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Newsletter

## Greetings!

This fall semester is already off to a great start! We have terrific residents from 39 countries around the world, all eager to expand their horizons and make new ISH friends from around the globe. New and returning residents gathered for a Welcome picnic and marshmallow roast in the garden; we have shared rock climbing along the Potomac River, weekly art classes in Burling Hall, Student Council elections, and there is much more to come in the months ahead.



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## ISH honors Dr. William Crocker with its inaugural GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD



The International Student House (ISH) in Washington, DC will honor Dr. William Crocker, Emeritus Curator of South American Ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution at a gala dinner on October 28, 2009. At the dinner, Dr. Crocker will be the first recipient of the ISH Global

Leadership Award, to acknowledge his distinguished career as an anthropologist and ethnographer of the Canela Indian tribe of the Eastern Timbira region in Brazil. In addition to his professional work, Dr. Crocker has served on the board of the International Student House since 1964, contributing significantly to the House's goal of fostering intercultural dialogue.

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## Interview with Davis Peace Project Recipients, part 2



In March 2009, Florence Maher and Adnan Kummer became the first International Student House residents to be awarded a grant for the Davis Projects for Peace. Adnan and Florence received a \$10,000 award to implement their project Computers for Orphans: Bringing Computers to the Heart of Jamaica. Florence and Adnan spent two weeks in August implementing their project to bring computer technology, wireless internet service and software and education training to the Hanbury Home for Children. Jonathan Park caught up with Adnan and Florence to hear about their experiences. [Read More](#)

## ISH Presents our next Global Leadership Lecture Series: Senator Chuck Hagel



The International Student House is pleased to announce former senator Chuck Hagel as the next speaker in our Distinguished Visitor Lecture series. Following such notable speakers as General Brent Scowcroft and Mrs. Harriet Fulbright, Senator Hagel will bring his over 30 year career in Washington to ISH.

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## ISH Award Recipient Bill Crocker and the Language of Cultural Exchange



Bill Crocker has been interested in other cultures all his life. It's lucky, then, for us that he has spent almost half his life - more than 40 years, serving on the ISH Board of Directors. Just a year after the board was established, in 1962, Bill was identified as a good board prospect by Smithsonian treasurer Steven Powers, who introduced Bill to the first board president, De Forest Van Slyck. Since 1963, he has exerted leadership and his special dedication to intercultural understanding in a multitude of ways. In 1967, Bill helped residents form the Student Council that remains a vital part of life at the House. During his tenure, he has served as secretary, vice president, and president of the board. But that's just the beginning. [Read More](#)

Article by ISH Resident Chandan Sapkota



### Is Nepal gaining from WTO?

A recent Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi decided to resume trade negotiations to pass the Doha Round, which came to a grinding halt in July last year over differences concerning special safeguard measures and agricultural subsidies offered by rich nations. The WTO Director General Pascal Lamy hopes that a Doha deal is doable by 2010. The Doha deal is expected to not only help countries expand trade but also help developing countries achieve development goals.

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### ISH announces call for "ISH Stories"



Got an interesting story from your time at ISH???

We'd love to hear from you! Our next newsletter will be focused on our ISH alumni and their experience at 1825 R street. Whether it's your future love that you've met, or great friendships that's stood the test of time, we want to hear all about what ISH meant to you! Send your stories to Jonathan Park at [jpark@ishdc.org](mailto:jpark@ishdc.org)

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to let me know

Sincerely,

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