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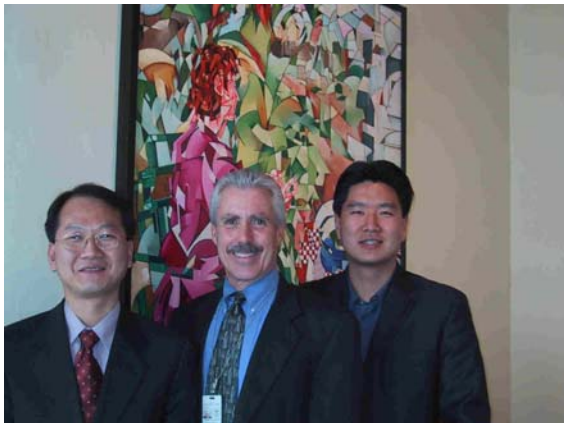


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September 30, 2003

IVC's volunteer Citizen Diplomats—our volunteer home and professional hosts—welcomed 166 international visitors on 34 different programs, representing 48 different countries from Albania to Zambia. These U.S. Department of State and U.S. Library of Congress sponsored visitors are emerging leaders in the fields, selected by US Embassies to come to the United States to meet with their professional counterparts to share ideas and knowledge.

We would like to offer a special thanks to the generous Central Ohio community, which hosted visitors at: 37 cultural events, 39 professional internships, 147 occasions of home hospitality, 159 professional counterpart meetings, and 1,592 overnight home stays!

Early in the year, IVC bid a fond farewell to long-time staff members Dottie Davda and Steve Baker. On behalf of IVC's Board of Trustees and volunteers, we wish thank Dottie and Steve for all of their hard work over the years and to wish them luck in their future endeavors. A past IVC intern, Leila Bradaschia, joined the staff as Program Director in January 2003, and has been doing an outstanding job overseeing the implementation of IVC's programs. German Trejo-Caballero also joined the staff on a short-term basis helping develop new promotional materials for the organization. Thank you to German for raising the awareness of IVC in the community. Special thanks also to the numerous volunteers and interns who assisted us in the office over this past year. Without their support IVC could not complete the vital work of building partnerships between Central Ohio and the World! Finally, thank you to the Board members who provided strategic direction and leadership for the organization to help us move forward.

As we look ahead to 2004, it should prove to be another interesting year as IVC continues to serve Central Ohio helping to strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development and promote cultural understanding in our community and abroad.

Best wishes,

Robert L. Queen *Kevin R. Webb*

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October 12 - 16, 2002

Mr. Abuhussain, Mr. Sarhan, and Ms. Hayam Mohamed Al-Siddiqi traveled to Central Ohio October 12 –16, 2002 to observe all managerial aspects of public and academic libraries, specifically the study of architecture, operational systems management, and security issues. Before reaching Central Ohio, the group will first travel to Washington D.C. This program is being sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and coordinated locally by the International Visitors' Council.

Background:

The Kingdom of Bahrain is creating a national library and convention center that would serve as an advanced center for study and research. The group will meet with a variety of public and academic libraries that integrate information technology and collection management.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our distinguished guests examined the following topics:

- ◆ Information technology and collection management of public and academic libraries
- ◆ Study of architecture, including physical plants, facility development and operations, and security
- ◆ Archiving system of American libraries
- ◆ Operational management of American libraries
- ◆ Human resources in a library, including qualifications, training procedures, and required skills for research staff

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Ohio Public Library
Information Network

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Educating Youth About HIV/AIDS

October 20 - 23, 2002

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This program was designed to supply accurate and practical information, encourage dialogues that can lead to linkage, demonstrate best practices, and share research findings. The program provided training experiences, educational models, and teaching materials and curricula that have proven effective in the U.S.

Participants from the various countries have experienced the struggle with HIV/AIDS in different ways and each person brought a unique perspective on the pandemic that has devastated populations and torn the social fabric of nearly all sub-Saharan countries. At the conclusion of the program, the participants gained: a greater understanding of the disease, treatments, terminology, prevention methods and risk factors; institutional and individual contacts with U.S. experts and practitioners that will lead to the establishment of linkages and sharing of resources; knowledge of success stories and other positive outcomes won by coalitions, organizations and individuals working alone or in concert.

While in Central Ohio, the participants met with the HIV/AIDS coordinator for the American Red Cross's Central Ohio Chapter, representatives for Children's Hospital, the Columbus AIDS task force, and representatives from Huckleberry House. They also got the chance to see *Lobby Hero* at the Contemporary American Theatre Company.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

American Red Cross of
Central Ohio

Children's Hospital

Columbus AIDS
Task Force

Huckleberry House

Contemporary American
Theatre Company

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This program was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Delphi International Program of World Learning. The International Visitors Council coordinated it locally.

While in Columbus, these visitors focused on various branches of government, including the state and local branches, local civic organizations, control of schools, environmental sites, and visits to governmental offices related to the environment. They specifically requested to learn about town-gown issues and local Republican or Democratic parties and volunteerism.

Some of the scheduled events included: a meeting with the Energy Specialist at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Deputy Director of the State of Ohio Office of Budget and Management, a representative from the Ohio Democratic Party, President of the Westerville Kiwanis Club, the Ohio Citizen Action group, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the City Manager for City Hall. There was also a special trip planned to the Columbus International Festival.

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Program Highlights

Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio

State of Ohio Office of
Budget and Management

Ohio Democratic Party

Westerville Kiwanis Club

Ohio Citizen Action Group

Ohio Environmental
Protection Agency

Columbus City Hall

Columbus International
Festival

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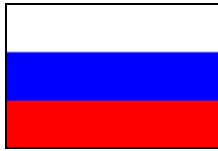
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Rule of Law

November 27 – December 5, 2002

These visitors traveled to the U.S. under the auspices of the U.S.D.A. Open World Program. The International Visitors' Council coordinated this program locally. Their main goal for this program was to attain a better understanding of how the judicial system in the United States works as well as to see how people are governed and how the law is preserved and executed.

Background:

Our visitors are all currently studying law in their home country of Russia. Several are now currently or have been lawyers in the Russian judicial system. Their experiences will guide them to a better understanding of the similarities and differences between Russian and American judicial systems and practices. Many of our visitors will also be experiencing American culture for the first time as they celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and some Christmas activities with their respective host families. These celebrations will give them a better insight into Mid-western tradition and culture.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our distinguished guests studied the following positions and issues:

- ◆ Ohio Attorney General's office and its functions
- ◆ Ohio Secretary of State
- ◆ Ohio State Court of Common Pleas
- ◆ Ohio Public Defender Commission
- ◆ The State Highway Patrol Training Academy
- ◆ Franklin County Prosecutor and his functions in office

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Thanksgiving holiday

Ohio Statehouse

Columbus Zoo

Supreme Court of
Ohio and Judicial
College

Ohio Civil Rights'
Commission

Prosecutor's Office of
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Franklin County
Correctional Facility

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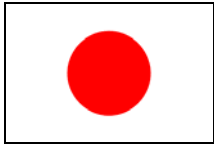
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JAPAN

United States Jury System

December 4 –7, 2002

Mr. Kenji EBARA visited the United States under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State. His program was coordinated nationally by Delphi International and locally by the International Visitors' Council. This program helped Mr. Ebara gain a better understanding of the United States jury system.

Background:

Mr. Ebara has had a distinguishable career within Japan's judiciary system. He has served as a judge in the Tokyo and Naha court districts for over a decade and is experienced in Japanese commercial law and the international legal system. Mr. Ebara, currently serving in the Ministry of Justice, is involved in the structural reform efforts to redraft the Japanese Commercial Code and Bankruptcy Law in order to stimulate the Japanese economy.

Program Objectives:

During his study tour of the United States, Mr. Ebara visited Washington, DC and several other cities across the country. His goals from this program were to:

- ◆ Gain exposure to a wide range of academic, government, and private sector experts in the legal fields of corporate governance, bankruptcy law and system of trial by jury
- ◆ Learn about practices of healthy corporate management
- ◆ Understand the U.S. models of commercial and bankruptcy law
- ◆ Examine the practice of trial by jury with a focus on cross-border lawsuits
- ◆ Review the roles and responsibilities of U.S. state, local and district court judges

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Legal Council for the Ohio Supreme Court

Office of the Jury Commissioner

Franklin County Municipal Court

Ohio State University Law School

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

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Chemical Management

December 11 - 14, 2002

Ms. CHO traveled in the U.S. under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State. This program was coordinated at the national level by the Meridien International Center and locally by the International Visitors' Council. While in the United States, Ms. Cho improved her understanding of the U.S. system of chemical management and protection of proprietary information. The purpose of this project was to increase familiarity of Korean MOE officials with the U.S. system of chemical safety regulation.

Background:

Ms. Cho is a key official in the Korean Ministry of Environment (MOE). She is responsible for the MOE's chemical management policy, and has played an integral role in the development of Korea's chemical safety certification system. Ms. Cho would also like to study and observe how chemical management policy is developed and implemented in the U.S., and to learn how the U.S. approaches the critical issues of water and air pollution, which are closely associated with the chemical industry.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Ms. Cho observed the following topics:

- ◆ The organizational structure of government agencies responsible for chemical management, including the Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ Operations of chemical advisory groups
- ◆ Which organizations are responsible for preventing chemical-related accidents, how they cooperate with each other, and how they interact with the public
- ◆ How chemical-related reference materials are produced
- ◆ How chemical products are monitored and managed

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio Environmental
Protection Agency

Ohio Chemistry
Technology Council

Ashland, Inc.

Ohio Citizen Action

Ohio Department of
Agriculture

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Promoting Access to Online Information in Libraries

January 19 - 23, 2003

Several top librarians from Russia were in Central Ohio January 19-23, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by The Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID), is designed to provide an opportunity for these professionals to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine various library systems and Internet access systems in the central Ohio region.

Background:

Our guests come from a wide range of specializations, including Deputy Director, Chief Librarian, Senior Specialist on New Technologies, Information Sector Head, Internet Access Coordinator, and Chief Bibliographer. Several of these well-established librarians have published major articles, conference materials, and brochures.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guests examined the following topics:

- ◆ Interlibrary loan networks
- ◆ Internet research databases such as OhioLINK
- ◆ Emerging services to better assist library patrons
- ◆ Making available valuable online resources and references

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

COSI Columbus

Martin Luther King Jr.
Arts Complex

State Library of Ohio

Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law
Library and Main
Library

Columbus
Metropolitan Library

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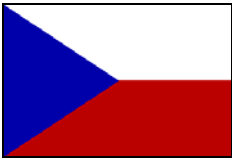
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February 13-16, 2003

Mr. Petr Rychetsky came to Central Ohio February 13-16, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide an opportunity for Mr. Rychetsky to meet with his professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine selected aspects of airport development and operations in the U.S.

Background:

Mr. Rychetsky is the Project Coordinator for the Department of Terminal Construction Project at the Prague Ruzyne Airport. He has also been the Airport Technologist and Development Manager. He graduated from the University of Prague in 1987 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. Rychetsky is currently a board member for the International Association of Airports Executives. His publications include articles in *Aviation and Astronautics*, *Airport Business* and other aviation publications.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Mr. Rychetsky examined the following topics:

- ◆ Airport construction—planning and operations
- ◆ New approaches to passenger security issues and check-in process (biometrics, self-checking)
- ◆ Baggage sorting facilities—bag screening, automatic sorters, baggage reconciliation
- ◆ Advances in terminal technology—boarding bridges, aircraft docking systems
- ◆ Use of information technologies—flight information system, airport operation central database
- ◆ Facilities and procedures for crisis management

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting with Senator
Espy

Ohio Chief Justice
Thomas Moyer

Ohio Sentencing
Commission
representative

Ohio State University

Dinner with local
families

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Education Issues in the United States

February 19-21, 2003

Mr. Gheorghe Sima, Ms. Lilia Pogolsa, Ms. Ludmila Pavlov, and Ms. Nina Petrovski were in Central Ohio February 19-21, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by The Delphi International Program of World Learning, is designed to provide an opportunity for our visitors to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine U.S. education systems.

Background:

All of our respected guests are currently serving the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Moldova. Ms. Pavlov is currently a Senior Lecturer of Political and Socioeconomic Studies at the State Pedagogical University, where she received a PhD in history and pedagogy. Ms. Petrovski is an Associate professor of history and ethno-pedagogy at the S.P.U. Ms. Pogolsa is an Associate professor of ethnology and history at the S.P.U. Mr. Sima is currently the Head Minister of Education. All our distinguished guests have been published.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our visitors examined the following topics:

- ◆ An overview of the U.S. education system
- ◆ The U.S. system of higher education, its structure, administration, and support services
- ◆ Credit systems and student loan programs in the U.S.
- ◆ The needs and responsibilities of higher education institutions
- ◆ Different aspects of adoption issues in the United States

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Columbus State Community College

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Republic of Korea

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Dr. Han Sang-Bae
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Administration
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Food Standards and Regulations February 19-22, 2003

The U.S. Department of State is sponsoring Dr. Sang-Bae Han, Food Engineer in the Food Standard Division of the Republic of Korea's Food and Drug Administration for a four-week professional study tour. Dr. Han is responsible to setting standards and regulations for food products in Korea. He is specifically interested in looking at raw food materials such as herbs, food irradiation, and use of desalinated deep-sea water, dietary supplements, and pesticide residue. The International Visitors Council is coordinating this program locally.

Background:

Dr. Sang-Bae received his PhD from Jeonbuk National University with a degree in Food Engineering. He is affiliated with the Korea Society of Food Science as well as the Korea Society of Microbiology. He has published numerous papers, including two in international journals. He has been a researcher for the Korea Food and Drug Administration, Seoul Regional Office, the National Institute of Environmental Research, Ministry of the Environment, National Institute of Environmental Research, Ministry of the Environment, as well as the National Institute of Health.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Dr. Sang-Bae took a look at the following topics:

- ◆ Anti-corruption and Counter-Narcotics Policies
- ◆ Transparency in Government
- ◆ Programs Encouraging Lawfulness
- ◆ Mediation and Negotiation
- ◆ Public Relations and Disseminating Information on Government Policies

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio Packing
Company

Ohio Department of
Agriculture

Siliker Laboratories

Department of Food
Science and
Technology at the
Ohio State University

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Kazakhstan Entrepreneurial Group February 19 – March 23, 2003

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research,
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A group of 14 entrepreneurs from Kazakhstan was in Central Ohio from February 19 – March 23, 2003. This program provided the visiting leaders with insight into American business practices as well as the culture in a unique way not available to most foreign visitors.

Delegates interned for a few weeks at a local corporation and stayed with a host family as well. Through IVC's Community Connections Program, visitors are able to gain a "handshake advantage" with their foreign professional counterparts.

There were many topics discussed in this program. The Kazakhstans were interested in management practices, marketing plans, accounting, distribution, advertising, logistics, government relations, quality control, and public relations. By working alongside local professionals, they were able to gain insight into all of these topics, as well as additional issues.

The visitors from Kazakhstan greatly enjoyed American hospitality and cultural traditions. By participating in this program, greater insight into Western culture was gained.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

State of Ohio

City of Columbus

Global Connections
Forum

The Ohio State University

Columbus Museum of Art

Chicago Architectural
Tour

Chicago Board of Trade

Stay with Host Families

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Republic of
Georgia

Secondary School Administration, A Freedom Support Project for Georgia

March 4-5, 2003

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Secondary School

These visitors visited the United States under the auspices of the State Department's International Visitor Program. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide an opportunity for our guests to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine U.S. secondary school systems.

Background:

Ms. Jobadze received a degree from Gora Pedagogical Vocational School in Russian language and literature. She also initiated monthly seminars for the teachers of her school. Mr. Kvinradze received a degree in Georgian language and literature from Batumi Pedagogical Institute. Ms. Lezhava is principal of an 800-student school in a suburb of Tbilisi. Ms. Tavidshvili manages a school in a remote area located in western Georgia, which recently introduced a new system of testing. Mr. Tsertsvadze has participated in the World Bank training program on educational reform.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., the administrators studied the following topics:

- ◆ General management and financing of the school system
- ◆ Curriculum development, including the role of school principals and teachers in curriculum
- ◆ Role of volunteers in the schools
- ◆ Role of teachers' unions in the schools
- ◆ Staff training and collaborative activities
- ◆ Uses of information technology and computers in the schools

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio 4-H Foundation

Ohio Department of
Education





POLAND

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**Mr. Lukasz Marian
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President, Center for
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The Role of NGO's in Community Development

April 2-5, 2003

Mr. Domagala, Mr. **Sobaszek**, and Mr. Waszak came to Central Ohio April 2-5, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide an opportunity for our guests to meet with his professional counterparts in the United States, as well as observe the roles of NGOs in community development.

Background:

Mr. Domagala was the Coordinator and Consultant at the Center of Social Information in Jelenia Gora. He has published various articles in non-profit newspapers about SPLOT development activities. Mr. Sobaszek was a student of Social Consulting at the Teacher Training Academy, Walbrzych. Mr. Waszak was educated at the Department of Law and Administration, Lodz University and was the founding member of the Regional Voluntary Center "STOP."

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., these professionals observed the following topics:

- ◆ Increasing management capabilities and long-term activities of NGOs
- ◆ Promoting cooperation between state and municipal institutions on the one hand and NGOs on the other
- ◆ Supporting cooperation among NGOs in general
- ◆ Propagating knowledge about NGOs in their own country as well as abroad

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FIRSTLINK training
workshop for the Ohio
Chamber of
Commerce

The Corporate Caring
Awards

The United Way of
Central Ohio

The International
Institute for Democracy

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Hungary

Education and Educational Exchanges

April 6-9, 2003

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PARTICIPANT

Ms. Kinga Szabo
Director General
Department for
International Bilateral
Affairs
Ministry of Education

Ms. Kinga Szabo visited Central Ohio April 6-9, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide an opportunity for Ms. Szabo to meet with her professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine cultural exchanges with regards to higher education.

Background:

Ms. Szabo is currently the Director General at the Department for International Bilateral Affairs. She was the Assistant to the state Secretary for International Relations as well as the Ministry of Cultural Heritage. Ms. Szabo was educated at Karl Franz University where she received a masters' degree in German and French.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Ms. Szabo studied the following topics:

- ◆ Meetings with administrators who are in charge of educational exchange programs
- ◆ Decentralization of education and policy development
- ◆ State-of-the-art programs in education
- ◆ Variety of student and teacher exchange programs
- ◆ Visiting public and private schools with a focus on secondary and higher education

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Education at OSU
Ohio Department of
Education
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Resources and
Development

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State Enterprise of
Vovgorod Passenger
Transport Service – 2

Russian Urban Planners

April 30 – May 18, 2003

A group of 12 urban planners from Novgorod, Russia was in Central Ohio from April 30 – May 18, 2003. This program provided the visiting delegates with an understanding of the process of city planning in the U.S., including information on the role of city planning

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Resources and
Environmental Safety

in developing an environment-friendly and safe community. Delegates interned for a few weeks at a local corporation and stayed with a host family as well. Through IVC's Community Connections Program, visitors are able to gain a "handshake advantage" with their foreign professional counterparts.

The Russians were interested in discussing many issues during their stay. These issues included zoning, legal issues, property rights, transportation, role of government and business, sanitation, and environmental issues. By working alongside local professionals, they were able to gain insight into all of these topics, as well as additional issues.

American hospitality was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the delegates. Their home stays were an integral part of their visit and provided them with a greater insight into Western culture.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

State of Ohio

City of Columbus

County of Delaware

The Ohio State University

Columbus Museum of Art

Cleveland Museum of Art

Chicago Architectural
Tour

Stay with Host Families

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Television Broadcasting

May 11-21, 2003



Indonesia

Guests from the University of Indonesia came to Central Ohio May 11-21, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the International Institute for Education, is designed to provide an opportunity for them to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine U.S. broadcasting practices.

Background:

The University of Indonesia's (UI) Communications Department is Indonesia's most important communications program. UI has one of the country's finest broadcasting training programs, with a campus TV station (TVUI). The department is transforming itself from emphasizing communications theory to teaching practical journalism. UI wants to improve its broadcast training program and also build a solid print journalism program by modeling its program on the U.S. and establishing educational linkages.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guests observed the following topics:

- ◆ How campus TV broadcast stations are used for educational purposes.
- ◆ The management, production, broadcasting, and funding of a variety of stations
- ◆ Off-air and on-air broadcast educational laboratories
- ◆ The American media environment and press laws including First Amendment Laws
- ◆ Explore curriculum development and establish affiliations with university communications and journalism programs in the U.S.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio University
College of
Communication

School of
Telecommunications
and
Telecommunications
Center

WOUB and ACTV-7
public television

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Bosnia & Herzegovina

Librarian Delegation from Bosnia May 15-17, 2003

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University Library "DERVIC
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Five candidates from Bosnia and Herzegovina visited Central Ohio May 15-17, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the International Institute for Education, is designed to provide an opportunity for them to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine the role of libraries in developing democracy.

Background:

Mr. Grandic graduated from the University of Belgrade where he received a degree in Library Sciences. Ms. Rasidovic is a member of the Association of Librarians of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ms. Kodzaga is also involved with this organization and she graduated from the University of Sarajevo in 2000. Mr. Golubovic is presently the head of the Library at the "Media Centar" and he received a degree from the University of Sarajevo in 2000. Ms. Zunic was a librarian at the National Library called "Ivo Andric" in the city of Travnik, BH.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guests examined the following topics:

- ◆ Enhancing and developing Bosnian library systems to promote democratic development.
- ◆ Improve understanding of the role of libraries in developing democracy
- ◆ Private vs. public libraries
- ◆ Federal, state and municipal library systems
- ◆ Libraries and access to information

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio Library
Council Trade
Show

The Ohio State
University

Ohio Net

Online Computer
Library Center

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Trade and Economic Development

May 5-24, 2003

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Guests from the several various nations came to Central Ohio May 5-24, 2003. The program, coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the U.S. Department of State and the Academy for Educational Development, is designed to provide an opportunity for them to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine.

Background:

The United States Department of State is sponsoring an International Visitor project for economic leaders, academics, and journalists from Europe. This project is designed to provide participants with an understanding of the dynamics of U.S. trade policy formulation, state and local initiatives in international trade and export promotion, and innovative strategies for regional economic development.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guests studied the following topics:

- ◆ State and local initiatives in international trade and export promotion.
- ◆ Understanding of the U.S. economic system and domestic economic influences on U.S. trade policy and the policy-making process
- ◆ Insights into how American industries—bio-tech, marketing agri-business, and e-business—remain competitive in the world market
- ◆ Ways in which regional trading organizations have affected American business, economy, and trade relations.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio Department of Development

Ohio Export Finance Initiative

The International Trade Division

Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce

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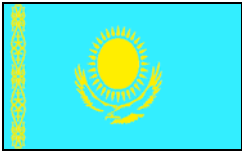
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Library Management: A Project for Kazakhstan

June 1-4, 2003

Mr. Marinich, Ms. Murzakhanova, and Ms. Tusspova visited Central Ohio June 1-4, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide an opportunity for them to meet with their professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine the organization and management of public and university research libraries.

Background:

Mr. Marinich was previously the Head of the Department of Information Technology and is a member of the South Kazakhstan Library Association. Ms. Murzakhanova was the Chief Methodologist at the Zhambyl Regional Library. She is also an active member of the National and Academic Library Associations. Ms. Tusspova has published 7 monographs on library science topics and will be interested to learn more about the use of information technology in libraries.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guests examined the following topics:

- ◆ Promotion of libraries within communities
- ◆ Libraries as centers for civic education programs
- ◆ Libraries on the Web
- ◆ Internet and print resources, processing of new acquisitions
- ◆ Development of national bibliographic standards

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Columbus
Metropolitan Library

Ohio Link

Ohio State University
Main Library

Ohio State University

Online Computer
Library Center

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Teacher, Judicial Training Center

Independent Judiciary

June 11-14, 2003

A delegation from Kazakhstan visited Central Ohio June 11-14, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by Meridian International, is designed to provide an opportunity for the delegates to examine U.S. judicial system and to meet their counterparts in the United States.

Background:

In January 2002 the Supreme Court of Kazakhstan established a new Judicial Training Center to train all the judges in Kazakhstan. The building and equipment are almost in place, and participants in this project will be coming to meet with judges and court administrators to learn about judicial training and court administration in the US. Jury trials will also be phased in as part of the establishment of a fully functioning and transparent judicial system.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guest examined the following topics:

- ◆ Overview of US court system and independence of the judiciary
- ◆ Activities and management of district/county/state courts
 - ◆ Relationship between courts of different levels
 - ◆ Pre-service and in-service judicial training
- ◆ Court financing and support services
- ◆ Specialized courts, including bankruptcy courts, corporate law, banking legislation, and relationship between general and arbitration courts
- ◆ Activities of juries in court procedures and judicial process

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management

Ohio Ethics Commission

Ohio State University

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Journalists

Freedom of the Press in the U.S. June 14 - July 8, 2003

These visitors were invited to the United States under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State. The International Visitors' Council is coordinating this program locally. While in the United States, our visitors hope to learn more about the operation and role of the media in the U.S., journalistic ethics, and freedom of the press.

Background:

The visitors, two senior journalists, occupy key positions in non-governmental organizations, which support media independence and the free flow of ideas. They are in the US to learn about how media freedom and independence are protected in the U.S. as well as how journalists are trained. They would like to meet with journalists and academics at colleges and universities.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Mr. Sekundatmo and Mr. Solahudin examined the following topics:

- ◆ How journalists are trained
- ◆ How the media monitors itself and how it is monitored by watchdog organizations
- ◆ How media are financed
- ◆ How editorial policy and commentary are separated from reporting
- ◆ Members of different ethnic groups that are involved in community activities, particularly the media

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio University School
of
Telecommunications

The Athens
Messenger

Columbus Dispatch

Ohio State University

La Voz Hispana

International Institute
for Democracy

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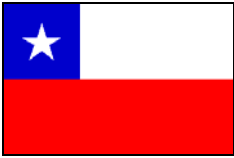
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Chile

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Mr. Carlos Segundo
Santiago GRAY
Cultural Director,
Municipality of Pucon

Cultural Management

July 2 - 9, 2003

Mr. Carlos Gray came to Central Ohio July 2-9, 2003. Mr. Gray is a visitor under the auspices of the United States government. The International Visitors' Council is coordinating this program locally. While in the U.S., Mr. Gray would like to examine various arts management topics.

Background:

Mr. Gray is currently the Cultural Director of the Municipality of Pucon in Chile. It is located in the Patagonia region. Mr. Gray is in charge of all artistic and cultural activities in the township. The busy season is in the summer, when the lake in Pucon becomes a popular tourist location. Mr. Gray has also been an actor, author, playwright, and choreographer as well as the producer of the Rosita Renard Music Festival.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Mr. Gray studied the following topics:

- ◆ The objectives of cultural organizations in the U.S. and their relationship with local, state, and federal governments
- ◆ Approaches to financing and structuring cultural organizations
- ◆ Youth arts programs, particularly after-school programs
- ◆ Management of youth festivals
- ◆ Planning cultural activities that serve a diverse community and attract tourism

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

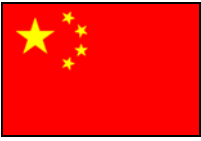
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Agricultural Aviation

July 16 - 18, 2003

A team coordinated by Beijing's Ministry of Agriculture is traveling under the Scientific and Technical Exchange Agreement between the USDA and the People's Republic of China. The International Visitors' Council coordinated this program locally.

Background:

Many of these delegates are active administrators in the Ministry of Agriculture in China. Several others are active administrators in other various organizations including the Office of Agriculture Machinery, the Department of Agricultural Mechanization, and the Service Station of Agricultural Aviation.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., our guests studied the following topics:

- ◆ The course and status of agricultural aviation and its general planning
- ◆ To understand the technical situation, application, and future aspect and stress of development of agricultural aviation
- ◆ To understand the status of production and management, price, and exports of aircraft
- ◆ The form of operation service and administration of agricultural aviation
- ◆ The possibility of cooperation between two countries in the field of agricultural aviation

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

AIAA International Air & Space Symposium

Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration

Wings River Show

United States Air Force Museum

National Aviation Hall of Fame

2003 Dayton Air Show

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Government Anti-Corruption

July 23 - 26, 2003

The goal of this program is to underscore the need for a systematic effort to prevent and eradicate corruption in government, and highlight how governmental and non-governmental groups cooperate to enhance the rule of law and the enforcement of statutes.

Background:

These visitors participated in a program that covers areas in government ethics, internal auditing and accountability offices, agencies and schools focusing on ethics education, commissions that monitor elections, and training/internal affairs offices.

Program Objectives:

While in Columbus, our guests observed the following topics:

- ◆ "Character education," which integrates widely-shared core character qualities, such as caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility, and trustworthiness
- ◆ Ethics and professionalism in the judicial college
- ◆ Governmental ethics

The main goal of the Columbus segment of the trip is to promote ethics in education. The visitors will be visiting various organizations dealing with this topic, particularly The Ohio State University, where they will be speaking with distinguished faculty on the topic of governmental ethics.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Center for Civic
Character

Continuing Legal
Education (Ohio Bar
Association)

Ohio Ethics
Commission

Ohio Judicial College

Ohio Partners in
Education





HONG KONG

PARTICIPANT

**Ms. Yee Man Venia
MAK**

Assistant Librarian
(Media Resource
Services Library)
The Hong Kong Institute
of Education

Library Resources

July 27 - 30, 2003

The overall objectives for Ms. Mak's program are for her to gain an understanding U.S. library practices and developments, network with U.S. colleagues and build connections between the U.S. and Hong Kong; and expand her understanding of the importance of freedom of information. Her program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and is being arranged by the Institute of International Education.

Background:

The Hong Kong Institute of Education is dedicated solely to teacher education. The Institute offers nine Bachelor of Education programs, four post-graduate diploma education programs and two certificate in Education programs as well as a wide range of in-service training courses and other programs in secondary, primary, pre-primary, technical and special education. The total student population is around 7000 while the full-time student enrollment stands at over 3200.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Ms. Mak spoke with library professionals in academic, public, and private sectors to:

- ◆ Obtain firsthand knowledge about developments in the U.S. library scene
- ◆ Observe and consult with library professionals on new ideas, experiences and current developments, especially in multi-media resources, ways of promoting multi-media resources, and results of various projects in the Digital Library Initiative

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OCLC Asia Pacific

Ohio Public Library
Information Network

Ohio State University
Main Library

Columbus
Metropolitan Library

OhioLINK

State Library of Ohio

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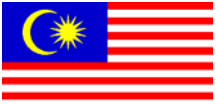
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U.S. Judicial System

August 17-20, 2003

A delegation of three leaders of the legal community in Malaysia was in Central Ohio August 17-20, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide these visitors an opportunity to examine the U.S. Judicial System and, in particular, judicial training and methods for conflict resolution.

In his capacity as President of the Advocates' Association of Sarawak and a member of the Rules Committee, Mr. Tang is able to formulate and revise rules of the courts to ensure fair and expeditious disposal of cases.

With the experience he gains on this program, he will be able to introduce improvements to the Malaysian judicial system and court processes through the Rules Committee. This program will also give him the opportunity to learn more about alternative dispute resolution in the U.S., which should enhance his effectiveness as a member of the Sarawak Mediation Center.

Ms. Onn is a leader of the legal community in Penang and well known for her leadership on women's issues. She has been researching the development of alternative dispute resolution reforms for her country's legal system and urging their immediate implementation in the Penang courts. It would be valuable for her to be exposed to the U.S. judicial system and its practices during her visit.

Ms. Lind is a respected senior member of the bar and has been in continuous active practice since her admission. She is the longest-serving president of the Sabah Law Association, and is currently chairman of the Enquiry Committee. She has served as the chief spokesperson for the legal community in Sabah and has been at the forefront of discussions on contentious issues, such as legal reform, with the government and the courts. In addition, her name has recently been forwarded to the Chief Justice for possible appointment to Malaysia's Supreme Court

Ms. Lind has expressed great interest in having a first-hand look at the U.S. court system in order to assist the Sabah Law Association push for reforms. In particular, she would like to learn more about conflict resolution and case management to reduce backlogs in the U.S. courts.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Franklin County Court
of Common Pleas

Ohio Bar Association

Ohio Court of Appeals
and Court of Claims

Ohio State University

Ohio Supreme Court &
Judicial College

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INDONESIA

PARTICIPANT

Mr. Yayat SUPRIYATNA
Vice Director, Upcoming
Republika TV Station,
Jakarta, Indonesia

Broadcast Journalism

August 20-23, 2003

Mr. Yayat Supriyatna came to Central Ohio August 20-23, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by Phelps Stokes Fund, is designed to provide a Mr. Supriyatna in opportunity to meet with his counterparts in the field of broadcast journalism. In addition to his visit to Ohio, Mr. Supriyatna will be traveling to Washington, DC, Atlanta, GA, and New York, NY during his stay in the U.S. August 10-September 2, 2003.

Background:

Mr. Yayat Supriyatna is the former editor-in-chief of Republika Newspaper. He is now responsible for establishing a television station owned by the same group that owns Republika Newspaper. The new TV station will be launched in March 2004 and Mr. Supriyatna's future responsibility will be with the TV news program.

Program Objectives:

Mr. Supriyatna explored these five main themes:

- ◆ broadcasting issues
- ◆ the operations of local and national TV stations
- ◆ U.S. foreign policy
- ◆ Muslim life in America, and
- ◆ broadcast journalism training.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio University

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Moldavian Entrepreneurial Group

August 21 – September 21, 2003

A delegation of 10 entrepreneurs from the Republic of Moldova was in Central Ohio from August 21 – September 21, 2003.

This program provided the visiting leaders with an opportunity to observe American businesses first-hand. Delegates interned for a few weeks at a local corporation and stayed with a host family as well. Through IVC's Community Connections Program, visitors are able to gain a "handshake advantage" with their foreign professional counterparts.

Several of the Moldavians are in the field of marketing and finance, so the visit tended to center around these topics. In addition to these, delegates were also interested in discussing a variety of issues, which included business planning, business communications, farmers markets, accounting, taxation, management skills, logistics, financial consulting, and banking. These issues were addressed by interning alongside local professionals. Delegates also gained a greater insight into American business practices.

The Moldavians enjoyed American hospitality at its finest by staying with local host families. Home stays allow delegates to fully experience American culture and provide them with an opportunity to make American friends. They also gained a better understanding of Western culture.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

State of Ohio

City of Columbus

City of Cleveland

Niagra Falls

The Ohio State University

Columbus Museum of Art

Chicago Architectural Tour

Chicago Board of Trade

Stay with Host Families

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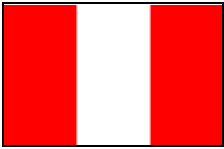
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Mr. Fabian **NOVAK**, PhD
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Institute of
International Studies;
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The Catholic University

Anti-Corruption & Transparency August 31-September 3, 2003

Dr. Fabian Novak was in Central Ohio September 4-7, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the International Institute for Education, is designed to provide an opportunity for Dr. Novak to meet with his professional counterparts in the United States, as well as examine U.S. government practices.

Background:

Dr. Novak is the Director of the Institute of International Studies at the Catholic University of Peru as well as a Professor of Law. He has written several books and articles on International Affairs. Under his leadership, "Agenda Internacional," a bi-annual journal of International Affairs published by IDEI, has become a major academic publication. In 2002, he worked closely with the narcotics affairs section (NAS) of the U.S. Embassy in Lima on the culture of lawfulness program.

Program Objectives:

While in the U.S., Dr. Novak examined the following topics:

- ◆ Anti-corruption and Counter-Narcotics Policies
- ◆ Transparency in Government
- ◆ Programs Encouraging Lawfulness
- ◆ Mediation and Negotiation
- ◆ Public Relations and Disseminating Information on Government Policies

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

John Glenn Institute
for Public Service and
Public Policy

Ohio Commission on
Dispute Resolution
and Conflict
Management

Ohio Ethics
Commission

Ohio State University

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Capacity Building for Sustainable Development

September 21-24, 2003

A delegation of five governmental advisors from Nigeria was in Central Ohio September 21-24, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide these visitors an opportunity to examine ethics and transparency in U.S. government.

Program Objectives:

These five participants are all top technocrats in the Nigerian government, working very closely with President Obasanjo and his advisers. Their common areas of interest included:

- ◆ Accountability and transparency;
- ◆ Institutional capacity building and managing the electoral process;
- ◆ Relationship between the civil service bureaucracy and political office holders;
- ◆ National security in a democracy;
- ◆ The judiciary in a democracy;
- ◆ Constitutionalism and federalism.

The program accomplished the following:

- ◆ Introduce participants to the role and structure of ethical systems and accountability in the US government;
- ◆ Improve their understanding of the separation of powers and division of roles and authority between the executive and legislative arms of government;
- ◆ Provide the participants with an opportunity to observe the working relationship between civil servants on one hand and political office holders on the other;
- ◆ Give the participants a deeper understanding of the democratic forms of government in the US, the role of the military in a democracy, and the rights of citizens to know what their government is doing on their behalf.

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Conversion of the Defense Industry

October 5-8, 2003

A delegation of seven leaders from Serbia was in Central Ohio October 5-8, 2003. The program, being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Meridian International Center, is designed to provide these visitors an opportunity to examine the conversion of the defense industry.

Program Objectives:

- ◆ Help the Serbia and Macedonia Government convert the Serbian defense industry to civilian production and trade
- ◆ How American companies and communities recovered from the reduced military budgets that they had depended on
- ◆ What types of industries communities attracted to fill the void left by military base closings and factory reductions
- ◆ Successful defense conversion partnerships between the U.S. and the countries of the former Soviet Union
- ◆ Conversion of military facilities into facilities for civilian purposes
- ◆ Professional training programs for displaced defense industry workers
- ◆ Some promising examples of defense conversion
- ◆ Sites of closed of military bases and its effect on businesses that depended on them

Program Highlights

City of Kettering
Development Manager

Schottenstein's Airport
Facilities Management

The Central Ohio
Aerospace
Technology Center

Airport Planner for
Columbus Airport
Authority

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With the tragic events of 9/11 and the subsequent U.S. invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, people of the Islamic faith in the United States have been the targets of distrust and hatred.

In an effort to bring together the Muslim and non-Muslim segments of the Central Ohio community, IVC has developed a series of neighborhood dialogues to encourage interaction and mutual learning among Americans of all faiths.

This project is administered by the **National Council for International Visitors** and is sponsored by the **U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Public Affairs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Liaison.**

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Council on American-Islamic Relations, Ohio

Interfaith Association of Central Ohio

International Institute for Democracy

North American Interfaith Network

OSU—Middle East Studies Center

Sunrise Academy



“Diverse Traditions, Common Ideals” A Neighborhood Dialogue Series

As became evident in the dialogues IVC held over the past three months, there was a tremendous need to bring together the Muslim and non-Muslim segments of the Central Ohio community to encourage interaction and mutual learning among Americans of all faiths. IVC partnered with the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, North American Interfaith Network, and the Council for American Islamic Relations-Ohio, Sunrise Academy, the Ohio State University-Middle East Studies Center and the International Institute for Democracy, and the Columbus Metropolitan Library. These institutions brought diversity, expertise and exposure to the project and IVC looks forward to partnering with them again in the future.

As outlined below, IVC brought three neighborhood dialogues and a public event to the Columbus Community.

Jun. 10, 2003 Muhammad-Legacy of a Prophet

Held at the OSU-Longaberger House the first neighborhood dialogue was facilitated by Ahmad Al-Akhras, President of the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Ohio. Twenty-five people were in attendance to view the PBS documentary “Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet”. The audience was about half Muslim and half non-Muslim, which made for some interesting questions.

Jul. 17, 2003 Women in Islam

The second dialogue was held at Sunrise Academy, an Islamic School. Ms. Dee Stickley-Miner of West Ohio United Methodist facilitated this discussion featuring Dr. Asma Mobin-Uddin, Vice President of the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Ohio. Thirty people were in attendance and a lively discussion about the roles and beliefs of women in Islam followed.

Jul. 31, 2003 The American Muslims: Who are they?

The Columbus Metropolitan Library was the site of our third dialogue. Twenty-six people joined Dr. Rev. Les Stansbury as he expertly facilitated this group discussion supported by a representative of the Muslim community.

Aug. 9-12, 2003 Journeys of Faith, Freedom and Justice

This three-day series of workshops was held at The Ohio State University. Three hundred people were in attendance and sat at mixed-faith tables to encourage dialogue. Dr. Rita Gross discussed “Learning How to Live in a Religiously Plural World.” This was also the annual conference of the North American Interfaith Association.

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