



AUTUMN RECEPTION AT SCOTLAND YARD

SPEAKER: Rt. HON JACK STRAW

7th October 2008



Lord High Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Jack Straw.

The BFSA Autumn reception to welcome back 2008 Fulbright scholars from their award year in the USA will take place in Scotland Yard on 7th October. The BFSA is delighted that this year we have one of the country's most prestigious political leaders as our speaker in an equally impressive venue.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Fulbright alumni and friends to introduce themselves to the new scholars just arrived from the US to begin their academic year in the UK, to meet old friends committed to the Fulbright ethos of cross-cultural understanding, and to visit this iconic building of modern British culture. This may be the last opportunity to do so since the Metropolitan Police have outgrown the building, which they have occupied since 1967, and will be looking for new premises.

The Rt. Hon Jack Straw read law at the University of Leeds and qualified as a barrister, practising criminal law. He was a member of the Inner London Education Authority and Deputy Leader from 1973

to 1974. He was selected to run for Parliament in 1977 and won Blackburn, Lancashire, in 1979 when Barbara Castle decided not to run again. He has held the seat, and that of the proud honorary president of Blackburn Rovers, ever since.

In the 1980s he was opposition spokesman on economic affairs, then later on the environment, before promotion to the Shadow Cabinet in 1987. After Labour's general election victory in 1997 he was appointed Home Secretary. He brought forward the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, increased police powers against terrorism, proposed a reduction in the right to trial by jury and is responsible for incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law.

He was appointed Foreign Secretary in 2001, succeeding Robin Cook. Within months he was confronted by the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States. In 2006 he moved from Foreign Secretary to Leader of the House of Commons, then in June 2007 he was appointed Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain and Secretary of State for Justice. He is the first Lord Chancellor to serve in the role whilst remaining a member of the House of Commons. Only Mr Straw, Alistair Darling and Gordon Brown have served in the cabinet continuously since Labour's administration began in May 1997.

The BFSA is delighted that Assistant Commissioner of The Metropolitan Police, Tarique Ghaffur, has offered sponsorship for the evening, enabling Fulbright alumni and BFSA members to attend for no charge. The BFSA would like to thank Fulbright Police Fellow Inspector David Lewis for facilitating all the meetings and introductions at Scotland Yard.

It has been suggested by The Met that the BFSA could hold an auction as part of our fundraising drive and we would like to have suggestions from alumni on what we might auction. The venue and time restrictions do not allow for lots of little items to be auctioned, we would rather have one very special items that could potentially add significantly to our funds. Please let the office know if you have something you would like to offer.

Arrival at Scotland Yard will be from 6.15pm for a 7.00pm start. All guests will be informed of Scotland Yard protocol before arriving and ID will be required at security. If you would like to attend please fill in the Booking Form with this newsletter and send it to the BFSA office or contact Muriel on bfsa@fulbright.co.uk

You must be on the guest list by 23rd September. Entry to Scotland Yard cannot be



accommodated for those who decide to attend 'on the day'. Please remember that the BFSA office is closed for the month of July so you may have to wait for your confirmation. The venue is able to accommodate 150 guests so there should be room for all who wish to attend.

The BFSA is pleased to acknowledge that this newsletter has been made possible thanks to the generosity of the US Embassy.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Readers will, I am sure, note the inclusion of two reports in this newsletter for events which took place in Scotland and Lincolnshire. The trip to Iona, organised by Tahitia McCabe, was a great success and an ideal opportunity for members to visit that most beautiful location. Tahitia will be doing this all again next year

The second event was a talk by Earl Spencer on the subject of his most recent book, *Prince Rupert: The Last Cavalier*, at the University of Lincoln. The feedback from the audience after the lecture can best be summed up with the words 'fulsome praise'. The BFSA is most thankful to Earl Spencer for agreeing to present the talk and for the Lincoln Academy, University of Lincoln for hosting this very successful evening.

I am also very pleased to say that further events are to be organised in Scotland,

the North of England, and the Midlands. I trust that members who may not be able to journey to London for events will give their support to these initiatives. We are keen to enhance our regional presence further. Indeed, if any member would like to be involved in organising a suitable event in their locality then we would be very pleased to hear from you.

At the European level there are some interesting developments underway and the idea of developing a pan-European link between the various Fulbright Scholar Associations. The early stages of this are outlined in the report on page 8.

The Autumn Reception this year is to be held in Scotland Yard - we always say we try to get unusual venues for our events - with our guest speaker Jack Straw. The Autumn Reception is a wonderful opportunity to meet with current Fulbright Scholars and make friends or renew acquaintance with other BFSA members. I look forward to meeting with you there.

A word from the Treasurer.

I took over as Hon Treasurer at the AGM in December and have spent my first few months going through the books and frightening the Committee into a state of complete fiscal rectitude - great fun! Other than that I'm really enjoying working with colleagues who are committed to the Fulbright ethos - they are a joy and privilege to work with.

BFSA is a small charity, but with your support we can make it even more successful in fulfilling its aims. Please do your bit to help us help you.

Here's five ways you can help right now.

1 Ensure you are paying the proper rate: £35 per annum, as passed at the AGM 2 years ago! All our events and work, such as mentoring young students, are based on revenue projections based on all members paying the £35 rate.

2 Pay by direct debit - this helps reduce our administration costs. If you really can't do this, then standing order is best, and then cheque. If this is gobbledegook to you, please contact Muriel in the BFSA office who will be happy to explain all!

3 Tick the 'Gift Aid' box - if you are a UK taxpayer, BFSA can reclaim 28% back from the taxman on every £1 you donate. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can reclaim tax relief on your gross donation at 18% (eg the difference between the higher rate of tax at 40% and the basic rate at 22%).

4 Help us source a venue 'in-kind' - getting prestigious venues for our events donated "in-kind", saves us a substantial outlay on venues, our main expense. If your company, colleague, friend or family member could provide us with a suitable venue for one of our popular events, please let us know.

5 Invite a friend - We know there are Fulbrighters who have not yet joined the BFSA. We try and contact as many of them as we can, but there is no substitution for the personal touch - so if you are still in contact with Fulbrighters who have not joined, or may not realise their membership has lapsed, please put them in touch.

If you have any other suggestions, please do get in touch with me.

Steve Frost, Honorary Treasurer, BFSA

TWO NEW FULBRIGHT COMMISSIONERS



Naguib Kheraj is a Senior Adviser to Barclays PLC. Before joining Barclays, Mr Kheraj was Co-Head of Global Capital Markets and a member of the Executive Committee at Robert Fleming. Prior to this he was a Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Europe, at Salomon Brothers in London.

Mr Kheraj is a member of the Board of Governors of The Institute of Ismaili Studies, an educational institution which promotes scholarship and learning on Islam. He is also Chairman of the National Committee of the Aga Khan Foundation (UK) and a Member of the Development Board of The Prince's Trust. Mr Kheraj is a member of the Steering Committee of Mosaic, an initiative of Business in the Community involved in mentoring for young Muslims in the UK.

Mr Kheraj was educated at Dulwich College, London, and Robinson College, Cambridge, where he graduated with a degree in Economics. He is married with one son.



Professor Michael Arthur, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds, is internationally renowned for his contribution to education and medical research. He chairs the steering group for the National Student Survey and has been named a "Diploma Champion" to support the new Diplomas and the wider 14-19 reform programme introduced by the DfES. He has been appointed to the boards of both the Leeds Chamber of Commerce and the regional development agency, Yorkshire Forward, and has spearheaded a new artistic and academic collaboration between the University and Opera North.

Professor Arthur's expertise in liver research is internationally acknowledged. As the holder of the American Liver Foundation Research Prize (1987) he developed interests in the pathogenesis of liver fibrosis during a two-year fellowship at the University of California in San Francisco (1988 - 1990). Further academic awards followed including a Fulbright distinguished scholar award (*Mount Sinai 2002*). His wife Liz is a consultant paediatrician and they have three grown-up children, Rachel, Sarah and James.

EARL SPENCER LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN



Earl Spencer with BFA Chair Dr. Philip Swan

Lincoln Academy, University of Lincoln, hosted the BFA Lecture from Earl Spencer in May. About 150 guests filled the lecture theatre of the EMMTEC building at the university to hear a fascinating and informative talk about the Earl's latest book, *Prince Rupert: The last Cavalier*.

After early evening refreshments Vice Chancellor Professor David Chiddick welcomed guests and expressed how delighted the university were to host the evening. BFA Chair Dr. Philip Swan then presented a short talk on the ideals of Senator Fulbright and the Fulbright Commission. He spoke briefly of his experience as a Fulbright scholar at Westminster College, Missouri, (2006) and the mission of the BFA before introducing Earl Spencer.

Charles Spencer was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, where he obtained a degree in history. While acting as a correspondent for NBC News in the United States, he inherited the ancestral home of Althorp, which received worldwide attention as the burial place of his sister, Diana, Princess of Wales.

It was immediately apparent that Earl Spencer is passionate about his subject. His casual and friendly manner immedi-

ately engaged the audience. Placing his subject, Prince Rupert of the Rhine, in historical context as the grandson of James I of England, he embarked on an hour-long fascinating account of his life and exploits.

Prince Rupert's father, Frederick V, was Count Palatine, one of the foremost Protestant princes of Europe, and considered a suitable match for Elizabeth, daughter of James I. King James, sometimes known as 'the wisest fool in Christendom' had taken England into the Protestant Union, (revoking his own Catholic Faith,) and the marriage was intended to be an auspicious match. For a time it was. Then events in Europe, and bad judgment on Frederick's part, exiled the family to Holland in 1620, where Rupert and his siblings were educated, very much within the English manner and sympathies, although James,

always politically motivated, distanced himself from them.

James I died in 1625 and on his death-bed, perhaps with some guilt, urged his heir, Charles I, to be supportive of Elizabeth and her family in exile. Rupert's bravery and skill at arms brought him a soldier's reputation while still a teenager, as did his physical standing of 6 foot 4 inches, extremely tall for his day. He led Charles's royalist navy against Cromwell in the English Civil War, where he and his men gained their reputations as cavaliers for their style of warfare. Then in June 1645 he took part in the Battle of Naseby where the royalists were decisively defeated by Fairfax's New Model Army. Rupert advised the King to seek a treaty with parliament, but he refused and in September Rupert surrendered Bristol to parliament. The King was furious and Rupert left once more for exile in Holland.

After the Restoration of Charles II in 1660, Rupert was able to return to England. He was appointed to the Privy Council in 1662 and took an interest in overseas commercial ventures, becoming the first governor of Canada's Hudson's Bay Company in 1670. The territory granted to the Company was named "Prince Rupert's Land" in his honour. Continuing a life

long interest in science, Rupert became a founder member of the Royal Society. He experimented with the manufacture of gunpowder and invented a modified form of brass known as "prince's metal". During his exile in Europe he had become skilled in mezzotint engraving, which he is said to have introduced into England. He died in 1682 at his house at Spring Gardens near the Palace of Whitehall, and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

After answering questions from the floor Earl Spencer signed copies of his book in the foyer where wine and canapés were served. The Earl has kindly donated 35% of the proceeds of each book sold at the event to the BFA. The BFA extends its thanks to Earl Spencer and Lincoln University for their incredible generosity and such a wonderful evening. *Muriel Macleod.*



Prince Rupert as a young man

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FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS VISIT IONA WITH THE SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND CHAPTER



The recent BFSA trip to Iona featured a small and select group of happy travellers and one gorgeous island. Five of us made the long journey north to the Western Isles and we were treated with an array of weather, organic food and great company. Iona is on the west coast of Scotland, at the westernmost tip of the island of Mull and a very long way from anywhere else. I had the shortest journey, coming from Glasgow by train, ferry and bus and it took 7 hours to take me from urban sprawl to island tranquillity. The others came from the Lake District and Brighton and came up a day early to extend their trip and enjoy the journey.

Iona is a tiny place, barely three miles by one mile, but it has had a huge influence on Christianity across Scotland and Europe during its history. St. Columba arrived on the island in 563AD from Ireland with 12 followers, establishing a monastic community and began to convert pagan Scotland and northern England to the Celtic church. Iona became a place of pilgrimage and a burial place for kings of Scotland, Norway

and Ireland. It is believed that the Book of Kells was created on the island in 800AD shortly before Viking raiders stormed the island in 806AD, killing many monks and eventually leading to the abandonment of the community. Currently the Iona Community, a Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, uses the Abbey buildings, above, which date from the early 13th century, for worship.

We battled our way through the most intense gusting downpour from the hostel on the northern tip of the island to the Abbey, a mile long journey, to attend service on Sunday morning. The Abbey was packed with happy, if a bit sodden, participants and we spent an interesting hour partaking in modern hymns and 'self-serve' communion. Pondering the contrast between this modern and very inclusive service led by several non-ordained Community members and clergy from around the world and the very traditional services that must have previously been held was most fascinating.

Thankfully, Saturday and Monday were

full of sunshine and wind and we amused ourselves by scouring the shore for sea-polished stones. Iona is known for its green marble and we spent hours trying to find pieces of this, settling for lovely pink granite and sea glass in the end. The highest spot on Iona at 331 feet, is a hill fort dating from 100BC-200AD called Dun I and we scrambled to the top in 10 minutes to admire the view of turquoise water over white sand beaches lying at our feet.

In the evenings, we had dinner at the Argyll Hotel where the two alumni members from the Lake District were staying. The hotel features an organic garden and Scottish food in general, and the standard of cooking was really high. Top favourites included mutton tagine, smoked mussels covered in garlic butter and cheese, Scottish salmon and a massive plate of berries with cream. The five of us shared Fulbright memories, found out how our current studies are going and discussed peace, how to have a good marriage, classical music and architecture in Spain and the United Kingdom.

The usual wide-ranging, fascinating talk around a dinner table, especially when Fulbrighters are together!

We are planning on doing another trip to Iona next spring; details should be available in the late autumn. I would love to have more folks along to share this tranquil beautiful spot so pencil in the trip and plan on coming along. You can help me track down that elusive green marble, see Castle Duart on the island of Mull and explore the western side of Iona, so let's hope for good weather!

Tahitia McCabe.

BFSA

Scotland/Northern Ireland Chapter.



Fulbrighters enjoy dinner at the Argyll Hotel on Iona.

...And a personal point of view from current Fulbright Scholar Pauline Mujawamariya



Current scholar Pauline Mujawamariya on Iona

Iona?

The first amazing thing is that in order to get there, I almost used all the means of transportation : WALK to the train station; TRAIN to Gatwick Airport; FLY to Glasgow; TRAIN to Oban; FERRY to the Isle of Mull (Craignure); BUS to Fionnphort; FERRY to Iona; WALK to the Hostel! It was hard to believe that I manage to do this journey in one day, starting off at 5:30am and arriving around 7:30pm.

The views in the Highlands are amazing,

and by the time I got to Iona I was even more astonished by the picturesque view in all directions. As I am not sure I will be doing justice to Iona's beauty if I try to describe it, I leave this to the poets. The only thing I can comment on is how I felt while there: relaxed, peaceful, happy, home... I am so glad I went there, and thanks to the BFSA for allowing this to happen since without Tahitia and Muriel, I would only still be dreaming about Iona. Oh, almost everyone I met there told me that no one goes to Iona only once, so I probably will go back too!

**THE ANNUAL LECTURE
2008 WILL BE DELIVERED
BY SIR JEREMY ISAACS
ON 9th DECEMBER
THE UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
LONDON**

Sir Jeremy Isaacs has spent more than 45 years in television. He joined the BBC in 1965 editing Panorama, then moved to Thames TV where he made The World At War. He was the first chief executive of Channel 4 and subsequently General Director of the Royal Opera House.

His book, **COLD WAR**, (co-authored with Taylor Downing) which accompanied the TV series of the same name, will be re-published this August with updated analysis. His previous book, Look Me In the Eye, covered his memoirs as a ground-breaking producer of television programmes.

"Isaacs's passionate argument that the purpose of television is not simply to entertain but to secure the future of an interrogative, informed democracy is one that he makes better than anyone, and he also made the programmes to win it."
(Tim Gardam, The Guardian)

The guest list will open in September. If you'd like to book early please send an email to the BFSA office.

MENTOR A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

For many BFSA members, the warmth and hospitality offered by our American hosts characterised our time spent 'over the pond', and ensured that the richness of our overseas experience was not simply limited to academic pursuit. Each year Fulbright Scholars return to the UK, and are unflinching in their gratitude for the enthusiasm and friendship extended to them by their American hosts.

Similarly, every year over a dozen US Fulbright Scholars and Research Fellows arrive in the UK to undertake postgraduate study in a variety of educational or professional institutions. Please help us make their

memories of the UK as cherished as our own of the US, and volunteer to mentor a US Fulbright Scholar for the duration of their stay. Meeting your mentee every 6-10 weeks is a terrific way to give the US students an insight into UK culture and the British way of life, and in turn it is a way of sustaining ties with the US long after your own studies may have ended. Where possible, we will attempt to match mentors with a mentee's professional and/or geographical area of study. Please send all notices of interest to bfsa@fulbright.co.uk, clearly marked "MENTORING" in the subject line, and include a brief

professional/academic biography, other interests, and your location, and we will contact you in August 2008 to discuss future mentoring possibilities.

**THE BFSA OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FOR THE
MONTH OF JULY SO
PLEASE AWAIT ANY
EVENT CONFIRMATIONS
UNTIL AUGUST WHEN
WE WILL BE BACK IN
TOUCH.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

On Monday, 22 September 2008, the Fulbright Commission will celebrate its 60th anniversary! There are several events around this special occasion, beginning with 'The Future Sources of America's Power', a lecture and dialogue with Sandy Berger at Chatham House. Additional 60th anniversary events, including concerts and further debates will be announced in plenty of time for you to sign up!

MORE FULBRIGHT AWARDS

Indeed, we certainly have much to be proud of coming into this period of reflection and celebration. The Commission is now operating over 25 different awards categories for exchanges between the US and UK, and we anticipate a cadre of 65 Fulbrighters this year, up from 45 in 2007. In addition, we're pleased to be offering our most generous award yet: The Fulbright International Science and Technology PhD Awards which comprises a stipend for up to 36 months, tuition and fees covered, book/equipment and conference allowances, J-1 visa sponsorship for up to five years, round-trip airfare, health and accident coverage and

specially tailored enrichment activities. Other new awards categories include the Fulbright-UK Film Council Award, the Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Programme, the Summer Institute for Outstanding European Students Studying Education (undergraduate) and the recently re-launched Northern Ireland Civil Service Awards. Next year we will continue to grow and are pleased to announce the re-launch of the Fulbright-Hubert Humphrey Fellowships for Civil Servants. For full details on any of the Fulbright schemes please see our website, where, a list of recent recipients will also be made available in mid-June.

CHOOSE FUTURE FULBRIGHTERS

The Commission holds interviews for our various awards categories all year round. As a result, we are in constant need of volunteers to participate in our selection committees. Typically, this involves reading short-listed applications and then convening at Fulbright House for discussion and panel interviews. Usually, this will take place over a half day with lunch and tea/coffee provided, and the Commission is happy to reimburse for any travel related expenses. Please step for-

ward if you want to participate! To get involved please email your full name, title, organisation and academic discipline to the Director of the Fulbright Awards Programme, Michael Scott Kline (MKline@fulbright.co.uk).

NEW WEBSITE

In June, the Commission will begin testing its new website. The new site will feature many more features, including the ability to book and pay for events online, enhanced FAQs, a message board for current scholars, and the ability for all users to register to the site and specify what type of information they would like to receive. Aesthetically, the site will also be completely refreshed and will feature more of what our work is ultimately all about--people. Please check www.fulbright.co.uk in mid-June to see the re-launched home of the Fulbright Commission online.

If you have a comment or idea that you'd like to send to the Fulbright Commission, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Scott Kline on 0207 539 4409 or MKline@fulbright.co.uk.

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THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION

31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“2008: THE INTERCONNECTED WORLD”

The Fulbright Association 31st Annual Conference—“2008: The Interconnected World”—will take place in Beijing, People's Republic of China, from **October 23 through October 25, 2008**. To help us plan this landmark conference, we ask you to a moment to complete the [Conference Interest Survey](#) on our website, address below.

The conference has strong roots in the Fulbright tradition. In November 1947, the first executive agreement under the Fulbright Program was concluded with China. During the 1948-49 academic year, Derk Bodde became the first U.S. scholar to receive a Fulbright award and served in Beijing as a Fulbright research

fellow.

Now Fulbright Program alumni in China are coming together through the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) to create the first Chinese Fulbright alumni organization. Fulbright alumnus Zong Wa is our liaison at CEAIE, our Chinese host organization. He and fellow Chinese Fulbright alumni will welcome Fulbright alumni from around the world to this global conference dedicated to increasing international understanding through educational exchange.

Information on the conference program, venue, and tour opportunities will be

available shortly. We look forward to hearing your conference plans, and we hope to see you in Beijing.

With best regards,

Jane L. Anderson

Executive Director

Fulbright Association

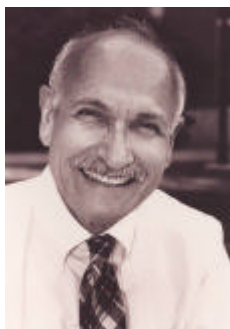
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S.K. (Tim) Heninger Jr., one of the first ever Fulbright scholars, died in February. He was born in Louisiana, USA, in 1922 and epitomised the kind of person the Fulbright Scholarship was intended to benefit. He grew up, the son of uneducated parents, in a Jewish family in the American South during the Great Depression. After receiving several undergraduate degrees he heard of and applied for a Fulbright Scholarship the very first year they were offered. He received a degree from Oxford University in 1952. He retired in 1993 and is survived by four children and his wife, Dottie.

Professor Anthony Spencer, (*Brown 1955/57*) passed away in January of this year after an unexpected heart attack. Professor Spencer had retired from the University of Nottingham.



One of Scotland's most highly regarded painters, Steven Campbell, died last year. Campbell studied at Glasgow School of Art from 1978. He received his Fulbright Award in 1982 to study at New York's Pratt Institute where he began establishing his international reputation. He is survived by his wife, Carol Ann and their three children.

After a short illness Professor Ivan Johnston, Professor of Surgery at Newcastle University from 1966 to 1992 died just after Christmas 2007. He was a founder member and past President of the British Association of Endocrine Surgeons. He was also a distinguished member and former President of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

NEW COMMITTEE PROFILES.

Stephen Frost

Stephen is Head of Diversity and Inclusion, London Olympic Games 2012. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government 2002-2003 and graduated in 2004 with a Master in Public Policy and Urban Planning. He was Workplace programmes Director at Stonewall, Europe's largest gay equality and diversity organisation, and led cultural change programmes in organisations ranging from IBM and McKinsey to the Royal Navy and Manchester City Football Club. He grew the Diversity Champions best practice programme for employers from 65 member organisations to over 300, and increased programme revenue five-fold. Stephen holds a Double First from Oxford and has worked for clients in many sectors in Britain, Greece, Tanzania and the United States.

Karl Rouse

Karl Rouse has written, designed, and implemented the Performance Arts programme at The Central School of Speech and Drama, The University of London, with defining events such as regular collaborations with The English National Opera, and The Accidental Festival which takes place each May at the ICA. He is a graduate from New York University's department of Performance Studies, King's College: London, The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and The University of Salford. Currently he is undertaking research at Royal Holloway and The Disney Institute. Karl has directed several performances and workshops in New York, Manchester and London; as a performer he has appeared in the New York Fringe Festival, and Off Broadway, having worked with experimental practitioners across the USA. Other teaching and research interests lay within business strategy for performance, entrepreneurial policy and creative management.

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EUROPEAN FULBRIGHT ALUMNI IN BERLIN

Participants from Norway, Spain, USA and Germany attended the European Fulbright alumni meeting in Berlin in April to discuss ideas and the way forward for Europe.

Gil Carbajal, representing the Spanish Fulbright Alumni Association, highlighted their monthly academic talk and get together over dinner with other Spanish-American Associations. Despite a sometimes complicated relationship with the Fulbright Commission in Spain around 50 participated each month.

Gil and German alumna Wiltrud Hammelstein proposed the further development of a European website for Fulbright alumni which could perhaps be part of the current German site, www.fulbright-alumni.eu. The site could be used as a forum for jobs, events and discussion across Europe and it was felt the German Association would be able to host this on the content management system without too much strain on the

resources. Volunteers for writing text and contributing to the site and the forum are more than welcome. Please get in touch with the BFSA office for details on how to contact them.

The meeting then focused on the possibilities for European Events. Options discussed were whether to have a European Conference open for all members or a smaller working meeting for board members or delegates. It was concluded that for next year only a smaller meeting would be possible due to the currently available resources of the Berlin Chapter of the German Association.

At this point Dr. Lisa Bernstein from the Department of State, US Government, Dr. Rolf Hoffmann, executive director of the German American Fulbright Commission and Dr. Jürgen Simon, President of the Association of Friends and Donors of the German-American Fulbright Programme joined the meeting.

Dr. Bernstein liked the proposal for a European meeting and Dr. Hoffmann offered to introduce the plan to his colleagues from the other European Fulbright Commissions which might support alumni to come to the next Berlin seminar and would enquire whether there may be a grant to support travel for association representatives of eastern European countries.

Dr. Bernstein also mentioned the new website: fulbright.state.gov which has just been launched.

Afterwards delegates were invited to the Welcome Dinner for the American Grantees to Europe at the Berlin Seminar which offered lots of opportunities to talk with grantees to many European countries.

Dr Uwe Koch

President, The German Fulbright Alumni Association.



BELGIAN FULBRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FULBRIGHT ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN LIVERPOOL

A Fulbright Academy Dialogue on Science & Society Fighting Inertia for Lasting Change Liverpool, UK - September 78, 2008

Why is it that people sometimes do, and sometimes don't, take notice of what science is saying? How much is it to do with poor communication on the part of scientists and how much is it to do with the receptiveness of people, government officials and the policy community to new and emerging ideas?

How can we better understand the complex relationships between science and policy and develop tools which better serve science, policy and society?

This dialogue on Monday September 8 with a group of Fulbright scholars will explore case studies such as environmental policy, medical ethics or sustainability research. In addition to panel discussions with Fulbright scholar experts, the participants also will spend 90 minutes in smaller groups - discussing how we as individuals/ employees/ voters/ consumers can speed up (or impede)

change and innovation.

This program is open to the public. Registration is through the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

www.the-ba.net

FAST is seeking self-nominations of individuals who would like to speak on one of our panels or present research in the poster session that will accompany our dialogue. To do so, please send an abstract or your resume to:

info@fulbrightAcademy.org

This two-day program takes place in conjunction with the annual Festival of Science - a week-long program of events organized by the British Association for the Advancement of Science. According to the BA's website:

"The Fulbright Academy Dialogue is on Monday, so you can come to Liverpool for the weekend and stay over for the start of the workweek. The BA's weekend program includes special events for children."

The Belgian Fulbright Alumni Association will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright program between the USA, Belgium and Luxembourg. Just to give you a little taste of what is coming so that you can mark your calendars and make plans to join us, here is some preliminary information of the planned activities:

October 8, 2008 concert with the Queen Elisabeth Competition finalist and Fulbright alumnus Liebrecht Vanbeckevoort at the residence of the US Ambassador to Belgium.

October 18, 2008 Academic session at the Palais des Académies with guest speakers and a panel on "US-Belgian-EU relations."

November 15, 2008 Gala dinner at the Cercle de Lorraine with guest speaker.

Watch the website www.faab.be for updates for the event.

With Fulbright greetings

Dr. Eliane Van Stichel.

Belgian International Secretary.