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Dear Fellow Senators

Time has flown and the end of our year's pilgrimage is in sight!

We have now visited ten countries during our pilgrimage round Britain, Europe and the USA. My last epistle saw us about to head off for Sweden and the Crayfish Party where we had a superb week of senate fellowship visiting friends in Stockholm, Askholm and of course Halmstad. Unfortunately our British delegation was depleted at the last minute due to the terrorist alert on the day most of them were due to travel. However four of us still managed to put on our traditional British Senate Cabaret with the assistance of Paal Aschjem as our announcer.

The weekend after Halmstad we had a fabulous informal weekend around Melton Mowbray which included a beer tasting and a magnificent breakfast at Belvoir Castle. We then had a weekend off before heading back to Scandinavia for the Norwegian Senotium which you can read about in the newsletter. Our travels then took us to Barnsley for the JCI UK National Conference. The team organising the senate programme wished to do something different so our programme started on Friday night with the first ever Senate Vicious Circle Dinner. This was an excellent and entertaining evening where some experienced VC dinner speakers battled it out with a novice and a 'second' timer. The result was close but Jeff Evans, who had never even attended a VC dinner before, ended victorious. Hopefully we have started a new British Senate tradition! The rest of the brilliant weekend was enjoyed by all with next year's Chairman, Phil Spring, and his council being elected at the AGM during the Senate Breakfast on the Sunday.

The end of September saw us heading off for a week in the USA with Paal Aschjem, the ASE President, and his wife Ene. There we caught up with old senate friends in Chicago and then attended an excellent US Senate Fall Meeting in Indianapolis where we were superbly looked after and made many new friends. Their event was held in parallel with a US Junior Chamber meeting and we were able to meet some Jaycees and attend their TOYA dinner.

As I write this we are just back from a wonderful walking weekend in the Yorkshire Dales and are preparing to head off to Bergen with a sizable British Senate contingent for the 50th Anniversary Norwegian National Convention where the ASE Board meeting will also be held.

On the JCI UK front I am pleased to announce that we have agreed to give six Senate Bursaries each year to encourage enthusiastic new JCI members to get involved and attend their first international JCI event. Also following a formal request for help, Phil Spring is continuing to work with JCI UK on how the senate can assist in other ways. The two main areas they have asked for help is with mentoring of people in leadership positions and making sure that training programmes are available where required. Please do what you can if Phil or a member of his team approaches you for assistance.

Thank you to those that contacted Chris Edge with details of senators we had lost touch with. Those of you who have not got around to putting us back in touch with 'lost' senators please do so as soon as possible.

There are only three more British events in my programme. So if you have not been to an event this year get your bookings in now. The first on the horizon is a weekend in Warwick which will also incorporate a visit to the fabulous Good Food Show. Second we have a Senate programme at the JCI UK Awards Weekend in Newcastle. This is being run by a newly re-launched chamber who are working very hard so please support them if you possibly can.

Bookings for the fantastic value 2007 Drumming Out are going well. There is a limit on the numbers for the Banquet so to ensure you are not disappointed please book soon.

I hope to see you at one of the remaining 2006 Senate events and the Drumming Out.

Peter