



## ILEA Welcomes New Deputy Director David Farthing

In July DS Supervisory Special Agent James (David) Farthing assumed the duties of Deputy Director, ILEA Budapest. He brings with him his wife and three children who are all very excited for the adventure that lies ahead of them.

SSA Farthing has served as a DS Agent for 18 years, and has a strong training background and investigative background. Prior to joining Diplomatic Security, he served four years in the US Army's 1st Ranger Battalion where he obtained his initial experience training others as he worked with and mentored young soldiers in his unit. Deputy Farthing's first assignment with DS was the Washington Field Office where he conducted investigations in passport and visa fraud and worked numerous protection details including the Secretary of State's. Deputy Farthing's training experience with DS started in the Office of Mobile Security Deployments which trains American and local staff at embassies around the world in security matters. Deputy Farthing spent four years in this assignment and visited over 25 countries on training missions, both as team member and a Team Leader. Deputy Farthing did a second tour with this office as the Training and Logistics Division Chief several years later. Deputy Farthing's training experience was rounded out with a five year tour in the DS Training Center. In 2013, he was the driving force behind many of the training changes implemented after the Benghazi attack. His most significant contribution was the complete overhaul of the Foreign Affairs Counter Threat course which is required for all American personnel serving at embassies overseas.

ILEA Budapest will be Deputy Farthing's fourth overseas assignment. Upon his arrival he was very impressed with the professionalism of the ILEA staff. He was also immediately swept up into the preparations for the 20th Anniversary celebration and was delighted to participate in the highly successful event.

## 20 years behind us

On April 19, 1995, then-President Bill Clinton and Hungarian President Árpád Göncz along with Prime Minister Gyula Horn signed a bilateral agreement establishing the first International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in the world. This was the first step of creating a worldwide program, aimed to provide high-quality training for law enforcement officers. After the success of ILEA Budapest, four other ILEAs opened in Bangkok, Gaborone, Roswell and San Salvador between 1999 and 2005.

So in 2015 we are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of two events: the opening of ILEA Budapest as well as the start of the entire ILEA Program. In honor of this significant milestone, ILEA Budapest hosted two Anniversary celebrations on July 16-17, 2015.

We were all very busy but also very grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate 20 years of serving the law enforcement. And just in case two days of celebration had not been enough, we also handed out the diplomas to the students of Session #100 at a usual ILEA Graduation Ceremony. Many thanks to all those who celebrated with us!

For more details on the Anniversary events, please continue reading.



*ILEA Director John Terpinas speaks at the Graduation Ceremony of the 100th Session.*

# ILEA 20th Anniversary



**The question may arise, why did the US Government choose Hungary to be the host of the first International Law Enforcement Academy in the world?**

Ambassador William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs answered the question:

“One government more than any other said that they would be interested in hosting such an academy. That government was that of the Republic of Hungary. And in fact may I say that they have supported it exceptionally well...

When other governments said maybe, the Hungarian government said yes.

When other governments said perhaps tomorrow, the Hungarian Government said, we'll do it now.”



“We consider ILEA a flagship - an institution that brings out the best in both our countries and that helps make our communities safer and the world more secure”. (Ambassador Colleen Bell)

Hungarian law enforcement executives as well as many high ranking US visitors and representatives of other regional countries that participate in the ILEA program attended a formal reception in the House of Parliament of Hungary on July 16.

Assistant Secretary of State William Brownfield, US Ambassador Colleen Bell, former FBI Director Louis Freeh and Hungarian Minister of Interior Sándor Pintér shared their good memories and thoughts with the guests.

On July 17, we continued celebrating the 20th Anniversary



*The two “fathers” of ILEA Minister of Interior Dr. Sándor Pintér and former FBI Director Louis Freeh greet each other at the House of Parliament 07/16/2015*

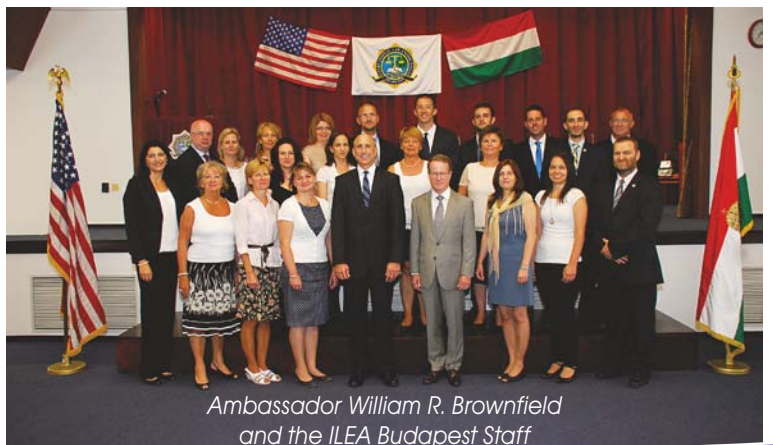
complemented by the Graduation of the 100th Session of ILEA Budapest. Bulgarian, Hungarian and Macedonian students joined us celebrating for a banquet dinner in the Budapest Hotel Marriott after receiving their diplomas at the Graduation Ceremony.

Keynote speakers at the banquet were:

- Ambassador Colleen Bell, U.S. Ambassador to Hungary;
- Minister of Interior Dr. Sándor Pintér;
- FBI Executive Assistant Director Robert Anderson Jr.;
- Major General Tibor Takács, CID, HNP;
- and Erik Barnett, ICE Attaché to the European Union.

Both events were very successful and left us – and hopefully our guests - great memories. We are very grateful to everybody who contributed to the success of the past 20 years as well as those who joined us celebrating the Anniversary.

Thank you so much!



*Ambassador William R. Brownfield and the ILEA Budapest Staff*

# New ILEA Fellowship Award

ILEA has developed many traditions over the past twenty years – and it is these traditions that bond the ILEA FAMILY together.

It's these traditions that help make ILEA the special place that it is.

- The National Dinners
- The Normafa hikes
- The Margareth Island runs
- The Visegrad trip
- The Bogracs Challenge

Now that we have hit the 20 year milestone, we wanted to start a new tradition – a tradition that we hope will become one of our bedrock traditions.

So on July 17, 2015, at the Graduation Ceremony of the 100th ILEA core session we awarded one student the first ever ILEA Budapest Fellowship Award.

The award was – and will be – awarded to the student who best exemplifies the ILEA spirit – and ILEA characteristics.

- Friendly
- Cooperatitive
- Helpful
- Great Teammate
- Motivator
- Always smiling

Director Terpinas, along with Colonel István Farkas, awarded the first ILEA Fellowship Award to Session #100 Graduate Lt. Georgina Bendics.



## Internship at ILEA

I think most of us have dreamt about being a special agent who fights crime. Me too! But I was lucky enough to meet people like this because I was an intern at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). My name is Dóra Harangi and I am an International Studies student at ELTE. I am 21 years old and I've always been interested in law-enforcement, crime prevention and criminal investigation.

Actually I'm writing my dissertation about terrorism, so for me it was a great opportunity to have a wider vision to that area.

Working at the ILEA was great! I was amazed by the organization and the professionalism. During my internship I experienced and learned new things every day and I met inspiring people. I really liked that they involved me in almost everything. For example I went to the monthly meeting, I helped with the ceremonial speeches, and I also watched the end of the tactical training week. I have to say that I was literally sad when my time was over, because I really like the people who work there and thanks to them I truly feel like I'm the part of the ILEA family.

I was extremely lucky because the ILEA celebrated its 20th anniversary when I was there. Therefore I was able to participate in their events. I was at the same room with Louis Freeh, Dr. Pintér Sándor, Ambassador Colleen Bell and Ambassador William R. Brownfield. It was amazing! I could never ask for a better internship. So I would like to thank again all the people who made this happen: John Terpinas the Director of the ILEA, NOK Director General Pol. Col. Dr. István Farkas and last but not least my mentor Lt. Colonel Hajni G si who made time for me despite of her busy schedule.



## Ambassador Bell's remarks at the Banquet Dinner of Session 100

"Minister Pintér, Ambassadors, distinguished guests, ILEA Directors and staff and ILEA Session 100 graduates; I am so pleased to be here with you tonight to celebrate both the ILEA 20 year anniversary and the graduation of ILEA Session 100.

It was an honor to be with Session 100 this afternoon as they became proud ILEA Alumni. Congratulations again to you, graduates.

On October 22, 1995 speaking in front of the UN General Assembly, President Bill Clinton called for the establishment of a network of international law enforcement academies around the world to combat transnational threats and strengthen international cooperation. President Clinton understood then, as we know today, that supporting high standards of professional skills and ethics for law enforcement is a critical responsibility of all governments around the world.

ILEA Budapest opened its doors that same year to help the region's emerging democracies build effective law enforcement capabilities and to promote the rule of law for enhanced security that is essential for prosperity.

ILEA Budapest became the model for four other ILEAs now operating around the world – and remains the flagship ILEA. We are very proud of that status, at the U.S. Embassy here in Budapest.

For twenty years now, the ILEA Program has been providing high-quality law enforcement training and technical capacity-building assistance to over 50 countries. That means over 21,000 law enforcement officers have passed through the gates of ILEA for training.

The ILEA concept and philosophy are a united effort by everyone who takes part

in its work — agencies and ministries, trainers and teachers, managers and students alike — to achieve our common goals of meeting the highest standards for international law enforcement. It is an ideal blend of professionals who are working together to promote our shared goals to build rule of law, to support human dignity, to ensure individual safety, and to contribute to global security.

On its 20th anniversary, ILEA stands as a living monument to the principles of cooperation and partnership. And when we come together again, to celebrate ILEA's 50th or its 100th anniversary, I am confident that we will hear even more success stories than—stories of courage, dedication, and cooperation that allowed freedom to flourish. That's what makes me proudest of ILEA – proud of the role it plays in the United States' relationship with Hungary, and proud of the role ILEA will play in the decades to come.

Well done and congratulations ILEA."



*Ambassador Bell with three ILEA Directors at the Hotel Marriott  
07/17/2015*

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