

## 58 Nobel Laureates and Counting

In 2007, IIE was proud to add another name to its list of Nobel Laureates. U.S. economist and Fulbright alumnus Leonid Hurwicz was one of three Americans awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize in Economics. Professor Hurwicz traveled to India as a Fulbright Scholar in 1965, to serve as a visiting professor at Bangalore University. During his Fulbright year, he taught classes at Bangalore University and visited and studied at other Indian institutions of higher education. Now a professor emeritus of economics at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Professor Hurwicz credits his Fulbright experience as “an important phase in my development and a significant influence in the development of my economic theories.”

This now brings to 36 the number of Nobel Prize winning alumni of the Fulbright Program (which the Institute has been privileged to administer for the U.S. Department of State since the program’s inception in 1946), along with 15 other IIE administered grantees and 7 of the Institute’s Trustees and advisers. In total, 30 have won in the sciences, 16 in economics, 3 in literature and 9 for peace – a glowing achievement in which we take exceptional pride.

There can be no more powerful testimony to the unique value of international education and exchange programs than the accomplishments of these Nobel Laureates, hailing from so many different nations, whose early promise was recognized, and supported, by the Fulbright Program and IIE. These greatly gifted men and women – and the next generation of international exchange students the Institute is currently identifying – are truly the hope of the world, working to serve humankind by conquering disease, advancing world peace, reducing global poverty, preserving the environment and creating a more just and prosperous global society.