



# International Baccalaureate

Association of Rocky Mountain Schools

## IBARMS News

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### Special Guest at November meeting: Loung Ung



[Loung Ung](#), author of *First They Killed My Father* and *Lucky Child* will be our special guest speaker at the November 17 IBARMS meeting at the Sheraton Denver West. The full day meeting is from 8:30 am to 3 pm.

Members pay \$55 for this meeting, which includes two meals, the program featuring Loung Ung and Kari Grossman (author of [Bones That Float: A Story of Adopting Cambodia](#)), World Café breakouts and lesson plan breakouts, as well as general and program level meetings.



Members are invited to bring up to 2 additional teachers and students for \$20 each for the program and breakfast (guests released by noon). Evites were sent to paid members October 11. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** for members, teachers and students via Evite, with payment at the door. First come, first served, so don't delay RSVPing to your Evite.

### Members get first shot at hot spots in MYP & PYP Workshops



IBARMS offers official IB training in Keystone, CO for both PYP and MYP June 29-July 2, 2008.

PYP subjects offered are: Introduction to the PYP (Level 1); Inquiry (Level 2); International-mindedness (Level 2); Science and Social Studies (Level 3); and, Heads and Coordinators for those who have completed level 2 (Level 3).

MYP offerings include Level 1 (English, Humanities, Math, Science, Heads of Schools, Coordinators), Level 2 (English, Humanities, Math, Science, Visual Arts), and Level 3 (Special Education Needs).

IBARMS members have a two week head start for signing up for these workshops before they are opened to the public. Last year, the workshops were sold out early, and folks came from all over the world to enjoy the Colorado Rockies in summer. So, be sure to sign up early!

No more than 8 participants from the same school may be in the same subject workshop. Cost for the workshops is \$650 (which includes a stipend required by IBNA). We look forward to serving you in Keystone.

## Notes from the President

In addition to its reputation as an academically rigorous program, the International Baccalaureate aims far beyond merely preparing students for a challenging career of schooling and test taking. Its stated mission is to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect...” Last year I spent considerable time in this space discussing the IB Learner Profile, a list of ten traits, including *Principled*, *Communicators*, *Balanced* and *Risk-Takers* that all IB programs should strive to develop in their students (the full text of this Learner Profile as well as an informational video is available at <http://www.ibo.org/programmes/profile/>).



Consistent with this development of the whole student toward “education for a better world”, IB introduced the worldwide community theme: ***Sharing Our Humanity***, in an attempt to unite all IB programs worldwide (there are currently over 2,000 IB schools in 125 countries) in learning more about vital global issues and taking positive action. As the Learner Profile document states, “The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.”

At the IB North America Regional Conference this summer, we heard Jean Francois Rischard, author of *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them*, which speaks of the immediate challenges facing our planet. His main point was that we can no longer deny or put off dealing with some severe global crises, and he highlighted six major areas of concern:

- **Global Poverty**: Over 1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day, and nearly half the world's population live on less than \$2 a day.
- **Conflict**: There are 29 ongoing conflicts around the world, some dating back over 40 years. Poor countries are four times as likely to have conflict than rich countries.
- **Education for All**: 46% of girls in the poorest countries have no access to primary education. (Universal primary education would cost \$10 billion a year – that's half what Americans spend annually on ice cream.)
- **Global Infectious Diseases**: In addition to the rampant spread of ‘high profile diseases’ like AIDS, Asian Bird Flu and BSE, Malaria continues to cause more than 300 million acute illnesses and over 1 million deaths each year.
- **Digital Divide**: Despite the apparent pervasiveness of technology in our own society, the vast majority of the world's population does not have such access. Only 2% of African children will have ever touched a computer before they leave school.
- **Natural Disaster Mitigation**: There has been a five-fold increase in natural disasters in the last 25 years. Again, the world's poor are most vulnerable to the effects of these disasters.

IB has chosen to focus its community theme around these 6 areas, and is encouraging schools worldwide to get involved in this endeavour. IBARMS is also taking up this challenge, and we hope to get IB schools in our sphere of influence involved in sharing our humanity. Please let me know if any of you have any ideas on developing this theme or want to get involved. Here's to another great year!

Roger Dowd  
President, IBARMS

## Program Level Notes: DP, MYP, PYP



### DP: Click for the [Diploma section](#) of the IBARMS blog.

- [DU-ToK Ethics Conference](#) on October 12 and 13, organized by Dr Steve Fleet of Douglas County HS.
- [IBARMS Scholarship applications](#) available. Submissions due by February 18, 2008.
- **IB Exam Registration:** The exam registration deadline is just around the corner, November 15<sup>th</sup>! A reminder: the fee structure for exams has changed. A detailed FAQ can be found on IBNET. Diploma candidates who registered for exams **last year** must be registered with the SAME candidate code to avoid the registration fee of \$123. Anticipated candidates taking one or two exams and diploma candidates taking all six exams in the May 2008 examination session will pay the one time \$123 registration fee. All candidates, regardless of their registration category will pay \$84 per subject.
- The first roundtable of the year focusing on Language B will be held at Littleton HS on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. For further information, contact [Claudia Anderson](#), DP Coordinator at Littleton.
- Your program representative is [Patricia Wetmore](#) of Smoky Hill HS.

### MYP: Click for the [MYP section](#) of the IBARMS blog.

[Lisa King](#), your program representative, has prepared a [mini-newsletter for MYP members](#). Click to find information on:

- The MYP Student Summit for 2007-2008
- Roundtable Discussions for 2007-2008
- MYP Technology Update
- A wonderfully helpful MYP Networking list

### PYP: Click for the [PYP section](#) of the IBARMS blog.

No news submitted. Please contact [Barbara Bishop](#), your program representative, with PYP questions and concerns.

## Projects Grants: Your membership affecting the community

Applications are due November 15 for member schools who want a shot at funding for special projects this school year. The IBARMS Project Committee will evaluate proposals from participant schools who are desiring to implement a project that supports the IB Mission and promotes international understanding. Committee members are **Jan Lotter**, **Julie Webster**, **Jade Amick-Fulgenzi**, **Susie Mitzelfeld**, **Matt Brown** and **Anne Frazier**. Applications and criteria are available at <http://ibarms.org/assets/pdf/IBARMSProjectProposal.pdf>.



## Scholarship Fund: your membership helps students

**Lisa King** (Poudre High School) heads a new committee assigned to grant scholarship funds to Rocky Mountain area IB students. Applications and criteria can be found at <http://ibarms.org/assets/pdf/scholarshipDraft.pdf>. Due date is February 18, 2008.



## This and That

At [www.IBARMS.org](http://www.IBARMS.org), you can...

- Check out the [IBARMS calendar](#) for upcoming events.
- Find [a listing](#) of member schools, contacts, and websites.
- NEW: [a map](#) showing member school locations.
- Get [conference and meeting notes](#) from past events.
- See [biographies](#) on your executive board members.
- The [IBARMS Blog](#) – a place to chat with your peers about everything from job openings to testing to problem solving.

Keep an eye on the IBARMS webpage for everything you need to know about what's going on in the world of IB.

### Idea for an article? From you, an IB teacher or an IB student?

We welcome submissions to *IBARMS News*. Submissions must be relevant to the International Baccalaureate and consistent with IBARMS mission of promoting the IB program in our region. To submit an article, email your at-large program representative at:

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### Tell us what you think

Please let us know feedback on this newsletter, the new meeting format, and what IBARMS can do to serve you better -- [workshops@ibarms.org](mailto:workshops@ibarms.org).