



International House is one of the largest multi-national residential and programming cultural centers in the world. Since 1930, its mission is to foster intercultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills to promote a more tolerant and peaceful world.

“I-House” is a home to nearly 600 residents on any given day and serves the UC Berkeley campus, local community and more than 40,000 alumni worldwide with an array of intercultural programs and trainings available in person and online. In total, the global I-House community represents more than 150 countries including the U.S.

Founded with a gift by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., I-House relies on philanthropic support, including annual Gala proceeds, to fund scholarships for residents with financial need, to care for our historic home, and to implement innovative programs in service to our mission.

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International House Gala

Thursday, April 10, 2014

6 pm Music & Mingling
Dinner & Program Follow

Honoring **Wendy Schmidt & Dr. Ashok Gadgil**
Alumni of the Year 2014



Tickets

Individual Tickets: \$275 / Young Diplomats (35 or under): \$150
Table and event sponsorships: \$3,750 - \$25k

Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala
or call (510) 642-4128

Semi-formal. Festive international attire encouraged.
2299 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley. Valet Parking.

Tickets less \$50 are tax deductible and support The Fund for I-House.



Wendy Schmidt (IH 1978-80)
Alumna of the Year 2014

As President and Co-Founder of The Schmidt Family Foundation and The Schmidt Ocean Institute (SOI), philanthropist and environmental advocate Wendy Schmidt has advanced the wiser use of energy and natural resources worldwide as a champion for greater sustainability in food and water systems across the globe and as a champion for human rights.

While living at I-House Wendy earned an MA in Journalism from Cal, established enduring cross-cultural friendships and intercultural insights that inform her work, and gained a life partner in Dr. Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80), Executive Chairman at Google and Co-Founder of The Schmidt Family Foundation and SOI.

Schmidt Family Foundation grantees include The Berkeley Food Institute whose programs foster greater resiliency, diversity and strength in sustainable food and agriculture systems making connections between research, communications, policy, practice, and social movements.

Wendy's leadership to advance a world of greater equity and justice personifies the mission of International House. In recognition of her dedication and success to serve communities around the world to address climate and energy challenges, to foster improvements in ecological agriculture, water systems and human rights, International House is proud to recognize Wendy Schmidt *International House Alumna of the Year*.



Ashok Gadgil (IH 1973-75)
Alumnus of the Year 2014

A Cal professor in civil and environmental engineering and a physicist with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Ashok Gadgil is recognized worldwide for his innovative solutions that address vexing issues of energy and water-use systems in the developing world.

Not only have his groundbreaking solutions in water disinfection and less-polluting cooking stoves proved efficient, they have transformed communities in dramatic ways: protecting and improving human health while reducing less obvious related outcomes such as gender-based violence and conflicts and poverty associated with resource-scarcity.

Ashok's work has earned him many national and international accolades including the 2002 World Technology Award for Energy, 2004 Tech Laureate Prize, 2009 Heinz Award, the 2011 European Inventor Award, the 2012 Zayed Future Energy Prize, the 2012 Lemelson-MIT Global Innovator Prize, the 2013 Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water, and the 2013 Tech Laureate Prize.

Dr. Gadgil, originally from India, earned his PhD in Physics at Cal while residing at International House. The dialogues and discoveries fostered through these experiences have informed Ashok's approach to addressing some of the world's most pronounced challenges. For shaping a world of greater well-being, International House is proud to recognize Ashok Gadgil as *International House Alumnus of the Year*.