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The Eurasia Foundation Board of Trustees met in Kyiv, Ukraine, in early October 2005. In attendance were trustees (above, left to right): Daniel Witt, Sarah Carey (Chair), the Hon. William Frenzel, the Hon. Margaret Richardson and George Helland. [Page 2](#)

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Central Asia

Enhancing IT Skills: Talented Kazakh Youth Head to Silicon Valley

Kazakhstan — The Eurasia Foundation and SAMSUNG are helping talented youth become IT leaders through an initiative that sends promising Kazakh students to California's Silicon Valley. Participants will complete internships and visit companies including Google, Panasonic, Intel, Kodak and Pixar. "This cutting-edge program reflects the Foundation's commitment to private enterprise development and business education in Kazakhstan," says [Rinad Temirbekov](#), director of the Eurasia Foundation in Kazakhstan.

New Export Markets Open between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan

Uzbekistan — Farmers and small business owners along the Uzbek-Afghan border face significant obstacles when trading with their neighbors. To stimulate the market, the Foundation supported a major regional commodity exchange to organize meetings for potential exporters in the Uzbek districts of Angor, Sherobod, Qiziriq, Shurchi and Jarkurgan. Meeting participant and head of a local farming enterprise, Alisher Rasulov, spoke of the benefits, saying, "The commodity exchange is doing almost all the paperwork, which is difficult for producers. Without their help, exporting would be almost impossible." [More](#)

Protecting the Rights of Labor Migrants

Kyrgyzstan — According to UNESCO, hundreds of thousands of Central Asian workers travel to neighboring countries to find work. Rarely are they aware of their rights as labor migrants, and they quickly become lost in bureaucratic quicksand. The Foundation launched a two-year program to ensure that labor migrants understand their legal rights in various situations and countries. The program is based on a successful Eurasia Foundation pilot project assisting migrant workers in Sverdlovsk, Russia. [More](#)

Central Asian Applied Research Network: Building Professional Skills

Regional — Building an applied research network was the focus of a recent high-level meeting in Bishkek organized by the OSCE and the Eurasia Foundation. Representatives of Central Asian universities, research institutions, governments, the private sector and donor groups met to discuss the status of applied research in the region and to increase cooperation. For more information, please contact [Natalie Martirosian](#), regional communications coordinator.

South Caucasus

Cooperation, Dispute Resolution and Anti-Corruption

Armenia — The Eurasia Foundation is supporting inter-municipal cooperation, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and anti-corruption programs in Armenia. By creating networks between municipalities, community members have more opportunity to identify and solve local problems. Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, already widely available in some countries, provide businesses with a range of non-court arbitration services. With Eurasia Foundation support, local NGO Hakastyer recently organized a roundtable, "Fight Against Corruption," in order to highlight major problems and provide practical solutions. The event received extensive coverage in the local media. [More](#)

Azerbaijani Citizens Prepare for November 2005 Parliamentary Elections

Azerbaijan — In the run-up to the November 6 parliamentary elections, the Eurasia Foundation's Baku office is supporting projects that promote increased civic engagement in the elections. Under USAID and Norwegian sponsorship, the Baku office is assisting six locally-registered organizations in their efforts to implement public awareness activities, independent radio debates, monitoring of candidate access to the media and public opinion surveys. All local partners were selected through a competitive open-door process and were recommended for funding by the Foundation's independent, local advisory board. Please contact [Marquerite Baker](#), associate country director in Baku, for more information.

Georgia in Motion

Georgia — Eurasia Foundation grantees are making a difference across the country. The Economic Policy Research Center Association is assessing Georgia's state revenues and reporting any budgetary misappropriations. The Tanadgoma Library-Cultural Center for the Disabled is creating a well-equipped training and resource center for disabled children, their parents and educational professionals. The Society of Georgian Psychiatrists is evaluating all available resources within the national network of psychiatric treatment. The Ozurgeti Young Scientists Club is supporting civil society in Georgia's Ajarian Autonomous Republic by establishing links to experienced NGOs in the neighboring region of Ozurgeti. [More](#)



Eurasia Foundation Regional Vice President Andrea Harris (left), and U.S. Ambassador to Georgia John Tefft, discuss [Art Caucasus 2005](#), which received support from the Eurasia Foundation's SCCP.

SCCP: For the Love of Art

Regional — The South Caucasus Cooperation Program ([SCCP](#)) is promoting regional interactivity around a colorful project. Through Art Caucasus 2005, a gala exhibition featuring over 600 artists from 10 countries, SCCP is helping participants forge multi-dimensional, professional and informal networks across all borders. U.S. Ambassador to Georgia John Tefft helped open the event.

CRRC Creates Largest Database of Regional Statistics

Regional — The Caucasus Research Resource Centers' ([CRRC](#)) Data Initiative Survey has obtained reliable, comparable data on household economic and social behavior across the South Caucasus. CRRC staff, located in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, began the coordinated survey in the fall of 2003. The database will be available to researchers in November 2005. CRRC also engages in training, policy roundtables, lectures, seminars and workshops. The project is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and managed by the Eurasia Foundation. Please contact [Michael Choe](#), regional communications coordinator, for more information.

Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova

EERC Trustee is the New Prime Minister of Ukraine

Ukraine — The new prime minister of Ukraine, Yuriy Yekhanurov, is a current board member of the Economics Education and Research Consortium, a group of distinguished international donor organizations that joined forces to modernize economics education and research in the former Soviet Union. The Eurasia Foundation was a founding member of the consortium in 1995. [More](#)

Board of Trustees Meet in Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine — On October 1, the Eurasia Foundation [Board of Trustees](#) met in Kyiv, Ukraine. Board members used the opportunity to hold high-level meetings in the region. The board met with Ukraine's First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko and Foreign Minister Borys Tarasiuk. Two trustees traveled on to Chisinau, Moldova, where they met with the vice speaker of the parliament, Lurie Rosca, and were received by U.S. Ambassador Heather Hodges, who applauded the critical contribution the Foundation has made in supporting civil society. The Hon. William Frenzel, vice chair of the board, and Regina Yan, Eurasia Foundation vice president, visited Minsk, Belarus, where the operating environment for NGOs has become increasingly difficult. "As one of the few international technical assistance organizations left working in the country, the Eurasia Foundation needs to seize every opportunity to continue to engage the people in the development of their society," says Yan.



Energetic discussions at the board meeting in Kyiv. (Above, clockwise): Regional Director Eric Boyle, Regional VP Olexiy Haran and Eurasia Foundation Trustee George Helland.



First Lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko at the GEG Conference.

First Lady of Ukraine Speaks at GEG Conference

Ukraine — First Lady of Ukraine Ekaterina Yushchenko, head of the supervisory council of the Ukraine 3000 Charitable Foundation, spoke at the 10th annual conference of the Grantmakers East Group (GEG), which received support from a number of organizations, including the Ukraine 3000 International Fund, The C.S. Mott Foundation, the Eurasia Foundation, and others. [More](#)

National Discussion on Territorial Reform Initiated

Ukraine — The Eurasia Foundation recently sparked a national discussion on administrative reforms in Ukraine through the Kyiv regional office's *Vox Populi* initiative. The program seeks to introduce innovative ways to incorporate input from citizens and independent experts into the process of administrative reforms in Ukraine. USAID and the C.S. Mott Foundation are funding the initiative. For more information, please contact [Eric Boyle](#), regional director for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

Russia The New Eurasia Foundation

New Eurasia Foundation President Kortunov Participates in Washington Expert Panel on Russia

Andrei Kortunov, president of the New Eurasia Foundation, was a recent panelist at an international conference in Washington, DC. The event, hosted by the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, explored Russia's current political and economic situation and outlook for the 2008 presidential elections. Participants included Tom Graham of the National Security Council, Poul Thomsen of the International Monetary Fund and Mikhail Zadornov of Vneshtorgbank, Russia's foreign trade bank. [More](#)

First Affiliate Office in Vladivostok

The first regional affiliate office of the New Eurasia Foundation began its operations in Vladivostok on October 1, 2005. The office will conduct its activities within the general program strategy of the New Eurasia Foundation. Formerly a branch office of the Eurasia Foundation and now a Russian institution, the Vladivostok office will assist Russia's development in the Far East over the long term. Please contact [Irina Lindberg](#), director of the Far East office, for more information.

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Viatcheslav Shirokov, director of the Model United Nations in the Russian Far East, a grantee of the Eurasia Foundation's Vladivostok office, met with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in Moscow.

