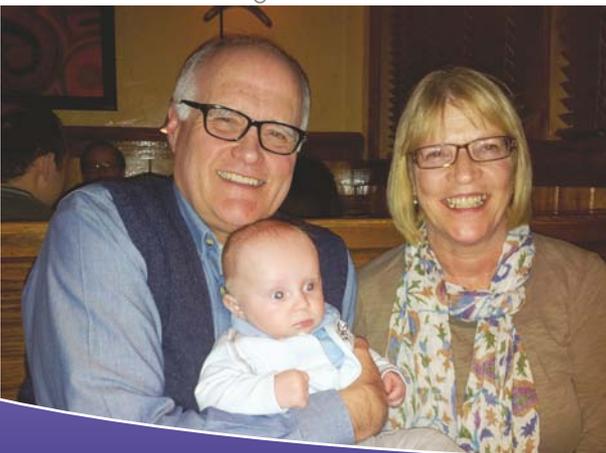
As ILEA Deputy Director, DSS SSA Thomas Stocking served in Budapest from 2010 to 2013. While working with ILEA, Tom never failed to emphasize the importance of training, mastering professional skills and developing transnational relationships. Every day during his ILEA-assignment, Tom spent some time with the instructors, interpreters and the participants of both the core and the specialized courses collecting information and ideas on how to develop the ILEA program. In this spirit, he made several trainings for the ILEA staff on topics like Protocol and Customer Service. He became a good friend of our host institute, the International Training Center (ITC), as well as other Hungarian law enforcement partners of ILEA. In order to improve the information sharing between ILEA and the outside world, Tom brought back the quarterly ILEA newsletter, which was very well received among our partners and – more importantly - our Alumni.

Tom also joined the students in the Bogrács-Challenge as well as other physical and social activities. More than six-hundred students of the core and almost two-thousand participants of the specialized courses will always be grateful for Tom's caring attitude and entertaining personality.

If you would like to contact Thomas Stocking, please write to [ilea@ilea.hu](mailto:ilea@ilea.hu)

The entire ILEA family wishes Tom and his family the best of luck for their future life back in their homeland.

*Tom with his wife and grandson*



## FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III



On June 6, 2013 FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III returned to ILEA for his final visit as FBI Director. Director Mueller, who retired from the FBI on September 4, 2013, was in Budapest on an official visit. During his Budapest visit, Director Mueller met with numerous high-level Hungarian Government officials, including Minister of Interior Dr. Sándor Pintér.

While at ILEA, Director Mueller graciously addressed the ILEA participants. He emphasized the importance of building international relationships and complemented ILEA on the vital role ILEA plays in fighting transnational crime. Director Mueller mentioned how happy he was to return to ILEA and witness the great work ILEA is doing. This was Director Mueller's third visit to ILEA. He first visited ILEA as a United States Assistant Attorney to instruct on fighting public corruption. His second visit was to celebrate ILEA's 10th anniversary. We hope to see him in 2015 for ILEA's 20th anniversary. ILEA wishes Director Mueller the best of luck in his future life and would like to express its gratitude for all the support and caring he provided us over the years.



## Alumni stories... we are very proud of them

### An Alumni, who could never attend the Alumni Reunion meeting...

by Lt.Col. Hajni Gósi

We organized the Hungarian Alumni Reunion meeting in May 17-18th, 2012, as you could already read in our last edition. Since the previous Alumni, which was held in 2008, four years passed. During this long period many things happened to all of us. Both with our students, and us, staff members. Some of us still serve in Law Enforcement, some of us quit, some of us was ordered somewhere else, some of us retired.

Among the Alumni there was one person for sure, who was looking forward to this reunion the best. He asked me each six month when we are going to organize it, when the team will meet again? Eventually we could not invite him, because he retired. Well, not because it was a mandatory leave, but because of the endless reorganizations of the Hungarian Law Enforcement system. However, he was the student, who was the only non police officer in the 19th Session, and was so popular that became the most favorite guy in the class. He is Cust. Major Károly Szép. Or Charles Beauty... as Sheila Bond, the DEA Class Coordinator gave him this proper nick name. And he is the officer, who is still in contact with us. He finished the ILEA Roswell program, came back to us to give presentation on his professional field, he had Gym pass, attended the monthly Alumni hiking program with his family, and he was the officer, whom wherever, whenever I see, he wears his worn out, tacky pink ILEA T-shirt proudly, holding his Roswell-ILEA handbag. He is an ILEA member in his heart, in his soul. There is only one missing item on his shelf... the new, blue ILEA T-shirt, which goes only to the Alumni Reunion participants.

We keep still in touch, made a life long friendship, help each other both in professional and private life.

He has never turned back to the SERVICE. His former colleagues still need his knowledge, professional skills in a special field. As a specialist he still gives presentations and training to the colleagues of the National Tax and Customs Authority in pharmaceutical counterfeiting and illegal trafficking in medicines. He shares his experiences at the Law Enforcement Faculty of the National University of Public Service also. As a counselor he fosters the activity of the medicine manufacturer who fight against the phenomena of pharmaceutical counterfeiting (i.e. the American Pfizer pharmaceutical company). And if it is still not enough, he – as a private investigator –does the reconnaissance work of the test purchasing against illegal purchasing of counterfeit medicines via Internet.

He has never turned back to the sport either. He has gone through the so called Kinizsi 100 k, the „Saint László marching” as the only customs officer, several kinds of challenge hiking. Recently he applied to be a voluntary, reserve military officer at the Military Forces. They registered and enrolled him immediately of course.



*The photo was taken several years ago. Karezs was still active in service, and of course he visited our tent with his family at the Police Day (of course wearing ILEA shirt.) Since then his kids are in school, ILEA does not attend the Police Days, Karezs retired, but in his heart he remained customs and excise guy and an ILEA student forever.*

Approximately two years ago I received a flower pot from Karezs. It is still standing in the window of my office. It was blooming for a while, then slowly was fading and dried out. I still took care of it, fostered it. And well, some days ago started blossoming again. This is our friendship also. As I said, life long, and... like ILEA... it will last forever... hope so.



## ILEA Visit

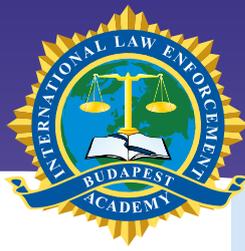
I recently had the pleasure of visiting ILEA and meeting with Lt. Colonel Hajni Gosi. I had been posted to ILEA as the Class Coordinator in August-September 2001 and returned later several times to make U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) presentations. The class I coordinated in 2001 consisted of Officers from Croatia, Slovakia and Hungary. The experience was stimulating for all of us and many friendships were made as a result of the experience.

My tour around ILEA with Lt. Gosi revealed that many changes and improvements have been made since I last served there. Lt. Gosi and the ILEA Staff are justly proud of the facilities, the training provided, and, most importantly, the relationships established through ILEA. The facilities are truly first class and the programs are innovative and important. I have many fond memories of my service at ILEA and considered it a privilege and one of the highlights of my career.

Unfortunately, the class I was involved in was interrupted and cut short on account of the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. As upsetting as it was for all at ILEA to witness these attacks, I will never forget the kindness, sympathy and support expressed by the Officers attending the class and the staff of ILEA. It is these kinds of understandings and empathy that are a most important result of participating in ILEA programs.

I extend my regards and respect to all who attend ILEA and all who make it work. I will hold ILEA in high regard forever.

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# Nagymaros Flood Protection

by Péter Pakányi

Last year Central Europe was hit with the worst flooding since 2002. Overflowing rivers killed many people in the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria. Heavy rain caused widespread flooding, leaving destruction and abandoned territories throughout the affected area. In Hungary, Budapest was expected to receive the most devastation. The river was predicted to reach approximately 890 meters which is 30 cm above the previous record.

From all over Hungary, more than 10,000 rescue workers, soldiers and volunteers went to different locations to reinforce the flood defenses. Under these circumstances there was no hesitation with the decision to join one of the volunteer rescue teams. ILEA's students from the core course (Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Hungary) and from the specialized course (Georgia, Moldova, Slovakia), as well as interpreters and ILEA staff members - almost 100 people - were ready to help. We offered our help to the Baptist volunteer workers and were requested to assist with sandbagging and evacuation.

We spent two days on the dike. On the first day we were sent out to different locations. One of these locations was Nagymaros. It is a very nice, small village which is situated in the north part of Hungary next to Visegrád, 50 km from Budapest.

We couldn't believe our eyes when we arrived. Everyone was shocked to see the Danube River looking so vast and scary.

We went straight to work filling and carrying sandbags which we used to build the dikes that would protect the houses in the area. At one point I was standing on the dike and the big Danube was running down on my right side when I looked down to my other side I saw the Director of ILEA carrying sandbags and building the dike with many other people from different countries speaking different languages but all working for one common goal: to protect these local people. This scene reminded me again of how important the ILEA mission is. We have been organizing team building activities for more than 10 years for our students but this was definitely one of the most successful and remarkable ones. Local people in Nagymaros will never forget these four letters: ILEA.

We are very thankful for everybody who voluntarily joined us to help stopping the river and saving the people and their belongings.



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!