

Eurasia Foundation E-Bulletin



< **DEVELOPING CROSS-CULTURAL CONNECTIONS IN THE FERGHANA VALLEY:** Zia attends a school in Tajikistan where [CIMERA](#), a grantee of ours, is implementing a multilingual schools project.

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UKRAINE, BELARUS & MOLDOVA

1. **Last year in Moldova, we organized a roundtable of civil society organizations working to ensure 2005 elections would meet international standards.** The voting ended March 6 and though monitors highlighted distinct shortcomings, such as overwhelming national media bias, Eurasia Foundation President Charles William Maynes said:

We recognize the great progress that civil society made in Moldova in preparation for the recent parliamentary elections. There is no doubt that the concentrated effort of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections to coordinate citizen oversight was one of the factors contributing to the relative calm on Election Day and the uncontested results. I am proud of the significant amount of non-partisan support our Chisinau and Kyiv staff provided to the Coalition. [More>](#)

2. **Join us in welcoming Dr. Olexiy Haran to our senior management team.** [Dr. Haran](#) is our new Regional Vice President for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. Dr. Haran was a Kennedy School Fellow and Advisory Board Member of the Kennan Institute. He is a recent contributing author to *Ukraine at a Crossroads* (Peter Lang Publishers).

RUSSIA

3. **SUAL and the New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) began cooperative work** in the Mikhailovsk and the Nizhny Sergei regions developing support infrastructure for job and small business creation. SUAL is a major Russian aluminum company and has worked previously with EF on corporate social responsibility programs. [More>](#)
4. **FNE and the Saratov Regional Government started a joint program** to stimulate economic development in 41 municipalities of the Saratov region. This is the first time EF has received funds from a regional government for a cooperative project. [More>](#)
5. **Our Vladivostok office and the Ford Foundation awarded grants to three local universities** to develop career resource centers to facilitate interactivity between graduates and employers. [More>](#)

CENTRAL ASIA

6. **Working with a major coalition, our Bishkek office contributed to open-election projects** in the Kyrgyz Republic ahead of parliamentary elections held on February 7. Despite increased citizen participation, the election outcomes raised questions of legitimacy. Coalition partner Swiss Ambassador Peter Burkhard (Tashkent) noted:

Switzerland works together with the Kyrgyz government to create integrated, accountable and inclusive political systems leading to political stability. In this regard, the project by the Eurasia Foundation makes a lot of sense and fits our cooperation objectives. [More>](#)

7. **This spring, our Almaty office will launch the Applied Research Network (ARN)**, comprising more than 20 institutional applied research nodes across Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. [More>](#)

SOUTH CAUCASUS

8. **Working with Philip Morris International**, our Armenia office launched a project to promote socio-economic integration of hearing-impaired children with peers and into mainstream society. [More>](#)
9. **In Azerbaijan**, since December alone, we supported a multimedia center, a union of young lawyers, an electronic catalog of businesses and an artisan association in the remote Guba-Khachmaz region. [More>](#)
10. **The South Caucasus Cooperation Program (SCCP)** continues to support a regional network protecting trans-boundary water systems in the Debet-Khrami river basin, which connects Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. [More>](#)
11. **Regional survey results are in!** Visit the new Caucasus Research and Resource Centers ([CRRC](#)) [Web site](#).

WASHINGTON, DC

12. **In early February, our Washington office held a round table on Russia-Ukraine relations.** Guests joined President Andrei Kortunov, FNE, and VP Olexiy Haran, Kyiv, to discuss regional consequences of the Ukraine elections.

QUOTE of the Moment by Anatoliy Hrytsenko, Minister of Defense of Ukraine:

The Eurasia Foundation's programs promote the strengthening of democratic principles in Ukrainian society, increase transparency in state proceedings and reinforce public oversight of government activities. Furthermore, projects supported by the Eurasia Foundation are implemented by Ukrainian NGOs using methodologies they themselves develop, and are based on their perspectives of the problems, and development priorities of Ukrainian society in its transition to democracy.

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