

# FULBRIGHT FORUM

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## THE TIME OF COOPERATION



*Dear Fulbright Alumni:*

*It gives me great pleasure to participate in the first issue of your Association's new newsletter. For me, this newsletter and the re-establishment of your Association are further signs that relations between our two countries are once again heading in the right direction and are becoming what they were for so many years. The difficult recent past that we all experienced is now behind us.*

*When I assumed my current duties in Belgrade in late 2000, one of my first personal commitments was to build, or re-build, on the bridges that existed between our countries and our peoples for so many decades. The Fulbright program, which began in the SFRY in 1964, is one of the strongest bridges.*

*The contacts and relations that you made during the time that you spent in the United States for your Fulbright Grants, and that I hope you have continued, can greatly contribute to our bilateral relations.*

*As I have said many times, the work that government officials or diplomats do on a daily basis – whether in Belgrade or Washington, D.C., may get the immediate headlines or attention, but it is the professional and personal links that individuals such as yourselves establish and maintain, that will improve and deepen our mutual understanding and friendship.*

*I am also very pleased that the Association has established branches for the Fulbright alumni in Montenegro as well as for those who have participated in the Ron Brown and Humphrey Fellowship programs.*

*Your professional and academic achievements are the ones that led you to become a Fulbright or Ron Brown or Humphrey participant in the first place. This Association, your association, is one more facet of that achievement – and one that you should be proud of and participate in. I give you my personal commitment that the U.S. Embassy here in Belgrade and the Fulbright Alumni in office in Washington, where you are already registered and listed as a member, will assist the association in many of its programs and activities.*

*Once again, my heartiest congratulations on its establishment. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.*

William D. Montgomery  
Ambassador of the United States of America

## THE TRADITION AND VISION

Only a politician with a vision, like the late Senator J. William Fulbright, could have initiated such a broad and all-encompassing educational exchange program as the world-wide respected *Fulbright Program*. It was inaugurated immediately after the end of World War II with the underlying idea to promote and improve better understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and other countries. In more than fifty years, Fulbright grants were issued to 250,000 scholars from 140 countries, making the Program itself one of the most significant educational and cultural movements of the contemporary world.

The Fulbright Program came to our parts of the world on November 9, 1964, when the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the United States of America signed the Agreement on financing the educational exchange program. Until the dissolution of Yugoslavia, several thousands awards were issued under this Agreement to scholars, researchers, artists, university professors and students who facilitated the establishment of academic ties and links between Yugoslav and American universities and contributed to the improvement of the traditionally good relationships between the two countries.

In the early 1990s the Program was temporarily suspended in order to be renewed after the democratic changes in our country had taken place. In extremely difficult conditions of 1992, the Fulbright Alumni Association was instituted as an independent entity. By universal vote, its first Chairman became Dr. Vojin Šulović, a distinguished scholar and humanitarian, professor of Belgrade University School of Medicine and member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The Fulbright Commission Program Officers Ksenija Todorović and Bojan Drmčić were instrumental in maintaining the activities of the Association, which was under a strong repression from the current authoritarian regime.

Today, we are reviving the Association in much more conducive and easier conditions. In harmony with the traditions of our mutual great scholars, Tesla and Pupin, we believe in the sharing of knowledge. We should learn from one another, and from our common experiences that have had magnificent ascents, but also traumatic falls.

The Fulbright Alumni Association will endeavor to improve the conditions of academic exchange between the U.S.A. and Serbia and Montenegro, and assemble as many of former grantees as possible. However, we believe that our most important task is to work toward the renewal of the bilateral inter-governmental agreement on educational exchange between the two countries.

The Association now incorporates Ron Brown alumni as well, and the next step



would be its expansion toward the Hubert Humphrey alumni.

The planned activities of the Association are many and varied, but at this moment I would like to alert all of our present and future members to our first topic scheduled for mid-June: *The University in Transition (A Comparison of American and European Observations)*. This would also be an opportunity to invite all Fulbright alumni to send in their ideas and initiatives concerning the activities of the Association.

In renewing the work of the Association, we are also reactivating its bulletin. The reason for changing the former name – *Fulbright Alumni Window* – to *Fulbright Forum* is obvious. The former was suitable for a country under internal and external constrictions. The latter is an expression of our assurance that instead of a glance through the window, we are now prepared to go out to the *forum* where all nations, under equal partnership conditions, exchange ideas and strive to make the world a prosperous and better place to live in.

Prof. Vukašin Pavlović, Chairman of the Fulbright Alumni Association of Serbia & Montenegro

## ON JANUARY 25, 2003 THE FULBRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HELD ITS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Introductory speech: *Professor Vojin Šulović, one of the first Yugoslav Fulbright grantees and the first Chairman of the Fulbright Alumni Association Board of Directors*

### A BRIDGE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

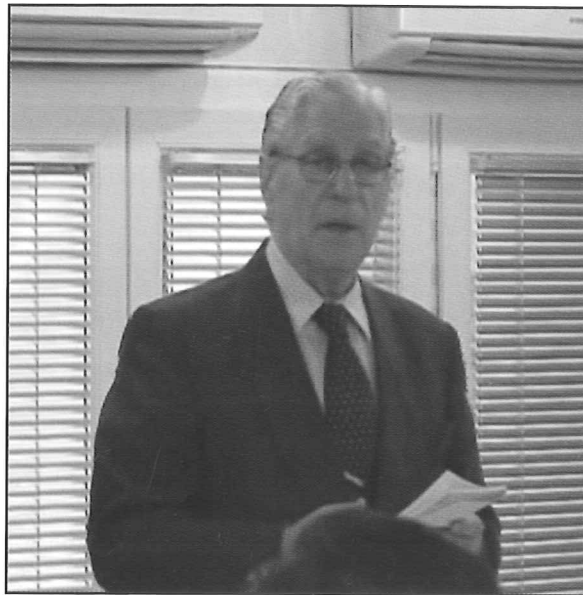
The Yugoslav Fulbright Commission was instituted by the Agreement signed by the Governments of the United States of America and Yugoslavia in 1964. The first group of Yugoslav grantees left for the States in 1965. There were 16 full grants for Yugoslav citizens then and I was honored to be one of the recipients.

One of the significant moments for the Commission, and our Association as well, was the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Program in Yugoslavia. The festivities began with a special meeting at Belgrade University. The Commission received then a decoration from the Government of Yugoslavia, noteworthy messages from President George W. Bush and William J. Fulbright and a charter from the Association of Yugoslav Universities. All of these commemorative items are now kept in the state archives, together with all other documentation on the Program and its grantees.

On September 30, 1989 the Commission organized the Fulbright Alumni Association. When, unfortunately, the Program was dissolved by the United States in late May 1992, the Association felt it should maintain an independent activity. This was soon made possible when the Association was constituted as a separate entity on November 9 of the same year. A nine-member Board of Directors was elected and the see moved from Terazije to Palmotićeve Street.

Soon after the inauguration we issued our first bulletin *Window*, containing the Statute of the Association and a report on former work and future projects.

The immediate goal of the Association after the official communications had been severed was to build a bridge in difficult times, to help overcome the differences we felt able to assist in resolving. We were critical enough to understand our limits, but we had the ability, knowledge, desire and expertise to try, as



proved by the fact that the activities of the Association had never been as copious as in the period between 1992 and 1996.

I would like to draw your attention to a rather grim moment in our work. At the beginning of 1996 the premises we used in Palmotićeve Street were taken away from us and

the planned activities discontinued. There have been several attempts to revive the Association, but they all failed until now. This meeting is the result of remarkable efforts of a number of our colleagues.

I believe that it is my right and obligation to make some proposals to the new Board of Directors:

1. Members of the Fulbright Alumni Association should prepare a survey of their work in the United States during the term of their grants. Many of them were members of research teams, many have published the results of such investigations.

2. It should also be important to ascertain how many of our scholars have maintained cooperation with their American counterparts. I know that many Fulbrighters from medical sciences were leaders/directors of important joint projects.

3. Also, The Board should find out how many Fulbright scholars have been recognized by, or become members of, scholarly and professional institutions and organizations, on both sides.

I propose this in order to keep from oblivion great intellectual achievements and efforts. We will be able

to prove to those who had not been convivial to the Fulbright Program what we were able to accomplish in a certain period of time. My experience in the field of medicine tells me that effects are significant. However, this has to be documented, with a little help of good will and diligence.

### NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Vukašin Pavlović** (1943). Full professor of Political Sociology at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade. Professor of Social Ecology at the Faculty of Biology and Teacher's College in Belgrade. Visiting Professor at the University of Westminster, London. Twice in office of the Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences. Founder and Director of Eco Center, one of the first ecological non-governmental organizations in Serbia. One of the founders and co-Director of the International School of Democracy that has served the needs of young social science scholars of the region for the last five years. Took part in the establishment of the Alternative Academic Network. Chairman of the FAA Board of Directors.

**Sonja Đekić** (1947). BAs in Comparative Literature and English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade. Lecturer in Serbo-Croat and Yugoslav Literatures at the University of California, Santa Barbara and UCLA. Director of private Belgrade School of English and instructor for EFL and SFL teachers. PR in the information systems company – Informatika. Translator, court interpreter and author of specialized textbooks and language laboratory materials for students of Serbian as a foreign language (SFL) in the American Embassy in Belgrade. Member of the Association of Professional Translators of Serbia and Vice-Chairman of the FAA Board of Directors.

**Marija Bogdanović** (1940). Since 1992 full professors At the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade. Lecturer at the Faculty of Philosophy in Nikšić, University of Montenegro. Fulbright Professor at George Washington University, University of Connecticut, The Central Connecticut State University, University of Washington. Rector of Belgrade University since 2000.

**Vladimir Kostić** (1953). Full professor and Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Belgrade. Fulbright visiting professor in 1989-90 at the Institute of Neurol-

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## RECEPTION AT THE AMBASSADOR OF USA

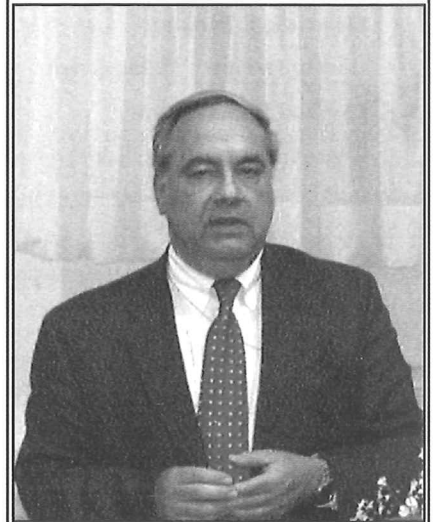
On Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003 the Ambassador of the United States of America, William D. Montgomery, has organized a reception at his residence, in honor of Fulbright Alumni Association. His Excellency Mr. Montgomery and the President of the Fulbright Alumni Association Mr. Pavlovic greeted more than 50 Fulbright and Ron Brown Alumni and expressed their expectations of the successful work of the Association.

In his speech Mr. Vukasin Pavlovic particularly emphasized the following: Nowadays we revive the work of the Association under much better circumstances and more favorable conditions. Following the path of our great scientists Nikola Tesla and Mihailo Pupin who both belong to the heritage of our two nations we are convinced that there are many things that we can learn from each other.



## PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING

On Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 the Public Affairs Officer of the Embassy of the United States of America Mr. Allen L. Docal and his wife Mrs. Mihaela Docal held a Pre-departure Briefing followed by reception in honour of Fulbright/Hubert Humphrey, Ron Brown Fellows at their residence in Belgrade.



Mr. Docal welcomed the guests, American Fullbrighters to Yugoslavia, and Yugoslave fellows of all three programs on behalf of the Embassy, and wished them a successful and pleasant stay in the US. Mrs. Sonja Djekic greeted the participants on behalf of the Fulbright Alumni Association of SCG and encouraged them to join the Association. The Association comprises Fulbright, Hubert Humphrey and Ron Brown Fellows of SCG and was revitalized on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The cosy, warm, yet enthusiastically geared atmosphere bore a promising seed for the Programs in the future.

## GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2003/2004

### FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLARS FROM SERBIA

1. Ms. Ana-Zorana BRAJOVIC
2. Dr. Pavle PETROVIC
3. Dr. Slavik JABLAN

### FULBRIGHT AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE

1. Mr. Djordje PAVICEVIC

2. Mr. Dragan SIMIC
3. Ms. Dragana GOVEDARICA

### HUBERT HUMPHREY

1. Ms. Ana DJORDJEVIC
2. Ms. Zaklina GLIGORIJEVIC
3. Ms. Katarina ILIC
4. Ms. Lidija KUJUNDZIC
5. Ms. Zorana MARKOVIC
6. Ms. Miroslava SEKARIC

### RON BROWN

1. Dejan VURUNA
2. Srdjan VIDOVIC
3. Zoran SKOPLJAK
4. Milovan BATAK
5. Tatjana JAKOBI
6. Isidora NIKOLIC SAVIN
7. Bojan BRAJOVIC



## THE U.S. EMBASSY – BELGRADE ANNOUNCES THE COMPETITION FOR 2004-2005 HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP FOR CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

The Office of Public Affairs of the Embassy of the United States of America in Belgrade announces the competition for 2004-2005 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship for Serbia.

The Humphrey Program brings accomplished mid-level professionals to the U.S. for a one-year **non-degree program** of academic and professional work.

The Humphrey Fellowship is granted competitively to public and private sector candidates with a commitment to public service. We are looking for appropriate candidates in the following fields:

- **Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration**
- **Economic Development**
- **Finance and Banking**
- **Human Resource Management**
- **Law and Human Rights**
- **Educational Planning, Education Administration, Curriculum Development (university administrators)**
- **Public Health Policy and Management**

In addition, we are looking for nominations in the fields of **Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Research** funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Appropriate candidates – including researchers, treatment providers, prevention specialists, and governmental or non-governmental organization program planners – should hold a mid-level position in a university; drug abuse treatment or prevention program; education, social welfare, or community-based organization; government ministry; health care profession; or other drug abuse-related occupation. Candidates for the NIDA-sponsored Humphrey Fellowships must have research experience and should hold a **doctoral degree** in public health; biomedical, behavioral, or social science; or medicine. Law enforcement candidates should have demand reduction and not interdiction credentials.

### *Eligibility requirements:*

Appropriate candidates are **mid-career** professionals in leadership positions who have the required experience, skills and commitment to public service and potential for advancement in their professions;

Applicants must have a minimum of **five years** of professional experience prior to August 2004 and should be policy rather than research or technically oriented;

Applicants must have at least a **university degree**;

Applicants must be **proficient in both written and spoken English** with a minimum TOEFL test score of 525 paper-based, or 195 computer-based.

Please note that **ineligible candidates** include recent university undergraduates, university teachers with no management responsibilities, individuals who have attended a graduate school in the U.S. for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2004, and individuals with other recent U.S. experience (more than six months during the five years prior to August 2004). Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status may not apply to the program.

**Dependents:** Please note that the Humphrey Fellowship stipend is not sufficient to support anyone but the grantee and that the **award does not include additional allowances for dependents**. Candidates who are planning to have dependents join them in the U.S. following arrival in the U.S. should bear in mind the high cost of living in the U.S. and must show proof of adequate personal funds to cover living expenses and dependents' health insurance.

### *How to apply:*

Guidelines for Applicants and Hubert H. Humphrey application forms are available from the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Office, or the U.S. Embassy web site: <http://belgrade.usembassy.gov>

**Completed applications (original and two copies – typed or computer-generated)**, including two **letters of recommendations**, and **official English translations** of certified documents (official transcripts and diplomas) are due in the Public Affairs Office not later than **August 1, 2003**.

The **interviewing** of candidates will take place in **early September**, after which time the most successful ones will be registered for the TOEFL test. The final selection and placement will be made in mid-March of 2004, in Washington.

For additional information and applications please contact the Office of Public Affairs, Embassy of the United States, Kneza Milosa 50, Belgrade; tel: 361-9344 ext. 305; or through e-mail address: [dstojanovic@pd.state.gov](mailto:dstojanovic@pd.state.gov)

# FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM 2004-05 ALUMNI INITIATIVES AWARDS PROGRAM

## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Overview*

The Department of State, as the sponsor of the Fulbright Senior Scholar Program, in tandem with the Institute of International Education (IIE) and its affiliate, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), administrative partners for the Senior Scholar Program, have established a program of small institutional grants known as the Alumni Initiatives Awards. Now in its third year, the program provides Fulbright Senior Scholar Alumni, both Americans and Visiting Scholars, the opportunity to develop and sustain ongoing contacts and partnerships initiated as a result of their Fulbright experiences abroad.

### *Program Description*

The objective of the AIA program is to help translate the individual Fulbright experience into long-term institutional impact. To this end, the program provides small institutional grants to Fulbright alumni to develop innovative projects that will foster institutionally supported linkages and sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships between the Fulbright scholar's home and host institutions.

The AIA competition is open to proposals submitted jointly by U.S. or Visiting Scholar Fulbright alumni and their host institution partners. Although either a U.S. or Visiting Scholar alum may initiate the application process, all awards will be administered through the US institution.

- **Awards.** AIA awards are institutional grants and are administered through the U.S. partner institution. It is anticipated that up to 30 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 will be made, depending on availability of funding. The award duration is up to two years.

- **Projects.** Proposals should focus on one main activity that fulfills the objectives of the AIA program. Examples include, but are not limited to: Development of joint curriculum, joint distance-learning courses, or joint academic programs; summer seminars or institutes for students, faculty, or administrators; faculty/administrator development, student/faculty/administrative exchanges, etc. Proposals must demonstrate evidence of commitment on the part of both home and host institutions to supporting the proposed project and the institutional linkage after the initial AIA funding period has ended. The sustainability of the proposed activity and its demonstrated ability to develop cooperation and institutional capacity at both the home and host institutions in the long term will be the principal criteria for selection.

- **Eligibility.** Applicants must be alumni of the Fulbright Scholar Program for Faculty and Professionals administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). Applicants must have received their awards within the last three years, i.e. 2000/01, 2001/02, or 2002/03.

- **Deadline.** The next AIA competition will be announced in Spring/Summer 2003. Complete program details and application information will be available on the CIES web site ([www.cies.org/aia](http://www.cies.org/aia)).

- The anticipated deadline is February 2004.

Specific questions may also be directed to:

**Dr. Micaela S. Iovine, Senior Program Officer**  
Council for International Exchange of Scholars  
3007 Tilden St., NW, Suite 5L  
Washington, DC 20008-3009  
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## DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION VISITED THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON

In the beginning of May 2003, prof. Dr. Dejan Eric, Deputy President of the Fulbright Association of Serbia and Montenegro Management Board, visited the Fulbright Association in Washington D.C. During the visit Mr. Eric had an honour and pleasure to meet with Mrs. Jane L. Anderson – Executive Director of the Association, Mrs. Lisa Chapin – Director of Member and Chapter Services and Mr. Marshall Ellis – Membership Coordinator. Dr Eric informed his hosts about the continuation of the activities of our Association, after seven years of inactivity, as well as about the newly launched bulletin of the Association – *Fulbright*



*Forum.* Mr. Eric also expressed the openness and willingness of our Association for different forms of cooperation with both the Fulbright Association and other Fulbright Alumni Organizations from all over the world. On their behalf, the representatives of the Fulbright Association wished us every success in our endeavors and promised that our Association will be regularly and timely informed about all important events and activities related to the Fulbright Programs.

You can find detailed information about the Fulbright Association at the address [www.fulbright.org](http://www.fulbright.org) or you can write an e-mail to [marshall.ellis@fulbright.org](mailto:marshall.ellis@fulbright.org).

## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR DEMOCRACY

### *School Organisers*

Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade  
Centre for the Study of Democracy,  
University of Westminster  
Anglo-Yugoslav Society, Belgrade  
and Association of Fulbright Alumni  
of Serbia and Montenegro, Belgrade

Co Directors of the School are: Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Prof. Margaret Blunden, Provost of the University of Westminster.

The School has a Council composed of two co-directors and additional five members: Prof. Vojislav Stanovcic, Correspondent member of the Serbian Academy, Dr. Richard Whitman, Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, Slobodan Markovich, Executive Director of the Summer School, Prof. Robert Hayden of University of Pittsburg, and Lecturer Ivan Vejvoda.

### *The Background of the Idea*

The School is organised by the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Belgrade and the University of Westminster, in collaboration with the Anglo-Yugoslav Society. This is an annual summer school that has been organised since 1998. The group of professors from the Faculty of Political Science (FPS), University of Belgrade led by Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic, and The Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster, London (CSD), led by Prof. John Keane, have established International Summer School for Democracy, which is going to be organised every year. It was originally named Yugoslav-British Summer School for Democracy but was later renamed to International Summer School for Democracy.

### *Objectives and Rationale*

General objectives of the School are to disseminate democratic theory among young political leaders, junior scholars and NGO activists in the region of SEE and thus to facilitate consolidation of democracies in the region.

The School was initiated during the authoritarian rule of Slobodan Milosevic endeavouring to foster regional co-operation and keep Yugoslav political and NGO activists and young scholars open to

experiences and practices of Euro-Atlantic community. It was established in the time when Serbia faced xenophobia and ethnic hatred and this was an effort to overcome that kind of situation. In the meantime the School has been developed into an active promoter of democratic values and tolerance in the region of SEE.

### *Time, Place and Topics*

The School lasts two weeks. It begins on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and lasts till 5<sup>th</sup> July 2003. The School will take place in the coastal town of Petrovac in Montenegro, in hotel Palas (<http://www.hotels-montenegro.com/hoteli/HotelPalas/kontakt.html>).

The first week will be dedicated to *Globalisation and Democracy* and the second week will be dedicated to *Democracy and Security*.

Special attention will be given to both regional and European security as well as to regional efforts to establish security architecture of the Balkans and to become part of Euro-Atlantic integrations.

There will be four lectures each morning (lasting an hour each), and two lectures, debates or workshop each afternoon (lasting 45 minutes).

### *Selection of Participants and Application Procedure:*

The main target group of participants are junior faculty, young political and NGO activists. There are usually 30 participants altogether. Fifteen participants are selected from Serbia and Montenegro and the equal number from the region of South - Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina /Republic of Srpska and the Federation/, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Hellenic Republic, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia). Participants should have minimal BA degree and preferably MA degree in some of social sciences or humanities.

All transportation and accommodation costs for selected participants are covered by the School through donations.

As course lecturers (resource persons) are engaged professors and associates from the Centre for the Study of Democracy and form the University of Belgrade, as well as professors from Germany, USA and from Canada.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ISSD:

[www.ays.org.yu](http://www.ays.org.yu)

Prof. Ksenija Todorović:

Report on the activities of the Association, 1992-1996

## IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE EXISTED

At its constitutive assembly, held on November 9, 1992, the Fulbright Alumni Association adopted the Statute of the organization and marked the moment when it began its independent life, separate from the previously existing Fulbright Commission which was dissolved by the international sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia. The date of the constitutive assembly was deliberately chosen as the date when the original Fulbright Agreement was signed in Belgrade in 1964.

Article 3 of the Statute earmarked the following goals of the Association:

- to foster the tradition of the Fulbright program in Yugoslavia and engage in its revitalization;

- to enchain and develop cooperation between the Association and other Fulbright Alumni Associations and individual alumni through ought the world;

- to enchain and develop mutual and international cooperation between the Association and universities, institutes, and other scholarly and academic establishments;

- to enable the enhancement of Yugoslav Studies at U.S. Universities;

- to be a clearing house for all kinds of information concerning possibilities for educational, scientific and cultural exchanges and cooperation, especially with the United States of America;

- to strengthen communication and contacts among its members.

The Association relinquished none of its goals, but was not able to achieve all of them. The overall international situation was such that even individuals, not to mention institutions, refused to participate in certain programs and projects.

Article 4 of the Statute recommended that the following methods be applied in implementation:

- by establishing contacts with other Fulbright Alumni Associations and Fulbright Commissions in the world;

- by establishing contacts between the relevant Yugoslav and international educational and scientific institutions and scholarly projects;

- by initiating and organizing scholarly, thematic gatherings, seminars, conferences and scholarly projects;

- by seeking funding for the finest individuals and projects;

- by cooperating with other Associations and international organizations;

- by enhancing the work of international offices at Yugoslav schools and universities;

- through the Associations periodic publications.

The ways listed above indicate that none of us in 1992 knew what courses the future domestic and international developments will take.

The first significant event was held in July of 1993, organized with our arts alumni, an exhibition of paintings in a private art gallery, accompanied with several literary evenings and gatherings. The catalog printed afterwards was funded by donations from the American Embassy in Belgrade and the Saatchi&Saatchi company. It contains reproduction of all of the exhibits and literary contributions of the Fulbright alumni writers, poets and critics.

In October the FAA organized a conference on *Symmetry in Culture and Science*, with an accompanying exhibition of relevant paintings. All reports submitted at the conference were published thanks to a financial contribution received from the Serbian Ministry of Science and Technology.

A meeting with the alumni from Vojvodina was held in Novi Sad in December 1993.



It was then agreed that the Association should endeavor to improve the studies of the Serbian language and Yugoslav literatures in the United States by preparing a special textbook, compiled by the former Fulbright lecturers in that area, giving grants to American scholars and students and by organizing summer school(s) with an interdisciplinary program. The funds and the program were secured and prepared, the activity widely publicized, but, unfortunately, no response from the American side was received, neither private or individual, nor institutional.

Two other meetings were organized in Belgrade. One at the Law School on *Education as a Development Factor*, and the other at the Center for International Politics and Economics on the *Effects and Causes of Uneven Urbanization*. Both gatherings were well attended and the proceedings subsequently published.

The last important event was held in the National Museum in Belgrade, on November 9, 1995, on the occasion of an exhibition of prints by our alumni member, Branko Pavić.

Afterwards, the conditions changed dramatically and the activities of the Association were suspended. However, the existence of the Association was of crucial importance, not only in the period when it was active but also today, because we have something to revive.

ogy, Columbia University, New York and again at the same institution as visiting research scholar in 1995-96. Member of WFN, the Royal Medical Society (Great Britain), corresponding member of the American Academy for Neurology and the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

**Aleksandar Jerkov** (1960). Associate professor of Serbian 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature, Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade. Presently Vice-Dean for international exchange of the same Faculty. He also has been editor-in-chief of many magazines and publishing houses. Fulbright lecturer in Serbo-Croat Language and Literature at the University of Michigan. Post-doctoral studies at the University of Dartmouth.

**Đorđe Paunović** (1938). Full professor and Head of Department for Telecommunication at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade. Has been Dean of the same Faculty and Vice-Rector of Belgrade University. Fulbright graduate student at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, New York.

**Dejan Erić** (1962). Associate professor of Strategic Management at the Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade. Members of the Economic Scholarly Society of Yugoslavia. Fulbright research grant at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, 2002.

**Jovan Jovanović** (1970). Project manager/director of Serbia Web/Free Serbia, Belgrade. Ron Brown graduate studies grant for Public and International Affairs, at the University of Pittsburgh, 1998-99.

### Secretary of the Fulbright Alumni Association

Ivana Stanković (1978). BA from Law School, University of Belgrade. Former student of Belgrade Open School and recipient of a number of academic recognitions.

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J. William Fulbright

## AN INITIATOR OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

J. William Fulbright was born on April 9, 1905 in Sumner, Missouri. He was educated at the University of Arkansas where he was awarded the B.A. degree in Political Science in 1925. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he received an M.A. degree.

When Fulbright returned to the United States, he studied law at George Washington University in Washington, DC. During the 1930's, he served in the Justice Department and was an instructor at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas where he was a lecturer in law and, from 1939 to 1941, president of the University of Arkansas, at the time the youngest university president in the country.

He entered politics in 1942 and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, entering Congress in January 1943 and becoming a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. In September of that year the House adopted the Fulbright Resolution supporting an international peace-keeping machinery encouraging United States participation in what became the United Nations, and this brought national attention to Fulbright.

In November 1944 he was elected to the U.S. Senate and served there from 1945 through 1974 becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation establishing the Fulbright Program slipped through the Senate without debate in 1946. Its first participants went overseas in 1948, funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the United States. This program has had extraordinary impact around the world. There have been more than 250,000 Fulbright grantees and many of them have made significant contributions within their countries as well as to the overall goal of advancing mutual understanding.

In 1949 Fulbright became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From 1959-1974 he served as chairman, the longest serving chairman of that committee in history. His Senate career was marked by some notable cases of dissent. In 1954 he was the only Senator to vote against an appropriation for the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which was chaired by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. He also lodged serious objections to President Kennedy in advance of the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.

He was particularly in the spotlight as a powerful voice in the chaotic times of the war in Vietnam, when he chaired the Senate

hearings on United States policy and the conduct of the war. In 1963 Walter Lippman wrote of Fulbright: "The role he plays in Washington is an indispensable role. There is no one else who is so powerful and also so wise, and if there were any question of removing him from public life, it would be a national calamity."

After leaving the Senate, he was of counsel to the Washington law firm of Hogan & Hartson and remained active in support of the international exchange program that bears his name.

He received numerous awards from governments, universities, and educational organizations around the world for his efforts on behalf of education and international understanding. In 1993 he was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Senator J. William Fulbright died on February 9, 1995 at the age of 89 at his home in Washington, DC.

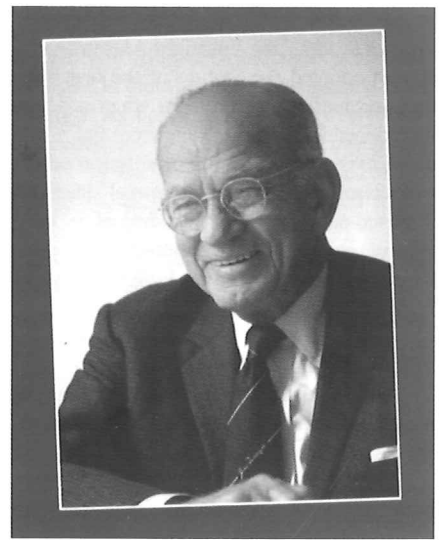
### *The Ron Brown award program*

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The Ron Brown award program has been in existence since 1994, but in 1996 it was renamed in memory and honor of the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce, who consistently pursued the concept of economic diplomacy. The Program is funded under the auspices of the Support for Eastern European Democracy Act (SEED), through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. Grants have been awarded to the citizens of Serbia and Montenegro since 1997, and 22 grantees from Serbia have already successfully completed their studies, while 11 are still in U.S. universities. Grants are awarded to candidates from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia. In the past there were also participants from Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

The Ron Brown educational program supports effective transition in the former communist regime countries and offers fully funded two-year degree programs at the Master's level (excluding law, which is one year, or one-year non-degree professional development programs). Eligible fields of study are:

- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Economics (M.A.)



- Educational Administration (M.A.)
- Environmental Policy/Management (M.A.)
- Journalism/Communications (M.A.)
- Law (LL.M.)
- Public Administration/Public Policy (M.P.A./M.P.P.)

The program is intensive and places fellows in leading institutions that best fit their academic needs and qualifications. It goes beyond enriching the fellows academically. It provides them with the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on experience in their field of study during a three-month summer internship. This combination of education and practical experience allows fellows to make a difference at work, in community, and in society in their home countries. Sample internships include: Cable News Network (CNN), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, Congressional Research Service, United Nations and the Kennan Institute.

After their return from the United States, grantees from Serbia have won important positions in state, private and non-governmental institutions and organizations, like the Ministry of Privatization, Ministry of Finance and Economy, OSCE, World Bank, Belgrade Human Rights Center, etc.

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