









OPENING MINDS TO THE WORLD® GALA BENEFIT 2012 FACT SHEET

Event: Opening Minds to the World® Gala Benefit

Benefiting the Institute of International Education (IIE)

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 18, 2012

6:30 PM - Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM – Dinner, Awards, and Program

Location: Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall Street, New York City

Special Guest Presenter: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy

Honorary Chairs: The Honorable Kofi Annan

HRH Princess Ghida Talal

Co-Chairs: Mark Angelson – Deputy Mayor of the City of Chicago

Maryam Panahy Ansary - IIE Trustee

Denise V. and Robert Benmosche - IIE Trustee and CEO, American International Group, Inc.

Leon Botstein – President, Bard College **Amy C. Brandt –** CEO, Vantium Capital, Inc.

Isabelle and Scott J. Freidheim – CEO, Europe, Investcorp International Ltd.

Susan and Peter M. Gottsegen – Senior Partner, CAI Partners Donna and Jack M. Greenberg – Chairman, Western Union Company

Ruth and Norman Hinerfeld – IIE Trustee

Sharon and Lawrence D. Hite - SRF Board Member and ISAM Capital Management

S.A. Ibrahim - CEO, Radian Group Inc.

Margaret Ann and Thomas S. Johnson - Retired Chairman & CEO, GreenPoint Bank

Helene and Mark N. Kaplan – Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Laya Khadjavi and Hamid Biglari – Senior Advisor, ICE Canyon LLC

Honoree: OPENING MINDS CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AWARD: WESTERN UNION.

Western Union's Chief Executive Officer, **Hikmet Ersek**, will accept the award on behalf of the company. IIE is honoring Western Union in recognition of the company's exemplary leadership and outstanding commitment to education and corporate social responsibility around the globe.

The Opening Minds Corporate Leadership Award recognizes corporations whose business activities promote international understanding and improve the lives of people in the communities in which they work. Past honorees include: Microsoft (2010); ExxonMobil (2009); Alcoa (2008); AlG (2007); Toyota (2006); Goldman Sachs (2005); and GE (2004).

Honoree: FRITZ REDLICH ALUMNI AWARD: HE JOHN ATTA MILLS, PRESIDENT OF GHANA (posthumous)

IIE will honor posthumously HE John Atta Mills, President of Ghana in recognition of his highly distinguished career as a Fulbright Scholar alumnus and as the President of Ghana. His leadership helped to prepare an entire new generation in Ghana for today's competitive, globalized economy.

The Fritz Redlich Alumni Award recognizes alumni of IIE and IIE-administered programs who contribute innovative ideas, valuable knowledge and dedication to the cause of mutual understanding and international cooperation.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD: IIE SCHOLAR RESCUE FUND® (SRF) FOUNDERS:

HENRY JARECKI, HENRY KAUFMAN, THOMAS RUSSO and GEORGE SOROS

As 2012 marks the 10th anniversary of SRF, IIE is honoring the founders for their visionary leadership that has saved the lives and work of threatened scholars worldwide. Their commitment has made a remarkable impact in protecting threatened academics and advancing academic freedom. SRF has provided grants to over 450 scholars from 48 countries, placing them at nearly 300 safe host institutions in 40 countries.

The Humanitarian Award recognizes distinguished and enduring lifetime contributions to international cooperation and to the advancement of "Opening Minds to the World" through international exchange.

About the Institute of International Education (IIE): Founded in 1919, IIE is one of the largest and most experienced not-for-profit organizations in the world dedicated to international education and training. Nearly 25,000 individuals from 250 countries participate in IIE program each year. These include the Fulbright Program, which IIE has administered on behalf of the U.S. Department of State since 1946. IIE also provides safe haven to persecuted scholars from around the world thorough IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund®. More than 60 Fulbright alumni, IIE alumni, IIE trustees and advisers have received Nobel Prizes. For more information, please contact Becky Yi at 212.984.5456 / byi@iie.org, or visit www.iie.org/gala