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(b) Archives of Video Tapes of Global Lecture Hall (GLH) -- with 1994 and 1996 GLHs
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(c) (20120316) March 28th Meeting - Columbia University Seminar on Knowledge, Technology, and Social Systems
<<http://tinyurl.com/7ypzqra>>

(d) Biography of Dr. Thomas Mensah
<<http://tinyurl.com/6wphmzq>>

**Dear Jim:**
(1) Many, many thanks for your msg (**ATTACHMENT I** below) in response to the Reference (a) above.

Certainly, I ‘m very delighted to hear from you again after so long absence.

I am also very happy to hear that you are now working with IEEE on the Global Humanitarian Technology Conference in Silicon Valley this fall.  It sounds very interesting, since its subjects are very much similar to what we are doing with our GEWS/GUS projects.

**Dear Peter:**
(2) Very glad to hear from you, too (**ATTACHMENT II** below).

Yes, we had a Skype video for Tapio’s inspiring talk from Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil during our conference at Rutgers’ University in New Jersey on June 8th, 2012.

Pls enjoy your days in Rio de Janeiro — and pls convey my best personal regards to your wife, Zaida.

**Dear Jim and Peter:**
(3) Yes, you pioneered videoconferencing.

Pls visit the 1994 GLH at the Reference (b) above, where you can view your demo and presentation via ShareVision through POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) from distance education conference in Moscow to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville (UTK).  It shows how you two contributed to the development of videoconferencing in global scale without spending much cost.

At this web site, you can also view Greg Cole’s excellent demo of MOSAIC, the predecessor of NETSCAPE, the first web browser, with his Russian colleague, Natasha Bulashova.  Greg kindly says that this occasion initiated his GLORIAD.

Although Greg says that he did not notice, but what I noticed at that time — just for a very few seconds -- was a clear image of his student, John, in another building, when both conversed through Ethernet campus net at 3.4 Mbps — which was “broadband” at that stage of Internet development.  I then thought the possibility of videoconferencing through Internet.  A several  years later in the summer of 1999, I asked Tapio’s graduate student to download a NetMeering software from the Microsoft’s web site at free of charge.  He then connected with Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana (my alma mater) through Internet during the workshop at Tapio’s University of Tampere, Finland, for which fund I arranged from the InfoDev of the World Bank when Peter was still working there.  It was astounding success (\*), so that I could terminate the use of many satellites spanning the globe for our GLH videoconferencings, which I conducted once or twice every year in the 1990s — satellites were too expensive, cumbersome, no-interaction, too much latency, only broadcasting for wide areas, etc..

(\*) BTW, an engineering professor at the Montana State University was afraid that such connection between Bozeman and Tampere would certainly faile since there were almost 13 switching nodes!! -- imagine, how unreliable and un-trustful Internet was around that time!!

As Jim says, since then, there have been great strides on the technological development — especially, thanks to the invention made on the fast extrusion of optical fiber by one of our colleagues, Tom Mensah — see References (c) and (d) above — which initiated broadband Internet of today.

**Dear Jim:**
(4) At the Reference (b), you can also view our GLH in Budapest, Hungary, where you can also view the clippings of your demo of the use of portable dish antenna for INMALSAT which connected our site at the SENAI in Florianopolis, Brazil to the UNESCO in Paris, which was made a couple weeks prior to the Budapest event.

This GLH was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright exchange program, and Mr. George Soros talked via audio from his home in Long Island in New York.

(5) I would greatly appreciate it if you can kindly continue to help our GEWS/GUS projects.

Keep in touch.

Best, Tak

**ATTACHMENT I**

**From:** Jim Miller <[jimmsl@aol.com](jimmsl%40aol.com)>
**Subject: IEEE GHTC in Silicon Valley
Date:** February 15, 2013 2:36:07 PM EST
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**Cc:** "Peter T. Knight" <[ptknight@gmail.com](ptknight%40gmail.com)>

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Sent from Jim's iPhone

On Feb 15, 2013, at 9:50 AM, Jim Miller <[jimmsl@aol.com](jimmsl%40aol.com)> wrote:

Hi Tak,
It's been a long time since we were last in contact. I hope you and your wife are doing well.

I see that you still doing the GLH. I still remember the early days with ShareVision. In fact I recently had the pleasure of seeing Peter Knight and his wife recently here in the NW as they toured the US before relocating to Brazil. We Skype often.

I saw this email and was reminded of how far technology has come, and yet more people are deprived of access today than ever. Over 4 billion survive on less than 2 dollars per day.

I have been working with IEEE on the Global Humanitarian Technology Conference. It will be in Silicon Valley this year. You can access the conference at www.ieeeghtc.org

There is also a regional conference in Kerala, India in August.

I thought you might like to share this with your cohorts.

Best regards,

Jim Miller

**ATTACHMENT II**

**From:** Peter Knight <[ptknight@gmail.com](ptknight%40gmail.com)>
**Subject: Good to hear about you from Jim
Date:** February 15, 2013 3:07:41 PM EST
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**Cc:** Jim Miller <[JIMMSL@aol.com](JIMMSL%40aol.com)>

Tak,

Zaida and I are now living about 8 months a year in Rio de Janeiro.

Tapio Varis has been teaching in the southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul.

Hope this finds you well.

Best regards,

Peter

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