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Greetings ISH-DC Alumni:

We are delighted to share the inaugural “**ISH-DC Alumni Newsletter**”! This newsletter is the brainchild of a dedicated group of alumni who greatly value the relationships that they built during their time at the House. Given our incredible alumni are constantly on the move all over the world - engaging in exciting work, starting families, starting companies, and meeting up on your travels, we believe this newsletter can be a great start to sharing your stories and updates.

Social media is an incredible tool that has greatly helped our community stay in touch throughout the years (check out the links to our facebook, twitter, and instagram accounts below), however, we wanted something a bit more intimate, some tools where we could learn all about alumni we may not have connected with during our time here in DC, or from a different time, but might be in the same city or career path as you.

We are pleased to share two new opportunities for staying in touch:

- ISH-DC Alumni Newsletter
- ISH-DC Alumni Portal (learn more on page 3!)

To do this, we need your help. It is our desire to share your stories and what you are up to - when were you here, where are you now... what exiting news would you like to share? We would love to learn about your life - updates big and small. To share with us, please connect with Katie at [krussell@ishdc.org](mailto:krussell@ishdc.org).

Second, we hope to share a bit about what is going on here at the House, highlighting current resident scholars and activities that are constantly taking place.

If you have any other ideas for this platform, we welcome your input! Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to staying in touch!

Sincerely,

Your Fellow ISH-DC Alumni



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# ALUMNI UPDATES

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## Florence Maher, 2013

Florence ... could we perhaps highlight you?!

## Orthi Rabbane, 2014



Orthi was a resident scholar at ISH-DC in 2014 during her time at Johns Hopkins University while pursuing her Masters Degree in Applied Economics.

Shortly after she completed her degree she accepted a position with the Federal Reserve, after which she launched an online peer-to-peer marketplace with fellow alum Boban Markovic, TurtlShell.

Both Orthi and Boban are active in the DC alumni community.

## Hannes Kopf, 2002



Hannes was a resident at ISH-DC in 2002 while interning at the German Embassy.

He is now Vice President of the Auditors Authority (Rechnungshof) of the State of Rheinland-Pfalz and honorary professor at the University of Landau (public law).

One of Hannes favorite memories of his time at the House was taking the ISH-DC van to a holiday in South Carolina with a group of housemates.

## Somebody else...

Another beautiful background...



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Where has life taken you? **We would love to feature you in our next edition!** Share your story with us by emailing Katie at [krussell@ishdc.org](mailto:krussell@ishdc.org)

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We are thrilled to announce that the long-anticipated **alumni portal** is finally ready to be utilized by our thousands of alumni around the world.



Through this portal you can update your information and stay connected with us here at the House. You can also let us know if you would like to receive regular updates on things happening at ISH-DC, as well as invitations to upcoming events for those who are local (our who would just like to stay updated).

#### How it works:

- The portal is a directory and database where you can enter your information such as name, the year(s) you stayed at the House, where you are from, the institution you were affiliated with when you were here, what you are doing now, etc.
- You can choose to have this information public to other alumni who will also need to register to gain access to the portal.
- We will NOT share your contact information unless you explicitly state that you want us to.
- Should you be interested in connecting with another alumnus/a who you see in the portal, you will have the ability to request permission to do so.

#### Our ask:

Please follow [THIS LINK] and take a few moments to add your information so we can get started! We also know that we are missing a number of alumni in the message, so we ask that you please forward this on to any of your fellow ISH-DC alumni who you believe we may have missed.

Do you have a friend and fellow alumna/us who did not get this newsletter and would like to? Have them email Katie at [krussell@ishdc.org](mailto:krussell@ishdc.org) and she will be sure to get you on the list!

#### And because we take GDPR seriously...

- \* When signing up for this newsletter, we will ONLY use your email to send you this newsletter.
- \* If we already have you on another list and send you information that you do not want - just let us know and we will be happy to remove you from the undesired list!



# HAPPENING AT THE HOUSE

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## An Evening at the Embassy of Liechtenstein



HE Kurt Jaeger and Mrs. Laurette Jaeger welcomed ISH-DC resident scholars and alumni to their residence for a summer “happy hour on June 14. You can read more about the great time here.

## Annual Spring Garden Party



The annual Garden Party turned into a house party with torrential rains falling just before the evening began, but we welcomed our guests, including numerous alumni, to our “indoor garden Party” and it was a wonderful evening.

## ISH-DC Honored Distinguished Alumnus Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium



In late April we had the privilege of joining HE Dirk Wouters, Ambassador of Belgium, at his residence to honor the DPM, who lived at ISH-DC in the 1990's.

They welcomed ISH alumni, Board members, resident scholars, and special guests to a reception and discussion featuring the DPM and moderated by our resident scholar, Ali Can.

## Wine Tasting with Juan Urbano, Agricultural Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain



Twenty five resident scholars and alumni had an incredible time learning about various Spanish wines and how to be an absolute concur (maybe) when tasting and discerning the different varieties.

Mr. Urbano was incredibly generous with his knowledge and loved sharing his expertise with our community!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

If you would like to receive information on upcoming events (often not on our website because they are exclusive for residents and alumni or by invitation only) please email Katie at [krussell@ishdc.org](mailto:krussell@ishdc.org).



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