This past June, a record-breaking 599 MIT Sloan alumni returned to Cambridge to celebrate their connection to the School. For members of the Classes of ’55, ’60, ’65, ’70, ’75, ’80, ’85, ’90, ’95, ’00, ’05, and ’09, Reunion is just months away. As we plan the alumni community’s return to campus June 3–6, 2010, it is a great time to reflect on the highlights of Reunion 2009.
During June 4–7, the MIT Sloan campus buzzed with alumni who graduated in 2008 or a year ending in a “4” or a “9.” Friends and family reconnected with former classmates, formed new relationships, and updated themselves on the happenings at MIT Sloan since they last visited. Most alumni began the weekend at the Friday night C-function, where John C Head III Dean David Schmittlein and MIT President Susan Hockfield mingled with attendees.

The spirit of education filled the classrooms of E51 on Friday and Saturday as graduates and their guests listened to lectures from alumni and distinguished members of the faculty. During the Dean’s Luncheon, guests listened to Dean Schmittlein deliver his State of the School address and field questions from the audience.

Class-specific seminars and workshops were held over the course of the weekend, but the most widely attended alumni events were the class dinners, all held at the Westin Copley Hotel. The dinners provided classmates with time to reconnect more intimately amid smiles, laughter, and food. Afterwards, many classes hosted post-events in Boston, ensuring that their discussions went on through the night.

Sunday’s Family BBQ ended the weekend on a high note. Perfect weather and a visit from the ice cream truck set a celebratory mood as alumni and their children participated in a range of family activities. After fond farewells, alumni returned home energized and excited for their next MIT Sloan Reunion.
Reunion highlights:

• More than 960 alumni and their guests from 25 different countries returned to Cambridge to attend Reunion 2009.
• With the help of over 100 alumni Reunion Committee organizers and volunteer speakers, 47 compelling events were held over the weekend.
• $2.4 million was raised by Reunion classes in 2009.

If 2010 is your Reunion year and you would like to participate in your class’s Reunion Committee, please contact mitsloanreunionteam@mit.edu.

For more information on Reunions 2009 and 2010, visit http://mitsloan.mit.edu/alumni/reunion.

The Class of 1984 shared memories and laughter over good food at their class dinner.

Mandavi Tandon, Saurabh Tandon, MBA ’04; Vishal Jain, MBA ’04, and Arpita Jidani at the C-function.

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