

THE CENTER ANNOUNCES NEXT PRESIDENT & CEO

The International Center's Board of Directors has selected [Martin Baier](#) to succeed Diane Thomas as president and chief executive officer of the organization, effective January 4, 2017. Thomas, who has led The Center for the past decade, announced plans earlier this year to leave the organization at the end of 2016 to prepare for a 27-month engagement with the [Peace Corps in a role as an NGO advisor in Ukraine](#).

Following a nationwide search led by IC Board member Joerg Schreiber, Baier, who currently serves as The International Center's vice president of programs and services, was selected from among a sizeable pool of applicants.

"The International Center was blessed to have such depth of interest and professional qualifications among our pool of candidates for this position," said IC Board Member Marsha Stone, who will assume the role of Board Chair beginning January 1, 2017. "In Martin we are confident we have the ideal candidate and we look forward to lending the Board's full support as he steps into the CEO shoes, a fitting new chapter in a distinguished career."

Baier, a native of Germany, joined The International Center in his current position in 2011.

To read more about Martin, his background and record of exemplary service to The Center, [click here](#).



WHAT'S NEW AT THE CENTER

Organizations that celebrate and promote cultural diversity, understanding and awareness in Central Indiana are invited to attend our free [2017 Festival Fund Open House](#) on Thursday, January 26 from 4-6 p.m.

During the session, you and your organization will learn more about the updated application process and guidelines, as well as tips for planning and promoting your event.

Space is limited. To learn more about the Festival Fund or the Open House, contact [Logan Charlesworth](#) or visit our website. To register, [click here](#).

THE CENTER IS RECRUITING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR EXPATRIATES PARTICIPANTS

Thanks to ongoing support from the Eli Lilly & Company Foundation and a partnership with Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, The International Center is now recruiting expatriates for the [Civic Engagement for Expatriates program](#). An extension of The Center's suite of international relocation and expatriate services, CEE provides a year-long civic engagement leadership training for expatriate leaders.

The program, offered at no charge to the expatriated employee or their employer, will commence in February 2017. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their leadership profiles and enrich their experiences as global leaders as they learn to share their talents with the civic community. International assignees with high potential in leadership roles who are able to give a 2+ year commitment to non-profit board service are highly encouraged to apply for consideration.

For more information about this unique program, please contact [Hannah Day](#) or visit The International Center's [website](#).



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

[INTLCXN: First Friday at The Harrison Center for the Arts & Blue Indy Artist Reception](#)

December 2
The Harrison Center for the Arts

[St. Nikolaus Fest](#)

December 4
The Athenaeum

[Festival Fund Open House](#)

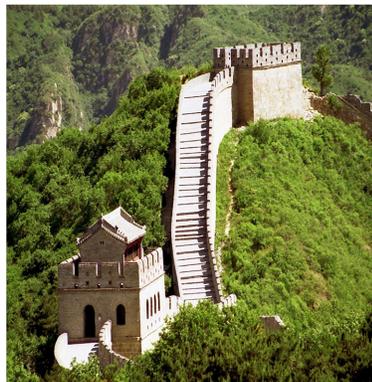
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TEACH AND TRAVEL IN CHINA THIS SUMMER WITH THE CENTER!

Qualified candidates are being sought to teach Chinese children the English language and American sports during their stay at summer camp run by our partner school in China.

Compensation for individuals whose applications are accepted include complimentary round trip airfare, free room and board, and free guided tours of China during the weekends. Individuals interested in participating in this program are encouraged to submit their application for consideration by **December 15**.

For more information about this opportunity, [click here](#) or contact [Lei Wang](#), China project manager.



CHINA NEWS BLOG

The number of Chinese "Sea Turtles" is on the rise, but they're not what you think.

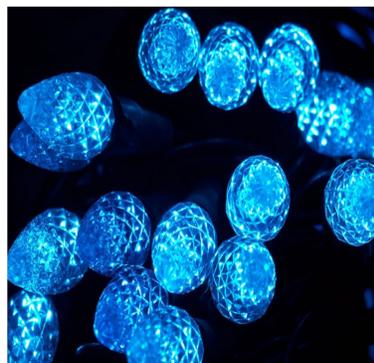
Read what [Lei Wang](#), The Center's China project manager, has to say about the rise of Chinese students completing their studies in the United States before returning to China. [Click here](#).

JOIN INTLCXN AS WE CELEBRATE LOCAL ARTISANS AT THE FIRST FRIDAY ARTIST RECEPTION

All are invited to join the [INTLCXN](#) crew on Friday, December 2 from 6 – 10 p.m. as we delve into Indianapolis' thriving arts scene at the free Holiday Open House and First Friday event at the Harrison Center for the Arts!

Sponsored by [Blue Indy](#), this year's theme is, not surprisingly, "electric blue". [The Harrison Center for the Arts](#) galleries will feature an array of original works incorporating this year's theme color, as well as nods to our state's ongoing bicentennial celebration.

Those interested in attending this free, family-friendly event are encouraged to contact [Joan Monninger](#), international relocation coordinator.



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