

Eurasia Foundation E-Bulletin



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1. *In the face of the terrible events of the past month in Russia and this summer in Uzbekistan, we at the Eurasia Foundation express our solidarity with those affected by these tragedies. I visited the Russian Embassy following the crisis at Beslan to offer condolences to the Ambassador and his staff on behalf of the Eurasia Foundation, our trustees and staff. The moment is terrible and there is little that one can say except that just as I was heartened when I was in Moscow after September 11, 2001, to see the flowers banked around the American Embassy there, so it gave me solace to see the Russian Embassy in Washington banked with flowers donated by ordinary Americans here.*

-Charles William Maynes, Eurasia Foundation President

2. The Board of Trustees of the Eurasia Foundation wishes to express gratitude for the life, work and accomplishments of Susan Bennett King, who served as one of EF's original trustees during its formative period in the early 1990s. Susan played a central role in the selection of EF's presidents and trustees, the development of its mandate and the adoption of its operating procedures. She was excited by the experiment that EF represented and drew on her rich experience in the corporate, government and non-profit world. Few trustees brought such a rich mixture of experience and common sense. It is fair to say that without Susan King, EF's chances of surviving in its early days would have been far fewer.

With her passing in July, the trustees wish to express the honor they felt in serving with her. It is with great pride that they call to the attention of others the vital contribution she made to the process of positive change in the lives of ordinary people in the former communist world. We will miss her as a friend and colleague.

3. The Eurasia Foundation's 2003 Annual Report is now available! View the entire report in PDF format on our Web site. To request a printed version, send an e-mail to akuhns@eurasia.org.

www.eurasia.org/AR/AR%20index.html

4. The Eurasia Foundation's Tashkent Regional Office (TRO) has signed an agreement with the Alliance for Open Society Initiatives (AOSI) to take over OSI-Uzbekistan's sub-grant in the Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDRP) program. DDRP is a five-year cooperative agreement between USAID and AOSI to increase utilization by select populations of quality drug demand reduction services, social support services, and other healthy alternatives to heroin/opiate use in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

www.eurasia.org/news/Uzbekistan_DDRP_9.10.04.htm

5. The Eurasia Foundation (EF), Russian Far East Office in Vladivostok, has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for the project "The Preservation of Intellectual Resources and the More Effective Usage of Labor Resources in the Russian Far East" for a period of 18 months. To date, it constitutes the largest non-USG contribution EF has received in the Russian Far East (RFE).

www.eurasia.org/news/RFE_FordGrant_9.15.04.htm

6. SUAL Group, one of the world's top ten aluminum producers and the Eurasia Foundation (EF) have entered Phase 2 of a two-stage initiative to promote the growth of small and medium enterprise (SME) employment opportunities in Russia's Sverdlovsk Region, which is home to seven of SUAL's 19 plants.

www.eurasia.msk.ru/english/news/20040729.html

7. The Eurasia Foundation and Izmirlian Foundation announce the establishment of the Izmirlian – Eurasia Universal Credit Company LLC. On July 22, 2004 the Central Bank of Armenia issued a credit organization license to the company that will provide financing to small businesses in Armenia.

www.eurasia.org/news/Armenia_SBLP_9.21.04.htm

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