

IFE INFO- THE DRONE'S ARE COMING
Italian Embassy- July 11th, 2016
Opening Remarks- Coach Kathy Kemper

Welcome Sport Fans! Welcome to our nonpartisan and always civil IFE Innovation Salon! 'Here Come the Drones!' We are now celebrating the 25th season of IFE and of our mission: engaging the global community to find common ground thru collaboration, by harnessing the power of data, innovation, technology and soft diplomacy.

We are honored to be continuing this tradition this evening at the Italian Embassy. Grazie, your Excellency, Ambassador of Italy, for hosting us. Your Embassy is a perfect venue, and perhaps the only venue in our Capital City.

Thank you to our distinguished moderator, The Honorable Dr. R David Edelman and our panelists for being our special guests.

Gentleman, you join a distinguished list of over 280 IFE INFO Speakers including Nobel Prize winners, a Vice President, White House Chief of Staffs, governors, countless Cabinet Secretaries, CIA and FBI director's, THE US Chief Data Scientist, THE US Digital Services co founder, a Miss America, two United States Chief Technology officers, professional athletes, and five Supreme Court Justices. There is no doubt that IFE INFO forums are an insider's, opinion leaders, Washington institution, and a mainstay in the Washington public policy and innovation arena.

Welcome our extraordinary and plenipotentiary Excellency's with us this evening, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments.

And applause to our IFE Leadership: Jim Valentine, cofounder and trustee; IFE CTO, Mark Schulte, Marci Robinson, Chair board of Stewards. And a grateful shout out to our IFE team support: Ryan Karpowicz, Microsoft; Peter Ruffo, ZTE; Jim Valentine, Tri Alpha Energy; Chris Caine, Mercator XXI, Michelle Lynch, Google, Jan Smith, and Hud Batmanglich. And to our IFE Young Global Support: Max Dickinson, MXD Services, Alex Pelletier, Mark Schulte.

Thank you PIF David Naffis for your leadership in coaching me on the drone space, and Eric Daimler.

Now, please take a look and notice the people with ribbons and decorations around their necks. These are the White House Presidential Innovation Fellows, PIF's! White House Presidential Innovation Fellows, please stand up. The Presidential Innovation Fellowship is President Obama's signature program, and the PIF's are the best tech talent our nation has. They are entrepreneurial leaders in design and technology. They are harnessing new ideas to remake government and taking a user centric, citizen facing approach. The PIF's are the bad asses, the superheroes, who are leveraging their experience from industry expertise and applying it within the government.

I'm also excited to announce an update on a major IFE initiative: being a founder of computer

science at University of Southern California, aka CS@SC. This is a free summer coding camp for underrepresented student populations in 3rd to 9th grade. This being our second summer, the camps once again have endless wait lists. I invite you all to support 25 seasons of IFE and CS@SC.

Continuing our 25th season we have remarkable programming continuing. Tomorrow evening, HE Bjorn Lyrvall, Ambassador of Sweden will host an IFE EMT dinner. At the end of July the 3d annual IFE Innovation cookout @ historic CCC. Early Sept. Finland Ambassador Kristi will host the IFE Woman in Power lunch with WP Senior WH correspondent, Juliet Eilperin, and in late Sept, Afghanistan Ambassador Mohib, will host an IFE innovation salon, Digital Currencies in developing countries, with Brian Forde, the foremost international expert on blockchain. In the fall, Colombian Ambassador, Pinzon will host our 25th celebration in his ballroom, with the great American and philanthropist, co founder of Carlyle group, Chairman JFK Center of performing Arts, President of the Economic Club of DC, David Rubinstein. USCTO Megan Smith.

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It is now my pleasure to introduce our moderator, IFE's Distinguished Fellow, the Honorable Dr. R. David Edelman. Dr. Edelman is Special Assistant to the President for Economic & Technology at the White House's National Economic Council. In that role, he is the President's point person for managing policies on existing technologies, like broadband, and new ones, like drones. He was instrumental in the U.S. government's regulations on commercial drones, which the USA Today and Bloomberg called a "landmark" event in this new technology.

Truly, there is no one better to help us navigate this emerging topic.

R David is a great family friend and stewardship at IFE over the years is remarkable.

So now R David, time to kick off the panel!