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SECTION 1: COMMISSION NEWS

Now open: Fulbright Senior Award 2010-2011

A new grant competition has just been opened this June. Fulbright Senior Award is a very generous program for Romanian professors, researchers and professionals who have a doctoral degree or equivalent. Grants are available for conducting research at the US institutions and/or lecturing in the U.S. institutions. The Romanian applicants are invited to submit applications no later than November 5, 2009. Details here http://www.fulbright.ro/news/280-the-fulbright-senior-postdoctoral-program-2010-2011.html

East-West Cultural Passage Symposium

The 8th Edition of the East-West Cultural Passage Symposium organized in Sibiu by the “C. Peter McGrath” Center for Romanian-American Academic Interaction and the Department of British and American Studies in association with the Romanian-US Fulbright Commission took place on May 14 to 16. Besides the scientific value given by the papers presented, the conference was also an opportunity for the American Fulbrighters to meet as a group before finishing their scholarship and leaving Romania.

Let us use this opportunity to say a warm THANK YOU, DEAR FRIENDS! to all American Fulbrighters who are finishing their Romanian grant and will be leaving soon. We will be missing you, we expect news from you, from time to time, and hope in future collaborations.

New Public Hours at the Fulbright Educational Advising Center Starting July 6th 2009

Starting July 6th 2009, the Fulbright Educational Advising Center will have the following public hours: Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Romanian-US Fulbright Commission Represented at the NAFSA Conference in Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Mihaela Arsene, Director at the Educational Advising Center represented the Romanian-US Fulbright Commission at the annual NAFSA Conference, the largest educational event world-wide. She enjoyed the full sponsorship of the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The highlight of the conference was the Country Fair of May 27 in which Ms. Arsene promoted Romanian higher education to US university reps and highlighted the educational offer available at Romanian universities. The Romanian consulate in LA and two Romanian students enrolled at University of Southern California joined forces with the Fulbright Commission representative and contributed significantly to the success of the Romanian participation.
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Test Administration at Fulbright Educational Advising Center

The Fulbright Educational Advising Center has successfully administered the Certified Information Systems Auditor Examination (CISA), the Certified Information Systems Manager Examination (CISM) and the Certified in Governance of Enterprise IT Examination (CGEIT) for the past 3 years. A new comprehensive test administration was scheduled on June 13 between 7:00 AM and 1:30 PM involving 43 participants.

Film Screening with the Participation of Romanian Fulbright Alumna

One more international event featuring a Romanian Fulbright alumna: the movie “Where Europe Ends”, co-directed by Dr. Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, was screened in Washington DC at the beginning of June under the aegis of NED’s International Forum for Democratic Studies and The Woodrow Wilson Center’s East European Studies Program. “Where Europe Ends” is a documentary showing the condition of Europeans living beyond the Eastern border of the European Union since Romania and Bulgaria joined the EU in 2007. Dr. Mungiu-Pippidi, a Fulbright grantee at Harvard in 1994-95, is currently teaching democracy studies at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.

Dr. Florea’s Experience in US as a Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Silvia Florea, professor at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu has recently returned from a Senior Fulbright grant program in the field of education at Temple University, Philadelphia. She has decided to write a few facts about her Fulbright experience in the United States. We invite you to find out more in Dr. Florea’s account, Philadelphia Between Its Space and My Imagination: http://univenglish.wordpress.com/

Maramures Trip with 2009 Fulbrighters and Research in Romania

2009 Fulbrighters Ana Constantinescu, Kim Gittleson, Reza Nekovei, Laura Nugent, joined Research in Romania Nevada students Whitney Foehl, Lauren Liccardi, and Katie Rossi on a late May weekend trip to Maramures organized by University of Nevada, Reno professors and Fulbrighters Bob Ives and Kathy Obenchain. The group, along with a few American and Romanian friends, visited both the Nicula and Rohia Monasteries, the Memorialul Victimelor Comunismului si al Rezistentei in the city of Sighet, and the Merry Cemetery.

Dr. David Banville Visits Several Middle Schools

Dr. David Banville joined in a series of events at schools of different levels: he was present at the Traditional Arts and Crafts Fair organized by General School No. 200 of Bucharest, on May 29, afterwards he toured, visiting several other schools: Targu Frumos (3 day conference - "Glimpses of America"), Liteni and Suceava. In Bacau, David was a judge in a contest on students' entries on healthy eating in English. Here is the account, in David’s words: In the past few weeks, I’ve had the opportunity to visit several schools in Targu Frumos, Bucuresti, Liteni, Suceava, and outside of Bacau. It’s a great chance to meet Romanian teachers of English, examine the use of technology in schools, and - perhaps most rewarding - speak with students about schools, music, movies, and life in the United States. For them, it’s an opportunity to hear a native English speaker. For me, it’s been a personal summary experience; in answering questions like ‘why did you choose Romania’ and ‘what do you like about Romania’ several times in the different schools, I’ve reflected extensively on how much I’ve enjoyed my incredible time here -- and how much I will truly miss my Fulbright adventure.
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Dr. Nancy Sherman Is Back

Dr. Nancy Sherman, US Fulbright Scholar has continued her intense activities in Romania for one month, in May-June: she continued her classes at the University of Oradea, was a speaker in the Science Week of the University, May 25 to 31, met students at the Dacia Middle School in Oradea, and, finally, she lectured in the Developing Helping Skills for Career Decision-Making and Counseling Workshop organized by Titu Maiorescu University in Bucharest on June 12.

Dr. Kathryn Obenchain Reporting on Activities Involving so Many of Past and Present Fulbright Grantees

University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) students participating in the Research in Romania program co-created by 2009 senior Fulbrighter Kathy Obenchain and 2008 senior Fulbrighter Bob Ives attended an icon glass painting workshop organized by the Centre for International Cooperation at Universitatea Babes-Bolyai (UBB) in Cluj-Napoca. UNR students Katie Ross and Lauren Liccardi are diligently working on creating the black outline on glass, before adding traditional colors. The UNR students also participated in a beaded jewelry workshop organized by UBB. Research in Romania brought its fourth group of UNR students to Cluj for the four week study abroad program focused on educational and social science research methods. In addition to the courses taught by Bob and Kathy, students do observations in schools, conduct workshops, and collect research data. Weekends are reserved for sightseeing trips. This year, the group traveled to Brasov and Bran, the Maramures region, and Sighisoara. [For more details on the program, visit http://www.unr.edu/educ/eds/RIR/index.html]

Romanian Folk Art Exhibition in New Jersey

Dr. Margaret Mukherjee, a Fulbright grantee in 2006 at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Bucharest and a collector of Romanian art, has opened on May 8th the exhibition of Romanian folk art in a historic perspective, in collaboration with The Down Jersey Folklife Center at WheatonArts. Margaret has worked with weavers who represent three different regional traditions of Romania (Oltenia, Moldavia and Maramures) and three different generations, striving to preserve and pass on this important form of the Romanian folk culture. The exhibition will last until September 20 and is organized with the support of the Romanian Cultural Institute in New York (RCINY) and the contribution of specialists at the Museum of the Romanian Peasant in Bucharest. More details on the ICRNY website.

Start Internship Days

In May, Start Internship Romania held a series of events at different universities from Bucharest and Cluj under the name of Start Internship Days. The organizer of the program is Junior Achievement in collaboration with the Romanian-US Fulbright Commission and a series of international companies and educational partners. These events aimed to promote the concept of internship as well as the platform dedicated to students who wish to get involved in an internship this year. All the events reunite major international companies and educational organizations that offered internship positions and shared their experience with students looking for a successful career.
**SECTION 2: GRADUATE**

**Science & Technology Awards Competition: One Step Ahead for Romanian Candidates**

The International Fulbright Science and Technology interviews for Romanian candidates have taken place on June 10. Three candidates are to be designated to represent Romania in the final stage of this competition in the US. It is the first year when Romania brings participants in this important competition for PhD study awards in fields like engineering, technical studies and sciences at top level US universities. So far candidates have proved to be high level competitors with promising chances to qualify for the next steps of the contest. More details soon.

**In the True Fulbright Spirit of Cooperation**

Warmly congratulations for Dr. Duncan McDougall of Plymouth State University, currently a Fulbright Scholar at Babes Bolyai University, for his contribution in materializing the following outstanding project. Babes-Bolyai University in conjunction with the Plymouth State University of the University System of New Hampshire, USA, is launching this fall an innovative online MBA degree program that will offer students worldwide the opportunity to participate in a rich, multi-cultural online learning community.

Designed for aspiring professionals in management or staff positions in businesses and public institutions, the degree program will start this fall with a 20-student group comprised of US and non-US students.

Taught entirely in English, the degree is one of the few Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs accredited MBA programs that reach across borders without the complications of international travel.

More details at: [http://mba.plymouth.edu/intlbusiness/](http://mba.plymouth.edu/intlbusiness/).

**SECTION 3: UNDERGRADUATE**

**Romanian Excellence Polished at the Fulbright Educational Advising Center**

Alina Margarit, one of the students who participated in the group advising sessions and university presentations organized by the Fulbright Educational Advising Center and who studied for her standardized tests visited us once again with wonderful news. Alina applied to some great universities in the United States amongst which Columbia University in New York and American University in Washington DC.

The representatives at American University were so impressed by her application that they decided to award her the Presidential Scholarship of $ 32,000/year.

This proves once again that the Romanian students applying at US universities are highly appreciated and therefore awarded the best scholarships the universities can offer.
SECTION 3: UNDERGRADUATE

Fulbright Educational Advising Center Visited the “A.D. Xenopol” Economic’s College

On the 2nd and 3rd of June our American intern, Ms. Erica Belz visited the “A.D. Xenopol” Economic’s College where she met the 10th and the 11th grade students and the College’s vice – principle Mrs. Angela Enescu – our collaborator.

The June 2nd presentation was dedicated to the 10th grade students who were excited at the perspective of studying in the US and getting a Bachelor’s degree there. The good news for them was that they still have plenty of time to choose a few universities that they want to apply at and also prepare for the tests.

The next day, June 3rd was dedicated to the 11th grade students. 40 of these students had the chance to find out first hand what they have to do in order to apply to a university in the US and how to put together a “hard to refuse” application package. Since time is running by quickly they were also told what are the steps that should be completed this summer in order for them to be able to apply in time and how to ask for help from their teachers and high school staff.

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