

# Working in the Community

IIE's offices across America and around the world offer resources to both our international guests and our local neighbors, bringing public education programs, high-profile international visitors, and information about academic opportunities to their communities.

## Local Connections with Global Reach |

IIE offices around the world connect visiting students and professionals with host communities, bring host colleges and universities together with local students, and provide internationally-minded citizens with insight into world events. In addition to the Institute's New York headquarters and Washington DC program offices, experienced professional staff in a network of offices in four U.S. cities and 11 other countries join forces to advance IIE's mission and serve our sponsors.

## Honoring International Leadership |

Special events and gala dinners focus on global/local connections. With the theme of scientific innovation and global outreach, the IIE West Coast 2007 gala honored Dr. John Martin, CEO and President of Gilead. IIE Denver convened business, government, and other experts from South America and Colorado for a seminar on Energy and Natural Resource Partnerships in the Americas in conjunction with their 2007 Diplomats Ball: A South American Adventure, which honored Chamber of the Americas founder Gilberto Cisneros and former Colorado international trade director Morgan Smith.

## International Hubs in U.S. Regions |

The Institute's U.S. regional centers, founded in the 1950s, are flourishing today as active international hubs in their communities, and several are also the center of activities for innovative worldwide programs.

IIE's West Coast Center arranges monthly speaking events, such as a presentation at Google featuring a powerful group of women entrepreneurs from around the world, bringing together Bay Area community and international leaders.

IIE Rocky Mountain serves as Denver's World Affairs Council, hosting monthly speakers that in 2007 included a discussion with Ambassador Dennis Ross on "How to Restore America's Standing in the World" and a dialogue with U.S. Ambassador to Korea Alexander Vershbow and the Korean Ambassador to the U.S. Tae-Sik Lee.

IIE Southern held workshops in Houston for teachers and operated the Cultural Navigators Program to bring world cultures into local classrooms, convened an International Youth Leadership Summit for high school students, and co-sponsored the Friends of International Students and Scholars program with Rice University.

## Promoting Citizen Diplomacy |

IIE's regional centers promote international education and citizen diplomacy through professional meetings and school visits that teach both the visitors and their hosts about global affairs and world cultures. In Denver, Houston, and San Francisco, IIE's offices serve as Councils of International Visitors, designing programs for the foreign leaders participating in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program and arranging cultural activities and home hospitality. These offices also arrange Fulbright Seminars and local programs for foreign Fulbright students in their regions, and IIE Chicago works with the Chicago chapter of the Fulbright Association on local events.

## Serving Students and Sponsors |

IIE's international offices provide testing, training, and advising services to students and professionals in their communities, to connect them with international higher education opportunities. The Institute's staff in eleven countries around the world also serve as the local face for global sponsors and programs, recruiting and selecting local scholarship recipients, managing local and regional award ceremonies and pre-departure orientations, and helping to connect U.S. and host-country universities.



Fulbright Students from over 50 countries gathered in Chicago for the 2007 Enrichment Seminar on "Leadership and Public Service."



International Visitors from Japan observe a rocketry presentation by high school students in Houston.



International Visitor Leadership Program participants meet with Colorado Attorney General John W. Suthers (center) in Denver.

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Oracle President Charles Phillips (left) with IIE West Coast gala honoree, John Martin, CEO of Gilead (center) and Dubose Montgomery, Managing Director of Menlo Ventures.



IIE Rocky Mountain 2007 Diplomats Ball Co-Chairs Kim Kavrell Savit and Mark Savit.



More than 100 Fulbright Scholars, including faculty and researchers from 57 countries, convened in Denver from host universities across the U.S. to participate in a conference entitled "The Rule of Law: A View from the American West." Highlights included an evening of home hospitality, a mock jury selection conducted by the Federal District Court, and the chance to network with other scholars.