

ILEA BUDAPEST ALUMNI NEWS



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ILEA COURSES HELD IN FIRST HALF OF 2006

First Quarter

ILEA finished an eight-week **core training** for mid-level law enforcement officers from *Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Hungary* on March 3. Mr. Richard E. Chase, Assistant Director of ATF, was a guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. The Academy is pleased to report that 46 graduating students successfully finished this wide-range professional law enforcement training. Short topic seminars

were also held in February and March: FBI instructors taught a **Crime Scene Management course** for 15 high-ranking officials from *Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan* (Feb. 20-24).-ATA instructed 36 executive leaders from *Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania* on **Combating Domestic and Transnational Terrorism** (March 6-10). ILEA enjoyed a visit of 28 school children (16-17 years old) from the 11th and 12th-grade of the **American International School**

(Budapest) under the leadership of Bob Dent. As a part of this field trip they were provided a review on the dangers of the internet and cybercrime followed by a tour of the facilities.

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From the Editor

Many former participants have indicated that they miss news from our Academy. It is now time we revived this tradition and start reporting our news to you.

We have some good news and some sad ones as well. The good news is that ILEA staff has grown and we now have an Alumni Team (Nikoletta Valkai and Anna Füredi) who evaluate all courses and work on maintaining contacts with alumni.

Another project of the Alumni Program is to contact all former participants and find out long-term effects of the training. Participant input will help us find what direction should ILEA take

and try to shape the training for the best possible results.

We are also updating our website where you will be able to find more information (www.ilea.hu).

Session #56 was the last session when we had Damian Stites (Skip) teaching at ILEA before his retirement. Many students thought his tactical training the best and we will certainly miss him.

In this issue of Alumni News we included several humble articles written by the Academy's staff — please enjoy.

Anna Füredi



ILEA Courses Held in First Half of 2006

Second Quarter

Continuing its **core training** programs, the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) graduated mid-level law enforcement officers from *Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Hungary* following an eight-week wide-ranging professional training course.

Students offered their help in the efforts to prevent damages as the Danube threatened to flood and endanger Budapest Ms. Charlene R. Lamb, Assistant Director for Training of the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service and Major General Dr. László Bene Commissioner of the Hungarian National Police Headquarters were guest speakers at the May graduation



ILEA student handing out gifts to Police Day visitors

ceremony speakers specifically commended the officers for their *help in filling sandbags at the dikes of Göd*. Ambassador George H. Walker congratulated the new graduates during the ensuing reception.

Traditional "**Police Day**" programs were organized on May 7 in the City Park (Városliget) this year also incorporating celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Budapest Police. It's a tradition that the International Law Enforcement Academy take part in this event - this year the Academy again sponsored an exhibiting tent, ILEA staff was available to give information and answer questions, and students participated in the ILEA courses representing *Romania, the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro, as well as Hungary*.

There were various shows starting from 10 a.m. including dogs, horses, helicopters, special forces, military musical band, etc.

Short topic seminars held in the second quarter: ATF held a **Basic Firearms and Explosives Identification** training for explosives specialists from *Azerbaijan, Georgia (April 10-14), Ukraine and Moldavia (May 8-19)*. DS-ATA provided a training on **Police Executive Role in Combating Terrorism** for *Georgian, Ukrainian and Polish officers*. OPDAT sponsored a workshop on **Combating IPR Piracy** (May 22-26) for officers from *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Ukraine*. FBI held a **Crime Scene Management Seminar** (June 5 - 9) for *Bosnian officers*.

(edited by Anna Füredi)



Session #55 Hungarian team laying the sacks in Göd to protect the dike.

Earlier this year Hungary was facing the worst flood in years. Whenever one would turn on the TV it would have full coverage on the current situation on the levees. The entire country showed determination to fight the flood; people made great efforts to save their houses and the houses of other families. They worked countless hours close to their homes filling sandbags and packing them in piles. The situation, which derived from the menacing flood generated cohesiveness among people all over Hungary. People who lived in the same community but never met before, or just nodded to each other when passing by, now worked shoulder to shoulder for the common goal - to work faster than the water was rising.

Fighting the Flood - Best Team Building Ever

Under these circumstances ILEA was performing business as usual. The 55th Session was in progress. On Tuesday, April 04, 2006, in the morning, Director Miles Burden came over to make an unusual announcement to the class. He came right to the point, and asked who would volunteer to come and work on the levees. All of the participants expressed their overwhelming support. A half an hour later, all 50 ILEA students, Serbia-Montenegrin, Romanian and Hungarian Law Enforcement officers were sitting on the bus marked with "flood defense" with police escort, using blue lights, towards the place where help was most needed.

After a short meeting with the mayor of the Town of God, the mayor led our guys to the shore of the Danube. Our students worked all day, together with the local people, who looked at them with a mix of respect and a little disbelief that these people were doing something important far away from their country. By the end of the day after filling thousands of bags, tired students, some of them covered in mud, finally boarded the bus. While leaving town, relaxed leaning back in their seats, fatigue did not matter. People waived gratefully to us on the streets. We

knew we did good and that elated energy put smiles on their faces.

That smile lasted until the end of the session. A strong bond developed among us and those 8 weeks became much more than just a course.

On the levees a team was built. Even now, when everybody left the academy, we feel it was unique and we recall that event with joy.

The best team building event ever!

(Adam Porzolt)



Romanian and Serbian teams filling the sacks together

“New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement” First Annual Training Conference

New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement, in Partnership with MAGOCLEN, hosted its 1st Annual Training Conference on May 23-24, 2006. The site of the Conference was Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, located in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

NJWLE Inc. is a professional organization of both women and men who are working together to strengthen the law enforcement profession through the celebration of diversity and collaborative leadership. The purpose of the training conference was to unite federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement officers in a dynamic setting to discuss and learn about relevant information as it relates to all in the law enforcement community.

Topics were really timely and the panel discussions provided the attendees an opportunity to interact with experienced leaders, and honorable guests thus enhancing the professional content immeasurably.

I felt honored that Gayle M. Cameron, the President herself invited me to be the keynote speaker at the conference. I gave a presentation to almost 300 people. I introduced the ILEA to my audience (only a handful of people were aware of this overseas international institution) and since this conference was the 1st Annual Training Conference, per the request of the organizers I introduced the Hungarian Association of Policewomen and talked about the European perspectives



also. I mentioned how we started our baby steps in the

program and what achievements we succeeded both in Hungary and in Europe this far. Bringing personal experiences to the table I mentioned the difficulties I face daily as a leader, a woman and a mother at the working place, but what a wonderful feeling it is to work for both the Hungarian and the American partner daily and being a mother of two adult children.

Our main aim at the Budapest ILEA is to train, to exchange the views, make friendships between nations and develop future cooperation because crime has no borders any more.

I believe that I accomplished my mission, because I made new friendships and this one week experience will always be one of the best memories of my lifetime.

(Pol.Lt. Col. Hajnalka Gósi)

President Bush visits Hungary

President Bush visited Budapest for a bilateral program on June 22, following his participation in the U.S.-EU Summit in Vienna, Austria. In Budapest, the President celebrated Hungary's historic sacrifices in

“America honors your courage”

the name of freedom by commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, underscored the success of the U.S.-European partnership in securing freedom in the region, and highlighted the lessons offered

from Hungary's successful transition from tyranny to free-market democracy.

President Bush met President László Sólyom, Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsány, Speaker of the Parliament Katalin Szili, and heads of the five parliamentary parties. In the afternoon, the President delivered his remarks on Gellért Hill.

Speaking on a hill from which Soviet forces fired on Budapest in 1956 to put down a 12-day old revolution, President Bush extolled Hungary June 22 as a country that “represents the triumph of liberty over tyranny” and pro-

vides a model for emerging democracies in the Middle East, particularly Iraq. Earlier President Bush laid flowers at a memorial to thousands of victims of the 1956 uprising. “America honors your courage,” he said in his speech. “We’ve learned from your example, and we resolve that when people stand up for their freedom, America will stand with them.”

(from the US Embassy Budapest Newsletter)

Bush visit - an insider's view

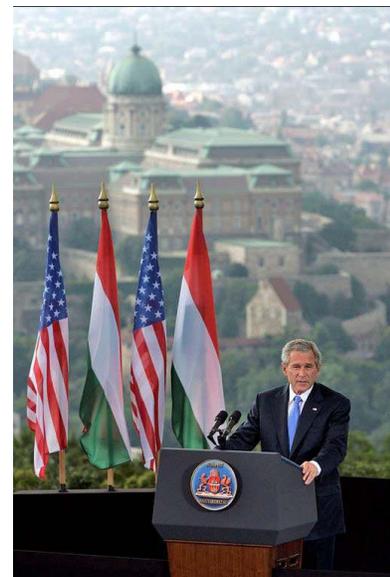
Part of the ILEA Staff had the privilege to work with the US Secret Service (USSS) during visit of US President Bush to Budapest. ILEA Staff members interpreted at locations that ILEA students also visit, like the Parliament Building and the Sandor Palace, as well as the Museum of Applied Arts.

It was quite a unique experience to see the USSS work. The ILEA Staff had

the opportunity to learn about the history of Hungarian Government buildings from basement to roof. It was interesting to explore these buildings, first as tourists, and then as part of the USSS security team.

It was edifying for us to see the professionalism of the USSS in their work.

*(Nikoletta Valkai
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Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget. (G.Randolf)



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Undercover agents



Historical games at Visegrád Session 55



Adventure tour in Rám Canyon — students find their way with a map

Information on ILEA that you can share

The International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary was created in 1995 through the cooperation of the United States and the Government of Hungary. In addition to topical, one to two-week seminars and courses, an ILEA eight-week core course program has been established. This program is similar to the FBI National Academy Program in the US, but is conducted with simultaneous translation to eliminate the requirement for students to speak English.

The International Law Enforcement Academy Program is an eight-week personal and professional development program, conducted for fifty (50) students, in five (5) sessions per year, for a total of 250 students per year; each session involves 16 students selected from three different countries to minimize interpreter and translation requirements. The remaining two slots are offered to Hungary, as the host country, in recognition of their support in the establishment of the ILEA Program.

The focus of this program is not on technical skills, but on leadership, personnel and financial management, human rights, ethics, the rule of law, management of the investigative process, and other contemporary law enforcement issues.

The International Law Enforcement Academy creates an opportunity for interaction which facilitates close working ties and develops future international cooperation.



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