



## Dear Alumni and Friends of ISB



Another school year, ISB's 59<sup>th</sup>, began on Wednesday and over 1500 students walked past the Chateau building on their way to meet their teachers, find old friends and new, and continue on their journey of growing and learning at ISB. This is the largest number of students that school has ever had, an extremely encouraging sign even as the global economy continues to lag, that an ISB education is still considered by many parents as an incredible opportunity and investment. You may want to take a moment to [view a short video of the first day back](#). We hope it brings back some enjoyable memories of your own first days at ISB.

The weekend of June 10-12, 2011, ISB will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I would like to encourage all of you to join us in Brussels for this diamond anniversary celebration. The Alumni Office is working hard on planning an exceptional weekend of events including opportunities to meet with current and former teachers, and I am personally looking forward to welcoming back each and every one of you and presenting a detailed update on the future of ISB – we have many exciting plans in the works to make ISB an even more exceptional learning environment. For those who can stay on through the following week, ISB alumnus, Jim Turner ('82) is planning an additional week of reunions with the alumni of our local sister schools, St Johns, BSB and BAS.

When it comes to finding each other, ISB alumni have opportunities to do so through individual class reunions, various regional ISB events, and several ISB online communities. However, in the past there has been little opportunity to stay actively connected to the school and, above all, to current students. This is a lost chance for all, current students and alumni alike, to share a common experience. To address this, in October the Alumni Office together with the Counseling Office will be launching a University Mentoring program which aims to pair ISB alumni with current seniors to share information concerning our alumni's university experiences. There is nothing like a first-hand, frank talk with someone who attends or has attended a specific university to know what it is really like and help shape a student's university choice.

It can only be beneficial for all to create valuable links between two important communities: alumni and current students. We plan to follow up this initiative with a similar program for career mentoring and internships believing that this is another opportunity that can benefit both alumni and students. I hope that many of you will feel encouraged to get involved at this level as we continue to strengthen our alumni and students' programs.

Finally, we will be undertaking a comprehensive survey of alumni this fall. I hope you will take 15 minutes of your time to fill it in. We have not undertaken such a survey in years and will be looking to gather important information in order to improve our alumni services, update our database and begin to do some important analysis on how well ISB has prepared you for adult life.

Many thanks to all of you who work so hard to make the alumni community as dynamic as it is. I am specifically grateful to Shahriar Broumand ('90), Alison Hesse ('00), Beth MacDonald, Kathy Hammer, Patty Hargrave and Laura Lehmann (Class of '78), and Carol Charlton, David Cooper and Rainer Bobzin (Class of '69) for organizing class reunions this summer and fall.

I hope to meet some of you personally at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events or 'on the road' at reunions. For now, warm regards to all of you,

Kevin Bartlett  
Director