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Ukrainian alumni hold financial crisis roundtable

On June 25 more than 60 Marshall Center alumni from Ukraine – representing over ten different ministries and institutions – attended a very topical one-day roundtable in Kyiv entitled “The Global Economic Crisis – Implications for Regional and National Security.”

Dr. Jack Treddenick, the Marshall Center’s resident economist and chairman of the Department of Outreach and Special Programs, presented a lecture entitled, “The Global Economic Crisis: Implications for Ukraine’s Security.” Also playing a key role at the event was moderator and dual Marshall Center graduate Dr. Natalya Grytsiak, the first deputy director of the National Institute for Strategic Studies, which was a co-sponsor of the event. Speakers included Deputy Economy Minister LTG (Ret.) Valerii Muntian, who spoke on “The Defense Sector and the Economic Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities,” and Marshall Center graduate Dr. Oleksandr Lytvinenko, who spoke on “Ukraine’s National Security: Before the Next Revaluation.”

Marshall Center library staff member Andrew Adaryukov gave a presentation about the new Marshall Center portal and its online resources. The U.S. Embassy, which provided key administrative assistance via the Defense Attaché Office, was represented by Deputy Chief of Mission James Pettit, who provided opening remarks at the event.

Marshall Center director visits alumni in Croatia

Dr. John Rose conducted a three-day visit to Croatia from June 22-24, meeting with Croatian ministry officials as well as with the US and German embassy.

As part of this visit Dr. Rose met with alumni on 24 Jun at a scheduled roundtable. The roundtable, which was held in the Esplanade Hotel, included presentations by Dr. Rose and Dr. Andrew Michta. The president of the Croatian Alumni Association and commandant of the ‘Petar Zrinski’ Defense Academy, MG Mirko Sundov, opened the roundtable. He stressed the role the Center has played as a strategic partner, emphasizing the programs themselves and the invaluable networks that through these programs are established.

He was followed by Dr. Rose, who spoke on “Defense and Foreign Policy Directions under the Obama Administration.” Dr. Andrew Michta then gave a presentation entitled, “Transatlantic Relations and the Role of New Democracies.” The presentations were followed by questions and discussion. More than 40 participants attended the roundtable to include US and German Embassy representatives and other invited guests.

Defense minister opens PfP-C annual conference

The Partnership for Peace Consortium’s eleventh annual conference was June 18-19 in Munich.

More than 100 defense and security specialists from 23 countries attended. In an atmosphere of academic freedom, the group examined three sub-themes stemming from the overall theme of “Enhancing Defense Education and Sustaining Regional Stability as Partnerships Evolve.”

The sub-themes were: “Educating Defense Professionals: Constants and Variables,” led by Dr. Peter Foot, Dean of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy; “Regional Stability Challenges: Evaluation and Potential Future,” led by Mr. Predrag Jurekovic of the Austrian Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Analysis; and “Combating Terrorism,” led by Dr. Jay LeBeau, Marshall Center professor and PfPC Combating Terrorism WG Chairman.



MG (Ret.) Justus Graebner and Dr. Ljubica Jelusic take questions at the conference.

Dr. Ljubica Jelusic, Minister of Defense of Slovenia, was keynote speaker, introduced by Marshall Center German Deputy Director MG (ret) Justus Graebner. The minister remarked that her previous personal experience with the Consortium continued to provide value in her current role.

The editorial board chairman bestowed the Athena Award on the PfPC publication program’s outstanding author for the year, Zurab Khamashuridze of Georgia, a recent Marshall Center graduate. Ambassador Valeri Ratchev of Bulgaria, a 1994 Marshall Center graduate, gave a dynamic and thought-provoking vision speech. The event was organized together with the Marshall Center Outreach Programs Directorate.

June distinguished visitors to the Marshall Center

- ✦ **Gen. James Mattis**, Commander, NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation, visited June 10 to speak to PASS course participants.
- ✦ **Ambassador Ovidiu Dranga**, Romanian Ambassador to Belgium, visited June 17 to be a panel member for the PASS.
- ✦ **Ambassador Petar Turcinovic**, Croatian Ambassador to Montenegro, visited June 17-18 to be a panel member for the PASS.
- ✦ **Maj. Gen. Juris Maklakovs**, National Armed Forces Commander, Latvia, visited June 17-18 to be a panel member for the PASS.
- ✦ **VADM Jeffrey Wieringa**, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Washington, D.C., visited June 19 to speak at the PASS graduation and for an orientation.

Partner / allied educators share teaching methods

Twenty-six educators from defense colleges in 13 countries, including two flag officers from Afghanistan and one from Ukraine, attended the third annual PFP Consortium Defense Educators' Program in Tirana, Albania June 9-12.

A team of 10 educators from Canada, the U.S. and Germany - including Center graduate, Col. Jeronim Bazo of Albania and faculty member CDR Andreas Hildenbrand - facilitated the program.

The goal was to research and articulate emerging global trends in the development and application of new teaching and learning methodologies. Objectives were to examine the role of defense education in defense institution building; analyze progress and challenges in education for reform; explore new methods and practices in defense education; and compare and contrast what defense education methods and practices are valuable to Partner countries.

The event was a major element in the PFP-C's strategy of developing and enabling a community of partner educators willing and able to pursue faculty and curriculum development and to introduce defense reforms into the curricula of their host institutions.

Marshall Center faculty writings

Professor Nick Pratt wrote a review of the book "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time." The review will be published in Middle East Quarterly, Vol. 16, No. 3, p. 94-95.

Belgrade seminar educates about NATO

Serbian government officials, representatives from non-governmental organizations and observers from NATO-country embassies attended a conference June 22-23 in Belgrade, Serbia. About 33 people, including eight alumni, participated in the conference, entitled, "NATO: A Strategic and Operational Perspective."

Dr. Dragan Lozancic and John Kriendler, from the Marshall Center; Steffen Elgersma from the NATO International Staff; and Jan Vlkovsky, a political officer from the Czech Republic Embassy in Belgrade spoke during the event. The conference provided participants a comprehensive understanding of NATO including its evolution, how it functions and key challenges.

The parliamentarians said the seminar was very useful, providing practical knowledge of how NATO works and its challenges. Center alumni were especially active in contributing to the discussions. Some participants requested even more detailed information on the many distinct tools and aspects of NATO's Partnership for Peace program. The participation of the parliamentarians and NGO representatives enabled a broader, more dynamic discussion of NATO issues.

Conference in Uzbekistan addresses Afghanistan

Sixty-six people from 13 countries participated in a conference June 17-18 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, that addressed Afghanistan.

Entitled "Afghanistan: Problems of Stabilization and Prospects for Reconstruction," the conference was conducted at the request of the US Embassy and coorganized with the Foundation for Regional Policy, Tashkent, which is closely aligned to the office of the president of Uzbekistan.

Embassy staff cited the Uzbeks' interest in re-engaging with the US on a number of issues, to include a freight hub to supply non-military items to Afghanistan, and thus mitigate the "post - Andijan" stalemate.

Attendance included subject matter experts from Afghanistan, China, Germany, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Pakistan, South Korea, Tajikistan, the United States, and Uzbekistan. The diplomatic corps in Tashkent, as well as a number of organizations with local representation were also invited.

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