IICC hosted an IVLP Delegation in August from Mongolia who were in the Capital Region under the project title of “National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.” Thank you to all those in the community who assisted with their program including: Shao Lin, MD, PhD, Patrick Parsons, Ph.D., Kurunthachalam Kannan, Ph.D., Julie Reuther, MPH, Kamalnain Sig, MBBS, MPH, Kenneth Bogdan, Ph.D., Gregg Recer, Ph.D., Nicholas Pavelchak, Jun Gu, Ph.D. and Qing-Yu Zhang, Ph.D. from the NYS DOH, Carol Whittaker, John Justino, David Carpenter, M.D., and Louise-Anne McNutt, Ph.D. from University of Albany, State University of New York

September 17th - September 19th
Author Sherry Mueller coming to the Capital Region for Several Speaking Engagements

International Center of the Capital Region Members will receive a 20% discount off the purchase of Working World when pre-ordered from ICCR

Call to reserve your copy - (518) 708-7608

Please join us on Wednesday, September 17th, 7:00 PM when she presents at The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza 1475 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 (518) 489-4761
Dr David Carpenter (2nd from left) and Louise Anne McNutt, Ph. D. (far right) with two of the Mongolian visitors

Group at SUNY’s School for Public Health (East Campus) - Former ICCR Board Member Carol Whittaker is pictured 5th from the right.

ICCR assists with USCRI at a Local Farmers Market

For two weekends in August, ICCR assisted a group of immigrants from Afghanistan with the setting up of a booth at the Waterford Farmers’ Market in collaboration with the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). A variety of wonderful baked goods were prepared and sold. Kudos to Mary at the Waterford Farmers Market for allowing this wonderful opportunity! Thank you to Frannie for the transport, setup and takedown of the booth each week!

The following international delegations (IVLP) are coming to the Capital Region: Sherry Mueller, the co-author of the book “Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development.”

September 1 - 4

Sherry Mueller was the President of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) from 2001-2013 (now called Global Ties). Global Ties is the private sector partner of the U.S. Department of State in the implementation of the International Visitor Leadership program (IVLP) – one of the programs through which the International Center of the Capital Region receives its visitors. Before coming to NCIV, she worked for the Institute of International Education (IIE), served as an Experiment Leader to the former Soviet Union, an English Language Officer for the U.S. Department of State, and a lecturer at the University of Rhode Island. Ms.
Turkmenistan - NGO Management

September 10 - 13
Poland - Community Engagement & Neighborhood Initiative Support

September 15 – 26
Japan - Improvements in the reliability of the electricity supply, demand, transmission, and distribution

September 20 – 24
European Regional – Global Energy Security

September 24 - 27
Kenya – Government Strategic Communications

September 26 – 30
Bulgaria – Culinary Diplomacy

October 5 – 9
Uzbekistan – Emergency Medicine

Mueller is an active volunteer and has served on the boards of various nonprofit organizations including World Learning (Vice Chair), the Public Diplomacy Council, Friendship Force International, Business for Diplomatic Action, and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. She serves on the American University School of International Service Dean’s Advisory Council and the Advisory Council of the International Student House in Washington, DC.

ICCR is Seeking Local Host Families for FLEX Students Beginning In September

Created in 1992 by the US Department of State, the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) is a scholarship exchange program for high school students (ages 15-17) from Eurasia (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine). The program’s goal is to provide an opportunity for the students to spend an academic year in the United States, living with a host family and attending an American high school, while engaging in activities to learn about American society and values to experience

Thursday, October 16th, 5:00 PM Registration, 6:00 PM Competition
Second Annual WorldQuest International Global Trivia Challenge for Adults

Think Globally, Quiz Locally!

Start recruiting your brainiest and best-informed friends and co-workers now!

Why not join the fun? Come test your knowledge of worldiness and the world around you! The event will provide a great, exciting, high-voltage evening of competition for adult teams of up to eight participants competing for trophies and other prizes (including bragging rights) against other area teams. Categories will include: flags and capitals, geography, people in the news, current events, international food and international music.

All proceeds from the competition will go towards the International Center's K-12 educational initiatives.

Cost: $35 per person
OR
$250 per team of eight.

Call (518) 708-7608 to make reservation.

life in a democratic society. The program places special emphasis on leadership skills and seeks ways for participants to develop these skills during the school year. As former Senator Bill Bradley stated, "the best way to ensure long-lasting peace and understanding between the U.S. and Eurasia is to enable young people to learn about democracy firsthand through experiencing it". The International Center is hoping to place three students within the Capital Region this coming academic year. If you would possibly consider hosting a student for part of or for the full school year, we would like to hear from you.

For further information, please call (518) 708-7608.

Incredible Cultural Exchange to Turkey Provided to ICCR Executive Director in August

Thank you to the Turkish Cultural Center Albany (TCCA)!

www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany

The group standing in front of the Library of Celsus in Ephesus, an ancient Greek city located in Izmir Providence, Turkey

The group visiting the Topkapi Palace, in Istanbul Turkey, which was the primary

Saturday, October 18th
Russian Cooking Class
with Russian Chef Regina Maksutova

Trained in Russia under the guidance of her grandfather, Chef and Author Regina Maksutova will be traveling to the Capital Region to share her expertise in preparing Russian cuisine. This is an event not to be missed.

Cost: $50 per person. Call (518) 708-7608 to make your reservation.

43rd Annual
FESTIVAL of NATIONS
Celebrating art and culture in the Capital District since 1972

The Festival is presented by ethnic groups from Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Buena, China, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Korea, Liberia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Scotland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine

Come and Be Part of a Celebration
Of Cultural Diversity!

Parade of Nations
Crowning of Miss Festival of Nations

General Admission
Adults $5.00; Children (3-12) $2.00
For further information call - (518) 371-3737
or visit www.festivalofnations.net

Sunday, October 26, 2014
12 Noon - 5:00PM
Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Albany, New York

Please join us...
Take a Trip Around the World for $5.
ICCR will be a part of 43rd annual Festival of Nations which is taking place on October 26th. Thousands people attend the Festival every year. Our very own ICCR Board member Manoj Ajmera is the Chairman of the Festival (his 28th year). Please call (518) 371-3737 for additional information. www.festivalofnations.net

Located in Menands, the Turkish Cultural Center Albany (TCCA) is a non-profit, non-governmental, charitable organization devoted to the promotion of understanding and appreciation among people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

One of the various activities annually organized by TCCA is an Intercultural Trip to Turkey specifically planned for academics, legislators, religious leaders, community service providers, businessmen and other related professionals to enhance their multicultural experience as well as intercultural relations between the American and Turkish societies. This year Diane Conroy-LaCivita was invited to attend.

Under the leadership of TCCA Director Veysel Ucan, the trip provided eight participants with an original intercultural experience at the meeting place of the West and the East. The trip included: stops in four different cities, visits to historic sites that have significance in Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions, interactions with the local people, and meetings with academics, local officials and business leaders.

Turkish University, Mevlan TTurkey - LINK.....

Welcome
New Members to ICCR

Organizational Level
Hampton Inn of Clifton Park
Rotary Club of Albany

Household Level
Jyothi and Dr. Govind Rao,
Amsterdam

Community Events
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Check out the upcoming happenings of the
US-China Peoples Friendship Association at www.uscpfany.org

Italian American Heritage Museum
On Sunday, September 14th, from 1 to 4 p.m., Italian American Heritage Museum will host a fall dinner on the lawn. http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org

Italian American Community Center

Fabulous Fall Festival
Sunday, September 21, 2014
10:00am - 4:00pm

https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Center/163428540492727
World Affairs Councils of America
www.worldaffairscouncils.org

The National Council for International Visitors (NCIV)
www.nciv.org

Italian Language Classes

Monday Nights, 7 P.M.
September 15, 22, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3

Elementary Italian: A course for beginners and those who wish to refresh their skills. Learn the basics: the Italian alphabet and the rules of pronunciation, numbers, telling time, conjugating verbs in the present tense, vocabulary, and basic conversations.

$75 Members • $85 Non-Members
Additional fee will be collected on the first night for textbook and other necessary materials

Call the IACC Office at 456-4222 to register
Class size will be limited
Write checks payable to: IACC Foundation
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