



The Bill Maynes Fund for Future Leaders of Eurasia

2008 Bill Maynes Fellows

Profiles of the Inaugural Class

After an extensive search, Eurasia Foundation has named the inaugural class of Bill Maynes Fellows: Anna Koshman, executive director of the Russian Alliance of Independent Regional Publishers (AIRP) in Moscow, Russia and Ekaterine Siradze-Delaunay, executive director of the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) in Tbilisi, Georgia. The Bill Maynes Fellowship honors the late president of Eurasia Foundation, Charles William “Bill” Maynes, and supports outstanding emerging leaders from the Eurasia region by inviting them to the U.S. to expand their skills and build professional networks.

This year’s fellows will participate in intense, individually tailored programs from mid-October to mid-November that will introduce them to their U.S. counterparts and offer them specialized training and practical experience in their field of interests.

About the Fellows

Anna Koshman is the executive director of AIRP. The organization unites independent newspaper publishers to protect their rights and interests, support freedom of the press in Russia and establish publishing standards. Under Koshman’s guidance, AIRP supports regional independent newspapers and other news outlets in Russia by conducting



Anna Koshman

annual summits of regional publishers, operating training programs and holding competitions for the best regional newspaper. Prior to her current position, from 2003 to 2007, Koshman served as the director of the Interregional Institute of Media-Consulting.

She completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology at St. Petersburg State University and her doctorate degree in Political Science at Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

During her fellowship, Koshman will work with the *Newspaper Association of America* on association building, management and public policy issues. She will also visit U.S. media organizations through the Media Partnership Program funded by USAID and implemented by IREX.

Ekaterine Siradze-Delaunay is the executive director of ISFED, a leading Georgian NGO that focuses on election monitoring and democracy promotion. ISFED played a central role in monitoring and evaluating the results of the recent Georgian Parliamentary elections in May 2008. She also has an extensive background working as an election observer, both in Georgia and abroad, including as a long-term election observer during the Moldova elections in the summer of 2007. Siradze-Delaunay received her undergraduate degree from the Technical University of Georgia and obtained a master’s degree in Crisis Analysis and Prevention from the University of Paris.



Ekaterine Siradze-Delaunay

During her fellowship, Siradze-Delaunay will work with *FairVote* on the use of technology in analyzing election preparedness and advancing transparency in election administration. She will also spend time with the office of elections in Fairfax County, Virginia acquiring an understanding of how U.S. elections are administered on a local level.

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About the Fund

Dedicated to the generous and gregarious spirit of Eurasia Foundation's former President, Bill Maynes, the Fund is an instrument that honors and supports outstanding individuals from the countries where EF operates and who share Bill's vision for stable, inclusive and prosperous societies. EF hopes to make the Fund a lasting legacy to Bill's vision and raise sufficient resources and awareness to support dozens of emerging leaders in the coming years. The Fund began operations in early 2008 and is entirely financed by private donations. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 for a five-year program.

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Eurasia Foundation's former President, Bill Maynes

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