



Small Changes

by ILEA Director, John Terpinas

In July 2011, I became the 5th ILEA Budapest Director. It is an honor and a privilege to lead such an incredible academy in an absolutely fabulous city. Changes in leadership in any organization will always cause some anxiety. What is the new guy going to do? Is he going to make massive changes? Is he going to mess with my routine? Is he going to care about me as a person? These are all valid questions.

When I arrived at ILEA, I was probably as anxious about my new assignment as the ILEA staff was about what type of leader I would be. What I quickly learned was that ILEA is a well-oiled smooth operating machine. Early on I asked myself, "How can I make a positive, hopefully lasting impact, as director?" I wanted to continue the excellent legacy my predecessors left me, but I also wanted ILEA to be a part of me. Along the way, I developed a "Small Changes" mantra. The idea would be to look for ways that we can make tweaks to this great place and to improve it even more.

So in the last five months, we have made a couple "small changes." One was the introduction of the Bogrács Challenge to the core course. The challenge is designed to test the physical fitness ability of participants by putting them through a series of tests: running, hiking, rock climbing, weight training. The Challenge also offers an additional way for the students to develop long-lasting relationships. Upon successful completion of the challenges, students receive a miniature Hungarian bogrács as a memorable ILEA keepsake. Another change was installing televisions around the campus. Now, instead of trying to find a local pub to watch football, students can enjoy watching their countrymen compete in the comfort of the Student Center. We also installed monitors above the entrances to the classrooms. The monitors continually scroll through a series of ILEA pictures and important information that we update routinely. There is now a laptop computer for every student located in the classroom. All the instructor materials are pre-loaded in their respective languages.

Our goal remains the same: to provide world class law enforcement training. In my recent meeting with the Hungarian Minister of Interior, Sándor Pintér, we discussed the excellent service that ILEA provides to the security of the region and the excellent cooperation between the United States and Hungary. Our promise is to continue to produce a challenging and exciting learning environment for all our students.



ILEA Session 83

ILEA Session 83 (Oct. 24-Dec.15) saw many significant developments. This was the first ILEA session to include participants from Turkey. On Oct. 27, the Turkish Embassy in Budapest invited the entire delegation to the Turkish National Day reception at the Budapest Museum of Fine Arts. The setting was spectacular and the officers were delighted to be with their countrymen on this important national holiday. Turkish participant Baris Colak was elected by his classmates to be the speaker at the graduation ceremony. In their spare time the Turkish delegation enjoyed discovering the Turkish heritage still evident in Budapest from the era of Turkish rule in Hungary during the 16th and 17th centuries.

Next to Hungary, no country has sent more participants to ILEA than Macedonia. The 16 members of the Macedonian delegation included the Christian Dandé Award winner Teodosievski Metodi. The Macedonian Ambassador to Hungary was an enthusiastic guest at both the national dinner and the graduation where he commented favorably on the impact that ILEA graduates were having in his country.

As a neighbor to both Turkey and Macedonia, the Bulgarian delegation played an important role linking the class together. It was a great honor at the graduation to receive two ILEA Alumni, Dimitar Georgiev (Session #45) and Stanimir Florov (#43) as honored guests. Georgiev, now the Deputy Minister of Interior in Bulgaria, gave a moving address to the class at the graduation.

Two Hungarian participants, Gábor Szemes and Szabolcs Somodi, completed Session #83. As always, the Hungarian participants in the session served as gracious hosts and advisors to their 48 foreign friends.





Alumni Reunion in Belgrade, Serbia

On November 15, 2011, U.S. Ambassador to Serbia, Mary Burce Warlick hosted a reception at her residence in Belgrade, Serbia in honor of over 100 Serbian law enforcement officers who were trained through the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Budapest core course program.

Serbia joined the Law Enforcement Executive Development (LEED) program in 2002 sending a delegation of 16 law enforcement officers to attend Session #35. Since then 136 officers received training in 9 sessions, the most recent being Session #81 the summer of last year.

After welcoming the guests, Ambassador Warlick spoke highly of the bilateral relations of Serbia and the United States of America. She commended ILEA graduates for their commitment and service to the community. Following her remarks, FBI Supervisory Special Agent John Terpinas introduced himself as the new ILEA Director and gave a quick update on the new programs and achievements of ILEA. Milorad Veljović, Director of the Serbian Police pointed out the important role that ILEA plays in fighting against transnational crime. Following the short addresses, ILEA alumni had the opportunity to mingle and make new connections and update the old ones. The reunion continued for many at the local Police Club where ILEA graduates shared a delicious dinner and great memories.



President of Kosovo Visits ILEA Budapest



This September at the invitation of Hungary, President Atifete Jahjaga made an official visit to Hungary. A major event in her 3-day program was a visit to ILEA Budapest on September 15, 2011, for an important speech entitled "The Importance of Building Alliances in Combating International Crime."

President Jahjaga is a career police officer and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. In her former position with the Kosovo Police she was heavily involved in preparing the country to join the ILEA program and in the selection of participants to attend ILEA.

US Ambassador Tsakopoulos Kounalakis introduced President Jahjaga. In attendance were ambassadors from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ireland, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Slovenia; the participants of the core course from Hungary, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan and the Hungarian participants from the Arson Investigation course; representatives from the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and other distinguished invited guests.

President Jahjaga's speech appealed for cooperation between countries in combating crime and building accountable democratic institutions. She emphasized that the exclusion of Kosovo from regional and international training hindered the fight against organized crime. President Jahjaga complemented ILEA for the important work it is doing in the region to create more competent and professional police forces.



The Hungarian Law Enforcement Day

As an initiative of Major General Attila Petőfi, Criminal Deputy of the High Commissioner of the Hungarian National Police, and supported by former ILEA Director SSA Penny K Hoback (FBI), ILEA Budapest launched a new program starting with LEED Course Session #80. It is named Hungarian Law Enforcement Day and is hosted by Colonel István Farkas, Director General of the International Training Center, who is also a guest of the program. The goal is to provide good opportunity for our participants to meet with representatives of the Hungarian Law Enforcement agencies, such as the National Police, the Counter-terrorism Center, the National Tax and Customs Administration, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Intelligence Service of the Budapest Metropolitan Police and the International Law Enforcement Cooperation Center, where I myself served for 5 years before joining ILEA. We hope that this new addition to the course schedule will help participants benefit more of the ILEA LEED Course Program and it will be of use in their professional life back at their respective countries.

This new program is a comfortable round table discussion – of course with the help of our professional interpreters – where ILEA participants and Hungarian law enforcement leaders can share their experiences and compare their respective law systems and investigative measures. These meetings have much contributed to the international law enforcement cooperation, since we all know that criminal activity knows no borders.

Besides the Hungarian representatives, we also invite the Legal Attaché of the US Embassy in Budapest, as well as the Regional Security Officer (RSO) to provide information on the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) and on US-based international trainings and regional security. At our tables, we happily welcome ILEA Director SSA John Terpinas (FBI), expert in counter-terrorism, and SSA Thomas Stocking (DS), expert in dignitary protection and diplomatic security, who – with their professionalism and guidance – can also help our participants.

We thank all of our distinguished guests for attending the program and sharing their time with us.

Pol. 1st Lt. Judit Heidinger
training coordinator of the LEED Course



ILEA PT Instructor Peter Pakányi Trains at FLETC

Last year, I was invited to take part in the Law Enforcement Fitness Coordinator Training Program (LEFCTP-106) at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. The course began on Monday, September 12, 2011, and ended on Friday, September 23. Although it was not my first trip to the USA, I really looked forward to this opportunity. After a long flight of 17 hours and three transfers, I finally arrived in Jacksonville. Glynco was just a stone throw away from the airport, so I got there very quickly.

Everybody was very friendly and helpful from the beginning. I had two days to get acclimated before the course began. The first morning I and my classmates had to go through a health screening process and take the Physical Efficiency Battery (PEB) test. Twenty-two students attended the course from all over the USA and I was very proud to be the first European participant. The days went by quickly with all areas covered in an academic and practical way. There were lectures, for instance, on Functional Anatomy, Injury Management, and Flexibility. We had practical exercises every day, such as Cardiorespiratory Assessment, Exercise Alternatives, and Principles of Weight Management. We learned how to teach exercises to special groups, such as pregnant women, and people who are elderly or suffer from obesity, diabetes, hypertension, asthma, or peripheral vascular disease. In addition, we also learned to work with top athletes. We heard a lot about the various types of nutrients and the basic guidelines for a healthy diet; were demonstrated the positive impact of a healthy and balanced diet on performance and health, as well as the negative health effects of smoking. In the USA, more deaths are attributed to smoking than to AIDS, alcohol, drugs, homicide, suicide, motor vehicle accidents and fire combined. The instructors were very professional, accessible and helpful, and I am especially grateful for all their help.

During these two weeks, we did not only learned new things, but also made great friendships. Although, I had heard a lot of positive comments about this course before, it far exceeded even my most optimistic expectations. At the end of this two-week period, when we were awarded a certificate, I was very happy with my achievements.

I am very fortunate to have been able to attend this very enjoyable course, which will be extremely useful in my future career. I learned many new skills which will help me keep up with the very latest techniques. I am thankful to ILEA and ITCCMC for this wonderful trip.

I spent a perfect two weeks with my instructors and classmates. I definitely gained a lot of knowledge and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many thanks



Deputy Director Stocking presents ILEA coin to Judit Bertalan, Director of the American Corner Veszprém.

ILEA Participates in Embassy Public Affairs Outreach

The U.S. Embassy in Budapest conducts a vigorous public affairs outreach program throughout Hungary. In support of this program ILEA Budapest Deputy Director Thomas Stocking and Office Manager Tibor Bene traveled first to Veszprém to present the ILEA program to American Corner Director Judit Bertalan, and then to the nearby Balatonalmádi English-Hungarian Dual Language High School where Director Stocking lead an hour-long discussion.

ILEA Budapest Support for Charity

On Dec. 17, Deputy Director Thomas Stocking traveled to an orphanage in Fejér County to present surplus discontinued ILEA uniforms and shoes to the developmentally disabled young adult residents at their annual Christmas party. The residents of the orphanage don't receive many new clothes or Christmas presents, and therefore, they were delighted to receive these donations.

Several years ago ILEA Budapest switched to a blue uniform and tactical style shoes, and Timoteus Társaság, a local charity, was selected to find worthy recipients for these unused items.

Deputy Director Stocking and István Zsengeller from the Timoteus Társaság help a resident from the orphanage try on a discontinued style of ILEA uniform shirt.



My Last Five Years

by Éva Czáder

I was away from ILEA for the last five years. Do you know why? Because, due to the Hungarian regulations, I could spend this time with my two children till they started kindergarten.

If I were writing to mothers, this article would be very long, very detailed and perhaps uninteresting to others. So what should I write for you, who work in the field of justice, the majority of you, men? Perhaps the short answer is that I was a stay-at-home mom. With Zsombor, my five-year-old, and Balázs, his three-year-old little brother, we spent a very active time together. There was much crying and laughing, and many awoken nights. I will have good memories of this period of my life, but it was time to come back to work. And I enjoy it! (Many people say, "It will change," but...) Yes, I was pleased to see that my return was expected: everybody gave me a warm welcome and now I can sit in my old chair.

On the very first day, it felt like it was only yesterday that I left the office. After two months, I still feel the same. The real change is that I have new colleagues. In the financial group, for example, where I work as a financial assistant, I got to know two new colleagues. They welcomed me as a new friend, but I also enjoyed meeting with "the grand olds". I always enjoy being together with them. After all, ILEA is the second family for all of us!

Bogrács Challenge



ILEA Director John Terpinas introduces the bogrács to Session #83. His challenge: "If you run faster than me you can get a 'bogrács' with a star." To date, no stars have been awarded.

Do you have any news to share? Any exciting stories to tell? Have you celebrated any awards or promotions? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us (ilea@ilea.hu), and we will share your news in our Alumni Newsletter. Don't worry about your English ability, we can help!