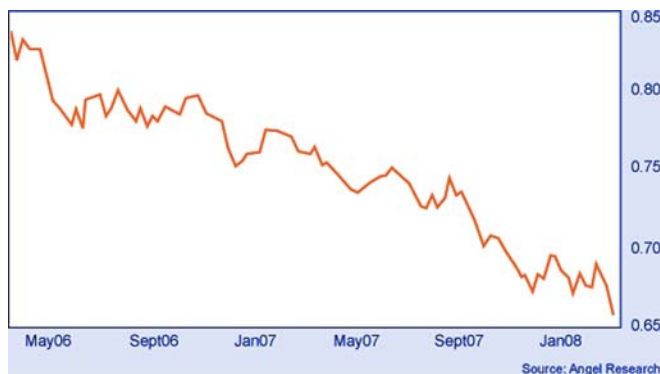


## From the Director

Bad news for us in the U.S. is good news for you and your students. Over the last year, the US dollar has continued its decline against most foreign currencies. With the dollar at a record low, studying in the U.S. is now a "cheap alternative" to studying in Britain, Canada, or Australia. The Intensive English Institute continues to provide excellent teaching and an outstanding U.S. experience but at a cost that is easier for your students to afford.



## Decline of US Dollar against the Euro

## Portrait of an IEI Graduate



When Hae Ryong (Harry) Chung enrolled in the IEI program in Spring 2006, his English proficiency was low but this did not keep him from succeeding both in and out of class. One of the IEI teachers encouraged him to join the IEI Power Lifting team and in competition he broke several national records. He worked very hard in class too, to increase his TOEFL iBT and GRE scores.

Harry's efforts paid off and he was admitted to the University of Illinois Ph.D. program in Kinesiology in Summer 2007. He and his wife (also a former IEI student) had a baby girl that summer, too. Now that he is a graduate student and a father, Harry's responsibilities have increased, but he faces them with the same positive attitude and perseverance as when he first came to the IEI, and he has succeeded very well. Currently in his third semester at UIUC, Harry has already presented at two national conferences and published his first professional article with his academic advisor. His new goal is to help his wife and brother (a new IEI student this semester) to upgrade their English skills and enter UIUC graduate programs themselves. Well done, Harry! IEI wishes you and your family the best of luck in your future studies.

## IEI summer program helps students prepare for academic study

The advanced levels of the IEI offer courses designed to improve the skills students need to succeed at a U.S. university. Every summer, the IEI enrolls both students who have already been admitted to a university and students who are preparing to apply for graduate or undergraduate study. In addition to courses focused on academic listening and speaking and reading and writing, students choose from electives including grammar, pronunciation, current events, and film courses. For students who still need to improve their TOEFL scores, the IEI also offers an elective course on "Integrating language skills and the TOEFL iBT." But summer at the IEI is not all work. The weather is beautiful, and there are plenty of things for students to do out-of-class on the university campus and in Champaign-Urbana. Be sure to check our website for more information.

## REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR SUMMER 2008 APPLICATIONS MAY 2, 2008!

### Useful Links for Advising Students About the IEI Click Title to Access

#### Handbook for International Agents and Advisors

- Latest information and assistance!

#### Apply to IEI!

- Application, dates, costs

#### Student Newsletters

- Stay up-to-date with student information

#### IEI Program

- Program descriptions

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