

## Highlights of the Year 2007

### New Fulbright Opportunities in Latin America

In August 2007, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs Alejandro Foxley signed a binational agreement launching a major expansion of the Fulbright Program. The initiative funds U.S. PhD study in key science, technology, public health and other fields important to Chile's development for highly-talented Chileans from all backgrounds and regions of the country.

IIE's Council for International Exchange of Scholars worked with Fulbright Commissions in seven Latin American countries to offer research opportunities for some 75 visiting faculty, with an increasing focus on supporting younger faculty who comprise the next generation of academic leaders.

### Developing Student Leaders in Egypt

Two new programs managed by IIE's Cairo-based Center for Leadership Excellence will develop leadership among students at all levels and foster student-led service learning activities. The Student Leadership Discovery Program is an independent, semester-long, extracurricular program of activities for public university students in Egypt, developed and implemented by IIE through a grant from the Ford Foundation office in Cairo.

The YELLA Program provides opportunities for Egyptian preparatory, secondary and national university students to develop the leadership attributes they will need to become productive members of the workforce, contributing participants in their community, and involved citizens. The Program's development and pilot semesters were funded by the U.S. Department of State.



### Preparing the Next Generation of World Leaders

Her Excellency Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, First Lady of Rwanda, addressed the seventh annual Global Leadership Institute of the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program in New York in July 2007. On behalf of The Goldman Sachs Foundation, IIE organized a remarkable week of high-level lectures and leadership workshops for this diverse group of 75 outstanding college students from five continents, to nurture the next generation of world leaders. Mrs. Kagame spoke about the essential role of her country's new leadership in restoring confidence and establishing security, to ensure that Rwandans who had fled during the genocide are able return to their country and help rebuild civil society.



### Corporate Leadership and Humanitarian Awards

At the Institute's 2007 Gala, IIE Trustee Thomas Russo presented the Opening Minds Corporate Leadership Award to Martin J. Sullivan (left) and American International Group, Inc. AIG has shown outstanding commitment to global philanthropy and dedication to providing higher education scholarships worldwide. IIE also presented the Humanitarian Award for International Cooperation to Stanley Fink for his contribution to the "Save-a-Scholar" campaign and in recognition of his partnership with IIE to endow the first International Chair of the Scholar Rescue Fund in his name.

### Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center

The Institute assists the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center by administering travel funds for scholars from developing countries to attend conferences that frame debates on global issues. IIE also manages the selection process and travel funding for scholars and artists to come to the Center for high-level professional residencies. In 2007, IIE assisted 100 Bellagio residents and conference participants from 37 countries around the world.

### Grassroots Development Fellowships

In 2007, IIE partnered with the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) to administer its Grassroots Development Fellowships, which support PhD students from U.S. universities as they carry out dissertation field work in Latin America and the Caribbean. Fellows examine the efforts of the rural and urban poor to improve their lives, their methods of organization and production, and the policies and programs designed to alleviate their poverty.

### Renée Fleming Receives Alumni Award

At the 2007 Gala Dinner, the Institute presented Fulbright Alumna Renée Fleming with its Fritz Redlich Alumni Award. The award recognized her distinguished career as an artist, composer, and educator, and honored her achievements in furthering mutual understanding and good will throughout the world. Ms. Fleming expressed her gratitude to the Fulbright program for sponsoring her studies in Germany at the beginning of her career and immersing her in a culture that so greatly influenced her future. Ms. Fleming (right) is pictured with broadcaster Linda Vester (left), also a Fulbright alumna, who served as the MC for the evening's program, and Karen Hughes, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.



### IIE Hong Kong 40th Anniversary

IIE/Hong Kong celebrated four decades of serving the Hong Kong, Macau and south China community. As part of the EducationUSA worldwide academic network of advising centers supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, IIE/Hong Kong continues to strengthen ties between the people of Hong Kong, Macau, mainland China and the United States through its advising services, scholarship and training programs and the highly respected U.S. higher education fair series. U.S. Consul General James B. Cunningham, shown welcoming IIE scholarship alumni, hosted a reception honoring two members of the IIE/Hong Kong Advisory Committee, Rev. Raymond Lee and Dr. Rosanna Wong.



### Advancing Peace in the Middle East

At a reception in Jerusalem in June, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Gene Cretz (right) joined IIE Trustee Victor J. Goldberg (left) and IIE Chief Operating Officer Peggy Blumenthal in presenting the third annual Goldberg IIE Prize to Lee Gordon and Amin Khalaf, two veteran Israeli educators, for their pioneering work in co-founding the organization Hand in Hand, which began with 50 students in 1998, and has expanded to serve over 900 Jewish and Arab children in four schools. A decade ago, the two co-founders recognized that separate schools were a barrier to a peaceful coexistence between Arab and Jewish communities and joined together to invent a unique school model incorporating both cultures.



### Scholarships to Further Global Innovation

KAUST, the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, a new graduate-level university that is being built in Saudi Arabia, has enlisted IIE to administer two new scholarship programs. The KAUST Discovery Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding undergraduate students in science and technology fields all over the world. The Discovery Scholarship will fund the completion of students' undergraduate degrees at the universities where they are currently enrolled in their home or host countries in preparation for their subsequent enrollment in Master's degree programs at KAUST. KAUST Scholar Awards will be conferred upon outstanding doctoral students to support their continued research efforts. These Scholars represent a new age of visionary researchers, those that will have a major impact on the future of science, engineering and IT and will be a driving force for global innovation.



### Global Initiative for Breast Cancer Awareness

IIE's West Coast Center was awarded funding to design and launch the *Susan G. Komen for the Cure Global Initiative for Breast Cancer Awareness*. It is implemented in collaboration with local partners in eight countries: Brazil, Costa Rica, Jordan, Mexico, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and United Arab Emirates. The initiative creates a dynamic global network of dedicated activists with the skills, knowledge and vision to play a strategic role in shaping their country's response to breast cancer.

### Investing in Systems to Deliver Enhanced Services

The Institute's trustees made major investments in 2007 to design and implement a new web-based Grantee Management System, streamlining program administration and providing more sophisticated real time reporting. To complement the new IT portal, IIE's financial division implemented a state-of-the-art SAP accounting system to generate more flexible financial reports for sponsors. With a strong belief that IIE's experienced and committed staff members are its most valuable assets, the Human Resources team implemented new career development and leadership training opportunities to ensure the continuous improvement of individual job performance and productivity.