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Dear Fellows, Patrons and Governors

It is now September and as I sit here writing this note the wind is blowing but at least it is dry. We have had a very wet September this year and, unfortunately, we haven't seen much sun this Summer. The days are getting shorter and the nights longer, Winter is certainly on its way.

We had a very successful World Forum at St Catherine's College, Oxford and it was very nice to see some of you there. Please see Professor Elise Sobol's report in the middle pages of the Newsletter. We hope to see you next year and full details are given inside.

We of course welcome new Fellows to the IBA and those that have upgraded their membership. I would be delighted to receive suggestions for future editions; remember this is your Newsletter and I would like to include articles in which you are interested. Perhaps you have a short story or poem which you would like us to feature. All submissions can be sent to me at info@ibassociation.com.

This is the last Newsletter for 2008 but we look forward to hearing from you over the remainder of the year.

With best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Musk
Editor

NEW IBA LIFE PATRONS

Sir Richard Gorrara LPIBA
DDG MOIF AdVAh HonDG IOM



Sir Richard is a Diplomat and Magistrate who was born in Metz, France in 1964. He now resides in Italy. He is a Professor of Law and a Doctor of Music. He was an Investment Advisor in the City of London in 2004, a JP and Judge in 2006 and a Member of the European Bar Association. Sir Richard enjoys fishing and music in his spare time

Dr Takashi Oguchi DDG AIOM
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Dr Oguchi has been a Life Fellow of the IBA since 2006 and has recently converted to Life Patron. He is an Associate Professor from Japan who currently works at the Center for Spatial Information Science at the University of Tokyo, he is also a member of the Editorial Board of Catena, Geography Compass, and co-Editor-in-Chief of Geomorphology. Dr Oguchi has had various papers and articles published and has received numerous awards. He is married with one son and one daughter.

ANNUAL FELLOWS

Professor Dr Palma Hamm FIBA, SWITZERLAND

Dr Wanqiu Hou FIBA, USA

Professor Tai-Wen Hsu FIBA, TAIWAN ROC

Professor Vyacheslav Zimin FIBA, RUSSIA

Dr Roy C Cabrera LFIBA

Dr Cabrera is from Warren, New Jersey, USA and works in the field of Radiation Oncology.

Mr Basil Gionea LFIBA

A Civil and Structural Engineer from Australia, Mr Gionea was born in Brasov, Romania. He is a member of various professional associations and in his spare time he enjoys Classical Music, Painting, Fine Wines and Fine Dining. He is married with two sons.



Dr Nobuhiko Hayashi LFIBA HonDG

Dr Hayashi is a Theoretical Condensed Matter Physicist from Japan. He is a Postdoctoral Researcher for the Japan Atomic Energy Agency. He has had numerous articles published in professional journals and is a Member of the Physical Society of Japan and the American Physical Society.



Mr Heetae Kim LFIBA

Mr Kim is a Researcher from Korea and currently works for Samsung Electronics Ltd. He has had numerous articles published in professional journals and has received the Presidential Award from Dongguk University in 1990.



Professor Ferry Sandra LFIBA

Professor Sandra is a Scientist from Indonesia. He is Director at the Stem Cell and Cancer Institute as well as Research Senior Advisor at Pt Kalbe Farma. Professor Sandra has been a speaker at many international conferences and has had articles published in numerous journals and magazines.



WORLD FORUM 2008

by Professor Elise S Sobol AdVAh LFIBA HonDG

Melville, New York, USA

Unique among publishing houses, the International Biographical Centre (Cambridge, England) and the American Biographical Institute (United States of America) co-sponsor an extraordinary opportunity for their selected biographers to annually spend a week together in a scholarly setting as Ambassadors from their respective countries. This year, the 2008 World Forum was held at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, England, from the 26th - 31st August. The Programme included a pre-tour to London, Buckingham Palace, Blenheim Palace, Waterperry Gardens, Windsor Castle and during the Forum, a literary walking tour of Oxford. The World Forum opened with the Roll Call of Nations led by ABI President Janet Evans. IBC Director-General Nicholas Law then introduced the highly acclaimed guest speaker, Colin Dexter, the author of the famous Inspector Morse novels, who set the tone for a marvellous Forum to follow! Playing a vital part in the overall successful operations of the Forum were IBC Resident Deputy Director General, Clive Emmett and his wife, Christine, Michelle Musk, Personal Assistant to Mr. Law and ABI Executive Administrator Mrs. Linda Kellander who co-ordinates the Forum tending to every person and detail.



Colin Dexter with Nicholas S. Law and Janet Evans at the Opening Unitary Session

Opening Unitary Session

The opening unitary session commenced with Prof. Dr. Pars Tuglaci LPIBA of Turkey, followed by the announcement of the 2009 World Forum and messages from Ambassadors. Who's New at the World Forum was hosted by Paula Compo-Pratt (USA) and included live interviews of Dr. John Jeremic of Australia and Dr. Hanadi Al-Mubarakhi LFIBA (Kuwait). A film was shown about the achievements of Princess Shahnaz Husain (India). The evening was exhilarating!



Symposium Audience

Health, Science and International Gallery Symposiums

Thursday, 28 August 2008 started the Health, Science and International Gallery Symposiums, chaired by Dr. Jack Kushner (USA), Dr. Benedicte Laursen LFIBA (Denmark) and Leah Miller Chapin (USA) respectively. Topics of interest included: "Global Disparities in Women's Health Care", Dr. Theresa S. Gonzales (USA); "Various Esophagus Injury Models", Prof. Uy Dong Sohn (Korea); "Scientific Basis of Faith Healing", Lt. Gen. Muhammad Arshad Mirza (Pakistan); "Preventive Oncology", Dr. Savas John Lionis (Greece); "DNA Nanostructure and Further Development of Medical Technologies", Prof. Vera Orlova (Russia); "World Peace through Mutual Understanding of the Global Community Through Arts and Sciences", Dr. Sharron Stroud (USA); "Reflections on the Vacuum Theory", Dr. Hugh Dawes (USA) and "What Humanities May Learn from Sciences and Vice Versa", Dr. Wlodzimierz Klonowski (Poland); "Beyond Ordinary Vision", Ms. Gwyneth Thurgood, (England); "Presentation of Art", Rhea Bailey, (Cyprus); "Sculpture Garden", Jeanellen McCord (USA); "Calligraphic Painting - Is It Really a New Style?", Dr. Guy Fontaine (France).

Technology Symposium

Following the International Gallery Symposium was the Technology Symposium, chaired by Florence N. Onochie (USA). Topics of interest included: "Art and Science in a Life Potential Development", Prof. Miroslav Prstacic (Croatia); "White Knight/Black Knight - Will the Real Robot Please Stand Up", Dr. Dale P. Layman LPIBA (USA); "Globalization - Connecting the Dots", Dr. Lady Dhyana Ziegler (USA); "Tulane University - Rebuilding a University after Katrina", Dr. Jack Kushner (USA).

Concert Evening



Concert Evening Performers

Following dinner the Concert of Artistic Expression was held in the Bernard Sunley Theatre. International and accomplished performers included Ann Dalton, Soprano (England) with Duncan Reid, Piano (England); Jennifer Scott Miceli, Flute (USA) with Elise S. Sobol LFIBA, Piano (USA); Elisabeth Van Der Gulik LPIBA, Soprano (The Netherlands) with Elise S. Sobol LFIBA, Piano (USA); solo by Elise S. Sobol LFIBA, piano (USA); Nzele David Nzomo, Guitar (Kenya); Tzu-Yang Hwang LPIBA, Vocal (USA) with Wei-Chih Hwang, Piano (USA) and Theresa M. Thombs, Vocal (USA). The concert programme featured a variety of musical styles from the baroque to classical and opera, folk to popular. A highlight of the week, every performer was warmly received showing "Brilliance" for their varied musical contributions.

Education Symposium

Chaired by Dr. Emmanuel Lantin (France) the Education Symposium featured four speakers : Dr. Jennifer Miceli (USA) "Honoring the Gifts - Making a Difference Through Song"; Dr. Hanadi Al-Mubarak LFIBA (Kuwait) "The Role of Education , especially the Higher Education as an Economic Driver"; Prof. Dr. Hugo F. Thoen LFIBA (Belgium) "The Flemish Master Painter - Peter Pal Rubens (1577-1640)- A Genius at Work"; Prof. Elise Sobol LFIBA" Role Models in Music - Educating for Societal Change." The rousing presentation closed with Prof. Elise Sobol leading the Charlotte Diamond song, "Leave the World a Little Bit Better" in sign for unity among all nations.

International Focus Symposium

Chaired by Prof. Margaret Warner (England) excellent speakers included Dr. Elisabeth Van der Gulik (The Netherlands), topic session on "Social Enterprising"; Mr. Gary Mei Cheong Ngai (Macao, People's Republic of China) topic session on "Clash or Harmony of Civilizations Through the Eyes of Macao"; Dr. Malay Kanti Sikdar (India) topic session on "Higher Order of Life in the Universe"; Dr. Willie J. Duncan (USA) topic session "The Seven Liberal Arts".



The Rhea Bailey Foundation Certificate Presentation

Authors and Poets Book Group Part 1 and Part 2

Chaired by both IBC Director General, Nicholas S. Law (England), and ABI President Janet M. Evans (USA), a plethora of creativity was heard by participants: Leah Miller Chapin (USA) in "Go Beyond Your Comfort Zone into the Freedom



Teresa Thombs, Afework Tekle and Kelemwa Wagaye Abete enjoying wine reception

of the Creative Mind"; Ms. Marianne MacKinnon (England) in "How to Write an Autobiography - Golden Rules, Pitfalls, Rewards"; and Rev. Paul Booth LFIBA (USA) in "A Philosophy of a World Higher Government"; Dr. Leikny Annadotter Björkli LPIBA (Sweden) in "Looking at Mother Earth"; Dr. Lila Larson (USA) in "Photography and Writing". Poets Dr. Tzu-Yang Hwang LPIBA (USA); Paula Compo-Pratt (USA), Jeannette Lozano Clariond (Mexico) and Khwaja Tariq Mahmood (Pakistan) closed the session with their remarkable poetry. Ambassadors were able to talk directly with authors and poets following Part 1 and Part 2. Special opportunities were given by both Ivy House and Melrose Books for Authors and Poets to have book signings with Ambassadors. Special tribute was made to the late Dr. Louise Martin. She will always be remembered by the friendships she forged and the international songs she composed through her timeless poetry.

International Exhibition Gallery

Distinguished publications by the International Biographical Centre and the American Biographical Institute were on display throughout the week in the International Exhibition Gallery and exhibits of art work, CDs, books and various other presentation material by Ambassadors of the World Forum.

Closing Unitary Session

Reports from Symposium Chairpersons, Messages from Ambassadors, Presentation of Continental Awards to Dr Joy Drayton (Australia) for Oceania, the Hon Maitre Artiste Afewerk Tekle (Ethiopia) for Africa, Dr Shivinder Singh Sandhu (India) and Mrs Manveen Sandhu (India) both for Asia, Rhea Bailey (Cyprus) for Europe, Paulo Bulamaqui de Silva (Brazil) for South America and Dr Jack Kushner (USA) for North America. Closing remarks from World Forum directors concluded a fabulously stimulating week at St. Catherine's College.



Closing Banquet

Recommendations

Following the IBC Closed Session, the Honorary Director Generals, IBA Governors and Vice Consuls of the IBC met with Director General Nicholas S. Law and Deputy Director General Clive Emmett. Interest to help shape the future of the IBC recommendations were given to build a resource network from Forum to Forum. The recommendations will be implemented in the next year's Forum.

IBC & IBA PUBLICATION UPDATE



We are pleased to announce that the 34th Edition of the *Dictionary of International Biography* is now being finalised and copies should be despatched in October. This will be followed by the *Cambridge Blue Book* and the *International Biographical Association Directory*; The *IBA Directory* you can of course view online right now and if you have not yet ordered a copy for your home or office, we have added the option to do so on the enclosed letter. As for *2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century* we are confident that it will be at the printers by December ready for world wide despatch early 2009.

If you wish to recommend anyone for inclusion in our titles we would be delighted to hear from you, by email to editorial@intbiogcentre.com, using our online form at www.internationalbiographicalcentre.com/nominate_a_colleague.php, or by regular post.

The Editorial and Production Teams

OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we have to inform you that the following members have passed away:

We pay particular tribute to our dear friend **Dr Deborah Louise Morgan Martin** who many of you will know from the International Congresses and later the World Forums. She was greatly missed this year and will be for years to come.

Dr Diana Elton – Dr Elton was from Australia and had been a Life Patron for many years although not an active Fellow over the last few years.

Dr Abraham I Kook – Dr Kook was from Israel and had been a Life Fellow of the IBA since 2005.

WORLD FORUM 2009

Willard InterContinental Hotel, Washington DC

29 June – 4 July 2009

We are delighted to announce that the 2009 World Forum will be held at the Willard InterContinental Hotel, Washington DC. Followed by a Cultural Programme to coincide with America's 4th of July Independence Day celebrations.

More than being the US Capital, Washington DC evokes a nostalgic, almost magical feeling that speaks to its history as a hub of civilisation where cultures have converged and continue to learn from one another. You will find a pantheon of styles, languages, religions, foods, museums and, of course, institutions of learning.

The Willard is dubbed the "Crown Jewel" of Pennsylvania Avenue, and located just two blocks from the White House and within walking distance is the National Mall, the prime location for the 4th of July celebration which includes fireworks, picnicking, live music and more.

Of course the World Forum itself will follow the same format as previous years and as reported here from Professor Elise Sobol.

We very much look forward to seeing you there!

For further details please contact Mrs Linda Kellander at the American Biographical Institute at lmkellander@abiworldwide.com or call her on +919 781-8710. Alternatively, you can contact Michelle Musk at the IBC.



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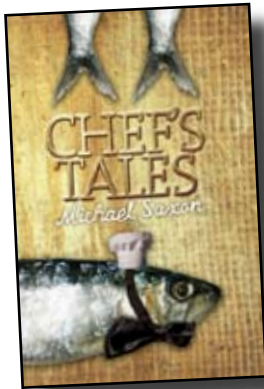
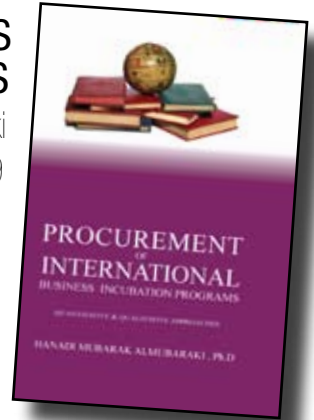
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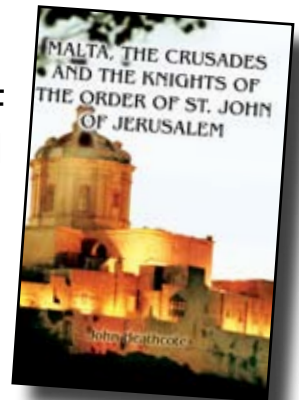
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