

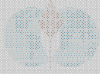
Leaders to Follow

International Leadership Institute Reunion in Prague

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The BLF programs (1991—2003) were co-sponsored by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, and hundreds of American businesses and organizations. Begun in 1991, these leadership development and executive education programs were instrumental in assisting Czech firms to enter the free market after the collapse of communism, and generated significant levels of trade between the US and the Czech Republic. More than 300 Czech and Slovak business leaders have taken part in BLF programs, from such firms as Skoda Plzen, Mora Moravia and Vitkovice.



In June 1993, then-U.S. Ambassador Adrian Basora hosted a reception at the Ambassador's Residence for Czech and Slovak business leaders who had completed the International Leadership Institute's *Business Leadership Forum: USA (BLF)* programs.

For these festivities, the Institute brought a delegation of 22 business and community leaders from Florida to celebrate the first two years of these US-based executive education programs. Along with Florida leaders representing the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the City Council and important manufacturers and law firms, such Czech government officials as Foreign Minister (and cur-

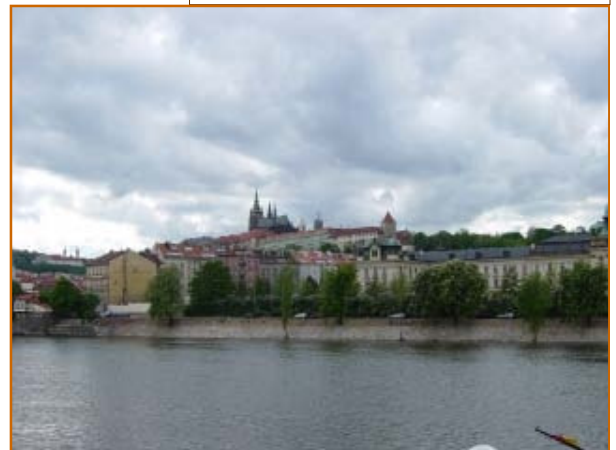
rent Czech Presidential hopeful) Jiri Dienstbier and key Ministry of Industry and Trade officials joined Ambassador Basora in congratulating BLF program graduates.

REUNION IN PRAGUE

Now the Institute, along with longtime friend and associate Alan Tannenbaum of Levin and Tannenbaum, LLC, in Sarasota, Florida, is planning a reunion of BLF graduates since 1991.

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Hradcany Castle, overlooking the Vltava, courtesy Dr. Z. A. Tusek



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This event will bring together the Czech and Slovak graduates of the BLF programs, giving the Institute president Jarda Tusek, Mr. Tanenbaum, and other American organizers the opportunity to renew their acquaintance with the men and women who took part in the programs in the United States.

GREAT SUCCESS

The Czech Republic itself is an impressive success story, having completely revamped its tired old command economy into a sleek new version. Membership in the European Union has further boosted the economic vitality of the Czechs, giving BLF graduates tremendous business opportunities.

These graduates have expanded their businesses in both size and breadth of commerce, started new entrepreneurial firms, founded new divisions abroad and become pillars of the economic community in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

ALL THE WAY TO THE CASTLE

Word of the BLF programs has traveled to the highest levels of Czech society, as symbolized by climbing the steps up the steep hill crowned with Hradcany, the Bohemian castle that has housed the government for nine centuries. Czech President Vaclav Klaus is an honoree of the *BLF* programs; in 1995 he was awarded a \$50,000 prize for being instrumental in the development of world capitalism. His prize was presented by Jacksonville University's Institute for World Capitalism (a *BLF* partner) at festivities in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

A TIME FOR RENEWING TIES

The BLF 15-year reunion will provide guests with the chance to renew old friendships and begin new ones. We look forward to this special time of reunion with our many Czech and American friends, and hope that the reunion can become an annual event when we move the Institute headquarters to the Czech Republic in 2010.

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- The 3rd edition of *Your Career Passport*
- The second book in the trilogy, *Three Things You Can't Do in Prague*

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