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*Dear Fellow Senators*

The year is halfway through now and the good weather has finally come!

Our pilgrimage promoting Senate Fellowship round Britain and Europe has continued with us now reaching a total of nine countries with some repeat visits planned! Since my last epistle the domestic tour has taken to St Davids and Basingstoke where as expected we had two more superb weekends of fun, food and fellowship. Our European pilgrimage saw a record number of British Senators on the European Pre Tour of St Petersburg and Estonia where “anything was possible”! We were then joined by even more senators (I believe only the Finnish delegation was larger) for the European Conference in Tallinn where “everything was possible” and we all had a superb time at one of the best conferences ever forging new friendships and refreshing old ones in the TWO senate bars!

On the JCI UK front Phil Spring and I have been working with them to find out the best ways that the British Senate and the individual senators can assist during these difficult times. I am glad to say that individual senators have already helped considerably with several Chambers and Phil and I are putting together a detailed plan with the Deputy National President and the JCI Reps of how we can make a difference for the remainder of 2006 and 2007. We also have some very positive news that JCI was re-launched in the North East in May and already has 58 members signed up. They are so keen that they will be organising the Awards Weekend in Newcastle from 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006.

One of the things that will be crucial to helping JCI is our database of how senators are willing to help so if you have not already done so please let Chris Edge, the Secretary, know at [chris\\_edge@mis-ltd.co.uk](mailto:chris_edge@mis-ltd.co.uk) which of the following you are willing to do to help:- run training sessions; mentor a JCI chamber president or national officer; introduce prospective members and/or useful contacts; receive communications and attend events or any other way you think you can assist.

JCI have a strategic link with AIESEC ([www.aiesec.co.uk](http://www.aiesec.co.uk)) who are an international student organisation with similar aims to JCI and are an ideal recruiting ground for JCI. Part of this relationship is JCI members mentoring AIESEC leaders. However in some locations where AIESEC is active JCI is not active so we may be looking for Senators in those locations who can step into the breach and mentor those future JCI members and leaders.

Coming up we have the Halmstad Crayfish Party where as usual we will be putting on a cabaret for the Senate Lunch. We also have a weekend in Melton Mowbray which promises to be of the usual high standard we have come to expect of British Senate weekends. If you have not booked yet do so now or miss an event to remember.

There are also many other events in the British and International Senate calendar listed in the centre pages of the newsletter where you can have fun and enjoy Senate fellowship.

For those of you who have not already booked the superb value 2007 Drumming Out the early payment discount is only available until 11<sup>th</sup> August so to be assured of a place and save some money please complete the booking form in this mailing and post it off straight away.

Again on superb value for money theme the Barnsley team have managed to reduce the cost of attending the National Conference and Senate AGM so you have no excuse for not coming!

I hope to see you at a Senate event in the near future.

*Peter*