

## **Assemblée générale hybride de l'Association des anciens étudiants de l'Institut**

**Procès-verbal de la séance du 17 septembre 2022 à 11h  
Auditorium Ivan Pictet/en ligne – Maison de la paix**

<b>Présidence</b>	Mme N. Africa
<b>Présent.e.s</b>	Mmes J. Danzeisen, J. Byron, MM. J. Shellaby, W. Abdelnasser
<b>Excusés</b>	Mme T. Fang (avion manqué), B. Burrows, M. Tourinho
<b>Procès-verbal</b>	Mme C. Leu-Bonvin

### **Mots de bienvenue de la présidente**

Natalie Africa salue l'assemblée et dit sa joie, ainsi que celle de Jessica Byron, d'être à nouveau à Genève pour la réunion. Elle demande l'approbation du PV.

### **Approbation du projet de procès-verbal de l'AG 2021.**

Adoption du procès-verbal à l'unanimité.

Le programme de la journée est rappelé. Les réunions internationales des Alumnae-i à Genève sont l'occasion de reconnaître et célébrer les étudiant.e.s et les alumnae-i de l'Institut.

12:30 Lunch – La Terrasse de la Paix

### **Inauguration of the Hall of Fame**

14:00-15:15 **Launch of the festivities**

Opening and closing act by opera singer and student, Lara Twerenbold (MIA 2023),  
Accompanied on the piano by her teacher and renowned lyrical singer, Juliette Galstian

Panel discussion with alumni Yan Lan, Jacques Moreillon, Abdulqawi Yusuf, Patricia Espinosa and Micheline Calmy-Rey, moderated by Jessica Byron-Reid

15:15-16:45 **Look Forward, Give Back**

Unveiling of the Hall of Fame: Kofi Annan, Micheline Calmy-Rey, Rafaël Grossi,  
Jacques Moreillon, Yan Lan, Mervat Tallawy, Patricia Espinosa, Cornelio

Sommaruga, Georges Abi-Saab, Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, Kathryn Wasserman Davis, Sandra Kalniete, Manouchehr Gangi, Brad Smith and Gerhart Riegner (15)

Icebreaker and exchanges between students and alumni based on interests

Music and drinks

### **Gala Evening on the Simplon – The Renowned Boat of the Belle Époque Fleet**

17:45 Boarding Quai du Mont-Blanc 1, Genève

18:00 Departure

19:00-22:00 Dinner

The recipients of the 2022 Alumni Awards\* are announced, among which Dr. Omar A. Touray, Gambian Diplomat and President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Drawing of the raffle that raises funds for a CHF20'000 student scholarship.

**22:15 First stop for those who wish to disembark. Possibility for students to join this part of the evening at no cost.**

**22:15-00:00 Dance party, cash bar**

### **Highlights 2021-22**

- Regular virtual meetings every 2 months – Committee and Alumni Office
- Meetings and communication with Director of the Institute
- 9<sup>th</sup> year of Alumni Reunion
- 7<sup>th</sup> year of Alumni Awards – 1 + 3
- 6<sup>th</sup> year of annual Chapter Heads and Ambassadors Call - 3 regional calls took place to accommodate the growing number of chapters/ambassadors in our network
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Week as a pilot for Alumni Month in March 2023 (3 events: 147 students registered, 106 participated (72%) and 624 already watched the videos)
- Prizes and scholarships: Best thesis in Economics; Washington DC chapter and NY chapter scholarship merged to become US scholarship; Alumni community (9<sup>th</sup> year)
- Inspire Students: monthly thematic roundtables, aimed at connecting current students and alumni of the Institute around shared interests and to share experiences, best practices for navigating job search and entering the workforce. (4 organised (+ 3 Alumni Week) for 279 registered, 188 participated (67%), 665 views of videos)
- Launch of an Alumni Newsletter in January 2022 (#5 issues)

- Creation of a Hall of Fame in the perspective of 100th Anniversary of the Institute (20 portraits/year until 2027)
- Statistics by cohorts after 1 year, 5 years and 10 years to measure evolution

## Reconnaissance des anciens

\*En 2016, l'Association a créé les Alumni Awards dans quatre catégories : Alumnus/Alumna of the Year, Young Alumnus/Alumna, Commitment to the Institute and Alumni Association et Lifetime Professional Achievement. En 2021, quatre nouveaux Awards ont été lancés, en lien avec les initiatives stratégiques lancées par Marie-Laure Salles, directrice de l'Institut depuis le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2020, à savoir Art & Culture, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Peace, Sustainability.

L'alumnus de l'année 2022 est Dr. Omar A. Touray, Gambian Diplomat and President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Dans la perspective du 100<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'Institut, le premier « Hall of Fame » de son histoire est lancé avec une quinzaine de portraits : Kofi Annan, Rafael Grossi, Jacques Moreillon, Cornelio Sommaruga, Georges Abi-Saab, Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, Kathryn Wasserman Davis, Sandra Kalniete, Manouchehr Ganji, Brad Smith, Gerhart Riegner, Mervat Tallawy, Micheline Calmy-Rey, Yan Lan et Patricia Espinosa.

Yan Lan, Patricia Espinosa et Micheline Calmy-Rey reçoivent un **Lifetime Achievement Award** pour l'ensemble de leur carrière.

## Engagement des anciens

La communauté compte désormais près de 22'000 membres, 4'000 d'entre eux sont connectés sur LinkedIn, nous sommes représentés sur la carte du monde grâce à 40 chapitres et 20 ambassadeurs et ne cessons de nous étendre. En 2022, deux nouveaux chapitres ont été lancés (Vietnam, Sénégal) et 3 nouveaux ambassadeurs nommés (Arménie, Cameroun et Irlande). Sans oublier les class leaders, maintenant au nombre de 102.

## Bourses et prix

The **Alumni Community Scholarship** was established in 2013 to fund the academic and living expenses of a student in financial need for a year. Funds for the scholarship are collected through direct donations on the Alumni Scholarship webpage and also during a raffle and silent auction held at the annual Alumni Reunion, which reunites alumni from around the world each year. This year, the scholarship goes to

\*REETUPARNA VISHWANATH who is pursuing her Master in International Economics (IE). In 2019, she joined the Hanken School of Economics, Finland to complete an MSc in Economics, where she received the Premium Scholarship (100%). Her thesis studied the impact of women leadership on corporate boards of public companies. In 2021, she received the Alumni Community Scholarship, which enabled her to pursue a second master in International Economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute and be a part of its vibrant and diverse spirit.

The **New York Alumni Chapter Scholarship** was created in 2019 to promote awareness of the Graduate Institute in the United States, while also helping the Institute recruit graduate students of high calibre.

\*RUOYI SONG is pursuing her Master in International Economics (IE). As a first-generation college student, her master's studies would not have been possible without this scholarship. With pressure at home, it also helps her to feel confident in her choice and pursue employment opportunities that make a real impact, working for people in the last mile. She will focus on development economics and impact evaluation while open to application in different disciplines such as health, energy access, and gender, all exciting topics that the Graduate Institute offers to explore. She is hoping to write her thesis on applied microeconomics. She firmly believes in using an evidence-based approach in making policy with a human touch. Being an avid reader of critical social theory, she wants to bring this perspective to International governance. In the future, Song Ruoyi would love to work for international organizations in both headquarters and field positions, eventually developing an expertise in a certain topic while focusing on interdisciplinary solutions.

### **Rapport financier**

Anne Kathrin Funk a reçu le prix de la meilleure thèse de doctorat en économie internationale pour *Essays in Empirical Monetary Economics*.

Le compte de l'AAID est désormais clos et le montant du prix est financé avec la levée de fonds pour la bourse des alumnae-i.

### **Présentation des priorités pour 2022-2023**

Les axes d'efforts pour l'année à venir demeurent, les moyens évoluent :

#### **Nurture collegiality among the alumni community**

- Continue to advise on and support **annual alumni reunion** and related activities, including virtual events
- Support **chapter development** (sharing experiences, annual chapter call, regular communications, webinars)
- Expand activities around **Geneva chapter**
- Continue Alumni Awards

#### **Promote solidarity with the Institute and its reputation**

- **Support Director on new vision and strategy** for the Institute including around **diversity and sustainability**, fundraising and celebration of the 100 years of the Institute
- Promote **professor-alumni connections**, including through virtual webinars
- Support **recruitment of students**
- Encourage further **alumni scholarships**

## **Support and network with students**

- Faciliter **alumni-student networking** during the alumni reunion
- Continue to explore support for a **mentoring programme**

## **Reelection of a Committee member and moves**

- **Ting Fang | Mdev 2013**, Protection Delegate, International Committee of the Red Cross, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Après plus d'un mandat comme vice-président, Jason Shellaby se retire du rôle tout en restant membre du Comité. Nous le félicitons pour la nouvelle paternité qu'il assume et le remercions pour toutes ces années consacrées au Comité de l'AAID.

La fonction est reprise conjointement par

- Jasmin Danseizen | MA IR 2007, Senior Manager, Diversity and Inclusive Culture, PwC, Switzerland et
- Ting Fang | Mdev 2013, Protection Delegate, International Committee of the Red Cross, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Celui dernier reste trésorier de l'Association.

La présidente ouvre le débat avec la salle. Celui-ci est bien aimé et dure plus d'une demi heure.

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