

Highlights of the Year

Bridging Language Barriers through Fulbright

As part of the National Security Language Initiative, Fulbright's U.S. Student Language Enhancement Program for focused study of Arabic, Turkish, and the Indic languages, announced in 2005, will provide selected U.S. Fulbright students with in-country language training for up to six months before beginning their Fulbright projects.

Finding Conservation and Sustainability Solutions

In November 2005, the Institute was selected by Alcoa Foundation to serve as administrative partner to the Foundation in implementing its signature global initiative, the Alcoa Foundation's Conservation and Sustainability Fellowship Program. This \$8.6 million initiative brings together outstanding academic researchers and practitioners to find solutions to pressing global conservation and sustainability issues, in collaboration with leading universities and non-governmental organizations around the world.

Promoting Access to Higher Education

IIE was invited by the Higher Education Institute in Doha, Qatar, to assist in the building of a Scholarship Office to promote higher education access for the citizens of Qatar. The Scholarship Office Project began in April 2005, with a goal of training the Qatari national staff to assume full office operations.

Educating Internationally-Minded Scientists

The Whitaker Foundation made a \$20 million award to IIE to enable American biomedical engineers to study and conduct research with colleagues around the world. Launched in September, the Whitaker Program aims to develop professionals who are superb biomedical engineers and scientists, able to lead and serve with an international outlook.

Convening Scholars to Empower Women Globally

An international team of 31 leading feminist scholars took part in the 2005 Fulbright New Century Scholars Program. At the final plenary in April, they were joined by women's activists from 22 countries to engage in a dynamic agenda of issues ranging from HIV/AIDS in Africa to feminism in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. The program is supported by the U.S. Department of State, and the plenary was co-hosted by the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW) and UNIFEM.

Advancing Social Justice

At two Leadership for Social Justice Institutes convened in the Netherlands and in the United States, the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program provided individuals from marginalized groups in developing countries with the tools they need to become more effective advocates for social justice in their communities. Participants were selected from the more than 1500 IFP Fellows who have enrolled at 426 universities in 43 countries since the program was launched in 2000.



Advancing Peace in the Middle East

U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer presented the inaugural Victor J. Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East to Professors Dan Bar-On and Sami Adwan. Their pioneering shared history project engages Israeli and Palestinian teachers and teenagers in writing the history of "the other" alongside their own. IIE created the Goldberg IIE Prize in 2005 with a generous endowment gift from longtime Trustee Victor J. Goldberg, to recognize outstanding work being conducted jointly by one Arab and one Israeli to advance the cause of peace.



Developing Global Leaders

The Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program celebrated its fifth anniversary. The program, administered by IIE on behalf of The Goldman Sachs Foundation, now counts 500 extremely talented university students and young professionals from 40 countries as alumni. In September, IIE presented Goldman Sachs with its Opening Minds Corporate Leadership Award, in recognition of the firm's outstanding commitment to corporate social responsibility around the world. Chairman and CEO Henry M. Paulson Jr. accepted the award on behalf of the firm.

Extending Fulbright's Impact

IIE Chairman Thomas S. Johnson made a gift of \$1 million to the Fulbright Legacy Fund—an endowment created by the Institute's Trustees to extend the impact of the Fulbright Program. The Fund provides grants for returning Fulbrighters to implement projects that benefit their home societies and foster a sustained relationship between their home and host institutions.

IIE responds to current and future global needs, targeting crucial issues and world regions, such as the Middle East, where it is more important than ever to develop relationships rooted in knowledge, cooperation, and mutual understanding.

Training Women in Technology

In fall 2005, IIE's West Coast Center launched Women in Technology Yemen (WIT Yemen), a public-private partnership with Microsoft, Cisco Systems, and Yemeni government and non-governmental organizations. Sponsored by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State, WIT Yemen helps local women attain marketable, high-tech skills. In 2006, the program will be expanded to Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.



Rescuing Threatened Scholars

Internationally-renowned economist/philanthropist Dr. Henry Kaufman, IIE's Chairman Emeritus, made an unprecedented gift of \$10 million to endow IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund. This generous gift is the single largest donation to IIE from an individual. It was announced at IIE's Gala dinner by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who presented Dr. Kaufman with IIE's highest honor, the Duggan Award.

Serving the Foreign Service

In 2005, IIE staff in the U.S. and abroad began regularly addressing the Foreign Service Institute's consular training classes on the importance of international education to the United States. The goal is to help prepare the U.S. consular officers to understand the benefits that international students and scholars bring to U.S. campuses.

Building Leadership Excellence in the MENA Region

IIE opened a new Center for Leadership Excellence in Cairo to provide current and future leaders in Egypt and throughout the Middle East North Africa region with opportunities for dialogue and networking. The Center partners with individuals and institutions to build leadership capacity in the public and private sectors. Also in 2005, IIE successfully concluded the management of DT2, an eight-year, \$145 million training program sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Egypt.



Mobilizing for Relief and Recovery

To provide relief in a year of almost unfathomable disasters, IIE mobilized emergency funds to assist students, scholars, and campuses impacted by the tsunami in Asia and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf region of the United States.

In early 2005, IIE partnered with The Freeman Foundation and the Lumina Foundation for Education to provide quick support for South and Southeast Asian students whose study in the U.S. was jeopardized by the tsunami's impact on their families and homes. Meanwhile, IIE/Southeast Asia in Thailand and the Indonesian International Education Foundation, IIE's partner in Indonesia, worked with local organizations to rebuild and equip schools in Southern Thailand and Aceh, Indonesia. The Freeman Foundation, the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation, and the Ford Foundation all funded this crucial effort with generous donations to IIE, totaling over \$3.3 million.

When Hurricane Katrina struck, the Institute immediately helped 90 IIE program participants, including Fulbright and Humphrey Fellows, relocate to campuses across the country. With support from The Freeman Foundation, the Lumina Foundation for Education, and the RR Donnelley Foundation, as well as individual donors, IIE created an emergency assistance program to help other international students replace lost educational materials and cover the expense of relocating to a new campus.

