

# Eurasia Foundation E-Bulletin



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1. The New Eurasia Foundation was officially registered in Moscow on June 23, 2004, soon after the April 21<sup>st</sup> founding ceremony in Tarrytown, New York. Not only will the creation of the new foundation allow the Eurasia Foundation to expand its grant-making capabilities but it will also establish a unique American-European-Russian public-private partnership that will strengthen Russian relations on an international level.

[www.eurasia.org/news/Moscow\\_NEF\\_7.6.04.htm](http://www.eurasia.org/news/Moscow_NEF_7.6.04.htm)

2. From a speech given by Charles Williams Maynes, Eurasia Foundation president, addressing attendees of the OSCE conference in Prague on June 1: "The next phase of change in Eurasia is no longer going to be revolutionary. Throughout Eurasia, the trend politically and economically is toward consolidation and control. A campaign for constructive change, if it is to succeed, therefore must reflect the concerns of a domestic constituency."

[www.eurasia.org/president\\_speech\\_osce.html](http://www.eurasia.org/president_speech_osce.html)

3. The Vladivostok office of the Eurasia Foundation has awarded grants to two organizations in the Russian Far East for projects that will contribute to the economic and civil society development of the region. The grants, totaling \$54,579, were selected through the Foundation's "open-door" grant-making procedure, which involves ongoing review of unsolicited proposals, and recommended for funding by an independent advisory board of regional experts on June 28th, 2004.

[www.eurasia.org/news/Grants\\_RFE\\_7.5.04.htm](http://www.eurasia.org/news/Grants_RFE_7.5.04.htm)

4. The Azerbaijan Office of the Eurasia Foundation has recently awarded over \$90,000 for four new grants to local organizations in Azerbaijan. All grant awards have received prior approval from the Eurasia Foundation's independent advisory board in Baku. The awards reflect the Foundation's contribution to the development of civil society and private enterprise development in Azerbaijan.

[www.eurasia.org/news/Grants\\_Azerbaijan\\_7.2.04.htm](http://www.eurasia.org/news/Grants_Azerbaijan_7.2.04.htm)

5. In an article published on the Eurasianet Web site, Jeff Erlich, Tashkent Regional Office Director, writes: "With the stated intention of combating money laundering by local NGOs, the government of Uzbekistan is hobbling dozens of efforts by international organizations and foreign governments to stimulate civil society in the country. New regulations are making it difficult for foreign donors to assist small businesses, libraries, women's groups and other non-state entities in Uzbekistan."

[www.eurasianet.org/departments/insight/articles/eav061004.shtml](http://www.eurasianet.org/departments/insight/articles/eav061004.shtml)

6. As reported in the Moscow Times: "The government has sent legislation to the State Duma that would make it harder for foreign and Russian donors to assist nongovernmental organizations here, part of an ongoing Kremlin effort to tighten control over civil society. The changes are included in a package of amendments to the Tax Code that was submitted to the Duma on June 1 and is to be considered in a first reading next month."

[www.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2004/07/22/002.html](http://www.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2004/07/22/002.html)

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