

## ISL Global Issues Awareness Day

Flesch underlines city's commitment to ecological and sustainable development

Luxembourg City alderwoman Colette Flesch addressed the Upper School students of the International School (ISL) as part of their Global Issues Awareness Day last Friday. The subject of her talk was sustainability and quality of life in the capital, and she began by comparing Luxembourg with Rio de Janeiro, encouraging the students to reflect on what the two locales have in common. "Definitely not the climate, ... but rather the notion of 'sustainability' links Luxembourg, and many other cities, to Rio where the Rio Declaration for Environment and Development was signed," Flesch explained. "This document provides a framework for sustainable development of urban areas by recognising that prosperity depends

not only on economic, but also on social and ecological factors."

Flesch went on to evoke the numerous initiatives currently underway in Luxembourg, including the Environmental Action Plan – "the city's roadmap towards ecological and sustainable development comprising 25 objectives and 76 actions to achieve them."

Following Flesch's address, Marty Dobbins, Senior Vice-President and Managing Director of State Street Bank Luxembourg, presented a donation of 7500 to the ISL Global Issues Network on behalf of his company. "I believe that there are common values between ISL and State Street

Bank. One of these is an awareness of our social responsibilities and an ability to give back to the community," Dobbins told the students. "State Street is very proud that we were able to support ISL in the beginning as it established the Global Issues Network. We are equally proud to see how the programme has grown into a truly global initiative with so many other schools from around the world becoming actively involved."

The programme for the rest of the Global Issues Awareness Day included a 'humanitarian' lunch: the type of simple, rice-based meal that might be eaten in developing countries. Eurest,

the school caterer, provided the lunch at cost and donated its profits to the cause, enabling the school to raise 575 for donation to charity. Following lunch, a slate of 20 different films was screened, all related to the theme of Global Issues and discussions were led by members of the Student Council and Student Outreach group who helped organise the Global Issues Awareness Day. "It is our hope that today's programme will foster an awareness among our students of the many complex issues facing the world," said ISL Director Chris Bowman. "We would like to see the Global Issues Awareness Day become an annual event in our school."

## Hungarians mark revolution anniversary



Steve Eastwood

New Hungarian ambassador Tibor Keszckés (left) and his wife are pictured here with Jean Reis, the former consul of Hungary to

Luxembourg and currently director of Rollinger in Walferdange. The photo was taken on 23 October as Keszckés invited representatives from the local community to mark the anniversary of the 1956 revolution.

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