

Alumni Arrange CEP Panel for the Next AAASS

The 31st National Convention of the *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies* (AAASS) – an interdisciplinary academic conference focussing on the region of Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia – has accepted CEP’s proposal for a roundtable at its November 18–21 conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. The proposal, entitled “*Civic Education in CEE/NIS: Assessing a Decade of Development*,” was organized through the efforts of former Visiting Lecturers *Trisha Hobson* (Ukraine 1998) and *Anne Clift Boris* (Minsk 1996–1998, now Director of Faculty Recruitment and University Relations). Panel participants will include former Visiting Lecturers *Mills Kelly* (Slovakia 1995, now CEP Board Chair), *Aileen Rambow* (Russia 1998, now CEP External Relations Officer), and Trisha Hobson, as well as *Daniel Calingaert* (former Country Director-Ukraine and Deputy European Director), *Natalia Chernysh* (Academic Coordinator – Ukraine/Moldova/Belarus). The panel members will coordinate their presentations to address, in the most comprehensive manner possible, the multitude of initiatives CEP has undertaken to promote educational reform in CEE/NIS. The objective of the roundtable is twofold. On a practical level, we hope to promote the visibility of CEP’s efforts in its 19-country region; and on an academic level, we wish to expand and deepen debate on the successes and weaknesses of higher educational reform within the post-socialist bloc.

Alumni Corner



A typical CEP lecturer

Recent Alumni Publications

Former CEP Visiting Lecturers have had recent success in publishing books, at least one of which had its origins in a CEP class assignment. *Everyday Life After Communism: Some Observations from Lithuania*, soon to be published by the University of Pittsburgh Press, was written by MAEVE MCMAHON (Lithuania 1993–1994) in conjunction with some of her Lithuanian sociology students.

Other alumni books coming out in 1999 include *Soviet and Russian Press Coverage of the United States: Press, Politics, and Identity in Transition* by JONATHAN BECKER, former European Director of CEP, and *The Unions and the Democrats: An Enduring Alliance* by TAYLOR DARK (Ukraine 1993–1994, Russia 1994–1995). In 1998, PATRICK FLOOD (Hungary, 1994–1995) published *The Effectiveness of U.N. Human Rights Institutions*, SUZANNE LAFONT (Lithuania 1994–1995) published *Women in Transition: Voices from Lithuania*, and PATRICIA SMITH (Romania, 1995–1997) published *After the Wall: Eastern Germany since 1989*. PATRICK FLOOD also contributed a chapter entitled “*The US, the UN and Human Rights: Policy Choices*” to *The United States and Human Rights: Looking Inward and Outward*, published this year.

A preliminary listing of publications on the region by CEP alumni can be found in the alumni area of the CEP website at:

www.cep.org.hu/alumpub.htm.

Alumni Bulletin Board

When our alumni return from the region, they leave not only their host universities and hundreds of students, but also a close network of friends. When we ask past CEP Fellows what they would like to receive from CEP after their time with us, the response most often given is

*“a forum where
we can keep in touch
with each other.”*

Given that CEP has an alumni base of some 600 people, this is a daunting task.

In response to these requests, CEP has added a bulletin board to its web page. This bulletin board is an interactive message board, where alumni can post greetings, job announcements, publishing opportunities and conference information for one another.

This board is password protected, so that only CEP alumni are able to access it. If you are a CEP alum, and you would like a username and password, or if you are interested in working with CEP alumni, please contact

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