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THERE IS OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS THAT QLF'S GREATEST ASSET IS THE NETWORK OF ALUMNI – Volunteers, Interns, Sounds Conservancy Fellows, and International Fellows, Governing Boards, Staff, and Consultants. QLF's Alumni number more than 5,000 and represent 75 countries in these regions: New England and eastern Canada; Central and South America; the Caribbean; Europe, Central and Southeast Europe; the Middle East, North Africa, and Gulf States; and Southeast Asia. Many are conservation practitioners who share the same spirit and loyalty to QLF that is undiminished by time and geography.

QLF's Network of Alumni is named the Global Leadership Network (GLN), and the formalization of the Network was proposed at QLF's first *Congress* in Budapest, Hungary, (April 2006) and validated at QLF's second *Congress* in Barcelona (November 2016). Today, the GLN is thriving with new partnerships, programs, and Consulting teams worldwide.

Through the Global Leadership Network of Alumni, QLF seeks to foster communication and leadership between Alumni worldwide through in-person and online meetings, sharing of best practices, and partnerships. Of note, the GLN Online, a private website for QLF Alumni, is the engine that drives and maintains sustained interregional partnerships. By formalizing QLF's Global Leadership Network, members:

- 1) share knowledge, expertise, and innovation on shared conservation challenges and opportunities;
- 2) promote international cooperation through online and in-person exchanges with experts with similar and/or complementary skills and resources; and
- 3) facilitate concrete conservation partnerships and consulting teams to address critical environmental challenges worldwide. Recent accomplishments follow.

Alumni Interviews & Articles ~ GLN staff have written articles on 100 QLF Alumni, who are conservation leaders and practitioners representing six global regions. These articles—posted on QLF's website—publicize QLF's far-reaching impact, and encourage new Alumni partnerships based on shared interests.

Discretionary Awards ~ QLF provides discretionary awards to Alumni to initiate and help support new conservation programs and projects worldwide.

GLN Consulting Teams ~ Members of the GLN are community and conservation leaders worldwide. QLF assembles teams of Alumni with complementary expertise to provide invaluable consulting to clients worldwide and upon request.

Partnerships and Collaborative Programs ~ QLF forms partnerships for program collaboration. For example, QLF is working in collaboration with Alumni from BirdLife International in Amman, Jordan on a regional project to protect migratory birds on the flyway through the Rift Valley, and with Alumni in Israel on a marine conservation project in Gizr-A-Uzarka, Israel.

The Second QLF Congress, Barcelona, November 2016 ~ The *Congress* convened 160 conservation leaders representing 38 countries, 100 organizations and the public and private sector. At the *Congress*, QLF launched new program partnerships, International Exchange Programs, and QLF Global, a global consulting initiative.