



45th Anniversary Commemorative Issue



Executive Director's Message

Dear ISC Diplomatic Corps and friends, 45 years after our illustrious founders launched the International Services Council of Alabama, we are now in a season of celebration. Our strength is demonstrated in the dedication and passion of our Diplomatic Corps. For this, we are THANKFUL. We have had a successful 2010 and envision an expansive 2011. We expect collaboration to be the key to increasing ISC's impact next year. The

enthusiasm of our Board of Directors, Advisory Council, strategic partners and volunteers will result in ISC accomplishing stretch goals to:

- increase public awareness of the citizen diplomacy movement;
- educate youth and young professionals concerning citizen diplomacy in order to inspire and increase their involvement in international exchange;
- build the capacity of local business and community organizations to become more globally engaged.

Thanks to Ann Burkette for inspiring the launch of ISC's bimonthly newsletter. We look forward to sharing with you messages and tools to promote excellence in citizen diplomacy. In exchange, we invite your curiosity, your commitment and your voices as we shape important impressions throughout our global village.

Many thanks,

Jacquelyn Shipe
Executive Director
International Services Council of Alabama

ISC of Alabama is a member of the National Council for International Visitors. NCIV is a nationwide network comprised of 92 community organizations as well as program agencies, associate members and individuals. ISC participates in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State's International Visitors' Program (IVLP)

The Impact

- US ambassadors have ranked the IVLP first among 63 US public diplomacy programs
- Almost all of the IVLP budget is spent in the US
- More than 285 current and former heads of State, 1700 cabinet level ministers, and many other distinguished world leaders in the public and private sectors have benefitted from first-hand exposure to the US through IVLP
- The IVLP is an investment in US national security since it helps to rebuild the image of the US abroad (especially Alabama) and builds long-term relationships between foreign and US decision makers
- The IVLP is vitally important for generating economic development and cultivating a globally literate workforce in US communities.



Past Present Future
ISC Alabama's Bridge to Global Relationships

Founders:



HUNTSVILLE
The Star of Alabama

45th Anniversary Celebration – ISC's Mile



Abubakar Swinah Zziwa, at right, talks about his work in organizing MYATA, Muslim Youth Against Terrorism Activities in Kampala, Uganda. He and other delegates from Uganda visited Huntsville during a trip to the US as guests of the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. All Muslims, the group was hosted by ISC of Alabama which designed an itinerary for them to see firsthand how US Muslims live in the interfaith culture of the US. Noor Gillani, second from the right, was among the volunteers from Huntsville's Interfaith Mission Service who met with the group.

Photo credit: Michael Mercier/The Huntsville Times.



The Consul General of Turkey, Akil Öktem, is in the Center. Orrin Ford, ISC Board member and Chairman of Birmingham International Center's Spotlight on Turkey and Peggy Bonfield, Orrin's wife and co-chair of BIC Spotlight on Turkey are on the left. Donna Gooch, a BIC volunteer, and her husband Jim Gooch are on the right.



UAH International student discusses with Global Perspectives Institute speaker, Dr. Randy Cross, their mutual Brazilian experiences. Annette Philpo't, ISC's Program Officer and John Pottenger, Director of UAHuntsville's Office of International Programs and Services look on.

stones in Citizen Diplomacy



Vicky Miller, General Manager of Oakwood University's WJOU radio station and Jacqui Shipe, ISC's Executive Director accompany the Turkish women's delegation on a visit to the Oakwood Memorial Slave Cemetery.

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Principal Dr. Tammy Summerville of Academy for Science and Foreign Language and Chilean visitor Ms. Yamina Betancourt.

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Jacqui Shipe, Belinda Ong, Setareh Tajbaksh and John Pottenger at International Education Week reception following GPI presentation by Dr. Randy Cross.



2011 Global Perspective Institute Speakers

Arthur Orr

Alabama State Senator

Akil Öktem

Consul General of Turkey

Claes Nobel

Nobel Prize Family

Dr. Jeffrey Frankel

Harvard's James Harpel
Professor of Capital Formation
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FULBRIGHT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Freeman-ASIA Program Relunched

Applications can be submitted online starting in January 2011 for study abroad beginning in Summer 2011. Freeman-ASIA scholarships will be available for study abroad anytime through the 2012-13 academic year, with application deadlines listed on the program website.

Freeman-ASIA provides financial support to American undergraduates with demonstrated financial need to study abroad for academic credit during the summer, semester or academic year in one of 15 countries/regions in East and Southeast Asia. Award amounts vary from \$3,000 - \$7,000 depending on the length of study.

The program's goal is to increase the number of Americans with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures. Upon their return to the U.S., students are required to promote study in Asia by sharing their experiences with peers on their home campuses and in their communities.

More information is available on the program website at www.iie.org/freeman-asia. The Institute of International Education (IIE) is pleased to announce that it will re-launch the Freeman-ASIA Program with a generous grant from the Freeman Foundation.

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2011 International Visitors Schedule

January 13- 20
Latin America
Minority Participation in the Political Process/Montgomery

January
Multi Regional
American Youth Inspiring Leadership/Huntsville

February 4-12
Russia
Open World -- Russian Legislators/Montgomery

ISC'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ISC could not exist without the special support provided by the ISC Board, ISC Diplomat Corps and ISC Advisory Council.

If you would like to join the ranks of the ISC Diplomatic Corps to serve as the front line of face-to-face interaction with foreign visitors, whether hosting a dinner in your home, or providing personalized tours of Alabama sites of interest, please contact us.

If you cannot volunteer but would like to contribute, ISC will welcome your contribution. Our non-profit 501 (c) (3) status means that your contribution is tax deductible

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Requests

Urge Congressmen from Alabama

- To continue strengthening US public diplomacy by supporting the Senate Subcommittee recommendation of \$654.277 million for US Department of State education and Cultural Exchanges.
- Help restore the number of foreign leaders participating in the IVLP to 5000 by supporting \$101 million for the program in 2011

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