

ILEA BUDAPEST NEWSLETTER



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Our New Deputy Director's Welcome!

Greetings!

As the new Deputy Director of ILEA, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I arrived in Budapest with my wife and son in August 2007. I have been a Special Agent with the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service for over 20 years. During that time our domestic assignments have taken us to Chicago, New York and Washington DC. Previous overseas assignments include Frankfurt, Warsaw and Malawi. Nowhere have

we been better received than here at ILEA. My appreciation to the Director and Staff of ILEA for enabling me to get settled into this new position so quickly. Their experience and professionalism have allowed me to focus on understanding not just this new environment, but the intricacies of our bi-lateral working relationship with the Hungarian Government as well. In the coming months I look forward to working not only with our colleagues here in Buda-

pest, but all of you in the countries that participate with ILEA in our common goals of cooperation and development of law enforcement professionals. Please stay in touch and I encourage you to plan a visit to ILEA at the earliest opportunity.

Regards,
Ron Elkins



Changes and Updates at ILEA

DOMINIQUE S. BANHEGYI

2007 was an eventful year at ILEA. We were faced with many changes, but above all we gained new experiences, friendships and contacts. Not only have there been additions to our staff in the past year, but our classroom, facilities and uniforms have received a "face lift" as well. In our efforts to have the best technology available to maximize the lesson and experience in the classroom, we have installed a new interpretation system to the relief of our interpreters. We also have LCD television screens in our classroom and updated our satellite system to increase the

television stations available. Our dormitories have also been equipped with new hotel style beds to the comfort of our participants and both of our dormitories are now equipped with an "internet café" so our participants can stay in touch with their families back home and facilitate communication while they are away. Furthermore, we have a wireless connection available for those instructors and interpreters who would like to be able to use their laptops during their stay at the Academy. In response to unfortunate events, ILEA has held

defibrillator and CPR courses for the training staff and the health check has been modified for the arriving participants. Our wellness program continues to be a success with our participants thanks to our fantastic physical education instructors. We have implemented domestic violence into the 8 week Law Enforcement Executive Development (LEED) Program to reflect not only a local issue, but an international one. All in all, we are evolving as the world around us evolves at an ever increasing speed. We look forward to the challenges the future brings!

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Recommended Reading!

- *HACKERS The Hunt for Australia's Most Infamous Computer Cracker*
By: Bill Apro & Graeme Hammond
- *On Killing*
By: Lt. Dave Grossman
- *Warriors*
By: Lt. Dave Grossman
- *Training at the Speed of Life*
By: Kenneth Murray

Breaking the Ice

MAJOR ADAM PORZSOLT

We all know that networking can be crucial element and a useful tool that Law Enforcement officials may use daily. Some cases when bureaucracy prevails, we can still achieve our goals or at least open a slot in the maze towards solutions. Sometimes a phone call could do more than conventional methods would. Networking is based on bonds that were built up among cops. They are developed when we know that we are from the same extended family, we come to know each other and surely know each other characters. Even after prolonged periods we can still rely on the other and in case of need we will be there for the other. We at ILEA have recognized the importance of networking as one of the most important goals to build during the course.

In our efforts in this respect nature came to our help. It all began with a flood two years ago when rivers in Hungary were storming the levees and scaring the population to tumble through. What in one hand was a disastrous threat to a community, in the other it turned out to be one of the best team building exercise ever! Those Romanian, Serbian and Hungarian cops had



Session #55 working together to stop the flood

to work together, with instructors, ILEA staff and the director himself as well as the locals to win the battle and get the water back where it belong to. The heroic struggle with the sandbags on the levees and fighting the water and their own limits made those guys the unique example of brotherhood and comradeship. After experiencing the positive effect on the class, the strong bonds it had built, we realized the need to facilitate this process with our strategy and eventually put team building into the eight week program. Ever since, on the first Saturday of the

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course we all go climbing in the mountains of Pilis and descend Ram-canyon after completing the 10 km hike. Upon arrival to the base we are rewarded by the soothing effect and the warmth of the fire and torches that Attila set for us and gladly receive the pampering treatment from our catering service, professionally providing sumptuous lunch on the portable tables in the middle of the forest, with hot goulash and deserts. As one of the most successful

parts of the core course, we are determined to continue on this path discovering the various beauties of the Canyon in different seasons.

We want to listen to the Georgians singing their amazing traditional song in 4 parts like a professional quartet and seeing the Croatians shoulder to shoulder with the Bosnians getting over their obstacles.

We want to see the weary but elated expression on their faces when they come down from the canyon and sit around the fire. The fire flares on and will be remembered in our memories.



Session #62 enjoying the bon fire after the hike

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget. (G.Randolf)

Evaluations

NIKOLETTA VALKAI

What comes to mind when you hear the word evaluations? Statistics? Numbers? Scores?

I can tell you what comes to the mind of our alumni. They are probably jealous of our current participants who sit in the classroom at ILEA, yet at the same time they feel sorry for those who have



to fill out the evaluation papers every single day. Yes, it is a boring, tiring task, but a very important one also, since it is through these evaluations that we can evaluate the effectiveness of the course. I am happy to announce that in Session # 63, the Street

Survival, FBI Team received all fives on a 1-5 scale. This was the first time that all the instructors of a block of instruction received a perfect score. Congratulations to the FBI Team!



Alumni-Our Goal, Mission, Accomplishments and News

FÜREDI ANNA



Our goal is to promote networking within groups of our graduates (alumni) and use opportunities and shared knowledge in the interest of their common goals – the ultimate goal of all law enforcement organizations: to tackle crime. ILEA have been providing opportunities for professional and informal exchanges between ILEA alumni through official gatherings, informal hikes, internet forums and networking sites. In 2006 and 2007 there have been several all-alumni meetings within various countries organized or supported by US Embassies – in Romania, Slovenia and Hungary. Some of these incorporated professional training, some were purely official. Since 2007 a hiking tour is organized each month for alumni with families. Internet forums were established using Google Groups for alumni from 9 countries, and for students coming from one session. As a result of such correspondence we are happy to announce:

- Boris Popov, our alumni from the Ukraine was internationally acknowledged as “the best policeman of the year 2006” for cracking a major bank card forgery case.
- Two alumni from Georgia (Session 59) who met at ILEA for the first time in their life got married a year later



- Militia of Ukraine online journal article on ILEA “Fighting Crime Together” based on an interview with two ILEA Budapest alumni
- Every first Sunday of the month alumni with families are invited for a half-day hike in the hills around Budapest.
- US Embassies across the region have shown interest and have begun reviving the relationship between the alumni and the US Embassy

We receive success stories where information or contacts gained at ILEA help in part of the process. I will share with you some of these in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you are interested in making a real contact with fellow alumni, please look us up on the internet.



Congratulations Sofiko and Georgi!

“We were born to unite with our fellow men, and to join in community with the human race.” (Cicero)



Coordinator's Column

FLETC SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST GREGORY SPAIN

I would first like to start out by saying I am honored and grateful for having had the opportunity to represent the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary. I served as class coordinator for Session 64 from January 14, 2008 through March 7, 2008. A class coordinator's responsibilities are many. Their ability to carry out and successfully complete these responsibilities contribute greatly to the success of the program. With that being said, the

coordinator cannot and must not try to accomplish these duties alone. It was apparent from day one the staff at the ILEA was eager, willing, and most competent to ensure the complete success of Session 64. I would like to commend the entire staff at ILEA for a job well done. Without a doubt, the success of the session is contributed to the professionalism, dedication, and knowledge of the staff. To the administration, training, and support staff, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your professionalism and

Internet forums for ILEA Alumni:

ILEA Alumni Facebook page
www.facebook.com ILEA Budapest
 ILEA Alumni Russian Language community
<http://my.mail.ru/community/ileaalumni>

ILEA Session 63 forum

<http://groups.google.com/group/ileasession63>

Chapters by country:

ILEA Alumni Albanian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea-alumni-alb>

ILEA Alumni Bulgarian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea-alumni-bg>

ILEA Alumni Croatian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea-alumni-croatia>

ILEA Alumni Hungarian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea-alumni-hun>

ILEA Alumni Macedonian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea-alumni-mac>

ILEA Alumni Romanian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea-alumni-rom>

ILEA Alumni Serbian chapter
<http://groups.google.com/group/ilea->



most important, your friendship. The working environment created by the staff eliminated much of the anxiety for me turning the entire experience into a success. This staff is second to none. The facilities provide an excellent training environment and are equipped with up to date training aids. The classroom is state of the art providing a comfortable learning environment for students and instructors. The class comprised of delegations from three countries.

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Coordinators' Column (continued from page 3)

Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania were represented by a professional and obviously dedicated group of individuals. The students play the major role in the success of any session. Without their commitment and participation, the end result would be failure. I would like to commend and congratulate each individual attendee and wish them all the best. My position at the FLETC has given me the opportunity to observe and work with many instructors from various backgrounds. The knowledge, expertise, and commitment of an instructor is critical to the learning environment. Session 64 had the privilege of experiencing some of the most professional and caring instructors I have ever encountered. Many Federal, State, and Local agencies were represented by a cadre of instructors that any coordinator would be honored to have worked with. I would encourage anyone given the opportunity to serve as a class coordinator or instructor to do so. For me it has been an experience never to be forgotten. I have been blessed with many new friends, experiences, and stories to be remembered for years to come. Thanks for the memories.

Letter from the Editor

DOMINIQUE S. BANHEGYI

The ILEA Newsletter has been a working project for quite a while. Not only have our alumni indicated their desire to hear from us, but agencies and instructors have also inquired if and when we would re introduce our Newsletter. The time has come to revive our sporadic outreach and make it a regular method of contact as well as source of information for all of you. As our readers, I ask you to feel free to contact me or any of our staff with letters and/or articles of your own, recommendations or questions. The ILEA Newsletter has great potential and as you can see, this first edition of 2008 would be impossible without the input of instructors, my fellow staff members, the Class Coordinator and the recommendations of many. We hope to not only make our newsletter available on our website, but to also make it a regular appearance in your office, at your agency and a source of not only information but a way to stay in touch with the staff of ILEA, the instructors who have visited, the coordinators who have been a crucial element in our success and the participants who have made it all worth while. I look forward to hearing your comments and input!

An Intern's Perspective

EDINA PUCHARDT



Being a third year student of the International Business School of Budapest, I had to find a company where I could spend my placement year at. Even though I found many jobs I wanted to apply for, mostly at giant multinational companies, I always preferred to work in a relatively smaller environment. What is more, I wanted to gather more experience and strengthen my practical knowledge at a field I am interested in. Then I got the opportunity to become an intern of the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest. Usually the first couple of days are about getting acquainted with

the new people and the environment. Fortunately, my new colleagues led me around the place and showed me how everything works here. They created such an atmosphere where I could fit in immediately. The other reason that facilitated finding my way at ILEA is that it has a relatively small staff, so it is simple to know whom to call in certain cases, and also to keep in touch with each other. I got the most experience from dealing with people day by day, and getting acquainted with completely different cultures. At this point, national dinners and excursions organized for the LEED course participants were crucial and

Destination-Budapest

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Budapest is romantic, mysterious and colorful. Street talkers and hawkers identify you immediately as an "American". The Chain Bridge, Castle District, churches, shopping, restaurants, Budapest has it all. A morning visit to the local thermal baths followed by a stroll along the Danube River and a stop at one of the many café's for a "Café Americano" and a pastry...and all I have to do is teach at the International Law Enforcement Academy. My first visit to Budapest in early 2004 was delayed for twelve hours due to a heavy snowstorm in Frankfurt and I finally arrived in Budapest at 2:00 in the morning. I'll never forget the taxi ride to the hotel that dark, early snowy morning. The cab driver dragged on his cigarette while racing his Mercedes along frozen streets with Tom Jones "Sex Bomb" blaring on the radio. Four years later, I look back on my ten visits to the Budapest ILEA, and the memories that have been forged. My time in Budapest have been beyond my expectations, but I always remember what my primary mission is...to instruct the participants who have been selected to attend the ILEA on the topics of money laundering, emerging money laundering methods and country specific laws. Have you been selected to teach at the Budapest ILEA? If you have, congratulations, but take your job seriously. I have found that the participants who attend the ILEA know more about what is going on in the United States and the world than most Americans. Do your homework; research, study and become familiar with the countries that attend the ILEA. Find out what the emerging crimes the countries are experiencing and how they conduct investigations. If you are tasked with preparing your presentation, make sure that you send it to the ILEA at least three weeks in advance for translation purposes. Make sure to arrive one day early to Budapest to visit the ILEA and become familiar with the classroom and the staff. Introduce yourself to the translators and provide copies of your presentations to them. If you have not taught with translators before, make sure to speak slowly, enunciate and try to avoid slang words. Be familiar with the subject you are teaching and be confident. I cannot stress this enough. If you come across as someone who is not familiar with your subject material, the participants will know it. If you have materials that may offend a country, make sure you have all the facts. In one session attended by Russia, I spoke about capital flight from Russia and I could sense that the participants were uncomfortable with the topic. Finally, one of the students began openly arguing with me about the subject. I immediately stopped the class and took a break and had a one on one discussion with the student. At the end of the break, the student smiled, shook my hand and told me that he respected me for my viewpoint. Remember, the participants are experienced law enforcement officials and it is an honor for them to represent their country at the ILEA. Enjoy Budapest, but remember what your primary mission is, to be the very best instructor you can and to make a difference.

provided an outstanding basis for my further improvement. What is more, it is great to see how important ILEA considers not only their current students, but their alumni too. I am really happy that I could become a member of this "family". If I wanted to summarize my internship spent at ILEA, I would say that I developed a lot in my skills of co-operation with colleagues and people I encountered at work. All in all, I feel honored to have the opportunity to meet people with such great values, who were happy to share their expertise with me.