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- 1. This fall, the Eurasia Foundation transferred its Russia program to the locally-registered New Eurasia Foundation, a unique American-European-Russian public-private partnership.** The Eurasia Foundation (EF) has encouraged the development of this partnership for the past two years in order to attract international support for civil society in Russia. The founding partners of the New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) are EF, the Madariaga European Foundation, and the Dynasty Foundation of Russia. FNE has received impressive contributions and pledges from US, European, and Russian donors. The launch was highlighted by two days of events culminating with a gala dinner that included over 100 Russian and international guests, including Russian government officials, senior representatives of Russian corporations, and nearly a dozen ambassadors. *Photograph (from left to right): Charles William Maynes, Andrei Kortunov, Desaix Myers, Raymond Georis, and Marc Franco.* [More...](#)

**“The aim of our partnership is simple and transparent.  
It is to support the continued development of civil society in Russia.”**

**- Dr. Javier Solana**

*President of the Madariaga European Foundation, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union,  
High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union*

- 2. In October, a delegation of EF Board members traveled to the South Caucasus.** After the trip, EF President Charles William Maynes said, “Our presence in the region received widespread media attention. In Armenia and Azerbaijan, both presidents [Robert Kocharyan in Armenia and Ilham Aliyev in Azerbaijan] received us and stressed their strong support for the contribution our local staff is making to the national development. In Georgia, we met with the Speaker of the Parliament, Nino Burjanadze, who was the acting head of state at the time. She stressed the strong support our efforts enjoy among key government officials... I also want to express the admiration of all Trustees, I believe, when I say how impressed I was by the professionalism and esprit de corps of our field staff.” [More...](#)
- 3. In September, USAID awarded \$4,000,000 to EF’s Russian print media program.** This past year, the Committee to Protect Journalists rated Russia among the 10 worst places in the world to be a journalist. This significant award will go to improve business and editorial practices throughout Russian print media outlets. The contribution was won through open tender administered by USAID/Moscow and will provide intensive training and consulting to independent print media organizations. The goals are to 1) ensure that newspapers adapt to a changing regulatory environment, 2) introduce regional newspapers to international journalism standards, 3) establish and expand networks of media professionals, and 4) transform the education process for media professionals. Over the past decade, EF has made more than 135 grants totaling nearly \$2.5 million to support independent media in Russia. [More...](#)
- 4. The results of a comprehensive data gathering effort in the South Caucasus became available this month.** The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), located in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, completed a two-year survey (2003-2004) to obtain reliable and comparable data on household economic behavior and social attitudes across the South Caucasus. CRRC is a network of open-access research and training facilities located in the capitals of Yerevan, Baku, and Tbilisi. [More...](#)

5. **In Chisinau, Moldova, EF is supporting a project called "Electoral Impact on Good Governance" that complements global support for a fair national election in February 2005.** The project will be implemented by the Media Impact agency, which will cooperate with 16 local television stations and five local radio stations to broadcast presentations, debates, and shows on electoral themes. [More...](#)
6. **Over 80 Eurasia Foundation staff members met in Washington in November for a week of intensive training and strategic meetings.** Topics included: accounting, communications, outreach, fraud prevention, program policies, proposal writing, and value-added grants management. The goal of this semiannual event is to help staff improve their skills (building field office capacity) and to invite feedback from all staff on new policies and strategies.
7. **The Eurasia Foundation's 2003 Central Asia and Russia Annual Reports are now available!** [Download](#) the Russia report (PDF format). To request printed versions of either report, as well as EF's overall annual report, please send an e-mail to [phenrichs@eurasia.org](mailto:phenrichs@eurasia.org)
8. **Eurasia Foundation statistics:** Over the past year\*, the Eurasia Foundation made 425 grants. Grants made per region: Caucasus: 103; Central Asia: 155; Russia: 98; Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova: 70 (\*10/01/03-10/01/04). Since 1993, the Eurasia Foundation has made almost 7,400 grants representing a total investment of over \$150 million to support civil society and economic development in 12 countries of the former Soviet Union. Please visit [www.eurasia.org](http://www.eurasia.org) for more information and to search our online database of grants.
9. **Quotation of the Moment:** "Rather than seek special standards or make excuses about why Russia's circumstances compel the Kremlin to roll back democracy, President Vladimir Putin of Russia would do well to follow Erdogan's [of Turkey] example. And through engagement, not isolation, Western leaders should encourage Putin along this path." -- Michael McFaul, Eurasia Foundation Trustee. (Op-Ed Letter, IHT, 10/22/04). [Click here for a list of our Trustees](#)

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