

Director

John F. Sperandio is the founding Director of Stonehill International School. He has more than thirty years experience as an IB teacher, a physicist/engineer, a school business manager and as a director of international schools. John graduated with a M.Sc. in Physics from Yale University and an M.Ed. from Worcester State College. He joined the U.S. Peace Corps after his B.Sc. and served as a teacher in an education project in Uganda. He followed with ten years of teaching mathematics, physics and accounting in Kuwait, Malta and Tanzania. His first administrative experience came in Malta, when together with Lawrence Simpson, he helped establish the parent foundation and governing body of the Verdala School. In Tanzania he followed as the School Business Manager for the International School of Tanganyika, at a time when the country struggled to recover from years of overvalued currency and under investment in infrastructure. Never without the need to find a new challenge, John returned to the USA to work as an engineer and scientist for Dames and Moore to model severe accidents in nuclear power stations. He developed a multi-user computer interface, SAGE, for Gabor, Kenton and Associates to train power station operators in severe accident management.

He returned to international schools as a financial consultant and was appointed Director of Support Services at Escuela Campo Alegre in Venezuela, where he gained further experience with the problems of fixed exchange rates and board governance. In 1998, John was appointed the Director of the International School of Azerbaijan, a small oil company school on the Caspian Sea and was tasked with building the campus, obtaining CIS accreditation, IB World School status, while the school expanded a grade a year until the first IB Diploma class graduated. In 2003, John repeated the process at the International School Dhaka, which gained NEASC/CIS accreditation and IB World School status in 2005, and where the first domestic IB Diploma students from Bangladesh were graduated in 2007.

In January 2008, having added two new countries to the IB World map, John accepted a commission from the Embassy Group to develop the first accredited, IB World School in Bangalore to offer all three programmes of the IB. In India there are over 30 schools offering one or more of the IB programmes, consequently India is not a country new to the IB. But for John the chance to become involved with developing a major new school on a greenfield site in Bangalore, a city known for its prowess in technology and its level of modernization, the challenge has been too strong to resist.