

**International Visitors Council, Inc.**

# **2002 Annual Report**



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October 24, 2002

Dear Friend of IVC:

As we reflect on this past year, we remember the tragedy and challenges we faced as a nation in the wake of 9/11. IVC responded to this tragedy by hosting a U.S. Department of State Town Meeting on U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Asia with Mr. Phil Reeker, Deputy Spokesman for the Department as keynote speaker. Mr. Reeker outlined the Administration's response and plans to fight the "War on Terrorism". One aspect of this war on terror that IVC has been assisting with over this past year and over the 37 years of its history is promoting cultural understanding through Citizen Diplomacy and the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

IVC hosted 153 visitors from 50 countries, including a delegation representing Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, & West Bank. This was a unique program bringing editorial cartoonists as agents of social and political change to Columbus to visit with their counterparts at The Columbus Dispatch and the OSU-Cartooning Library. By welcoming these visitors into our boardrooms, classrooms, homes and hearts our citizen diplomats are helping to reduce hatred and build bridges of understanding between our peoples.

IVC also had an opportunity to take a delegation to Ukraine as part of our Community Connections Program, which brings entrepreneurs and professionals to the US for training in Western Business Practices. The mission was designed to conduct training in Nonprofit Management and Leadership, as well as evaluate the impact of the program among the entrepreneurs. Two of the most interesting outcomes the delegation documented was the fact that a web development business in Columbus is partnering with a business in Ukraine and a windows manufacturer learned of the value of customer service, which helped result in a three-fold increase in his business.

This year has been one of renewal for IVC. IVC moved its offices and established a new "Global Resource Center". Located in the heart of the Jefferson Center for Learning and the Arts, the Center serves as an international information clearinghouse for the citizens of Central Ohio and international visitors to the region. Below you will notice a photo of the IVC GRC ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured, from left to right, are: August Pust, Director, Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs; Vasil Babamov, President, IVC Board of Trustees; Kevin Webb, Executive Director, IVC; and Richard Sensenbrenner, Member, Columbus City Council. IVC hopes to continue to expand and develop the Center as we move forward to an exciting new year in partnership with the City of Columbus and State of Ohio.

We hope you enjoy this report and help us thank the hundreds of companies, schools, government offices and individuals who welcomed our visiting, emerging world leaders into their lives this past year. We invite you to join us as a Citizen Diplomat as IVC continues to strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development and promote cultural understanding over this next year and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

*James G. May*

James G. May  
President

*Kevin R. Webb*

Kevin R. Webb  
Executive Director



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## The Mission of IVC

*IVC's mission is to build partnerships between Central Ohioans and citizens of other countries that strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development, and promote cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.*

### Strengthening Democratic Ideals

Over 200 emerging world leaders in government, business, education and the arts, from over 50 countries visit Central Ohio annually. By meeting with their professional counterparts to exchange ideas and knowledge, these US Department of State sponsored visitors get a better understanding of US democratic ideals of a civil society, free-market economy and the rule of law. Upon their return to their home country they can consider these ideas when working to strengthen their society and help create a safer world in which to trade, study and travel. IVC serves as the Central Ohio liaison to the US Department of State International Visitor and Citizen Exchange Programs, the US Library of Congress Open World Program and private exchange initiatives.



### Encouraging Economic Development

IVC supports economic development efforts in the Central Ohio community by arranging logistics services including professional counterpart meetings, internships, global forums and trade development missions. This helps give our corporate Consular Corps members a “handshake advantage” in international business by gaining a contact in and learning about the culture of emerging markets. If you would like help creating customized services to meet your global business development needs, contact IVC today.

### Promoting Cultural Understanding

Since 1965, IVC's Nobel Peace Prize nominated volunteer Citizen Diplomats—our home and professional hosts—have welcomed international visitors into their boardrooms, town halls, homes and hearts to help foster mutual understanding and promote future exchange, trade and peace. As an IVC Citizen Diplomat, you and your children can learn about other parts of the world and help break down the barriers that divide us. Additionally, the Visitor-to-School Program sends international visitors into local classrooms to share their knowledge and insight with schoolchildren, raising global awareness by giving American students a chance to explore the world without ever leaving the classroom.



#### ***IVC Introduces New Online Directory***

Over the past year, IVC has developed a new “online resource directory” featuring **Global & Local Links** and, in partnership with Columbus State Community College, a comprehensive **Columbus International Calendar**, listing current international events. Become a part of fulfilling our mission by visiting the online resource directory at:

**[www.columbusivc.org](http://www.columbusivc.org)**

to discover all that IVC and Columbus have to offer.

## 2001-2002 Global Education & Exchange Programs

October 9, 2001-October 13, 2001

### **Constitutional Governance**

Group of 8 from *Nepal*

Professional Hosts: Tenth District Court of Appeals, Senator Richard Finan, Ohio League of Women Voters, Legislative Service Commission

October 10, 2002

### **U.S. Foreign Policy toward Asia**

U.S. Department of State Town Meeting, OSU-Fawcett Center for Tomorrow

October 16, 2001-October 20, 2001

### **Empowering Women in Politics**

Group of 7 from *Ghana*

Professional Hosts: Deputy Secretary of State Beryl Anderson, Senate Session, Ohio State Univ. Law School Prof, OSU Dept. of Women's Studies, Columbus Dispatch Editorial Board, WBNS 10-TV, Session of House of Representatives



October 31, 2001-November 04, 2001

### **Municipal Government**

Group of 4 from *Serbia*

Professional Hosts: City of Springfield, City of Columbus, The Columbus Dispatch, & Dayton Air Force Museum

December 05, 2001-December 08, 2001

### **Municipal Administration**

Group of 2 Mayors from *Serbia*

Professional Hosts: RHM Consulting, City of Columbus, and City of Springfield

December 05, 2001-December 08, 2001

### **Newspaper Management**

Group of 2 from *Georgia*

Professional Hosts: The Columbus Dispatch, OSU School of Journalism, and Business First, Inc.

January 16, 2002-February 05, 2002

### **NGO Leadership Development**

Group of 10 from *Russia*

Professional Hosts: FIRSTLINK, Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs, MLK Commission, Franklin Park Conservatory, MLK Performing and Cultural Arts Complex, Douglas Elementary School, Centennial High School, Directions for Youth, ONN, WBNS 10-TV, West Central School for Handicapped Children, City Year, Buckeye Ranch, Center for New Directions, Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters, ADAMH, Columbus Recreation and Parks Dept., Office of Senator Mike DeWine, America's Promise, Cleveland's Promise, and Cleveland State University



January 20, 2002-January 23, 2002

### **U.S. Trade & World Markets**

Group of 5 from *Estonia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, & Nigeria*

Professional Hosts: Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Nationwide Arena Project, Ohio Department of Development ITD, Columbus State Community College, and Rickenbacker Port Authority

February 03, 2002- February 06, 2002

### **E Commerce**

Group of 3 from *Bulgaria, Lesotho, & Pakistan*

Professional Hosts: Ohio Department of Development-E Corridor, Ecom-Ohio, Bank One E Banking, Columbus Technology Leadership Council, Business Technology Center, and State of Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services



February 19, 2002- February 22, 2002

### **Regional TV in the US**

Group of 10 from *Russia*

Professional Hosts: Ohio Public News TV, The Columbus Dispatch, WSYX TV 6, WOSU TV 34, WBNS TV 10



February 27, 2002-March 02, 2002

### **Rule of Law**

Group of 4 from *Argentina, Indonesia, Nigeria & Vietnam*

Professional Hosts: The Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus Police Training Academy, Office of Attorney General Betty Montgomery, Bexley City Schools, U.S. District Court, Franklin County Prosecutor, and OSU College of Law

March 02, 2002-March 06, 2002

### **Information Technology in U.S. Libraries**

Group of 3 from *Montenegro*

Professional Hosts: OSU Law Library, OPLIN, Columbus Metropolitan Library, OCLC, State Library of Ohio, OSU/Kent State School of Library & Information Science

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April 15, 2002-April 17, 2002

### **Library Information**

Visitor from *The Netherlands*

Professional Hosts: Diane Vizine-Goetz, and Edward O'Neill, Consulting Research Scientists, OCLC

April 18, 2002-May 18, 2002

### **Entrepreneurship**

Group of 9 from *Ukraine*

Professional Hosts: Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs, OSU-Slavic Center, Ohio Department of Development-SBDC, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce-SBDC, CCAD, Ukrainian

Museum, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Franklin University, Wild Oats, Clintonville Community Market, North Market, Big Bear, Abbott's Super Duper, Kroger, Carfagna's, CCU Career Choices, MRI, Mad Hungarian Printing and Graphics, Robin Enterprises, Paul Werth & Associates, eMerging Marketing, Think Big Color, Junior Achievement, John Deere Branch, Pony Xpress, Hopkins Printing, PromoNet Technologies, HGA Inc., Young Isaac, RMD Advertising, ODNR, MeadWestvaco, Columbus Pallet Recycling, Central Ohio Contractors, Royal Paper Storage, Super Special Services, Joyce Iron & Metal Co., Worley Recycling, Paper & Pulp Exchange, The Grossman Group, JC Penney Spa/Salon, Mary Kay, Ecotage Salon and Day Spa, and European Fragrance



April 17, 2002-April 21, 2002  
**Young African Leaders Program on Conflict Resolution**  
 Group of 11 from *Benin, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Mauritius, & Senegal*

Professional Hosts: Harold Paddock, Court of Common Pleas; Kip Morse, Better Business Bureau; Maggie Lewis, Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management, Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio; Amy Halm, Franklin County Court of Domestic and Juvenile



May 09, 2002-May 12, 2002  
**Civics Education**  
 Visitor from *Chile*

Professional Hosts: Ohio Board of Education, OSU-Mershon Center, and Hope Taft

May 19, 2002-May 22, 2002  
**Judicial Reform**  
 Group of 2 from *Czech Republic*

Professional Hosts: Office of Senator Ben Espy, Office of the Ohio Attorney General, Fire Station #1, Orient Correctional Institution, OSU Law School, and Ohio Supreme Court

May 29, 2002-June 01, 2002  
**Judicial Training**  
 Group of 2 from *People's Republic of China*

Professional Hosts: 10th District Court of Appeals, Judicial College, U.S. Attorneys Office, Federal Magistrate, Probate Court Judge, Professor Chow at the OSU Law School

May 30, 2002-June 09, 2002  
**Women as Leaders**  
 Group of 5 from *Russia*

Professional Hosts: Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, Dublin Arts Council, State Editor of The Dispatch, WOSU-TV, JoAnn Davidson, "Beyond the Freeway Tour", Center for New Directions, Ohio League of Women Voters, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and The Women's Fund



June 05, 2002-June 07, 2002  
**Women's Local Government**

Group of 6 from *Tanzania*

Professional Hosts: State Representative Edna Brown, OSU-John Glenn Institute, Ohio Municipal League, Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery

June 5, 2002-June 15, 2002  
**Mission to Zhytomyr and Khmelnetsky, Ukraine**  
 Training with NGO Leaders  
 Delegation of 6 from the *US*

Delegates: Kevin Webb, Executive Director, IVC; Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, President/CEO, FIRSLINK, Chuck White, Executive Producer & Director of Public Affairs, WBNS 10-TV; Barcy

McNeal, Director of Quality, Ohio Department of Administrative Services; Palmer McNeal, Partner, Ohio Governmental Services; and Emmanuelle Murga-Webb, Instructor, Franklin University



June 12, 2002-June 20, 2002  
**Women's Leadership**  
 Group of 5 from *Russia*

Professional Hosts: Bridgett Roman, Columbus Museum of Art, State Editor of The Columbus Dispatch, OSU School of Journalism, Jo Ann Davidson, Office of the Secretary of State: "Beyond the Freeway" tour, Center for New Directions, FIRSLINK, and Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs

June 26, 2002-June 29, 2002  
**Editorial Cartoonists as Agents for Political and Social Change**  
 Group of 8 from *Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, & West Bank*

Professional Hosts: Roundtable at The Columbus Dispatch, Interfaith Association, Thurber House, OSU Cartoon Research Library, Wexner Center, and CCAD



July 11, 2002-August 10, 2002  
**Entrepreneurs**  
 Group of 10 from *Moldova*

Professional Hosts: CCAD, Huntington Bank Mortgage Co., Credit Bureau of Columbus, Delaware County Bank, Fifth-Third Bank, California Fitness Centers,

Tristate Health Pavilion, Gordon Biersch, Central Beverage Group, Live Technologies Inc., Mills James, Lyon Video, High Tech Signs, DaNite Sign Co., Lynd's Fruit Farm, Best Nurseries, OSU-Dept. of Agriculture, Schacht Farms, R Farm, OSU-ATI, OSU-OARDC, Agri Mark Farms Co-op., Made From Scratch, Too Caterers, PromoNet and Technologies Inc., Buddy's Carpet, and World Travel Partners



July 28, 2002-July 31, 2002

**Specialty Courts**

Group of 5 from *Croatia, Ethiopia, India, Liberia & United Arab Emirates*

Professional Hosts: Judicial College of the Ohio Supreme Court, Dispute Resolution of the City Attorney's Office, Magistrate Harold Paddock, Ohio Supreme Court, Franklin County Juvenile & Domestic Court

July 31, 2002-August 04, 2002

**Media in an Open Society**

Journalist from *People's Republic of China*

Professional Hosts: The Columbus Dispatch, Business First, OSU Fisher College of Business, OSU School of Journalism, Daily Reporter, and CEO Magazine

July 31, 2002-August 01, 2002

**U. S. Airport Administration/Local Government**

Group of 4 from *Brazil*

Professional Hosts: OSU Airport, Wright-Patterson Airforce Museum, and Dayton Int'l. Airport

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August 04, 2002-August 07, 2002

**Intellectual Property Rights**

Visitor from *Taiwan*

Professional Hosts: OSU, Franklin University, CSD State of Ohio, Ellis Venable & Busam LLP, & Battelle

August 08, 2002-August 14, 2002

**Media & English Studies**

Visitor from *Morocco*

Professional Hosts: MLK Performing & Cultural Arts Complex, OSU, WOSU-TV, Women's Land Trust, Crum's Bakery, & Ohio University

August 13, 2002-August 15, 2002

**Environmental Issues**

Parliamentarian from *Finland*

Professional Hosts: Joint Ohio Environment Committees, Rep Nancy Hollister, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Coal Development Office, ODD, Ohio EPA, and Ohio Air Quality Development Authority

September 4, 2002-September 07, 2002

**Conflict Resolution**

Group of 14 from *Haiti*

Professional Hosts: Columbus Bar Association, Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs, City of Columbus Community Relations Commission, Chief James Jackson of Columbus Police Dept. & Mitchell Brown of Public Safety, and Community Mediation Service



September 4, 2002-September 8, 2002

**Law Enforcement**

Visitor from *Serbia*

Professional Hosts: Ron O'Brien, County Prosecutor; Columbus Police Training Academy; State Hwy. Patrol Training Academy; Columbus Police Detective Bureau; and Franklin County Women's Pre-Release Center

September 4, 2002-September 24, 2002

**NGO Development**

Group of 10 from *Russia*

Professional Hosts: FIRSTLINK, Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs, The Buckeye Ranch, Dr. Donald Lacy, Patrick Donadio, United Way International, BoardSource, Senator DeWine's Office, US Department of State, Ohio Psychological Association, Barbara Bonner Center, Safe Heavens, Community Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Telhio Credit Union, ADAMH, and Parents for a Drug Free Youth



September 12-September 14, 2002

**Energy Issues**

Journalist from *Japan*

Professional Hosts: PUCO, AEP, and Ohio Electric Choice

September 13-September 15, 2002

**U.S. Congress**

Visitor from *United Kingdom*

Professional Hosts: Congressman Strickland

September 18-September 21, 2002

**State Assemblies**

Group of 6 from *Serbia*

Professional Hosts: Ohio League of Women Voters, Gov. Office on Multicultural Affairs, Statehouse Press Office, Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Governmental Services, Legislative Service Commission, and DAS E Government Division



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### Join our Citizen Diplomats!

Contact IVC at 614.225.9057 to become a citizen diplomat and help IVC "share Columbus" with the following visitors.

#### November 6-December 6, 2002

*Entrepreneurs from Russia*  
Hosts needed Nov 8-Nov 23 and/or  
Nov 23-Dec 6.

#### November 27-December 5, 2002

*Legal & Political Leaders from Russia*  
Share Thanksgiving with a visitor!

#### February 5-March 9, 2003

*Entrepreneurs from Kazakhstan*  
Hosts needed Feb 7-Feb 23 and/or  
Feb 23-Mar 9.

#### April 30-May 18, 2003

*Urban Planners from Russia*  
Hosts needed May 2-May 18.

#### June 1-14, 2003 (tentative)

*Leaders from Chile*

#### August 20-September 20, 2003

*Entrepreneurs from Moldova*  
Hosts needed Aug 22-Sept 7 and/or  
Sept 7-20.

Estimated income and expenses for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002 are given below. An audited financial statement for this fiscal year will be forthcoming. Complete audited financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2001 are available from the IVC office.

