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## Kosovo Alumni Meet to Discuss Security Issues during Director's Visit

More than 50 Kosovo alumni along with their colleagues and other alumni serving in Kosovo held a panel for the two-day international police conference March 23 in Pristina.



*PASS 2005-4 classmates Ms. Latife Neziri (LPASS), who recently joined EULEX, and LTC Riza Shillova, right (EPASS) with Xhavit Gashi from the Kosovo Security Force.*

Marshall Center Director Dr. John Rose gave the opening address to the alumni panel discussion. Marshall Center professors Nick Pratt and Dr. Elena Kovalova, and MG Behar Selimi (EP 2004-5), served as panelists. Their discussions focused on counter-terrorism policy, elements of good governance and Kosovo security policies. The alumni gathering of about 70 participants was part of a visit by Dr. Rose to Kosovo. The director also visited several security institutions and gave a lecture at the police conference. Pratt and Kovalova also made presentations and acted as panel moderators at the conference.

The police conference, sponsored by the Ministry of Interior, the Prime Minister's Office and the Marshall Center, was the first international police conference administered by the Kosovo Police. Eight other countries took part in the conference. Alumni will recommend to the government that they be involved in creating an upcoming 'White Paper' on national security strategy. The alumni plan to meet in late April to formally establish their group as an MC alumni association. They have requested other alumni association charters and annual programs.

## Center Hosts NATO-Ukraine Planning Conference

Ninety senior specialists from more than 20 NATO member nations and more than 25 senior officials from Ukraine, including 11 Marshall Center alumni, attended the NATO-Ukraine Joint Working Group for Defense Reform Planning Conference: "The National Security Policy of Ukraine: Identifying Challenges – Defining Responses" March 23-25. The event was co-sponsored by the German Ministry of Defense and the NATO International Staff Defence Policy and Planning Division.

*Professor Volodymyr Horbulin, head of the National Centre of Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine and adviser to the president of Ukraine for national security speaks to conference attendees.*



The event was led by Ambassador Jiří Šedivý, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, and Stepan Havrysh, First Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine, co-chairmen of the working group.

Working group topics at the event covered Military Security of Ukraine; Intelligence Sector Reform in Ukraine; Inter-Agency Cooperation in Ukraine; and Non-Military Threats to Ukraine's Security.

## NATO Lessons Learned Regional Conference

A NATO lessons learned regional conference for 35 governmental officials who manage NATO-related activities was held in Budva, Montenegro, Feb. 24-26. The participants were from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia

Topics discussed at the conference included: reform can be unpopular and politically difficult to implement; regional cooperation is the key to stability and sustainable development, and it in turn will lead to foreign direct investment; public support for NATO is essen-

tial; a timetable is needed to measure reform progress; many NATO PfP-related tools and reforms are valuable--irrespective of eventual NATO membership; and NATO cannot be over committed.

The conference continued and advanced the MC's previous NATO-related regionally-focused activities held throughout Southeastern Europe. It also concentrated on the enhancement of regional cooperation, utilizing speaker-participants, allowing each participant nation an opportunity to provide their own lessons-learned perspective.

## Ozerov as Featured Graduate for February

Yury Ozerov, the Marshall Center's February Graduate of the Month, is currently logistics advisor for the United Nations Development Program in Afghanistan. As such he is involved in the process of preparation for the Afghanistan presidential elections planned for August 2009.



Ozerov, who graduated from the MC Leaders Course 1998-3, said his experience at the Marshall Center helped prepare him for his current duties in a number of ways.

"After graduation from the Marshall Center I became a man of decision. The studies allowed me to better consider the complexity and peculiarities of post conflict situations and to recognize different approaches to solutions of humanitarian consequences. At the Center I was trained to feel comfortable with that complexity, to stay cool and to take decisions," he said. "The knowledge and confidence acquired during the studies helped me a lot in my work in post conflict situations in Yugoslavia 1999, in Russia (North Caucasus) 2000-2001, in Tajikistan 2001-2002, in Iraq 2003 and in my work in Afghanistan since 2004. During all these years I often recall with gratitude the lessons, the discussions and the training at the Marshall Center."

In 1999, Ozerov, together with other colleagues who graduated from the Marshall Center, established the Russian Alumni Association, of which he was elected as president. He kept that position for three years until 2003 when he started to work for the United Nations and according to the association regulations had to resign from this post. Although no longer president, he is still a member of the Association.

## Bakradze as Featured Graduate for March

Dr. David Bakradze is Chairman of the Parliament of the Republic of Georgia, having been elected to this post in June 2008. Dr. Bakradze, who graduated from the Marshall Center Leaders of the 21st Century Course 1998-3, while serving as Head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said his experience at the Marshall Center helped prepare him for his current duties in a number of ways.



"It honed my skills of translating creative ideas into concrete actions. It helped me better understand the diversity of views and to implement an idea better than originally planned – in cooperation with those whose visions differ from mine," Bakradze said.

About his experiences at the Center Dr. Bakradze also stated, "The diversity and the scholarly depth of the course coupled with excellent practical applicability; a time-tested experience fine tuned with innovativeness."

Dr. Bakradze, who has also served on the staff of the National Security Council, as State Minister for Conflict Resolution, and as Minister of Foreign Affairs, was elected to Parliament in 2004. When asked how the Marshall Center helped prepare him for some of these past duties, Dr. Bakradze stated, "It refined my negotiation skills. I've learned to view a disputed issue from the viewpoint of others. This greatly helps in the quest to find a common ground." Asked about the Marshall Center alumni network in Georgia, Bakradze says that he remains in contact with other alumni via various means of communication.

## CISS events during March

### PTSS Field Study

From March 7-13 the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies (PTSS) conducted a field study trip to London. While there, participants heard 28 speakers representing several government ministries such as the Foreign Office, the Home Office, MI-5, MI-6, the Metro PD and others over a period of 4 days. The sessions covered various Counter-Terrorism (CT) subjects within the overall UK CT Strategy called "CONTEST" which includes Preparing, Preventing, Protecting, and Pursuing components. Participants also visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

### CISS Graduations

On March 20, 43 participants from 33 countries graduated from the program on Security, Stability, Transition and Reconstruction.

That same day, the PTSS graduated 69 CT participants from 49 countries who now become part of a global CT network. This brings

the PTSS graduate population to 587 practitioners from 90 countries.

### CISS Deployment

COL Steve Briggs deployed in mid-March and is serving as the Director, J5 Plans and Policy, US Forces-Afghanistan. COL Briggs was the Executive Director for the Program on Security, Stability, Transition and Reconstruction. This deployment comes at a critical time in the conflict, as the Obama administration has made Afghanistan one of its top foreign policy priorities. COL Briggs deployed as part of the lead elements for the additional 21,700 troops arriving this summer, with an additional 10,000 requested. He is working at the new HQ for USFOR-A at the New Kabul Compound (NKC) in Kabul, near the HQ for the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and the HQ Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and coordinates with them on a daily basis. COL Briggs is scheduled to return to the Marshall Center in early March 2010.

## March distinguished visitors to the Marshall Center

- ✦ Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere, High Representative of the European Union to the United States – Terrorist Finance Tracking Program, France visited March 2 to speak at the Program in Terrorism and Security Studies (PTSS).
- ✦ Dr. Thomas McWeeney, Executive Director, Center for Strategic Management, visited March 3, to be part of a PTSS panel.
- ✦ LTG Gary Speer, Deputy Commanding General, USAREUR/7A; visited March 9 to meet with Dr. Rose.
- ✦ Mr. Donald L. "Larry" Sampler, Jr., Deputy Coordinator for Reconstruction & Stabilization, U.S. Department of State, visited March 9 to speak at the program on Security, Stability, Transition and Reconstruction (SSTaR).
- ✦ Dr. Tankred C. Stöbe, President, Doctors without Borders, Berlin, visited March 10 to speak at SSTaR.
- ✦ BG Umberto Rocca, Director, Center of Excellence Stability Police Unit, visited March 13 to speak at SSTaR.
- ✦ Judge Nona Tsotsoria, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France, visited March 13 to speak at SSTaR.
- ✦ Ltd. Ministerialrat Christian Türck and Ministerialrat Markus Mittmeyer, Bayerische Staatskanzlei, visited March 13 for an orientation.
- ✦ Ambassador (Ret) David Litt, Executive Director, Center for Stabilization & Economic Reconstruction, Chapel Hill, N.C., visited March 16 to speak at PTSS.
- ✦ Minister Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, Advisor to the President, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan & Vice Chair,

Commission on Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration of Ex-combatants, Kabul, Afghanistan, visited March 17 to speak at SSTaR.



*Wenael Würmli from Radio Oberland (r) interviews Herr Siegfried Schneider, Head of the Bavarian State Chancellery, Munich, during his visit to the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. Minister Schneider visited the Marshall Center March 19 for a Marshall Center orientation. (Photo by KarlHeinz Wedhorn.)*

- ✦ Herr Siegfried Schneider, Head of the Bavarian State Chancellery, visited March 19 to speak at SSTaR.
- ✦ Ambassador Jiří Šedivý, Assistant Secretary General, Defence Policy & Planning, NATO HQs, visited March 19-25 to speak at the NATO-Ukraine Conference held at the Marshall Center.
- ✦ Mr. Steve Henry, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Matters, visited March 25.

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