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Greetings ISH-DC Alumni:

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

While social media is an incredible tool that has greatly helped us stay in touch throughout the years (check out the links to our facebook, twitter, and instagram), we wanted something more intimate, some tools where we can learn all about fellow 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.

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

- ISH-DC Alumni Newsletter
- ISH-DC Alumni Portal (coming soon! 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 and she will be sure to connect.

We also hope to share a bit about what is going on here at the House, highlighting current resident scholars and activities that are taking place throughout the year.

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

Sincerely,

Your Fellow ISH-DC Alumni



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Florence Maher, 2008-2009



Between all the wonderful conversations and parties with new friends she made while living at ISH, Florence still remembered to go to class. She finished her Bachelors degree in Economics and Political Science at Howard University while living at ISH.

After abandoning ISH for the pleasures of Europe, she eventually made her way back to D.C. and found an apartment with her old ISH roommate, Nathalia Foditsch, while working at the U.S. Department of State.

She now is working on a Masters degree in Peace Studies at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, and invites any alumni living in the area to get in touch at her blog at <http://www.florenceintokyo.com>.

Chandan Sapkota, 2008, 2009-2010



When Chandan was working as a junior fellow at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in 2009-2010, he was a resident at ISH-DC. He also stayed at ISH-DC during the summer of 2008 when he did an internship at Asia America Initiative.

Upon completing his assignment at Carnegie Endowment, Chandan moved to Nepal and worked for various regional and international organizations. His last employer was Asian Development Bank, where he worked as an economics officer. Currently, he is pursuing PhD in economics at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo. He frequently engages in economics and development consulting work for multilateral and bilateral institutions. He is frequently cited in national and international media.

The most interesting part of ISH is that the friends I made there are the most closest ones, professionally and personally. We did mini-reunions in Kathmandu and Tokyo.

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.

Amanda Liles-Abiven, 2010

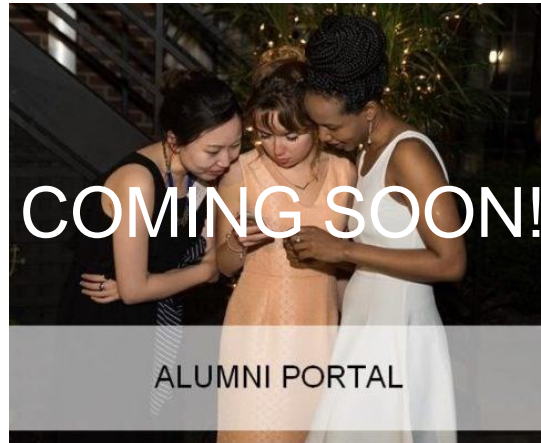


Amanda Liles-Abiven lived at ISH in the spring of 2010. While in DC, She interned at Georgetown University Hospital in the domain of palliative care while completing my Master of Social Work degree (through the University of Alabama). The friends that I made in DC have become family, and we see each other often since I relocated to Paris in 2014 to study French and start a life in France with my husband Philippe (whom I met while at the house). Although my degrees are both in social work, I have since begun working for a private company called Transfer Formation Conseil that provides various professional training courses for French companies. As of January 2019, I will be head of English language development and training for EDF Research and Development in France.

On a more personal note, Philippe and I have just welcomed Louise, our first child. We have celebrated her several times with our ISH family and hope to continue to do so. The House completely changed my life in the most wonderful, unexpected ways and I will be forever grateful for that special experience and time in my life.



We are thrilled to announce that the long-anticipated **alumni portal** is **ALMOST** ready for 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:

When it is ready to be utilized, we will send you a link, and we hope you will take a few moments to add your information so we can get started!

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 and she will be sure to get you on the list!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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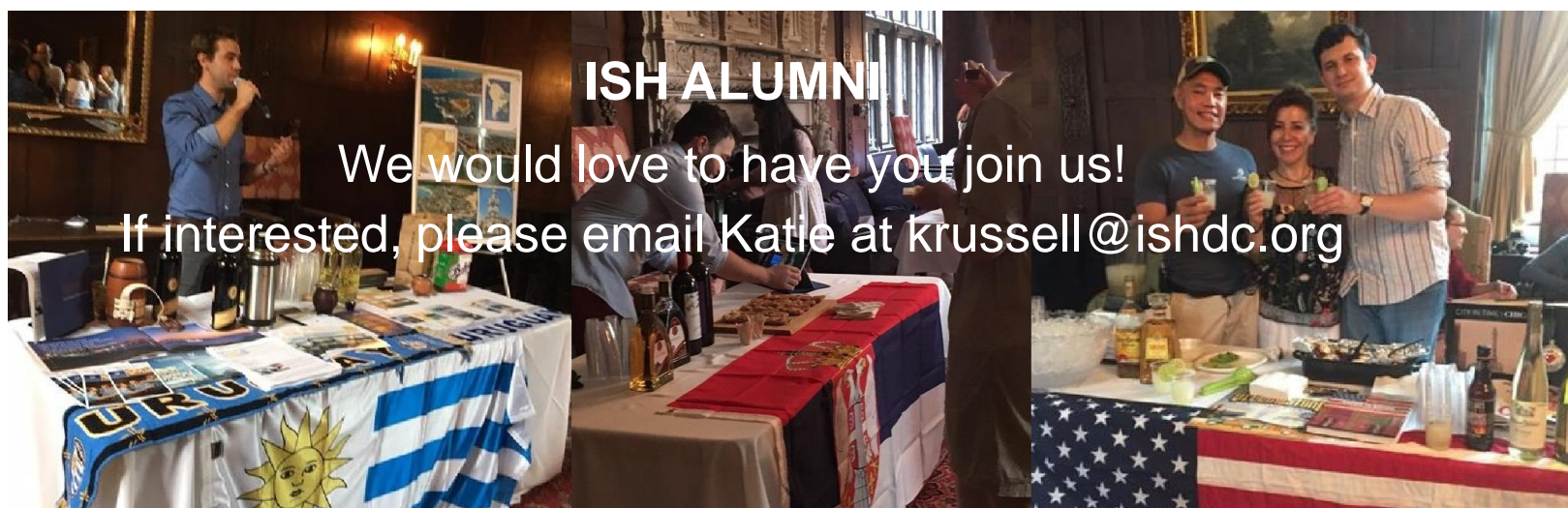
The Alumni of International Student House

are pleased to invite you to our second annual

Cultural Cookout

showcasing our home countries' wines, beverages, food, music, games and more

Sunday, September 30, 3:00pm



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

October 30: Frank Islam, entrepreneur, philanthropist, civic leader and writer. Mr. Islam will share his experience building his companies, philanthropic endeavors, and successes beginning as a young immigrant to the United States.

November 27: Women in International Trade (WIIT) will join the House and special guests from the Australian Embassy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Rock Creek Advisors, for a panel focused on pursuing a career in the diverse field of trade. ALL are welcome! The discussion will begin at 4:00 pm with a reception to follow.

December 7: Catalin Dima, Concert Pianist and International House (of NYC) Alumnus. Catalin will be performing at ISH for our residents, alumni (both in Washington and those from NYC) and friends! Save the date and more information to come!



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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 a wonderful time learning about various Spanish wines and how to be an absolute connoisseur (or close!) 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.

