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President's Letter



What does it take to be a **GREAT organization** these days? I can think of six things I regard as critical:

- 1. Build and maintain a healthy, growing organization.
- 2. Single-mindedly serve your members in everything you do.
- 3. Plan each move carefully.
- 4. Dedicate yourself to increasing transparency in all dealings.
- 5. Use technology wherever there is a need.
- 6. And always seek out the best advice you can find.

Healthy organization: Membership continues to grow, even now in our 20th year. Currently, we have 1,495 members, and enrollments for each term are up from last year. Potential speakers comment on our growing reputation. As an example, Dartmouth's President Emeritus, Jim Wright, gave ILEAD a special lecture on April 25 about his work with veterans.

Serving our members: ILEAD's evaluation forms keep us in touch with member reactions, comments and inputs, and they are treated very seriously by the Curriculum Committee. Member ratings remain high, while inputs help us see where work might be needed.

Planning: Our committee structure is essential to our overall success and our volunteers dedicate much time and effort to forward planning. In addition, this year your Leadership Council has agreed to develop a Strategic Plan to guide us over the next three to five years. Many of you have participated in focus groups, and a survey was sent to all members to solicit input. We will issue a preliminary report at the Annual Meeting on May 18.

Transparency: Our Newsletter carries detailed information on the discussions and plans of ILEAD's Leadership. We want all members to be well-informed about actions we are planning or implementing. It is your right as a member to make your concerns known to the Leadership Council. We encourage your participation in the committees that oversee our programs.

Technology: It changes constantly, always offering a challenge, and our grandchildren are more involved and computer literate that we may ever hope to be. ILEAD will benefit as technology evolves, because there are so many things we can do faster, better, and more efficiently by employing technology where it fits.

The best available advice: How lucky we are to be in the Upper Valley and to have an excellent relationship with Dartmouth. Last year we created the concept of an Advisory Board, and this year we gave it meaning and life. A superb group of talented professionals, drawn from both the College and the community, met for the first time in February as ILEAD Advisors, and, frankly, the result was electric! Ideas poured forth, including suggestions for special lectures and panels, offsite courses, and possible partnerships. ILEAD committees are working on implementation of several great ideas. The Advisors will meet again this fall.

And from me, a partial farewell. My term as your President ends at the Annual Meeting on May 18. I've enjoyed working with the Leadership Council and the several committees that make ILEAD a wonderful organization.

It has been my privilege to work with and serve you.

Ann Hargraves, President

Summer Lecture Series Spotlights **Corruption**

Described as "Pervasive, Persistent and Virulent," corruption could be the most important, yet least recognized, force in society today. We ignore it, deny it, or believe it applies to others, while it continues to strangle every aspect of our lives.

ILEAD's Summer Lecture Series will examine corruption in many of its manifestations, not just government, foreign affairs and big business, but also throughout history, sports, religion and even law enforcement.

Experts in each of these fields will cover the who, why and how corruption seeks out weakness and desire to reward with money and prestige.

"The Summer Series is clearly the year's most recognized event," said ILEAD President Ann Hargraves, "highlighting provocative subjects and attracting a stunning collection of speakers, yearafter-year!"

Last year's Series was our bestattended ever, and this year could match or beat that record.

We welcome eleven exciting authorities during our seven weeks in Spaulding from July 6 to August 17. If you care about where our country is going, you'll find it riveting.

> Bruce Macdonald Chair, Summer Program

ILEAD'S GIFT FUND has reached \$10,800. We have until June 30 to reach our goal of \$25,000.

ILEAD HISTORY BOOKLETS are still available. Please pick up yours if you haven't already.

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ILEAD'S 20th YEAR

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Communications Committee



"ILEAD members are so skilled at conversation and exploring ideas, we decided that a focus group was a natural way to survey members," said Lizann Peyton, a strategic consultant for nonprofit organizations.

As the Planning Committee and Leadership Council work to transform ILEAD into a more strategic organization, focus groups were deployed to mine the ideas of ILEAD members.

Topics included:

- Should ILEAD grow?
- What is the cost of growth?
- Can new technology enhance ILEAD?
- How can the curriculum be broadened?
- What will future infrastructure needs be?

Six different sessions included new and long-term members, donors/supporters, and study leaders.

Results were presented to the Leadership Council in March. They will be used to drive development of the three-to-five-year plan and will be presented at the Annual Meeting update in May.

Online and mail surveys allowed all members an opportunity to contribute to this important planning process.

Paul Johnson Chair, Communications Committee

ILEAD's Second Literary Reading

The second Salon was held recently, in which members shared their passion for the written word.

ILEAD members include those who have been published and those who began writing as a result of ILEAD's encouragement. They write in all genres, including fiction, non-fiction, memoir, poetry, and essay.

There have been more than 60 ILEAD writing classes over the past 20 years.

Pam Ahlen is the Salon's Event Organizer.



PRESENTERS WERE:

Patricia Norton – Poetry Mary Otto – Creative Non-Fiction Nancy Lagomarsino – Poetry Fern Meyers – Creative Non-Fiction Michael Heaney – Memoir Carole Spearin McCauley – Fiction Sheila Kaplow – Poetry Tom Blinkhorn – Commentary

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ILEAD On the Move

Tanglewood Sunday, July 10, 2011

Come join ILEAD on a hassle-free trip to Tanglewood to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Miguel Harth-Bedoya, along with featured artists, and Joshua Bell on violin.

This day-long trip will include round-trip motorcoach transportation and entrance for the 2:30 p.m. performance. Please feel free to bring snacks and/or your lunch, or you can purchase lunch at one of the cafeterias at Tanglewood.

Cost is \$95 per member or \$105 for nonmembers. If interested, please contact ILEAD.

Marlboro Music Festival Sunday, August 7, 2011

This day-long trip to Marlboro, Vermont, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and entrance for the 2:30 p.m. perform-

There is no place to eat at Marlboro, so please pack your lunch and beverage.

The cost for this trip is \$65 per member, and \$75 for non-members. If interested, please contact ILEAD.

Music in the Mountains A 13-Day Trip in August 2012

This will be a wonderful trip to the lesserknown Switzerland. We will fly from Boston non-stop to Zurich and drive by private bus to Luzern, for a three night stay at Hotel Montana.

Cost for the trip will be approximately \$6,300, based on the CHF exchange, double occupancy.

There will also be singles supplements available.

ILEAD plans to offer a required course related to this trip in the



Spring of 2012, which will provide information about Switzerland and its history.

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FREE SEMINARS

for Present and Potential ILEAD Study Leaders

This spring, we are offering seminars for ILEAD members as well as potential and current study leaders interested in teaching more effectively.

The seminars will take place 9 – noon on Fridays, May 6, 11 and 13.

MAY 6 AT DOC 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m Erin Donahue

PowerPoint Made Simple – Effective Uses in the ILEAD Classroom Participants are invited to bring their computers for hands-on advice.

> 10:30 a.m. – noon Bob Hargraves

Using the Cloud "The Cloud" is the fuzzy name for the many resources and services you can use via the Internet. They can help you find, organize and present materials for your workshop. Bring your own laptop PC if you want to experiment after class.

MAY 11 AT THE QUECHEE CLUB 9 a.m. – noon (\$5 for snacks) David Bisno

Developing a Strategy for Successful Lifelong Learning Classes – The Big Ideas and the 'Bells and Whistles'

> MAY 13 AT DOC 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Barbara Butler

Flaunt Your Flair and Disguise Your Flaws – The Effective Use of Powerpoint

> 10:30 a.m. – noon Sarwar A. Kashmeri

ILEAD 2.0 – Using Blogs to Teach at ILEAD

To register for these FREE seminars, please email ILEAD@dartmouth.edu or call 603.646.0154.

Space is limited.

SARWAR KASHMERI

Profile of an ILEAD Course Leader

Sarwar Kashmeri invites ILEAD students to participate in an informed discussion using interactive technology, as well as inclass discussion, to explore timely topics of transatlantic political importance.



His classes are a prototype for life-long learning in the Twenty-First Century.

Sarwar Kashmeri is the man perfectly suited to lead ILEAD into teaching for tomorrow. He is a senior fellow with the Atlantic Council (www.fpa.org), the author of timely books (including his latest, *NATO 2.0: Reboot or Delete?*), and a strategic communications advisor for relationships between business communities and the governments of the United States and Europe.

In his ILEAD offerings, Sarwar creates the opportunity for guided exploration of a current topic through the windows of the web (or on paper if you wish), as well as focused on-going debate on the class blog between meetings, which saves class time for lively Q&A, face-to-face in class.

In a recent course to consider the future of NATO, ILEAD participants in Mr. Kashmeri's class went even further, voting on policy and sending their recommendations through web channels that reach policy makers.

Experience a painless introduction to the new world of learning while focusing on a topic of importance such as being a global citizen.

Banisa Saint Damian Chair, Study Leader Support Member, Curriculum Committee

AROUND THE AREA: Events Outside of ILEAD



MONTSHIRE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE is partnering with Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE) to offer a spring field ornithology course focusing on bird ecology and behavior and conservation biology.

Thursdays & Saturdays • May 5 – June 4

To Register on-line: http://www.formstack.com/forms/mms-field_ornithology_spring_2011

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE EVENTS: http://www.dartmouth.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/calendar/cal

THE HOOD MUSEUM: http://www.hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu/calendar/

> THE HOPKINS CENTER: http://hop.dartmouth.edu/

From Valley Net: http://calendar.theuppervalley.net/events/ http://www.valley.net/links/calendars.html





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From the Editor

Spring, finally.

Spring is a time of planning new adventures.

ILEAD has many adventures waiting for you – whether in a classroom or traveling to near and distant places.

How about planning a mixture of courses, learning to become a Study Leader, and traveling to music festivals?

Whatever you select, enjoy the season – enjoy being part of the Institute for Lifelong Education at Dartmouth.

Janet Schoeler Editor



SAVE THESE DATES

Wednesday, May 18 ILEAD ANNUAL MEETING Alumni Hall • Hopkins Center Speaker: Tom Powers "Crazy Horse: Why the U.S. Army Wanted to Kill Him, and Why He Let Them Do It!"

> Sunday, July 10 TANGLEWOOD Lenox, Massachusetts

Sunday, August 7 MARLBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL Marlboro, Vermont

Lisa's Corner

A *Thank You* to Joel Godston, an ILEAD Study Leader.



Joel took on the project of making our tabletop podiums taller and more useful for our ILEAD instructors.

Thank you, Joel!

When you are looking for information about ILEAD, whether it is events, lectures, information about a course in a current or past catalog, please go to ILEAD's website at www.dartmouth.edu/~ilead/.

If you can't find what you need, please call ILEAD at 603.646.0154 and we'll be glad to assist you.

Lisa King Program Coordinator