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► UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher Excellence and Achievement Program – January 15, 2011

The Teacher Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) will be announced early January. TEA provides Romanian teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills and increase their knowledge about the United States. TEA consists of a non-degree, non-credit customized academic program, including coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and teaching strategies for home classroom environments, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing, and as teaching tools. All details about the program and the online application will be available on the Fulbright website starting with January 15, 2011. (www.fulbright.ro/news.html).

First Romanian Alumni Newsletter – January 30, 2011

The first Romanian Alumni Newsletter will be published in January 2011. The newsletter will cover news from alumni, announcements of cultural and educational events, alumni activities and accomplishments, photos, State Alumni Community news and events and other resources. The monthly newsletters will be available online at <http://www.fulbright.ro/alumni.html>.

Romanian Alumni Community on State Alumni Website– January 30, 2011



With the help of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, the Romanian Alumni Community will be present on the State Alumni Website (<https://alumni.state.gov>). State Alumni is a global community, a dynamic and interactive networking experience for all past and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs. The Romanian Community will include alumni news and events, announcements, grant opportunities, photo gallery and many other features. **All U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs alumni are encouraged to share articles with photos featuring past activities, recent accomplishments or news at loredana.bucuroaia@fulbright.ro.**

First-Hand Graduate Admissions Insights at FEAC - January 10

On Jan 10 the Advising Center will be hosting Aida Pătrașc, a Romanian MBA student at Willamette University who relied on the Fulbright Educational Advising Center for her U.S. admission. Many of the participants in the graduate training program along with the participants/students who took part in the ASE outreach of Dec 15 expressed an interest in participating in the session. Aida will be sharing MBA insights and tips in order to encourage applications to Master and MBA programs in the USA.

Learn How to Excel at Undergrad Application to U.S. Universities - Jan-Feb 2011

A new Undergraduate Admissions Training program is set to start on Jan 18 at FEAC. The five sessions scheduled every Tuesday 3-5 pm will highlight U.S. application tips and strategies leading to success, that is admissions and funding. You'll learn how to select U.S. study programs and connect with your dream American universities, how to negotiate strong recommendation letters and assemble a U.S. application that shows that you are a good fit for the U.S. campus. Full details about starting your successful journey to U.S. admissions at <http://www.fulbright.ro/educational-advising-center/39-about-feac/295-calendar.html#link6>.

Prepare for a Successful U.S. Graduate Application at FEAC - Feb-March 2011

Interested in U.S. graduate education? Then you will benefit from attending the Fulbright Educational Advising Center's new series of Graduate Admissions Training over Feb 22-March 22. Spanning five weeks, with a 5-7 pm interactive session every Tuesday, this training program will focus on wisely selecting U.S. graduate programs that can offer extensive financial aid to international students, effectively marketing yourself, and putting together a winning application package. Participants will gain insights into engaging statements of purpose and will draw inspiration from Romanian success stories & EducationUSA video support. More at <http://www.fulbright.ro/educational-advising-center/39-about-feac/295-calendar.html#link11>.



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► PAST EVENTS

Winter Holiday Celebration - December 4

On December 4, Fulbright Grantees, Alumni and Friends of the Fulbright Program met to celebrate the Winter Holiday Season. The event included a visit to the Museum of the Romanian Peasant and the St. Nicholas Fair. The large Fulbright family met again afterwards, this time at Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission headquarters.

Let us quote one of the American Fulbright Grantee: "Thank you so much again for a fantastic time at the Holiday Party this past weekend. It was so nice to get to see you all and catch up a bit. You all are wonderful! You're even more incredible for carrying through despite the cold and rain. We practically *are* family--a Fulbright family! :)"



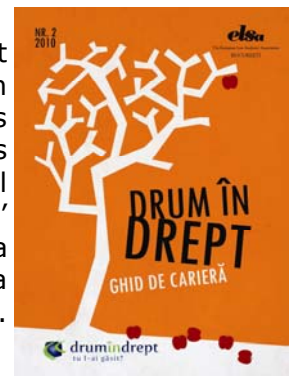
Farewell Professor Roussakis...



A warm THANK YOU to Dr. Emmanuel Roussakis, U.S. Fulbright Scholar who is finishing his grant in Romania to return to the U.S. During the three months spent in Romania, besides teaching at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, Dr. Roussakis visited an impressive number of Romanian universities (Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu, Transilvania University in Brasov, Stefan cel Mare University in Suceava, Al.I. University Cuza in Iasi, Emanuel University in Oradea) and completed his Fulbright research project, which was published in the journal *Management & Marketing*, www.managementmarketing.ro issue No.4, 2010. Dr. Roussakis is now joining the ranks of Fulbright alumni and, as in so many other instances, we expect this to be the beginning of a long collaboration.

Romanian Fulbright Professionals in Law - October 28

Nicolae Viorel Dinu, Ruxandra Costache and Iulia Motoc are Romanian Fulbright Alumni who participated in study and research programs at top level universities in the U.S.; they are also highly appreciated specialists in the field of law. Interviews about their successful profession and their American academic experience as grantees have been published in the latest edition of the Handbook For Juridical Career "Drum in Drept" (The Way to Law) issued by the European Law Students' Association in Romania. The handbook, which was officially launched at Casa Universitarilor (House of University Professors) on October 28, also includes a detailed presentation of the Fulbright grant programs for the Romanian candidates. To read the interviews please follow the link: ["Romanian Fulbright Professionals"](#)



Innovative Approaches to Promotion of US Studies by the Fulbright Educational Advising Center

The Fulbright Educational Advising Center played an active part in the American Studies Conference held in Constanta between 7 and 9 Oct. A one-hour presentation was offered to the U.S. Fulbright grantees highlighting the multiple ways in which they can act as ambassadors of U.S. education and engage in its promotion. A second session, 90 minutes long, was jointly offered by Mihaela Arsene and Robert Doughten from the U.S. Consulate on "U.S. universities, a reflection of U.S. cultural values".

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International Conference on Globalization and Changing Patterns in the Public Sphere

In its pursues to preserve and develop its close ties to the academic world, the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission participated in one more prestigious scientific event, this time by collaborating with the Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration. The *International Conference on Globalization and Changing Patterns in the Public Sphere* was held on November 12-13, Bucharest, Romania. Several distinguished current and former Romanian and U.S. Fulbright grantees took part in the event. We will mention here just a few: Bryan HALL, U.S. Fulbright grantee; Alina BARGĂOANU, Romanian Fulbright alumna; Nicoleta CORBU, Romanian Fulbright Alumna; Tudor VLAD, Fulbright alumnus; Constantin BRATIANU, Fulbright alumnus; Alexandra ZBUCHEA, Fulbright alumna and Remus PRIECOPIE, New Century Scholar alumnus who also opened the conference.

Fulbright Orientation for U.S. Grantees 2010-2011 - October 6-9

On October 6-9, the Romanian - U.S. Fulbright Commission marked the beginning of yet another year for American Juniors and Seniors in Romania. The event offered the participants the opportunity to meet face to face. They were briefed on their new environment by high officials of the U.S. Embassy and met members of the Romanian Fulbright Board of Directors, American and Romanian Fulbright alumni, professors and researchers. All in all, an enriching and memorable event. Let us also express our gratitude to our colleagues and friends at Ovidius University in Constanta for the wonderful cooperation.



Strategic Partnerships in Support of U.S. Study Promotion

The American Corner network in Romania is regularly updated on U.S. study by the advisers of the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission. The most recent instance of cross fertilization between American Corners and EducationUSA occurred in Nov when all the American Corner staff attended a 90-minute interactive presentation offered by the Fulbright Educational Advising Center. The U.S. holistic evaluation, personalized curriculum, liberal arts education, and the statement of purpose were just a few of the features highly appreciated by the participants. The session was rounded off by a best practices section in which the advising staff shared some of the success stories built on the solid partnership between American Corners and EducationUSA in Romania.



Increased Visibility for U.S. Study at College Fairs in Bucharest and Cluj

Fulbright Educational Advising Center staff gave prominence to U.S. study opportunities in the Romanian International University Fairs held in Bucharest and Cluj on Oct 30 and Nov 2. FEAC held four 1 hour presentations in prime timing and had half a booth//shared a booth with Pepperdine University. All four presentations were well attended and the booth was flooded by visitors throughout the day. Based on the number of in-house produced handouts and materials distributed, we connected with over 500 potential students in the USA.

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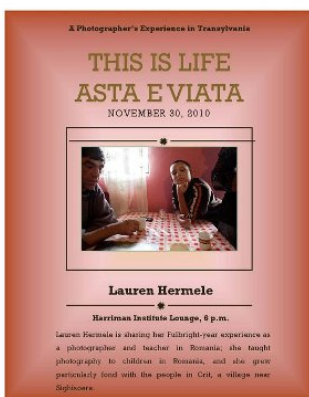
1000 likes for the Fulbright Facebook Page

The Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission Facebook page has crossed into the four-digit territory. 1000 likes and counting. Thank you all for joining us!

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► FROM FULBRIGHTERS



Lauren Hermele, U.S. Fulbright Alumna shares her Fulbright experience on Romanian National Day

On November 30, Lauren Hermele, U.S. Fulbright Alumna in 2009-2010 shared her Fulbright experience as a photographer and teacher in Romania. The event held at Columbia University's Harriman Institute and entitled "A Celebration of Romanian National Day" included Lauren's photography exposition "This is Life" with scenes from Crit, a Transylvanian village in Romania. Remarks were made by H.E. Ambassador Simona Miculescu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the U.N., Hon. Marian Pârjol, Consul-General of Romania in New York, and Corina Suteu, Director of the Romanian Cultural Institute, New York. Also, Lauren's photographs are displayed at Romanian General Consulate in New York for Romanian National Day celebration. Congratulation, Lauren!

U.S. Fulbright grantee Jake Shulman-Ment performs in a concert of traditional Moldavian music with the Orchestra *Rapsozii Botosanilor* at Radio Iasi



Fulbright Junior grantee in the New York Times

Cristiana Grigore, Fulbright student at Vanderbilt University talks about her Roma identity in New York Times. To read the article, please follow: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/03/opinion/03iht-edgrigore.html?_r=2

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Romanian and American Fulbrighters Keep in Touch

Gina Adam, an International Fulbright Science & Technology Fellow at UC Santa Barbara sends her warm greetings from California and is happy to report her attending the LA S&T Conference on November 10 to 14. After a first semester devoted to intense study and exams, Gina is looking forward to starting her research in nano-electronics. Before this, she celebrated Thanksgiving in Berkeley with Jane Lopus and her family. Jane was a Fulbright Senior in Romania last year, when the two Fulbrighters had the opportunity to meet.

ETA Activities - Annie Pennell and Ruth Blidar, U.S. Fulbright grantees reporting from Constanta and Iasi

Besides teaching English students at *Al. Ioan Cuza University* and *Ovidius University*, Annie Pennell and Ruth Blidar, ETA students in Iasi and Constanta are organizing American Culture Club meetings, Book Clubs, working closely with American Corners but also with local high schools to help English teachers develop strategies that make learning English enjoyable for students. Read more at <http://www.fulbright.ro/news/421-annie-pennell-us-fulbright-grantee-in-iasi.html#content> and <http://www.fulbright.ro/news/422-us-holiday-party-thanksgiving-and-christmas-in-constantia.html#content>.



Romanian Poetry at Denison University, OH



Chris Tanasescu, Romanian Fulbright Scholar at San Diego State University, has informed us on his recent visit to Denison University in Granville, OH, as a response to an invitation sent by Professor David Baker, Chair of the English Department at the same university and a well-known poet in Midwest. Chris carried out two workshops in creative writing for the MFA students in Poetry and Translation Studies. He was very proud about the positive feedback received from the students as well as from the organizers. To conclude the whole event in the same creative spirit

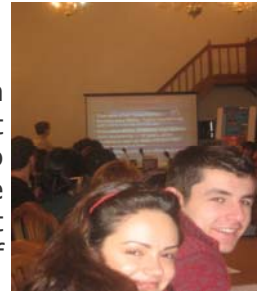
that dominated the atmosphere, Chris was given the opportunity to read from his poems. We are joining Chris in thanking Professor David Baker along with Professor Ann Townsend for making possible this event, for their generosity in promoting and supporting this initiative.



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Graduate U.S. Study Highlights at the Foremost Business School in Romania

In a perfect synergy, the Fulbright Educational Advising Center and Romanian Fulbright grantees organized a comprehensive session on graduate study in the USA at ASE, the top business school in the country. The session highlighted the two productive pathways to U.S. graduate study available to top Romanians students: the Junior Fulbright Awards and the independent, EducationUSA approach, and spelled out the inclusive admissions support that the Fulbright Advising Center renders free of charge.



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International College Fair Participants say YES! to Study Abroad with Fulbright Educational Advising Center Support



On Nov 16, 21 top international institutions, including 14 U.S. colleges and universities, together with FEAC and the U.S. Consulate, provided insights on study abroad opportunities and the benefits of attending a global university. The first ever Bucharest stop of the CIS European Tour was well-attended – FEAC's efforts to partner with more than 20 secondary school principals so as to promote the event to a wide audience were rewarded by the over 300 high school students, teachers, and parents from Bucharest and beyond who visited the 90-minute fair. U.S. study fans stopped at the FEAC booth to learn about the many ways they can enjoy EducationUSA support towards a successful US application.

Wide-Ranging Partnerships for Promotion of U.S. Study: New Approaches

In cooperation with the best high school in Oradea (ranked 10th in the nation), the TOEFL IBT testing center in Oradea and the School Inspectorate of Bihor County, FEAC developed an innovative top-down approach to promotion of U.S. study. In addition to offering a presentation on U.S. undergraduate study opportunities to approximately 100 high school students, FEAC organized a 2-hour workshop for English teachers from all the schools in the country. We had a record number of 31 English teachers from all over Bihor county attending the workshop. Warm thanks to our local partners and to the 31 new ambassadors of U.S. education!



With FEAC Creativity, SAT Administration turns into a Vector of U.S. Study Promotion



Passionate about its mission of promoting U.S. study, FEAC developed a two-fold approach to SAT administration. In addition to facilitating local students' access to U.S. study by administering the test, FEAC has also turned the SAT test into a vector of U.S. study promotion: test takers get in-house produced handouts on U.S. undergrad study, learn about the services and resources available at FEAC in support of their application and sign up for U.S.

Get In and Grow at FEAC: START Internships

The long-lasting partnership between the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission and Junior Achievement Romania's START Internship program has resulted in multiple exciting internships at FEAC. With a talented and resourceful fall intern already making impactful contributions to research and administrative FEAC projects, we look forward to welcoming two-three new winter interns. They will participate in projects that will make the most of their interest in the U.S. culture and higher education.



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