ICCR’s October Visitor RECAP

ICCR hosted five individuals from Uzbekistan from Oct. 5 - 9 under the project title Emergency Medicine. Thank you(s) to the City of Albany and the Town of Colonie for all their incredible assistance with this program.

At an Albany Fire House with Captain Maria Walker

Heartfelt Thanks from the International Center of the Capital Region

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of citizen diplomacy through your willingness to share your time and talents. Your support and involvement in our professional programming creates opportunities for our entire region on a global scale. Over the past year, we have welcomed international visitors from over 80+ countries into upstate New York. We could not have done this without you!

Please join us so that we can properly thank you...

Thursday, November 13th, 2014
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Siena College
Fr. Benjamin Kuhn, O.F.M. House
Boland Room
Turchi Road
(off Spring Street Road)
Loudonville, NY 12211

RSVP: info@iccralbany.org
or (518) 708-7608

Fellowship Opportunity

The US-Russia Social Expertise Exchange (SEE) is looking for US and
ICCR accommodated a group twenty-five Chinese visitors who were in the US as guests of Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The group spent the day taking in the sights and sounds of Albany.

A group of Russian citizens to apply for its Emerging Professional Fellowship. Selected fellows will work in one of nine thematic areas and spend approximately 4 weeks in the other country, participating in related work at host organizations. Please visit their website, www.usrussiasocialexpertise.org/#fellowships, for a general overview of the project.

**APPLY NOW!**

US-Russia Social Expertise Exchange
Emerging Professional Fellowship

The US-Russia Social Expertise Exchange (SEE) is accepting applications at this time for its Emerging Professional fellowship component.

Candidates must be citizens of either the United States or Russia, have proficiency in both English and Russian, and possess up to five years of professional experience in one or more of the following areas of expertise:

- Child Protection
- Community Development
- Education and Youth
- Gender Equity
- Higher Education
- Migration
- Protection of Flora and Fauna
- Public Health
- Rule of Law

Fellows establish valuable professional connections and collaborate with experts in their field during a period of four weeks between February and April 2015.

For more information and application materials, please visit www.usrussiasocialexpertise.org/#fellowships.

**Application Deadline:** November 23 at 3:59 PM EST (11:59 PM Moscow time)

International Center Continues GLOBAL CUISINE with Two December Cooking Classes Scheduled

**The first**, Polish Holiday Traditions, will take place on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon and will be lead by local
ICCR Volunteer Johnny Woods

Chinese Visitors braving the Wind at the Empire State Plaza

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TREMENDOUS TURNOUT FOR PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Key Auditorium on Siena’s Campus, the International Center of the Capital Region (ICCR) in collaboration with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and the Sister Thea Bowman Center for Woman at Siena College sponsored a viewing of Not My Life, the first film to depict the cruel and dehumanizing practices of human trafficking and modern slavery on a global scale. The event was FREE and open to the public and included a complimentary light dinner and panel discussion. Additionally, all attendees received a complimentary copy of the documentary, which is narrated by Glen Close. The event was made possible by generous support from Carlson & The Carlson Family Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America in Washington, DC. Thank you to our panelists - Brother Brian Belanger (moderator), Lynn Baniak, Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia and Rich White-Smith.

Panelists Lynn Baniak, Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia and Rich White Smith

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FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AT FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Once again, ICCR had a booth in the Convention Center and was able to interact with hundreds of Festival of Nations participants. Polish educator Kazia Lopatniuk. Polish cuisine, which is considered hearty, has evolved over the centuries to become very eclectic due to Poland’s rich history. Participants will help prepare several items that will be eaten communally at the conclusion of the class and attendees will be provided recipes so that dishes can be replicated at home.

The second class, Buon Natale! Christmas in Italy, will take place on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 – 12:00 Noon and will provide hands-on instruction for making a number of Italian Holiday Desserts. Participants will leave a sampling of every dessert/pastry prepared as well as recipes so that everything can be replicated again at home for the holidays.

Both classes are taking place at the Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Road in Colonie. The cost of attending either class is $25.

To register please call the International Center at (518) 708-7608 or info@iccralbany.org

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The International Center is looking for an academic high school team to send to Washington DC in the Spring of 2015

ICCR wants to give area high schools plenty of notice so that they can start preparing… On Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon, the International Center of the Capital Region will once again be sponsoring a local Academic WorldQuest competition at the Celtic Hall in Colonie with the anticipation of sending the winning four-member team and faculty coach down to Washington DC to represent our region in the national Academic WorldQuest competition taking place on Saturday, April 25th, 2015. There is no cost to participate. Additionally, ICCR will cover the costs of overnight accommodations and flights for the winning team plus faculty coach to attend the national competition.

Academic WorldQuest is the World Affairs Councils of America's flagship student education program. The main objective of the program is to inform and engage high school students and their teachers across the country in global affairs. Each year, over 4000 students, test their knowledge of international affairs, in regional Academic WorldQuest competitions. Study guides are available.


The 2014-2015 Topics assigned are as follows:

- Russia / Eurasia
- Youth, Jobs, and Social Unrest
- Food and Water
- Future of Energy
- Africa Rising
- Human Trafficking
- Asia and the New Global Economy
- Millennium Development Goals: 2015 & Beyond
- Great Decisions
- Current Events

Nine of the ten question rounds will feature a multiple-choice format. This year, the Current Events round in both the Local and National Competitions will include fill-in-the-blank, true/false, and open-ended questions.
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Nations attendees on October 26th. Thank you to all who volunteered to help man the booth. And Kudos to Festival Chairman Manoj Ajmera.

Schools can enter up to three (3) four-member student teams plus alternates in the Local Competition.

For further information or to register your school, please e-mail Fran@iccralbany.org or (518) 708-7608

ICCR will be hosting an Open World Program from the Ukraine

From Nov. 7 thru Nov. 15th, ICCR will be providing professional programming for five delegates, one facilitator and one interpreter from the Ukraine. Their project’s subject matter is community development and public/private partnerships. If you happen to be going to our Volunteer Appreciation Reception on November 13th, you will be meeting them. The Open World program is one of the most effective U.S. exchange programs for countries of the post-Soviet era. Through Open World, mayors, legislators, judges, civil servants, educators and entrepreneurs from across the former Soviet Union have come to know the real America. Congressional support for Open World has enabled leaders from countries without a history of representative democracy and independent legislatures to observe these aspects of American government firsthand.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you… to all those who gave of themselves in October, ICCR could not do what we do without your involvement. These wonderful individuals include:

Albany Fire Chief Warren W. Abriel, Jr., Manoj Ajmera, Katherine Bamberger, Brother Brian Belanger, Dan & Mary Berry, Colonie EMS Chief Peter Berry, Lynn Baniak, Angel Cao, Jaylene Cotton, Dr. Michael Dailey, Andrea P DeRocco, Kevin Demarest, Kyle Dzembo, Mark Eagen, Shawn Fallova, Mike Gulotty, Colonie Police Chief Steve Heider, Assistant Colonie EMS Chief Raymond Hughes, Greg Jabaut, Phyllis Kapelewski, Joseph LaCivita, Ralph Mariani, Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia, Assemblyman John McDonald, Kathy McEneny, Frank McGarry, Tim Mirabile, Connor Munro, Kristin Munro, Dr. Shannon O’Neal, Ph.D., Jill Peckenpaugh, Kathy Quandt, Kevin Roe, Dr. Sophia Socaria, Haile Tuccillo, Kathleen Tunny, Sonia Uytiepo, Captain Maria Walker, Rich White-Smith, Carol Whittaker, Bob Wolfgang, Carolyn Woods, Jonathan Joseph

WELCOME NEW and RENEWING ICCR MEMBERS

Aviva Ajmera, Manoj Ajmera, Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dan & Mary Berry, Donna Crisafulli, Festival of Nations, Hampton Inn of Clifton Park, Daniel Harrison, Greg Jabaut, Richard & Gertraude Johnson, Phyllis Kapelewski, Richard Kuhnsmunch, Linda Larmon, Benita Lucinda Law-Diao, Mike & Brenda Mugits, Mary & Philip Nasca, Meg O’Leary, S. Lynne Oudekerk, Venod Pilla, S. V. S. Pinapati, MD, Dr. Govina Rao, Red Carpet Inn, Paul Rosenberg/Homespun Occasions, Rotary Club of Albany, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, T.M. Byxbee Company, CPAs Michele Vennard, Carol Whittaker and Dian Williams

THANK YOU to Manoj Ajmera, Membership Committee Chair and John Justino, Marketing Committee Chair for all your hard work with membership recruitment!
Woods, Anna Youngmann…
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On October 16, the International Center sponsored our 2nd Annual Adult WorldQuest Global Trivia Challenge which featured nine (9) 8-member corporate teams competing for bragging rights. Proceeds from this fundraiser will allow ICCR to send our regional winning high school Academic WorldQuest Team down to Washington DC to represent our region in the Spring 2015 National Competition. The event was held at the Celtic Hall in Colonie.

Emcee Manoj Ajmera with Category Presenter Mark Eagen, Albany-Colonie Chamber President

The winning team: Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna

Second Place Winners: Capital Region Language Center Team

Sunday November 16, 2014
Cost: $99 for front rows of mezzanine

Enjoy New York City, as time permits!

Radio City Music Hall, New York City
Includes Show, Transportation in Deluxe Video Bus, Games & Prizes and Lots & Lots of Fun

ICCR MEMBERS RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF $89

Community Events
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Green Island School Superintendent Mike Mugits with wife Brenda and son Justin who were on The Turkish Travelers Team

A group of participants after the competition

Thank you to all our Adult WorldQuest Global Trivia Challenge Teams and Sponsors!!!

With everyone’s support on October 16th, we were able to raise enough

News from New Russia Cultural Center

6th Annual Tchaikovsky Piano Competition for Youth and 3rd Annual Nadezhda Obukhova Classical Vocal Competition

The Russian Winter Festival 2015 Committee is seeking musical students to compete in the 6th Annual Tchaikovsky Piano and 3rd Annual Nadezhda Obukhova Classical Vocal Competitions in the Capital District of New York State. The competitions recognize talented young musicians in their pursuit of musical excellence. The contests create the opportunity for local communities to gain appreciation of classical music and to get to know the local musicians.

The Piano and Vocal Competitions will be held February 7th, 2015 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, located at 125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12202. The winners of the competitions will perform at the All Winners concert on Sunday February 8th, 2015 at the Cathedral. The concert is open to public and free. The public are invited and encouraged to attend the performances during the competitions and All Winners Concert.

Piano Competition Awards:

- $250 US Savings Bond, Young Tchaikovsky Level (ages 6-10)
- $500 US Savings Bond, Apprentice Tchaikovsky Level (11-13)
- $1,000 US Savings Bond, Master Tchaikovsky Level (14-18)

Vocal Competition Awards:

- $250 US Savings Bond, School Level
- $250 US Savings Bond, Young Adult Level
revenue to cover the cost of sending our winning high school Academic WorldQuest team down to Washington DC next spring.

1. Happy Tails of Altamont
   Trish Marciano
   Gerard Marciano
   Stephen Marciano
   Happy Scherer
   Harvey Scherer
   Leslie Thiele*

2. Whiteman Osterman & Hanna
   Jean Gerbini
   Tony Gerbini
   Ken Larsen
   Mary Jane Shave
   Dick Shave

3. The Turkish Travelers
   Mevlude Alp
   Vera Eccarius-Kelly
   Sean Fallova
   Joe LaCivita
   Mike Mugits
   Brenda Mugits
   Justin Mugits
   Rafi Topalian

4. President Robert Jones, Ph.D. Team
   Jerry Delansky
   Jane LaCivita Clemente
   Jane Thapa
   Kristian Munro
   Connor Munro
   Richard Powell*
   Danielle Powell

5. The Foremost Global Health Team
   Zohra Afzal
   Aline Heffernan
   Lindsey Jackson
   Pat McGeown
   Sana Savadatti
   Abby Stamm
   Kathy Tanner
   Carol Whittaker

6. Capital Region Language Center
   Dan Berry
   Mary Berry
   Andrea P DeRocco
   Greg Jabaut
   Marcin Luka

7. The Global Health Gang Team
   Michael Elliott
   John Justino*
   Hilary Justino
   Benita Law-Diao
   Philip Nasca
   Bonnie Nasca
   Ruth Senchyna
   Isaac Michaels

8. The Gulotty Team
   Karen Grossman
   Marty Grossman
   Michael Gulotty*
   Linda Larmon

$250 US Savings Bond,
Adult Non-Professional Level

$50 US Savings Bond
All Runners Up

The Competitions are a significant part of the Russian Winter Festival in the Capital District of New York State. The Festival features a month of events – art exhibitions, music competitions (piano and vocal), and the Grand Finale – the final day of the Festival on February 28th 2015 at the Polish Community Center.

The registration forms for both competitions can be downloaded at www.newrussiacenter.org/winter_festival.htm.

Check out our website!
www.iccralbany.org

“Join our Mailing List”
info@iccralbany.org

Please spread the word - feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!
Thank you to all those individuals and businesses who supported Adult WorldQuest Global Trivia Challenge:

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www.worldaffairscouncils.org

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The Albany Institute of History and Art

Donna Larocca-Gulotty
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Marra’s Pharmacy
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Top Custom Jewelers “The Singing Jeweler”
Tri-City Valley Cats

91st Anniversary Celebrated at SUNY Albany

President Turkish Student Association Mustara Balci
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Birgitta Norlof who directs a non-profit in Sweden called Livstycket for immigrant women is speaking

(Tues. Nov. 11 at 6:30pm in RB202)

this should be interesting to anyone who is interested in gender and integration as well as for those interested in fiber arts. Their work has been exhibited across Europe. Livstycket is a contemporary knowledge and design centre in Tensta, Stockholm in which women from all around the world participate.

Livstycket applies functional pedagogy, which combines artistic practical activities with theoretical teaching. At Livstycket women from all around the world are taught the Swedish language. Creative activities such as sewing, embroidery and textile printing are combined with theoretical education in Swedish, civics and data processing. The patterns that are created are born from Livstycket’s various projects. The participants draw what they see, feel and experience, and then Livstycket’s professional designers turn
the drawings into a pattern.

Free and open to the Public.

For further information, please contact
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