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## A Letter from the Editor

Dear Alumni!

Welcome to the New Year 2004. In the present issue of the newsletter you will find the events held for alumni and by alumni in January/February 2004 and also announcements for grants you are eligible for.

As for upcoming events, the six-month plan has been recently sent out to you by mail and by the list-serve. Please choose events that are most appealing to you and subscribe to them.

Yours,

Kateryna Nalyvayko  
Higher Education Programs Alumni  
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## Let the Whole World Know about Your Success

Dear Alumni!

American Councils Kyiv is building an alumni section of our website! We are looking for some good success stories to post in this section. If you haven't let us know what you are doing in a long time, or would like to get your name and your story out there on the world-wide-web for other alumni, prospective employers, and others to see, send us some info! If you are interested in having your story posted, all you have to do is fill out the attached form and send it, along with a recent picture, to

[alumni@americancouncilskyiv.org.ua](mailto:alumni@americancouncilskyiv.org.ua).

We look forward to hearing your stories!

We are also looking to put links to alumni-created websites and websites of alumni created organizations on our site. If you have a website that you would like us to link to ours, please send an e-mail with your name, program and year, the name of your site/organization, and link to [alumni@americancouncilskyiv.org.ua](mailto:alumni@americancouncilskyiv.org.ua).

Sincerely,

Alumni Coordinators at American  
Councils

## Training «Preparing Projects and Searching for Financial Support»

January 24-25, 2004

Svitlana Shmelova, Community Connections Program alumna from Dnipropetrovsk, conducted a training on Preparing Projects and Searching for Financial Support for 25 alumni of different programs. Svitlana has been



*Dr. Bohdan Budzan answers a question by Tymur Oratovsky, PIE alumnus, on successful project management.*

working in this area for a long time and has been a regional coordinator of the Eurasia Foundation in Eastern Ukraine. Svitlana presented and distributed among

participants her manual for the above-mentioned course. Topics covered include Strategic Planning, Project Development and Management, Fundraising Techniques, Evaluation Process and Roles of Experts: the core subjects that our alumni need to carry out their own projects successfully.

To make the training even more interesting and useful for the participants, we also invited an expert in the field, Dr. Bohdan Budzan, Director-General of the International Management Institute - Kyiv, a member of the Board of the European Foundation for Management Development and Central and East European Management Association (CEEMAN). Dr. B. Budzan also works as Advisor to the Vice-Prime Minister of Ukraine. He shared his successes and failures in his career and fundraising activities and conducted a workshop within the training program on motivation called «Twelve Precepts of Motivation and Self-Motivation».

All the participants expressed a wish to have a series of similar workshops and seminars which give them a strong base for the future personal and project development. Considering this, the trainings on Project Reporting and on Critical Thinking are planned for alumni for February.

## «Voter Education Advocacy - Citizenship Awareness Program»

As all of you know Presidential Elections in Ukraine are scheduled for 2004. After numerous discussions among alumni, Alumni Coordinators and experts in the field of elections an Awareness Program has been created. The topic of the Program will be: Voter Education Advocacy. The project will consist of trainings for alumni so that alumni can then let the general public know about what to keep in mind when voting. The first stage will be a Training of Trainers to be held in Kyiv. The Alumni trained in Kyiv will then host trainings for alumni representatives from each oblast. These trainings will be hosted by our four offices: Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv and Odesa. Alumni will then be able

to use the information and skills gained at these trainings to hold events for active public organizations in Ukraine, student and professional groups in their cities and regions and, most importantly, for their communities.

All alumni interested in participating in this project should complete the application form and send it to the Higher Education Alumni Coordinator in Kyiv at [alumni@americancouncilskyiv.org.ua](mailto:alumni@americancouncilskyiv.org.ua).

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2004. The TOT in Kyiv will be March 13 and 14, 2004 and the regional trainings will take place throughout April and May, 2004.

# FLEX Alumni Work for Their Communities

## December 2003 Chronicle

During December, alumni from many programs all over the country turned their efforts towards bringing holiday cheer to those less fortunate.

In **Dnipropetrovsk**, alumni involved central area schools in collecting toys and clothes that were distributed between two orphanages. Alumni delivered these donations and made a presentation about American Christmas.

In **Kharkiv**, FLEX and Ugrad Alumni plus many other members of youth NGOs and the local community gathered to make



*Anya Smirnova '03 and Svitlana Shevchenko '99 play with orphans.*

a holiday for the children in the orphanage. There were a lot of games, songs, stories and presents for children. Andriy Klimishin, Pie alumnus '99 played the role of Santa.

In **Kyiv**, Alumni visited orphanages for both Mykolaya and Christmas. On Mykolaya, Nataliya Voynarovska '00, a student of National Linguistic University

and Maryna Yaroshchuk '02 in the cooperation with other 5 students of National Linguistic University arranged a small holiday concert for the orphans and children with disabilities in a Kyiv orphanage. Alumni and students played various games with children and St. Nicholas (played by one student) gave small gifts to the kids. On December 24, nine FLEX alumni, joined by their friends, organized a Christmas/New Year visit to Kyiv orphanage #12. Alumni socialized and played games with the children. Children learned new teambuilding games and appreciated the attention. The orphans were greeted by Did Moroz (Santa Claus), played by Eduard Prokopchuk '03 and Snigurochka. They gave out small presents, which were provided by YMCA and also raised during a Candy Drive held at the American Councils office.

In **Lviv**, alumni completed the final stage for a project which begun in November in honor of Mykolaya. Six FLEX alumni continued working together with other youth NGOs in Lviv to raise funds, toys, books, clothes, etc. and presented them on St. Nicolas' Day (December 19) to children at local orphanages.

In **Odesa**, FLEX Alumni and AEGEE members visited Odesa orphanage #4 in order to socialize with students, decorate a Christmas tree, and tell about American

culture and Christmas celebrations. FLEX Alumni brought little presents such as candy, fruit, markers and coloring books.

In **Ternopil**, five FLEX alumni together with alumni of other programs wrote



*Alumni make Christmas presents.*

replies to children's letters addressed to Father Frost. They wanted the winter holidays to be felt in every home, for every child, regardless of their families' financial situation. In some cases children were also sent small gifts and books. Over 190 letters were written and sent out.

In **Zaluchchya Dolishnye** near Snyatyn in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, representatives of the Lviv FLEX alumni community and AIESEC in Lviv delivered \$300 worth of presents and highly needed products (the money had been donated by an anonymous sponsor) to a specialized orphanage for children with cerebral palsy.

## Traditions are Still Alive

### Benefit Night is coming on 20 March, 2004

FLEX alumni are proud to announce their Fourth Annual Benefit Evening. The event will be held on March 20, 2004. This year's Benefit Evening is organized in support of Zhytomyr Regional Tuberculosis Hospital, which serves as a home for 60 children of 1 till 15 years old who are afflicted with this disease. Over 70% of all the children who receive treatment in this medical establishment are orphans, or come from single-parent and poor families. Money raised during the Fourth Annual Benefit Evening will help to purchase much needed medical equipment and furniture for the children's department

The First, Second and Third Benefit Evenings were very successful and raised

over \$10000 for Kyiv Internat #14, Kyiv Regional Oncology Center and Kyiv Orphanage "Malyatko". These funds were used for purchasing furniture, medical equipment, and medicine.



*These children from Zhytomyr tuberculosis dispensary are looking for your help.*

Former Ambassador of the United States to Ukraine, Carlos Pascual, served as the Honorary Chairman of the Second and Third Annual Benefit Evenings and has supported alumni in their endeavors to help more vulnerable members of our society.

This year we are already supported by British Airways, AeroSvit, restaurants Tokio, Mirovaya Karta, Lipsky osobnyak, Avalon, Time Out, Carribean Club, company "Mars", Bowling Club "Strike". And Our exclusive English language media partner is magazine What's On.

Last year the Evening was well attended by alumni of all programs. We hope to see you this year!

# UNIVERSITY TRAINING GRANTS

## FOR JFDP ALUMNI

In order to support JFDP alumni in their professional development and that of their colleagues, the University Grants program has been developed to offset costs associated with training activities organized by alumni. JFDP alumni are encouraged to share their enhanced teaching skills and experiences in the United States with other members of the academic community in their home countries by giving lectures, mentoring younger colleagues, and by holding training workshops for other professors. The University Grants program is administered by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS on behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State.

### Sample projects:

- Training workshop: "Evaluative Methods in the Classroom"
- Professional Seminar on curriculum development: "From Marketing to E-Business"
- Lecture: "Critical Thinking Skills"
- Training of Trainer (ToT) event on "Technology in the Classroom"
- Faculty meeting on the topic of professional associations or other professional development events for faculty

### Program Rules:

- Alumni of the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) who have successfully completed their programs in the United States are eligible to apply.
- Preference is given to new returnees from the JFDP program.
- University Grants are awarded on a rolling basis; there is no deadline. Each American Councils office can award up to four University Grants per year.
- No more than one University Grant can be awarded to an alumnus each year. Alumni may not apply for a University Grant on behalf of other colleagues or other alumni.

### Funding:

This grant for up to \$50 is intended to cover expenditures such as coffee breaks, duplication costs, one roll of film, film development, and postage. University Grants recipients must return all receipts to their local American Councils office within one week of the training event. Receipts must demonstrate that the funds were expended on items that were approved in the proposal budget.

### Reporting:

University Grants recipients must return a one-page report, all receipts, and any photos taken at the event to the local American Councils office upon completion of the project (within one week)

## Local Initiative Grant Program

This is just a reminder that the deadline for alumni to submit their applications to the Local Initiative Grants Program (LIGP) is coming up on February 27, 2004. This year's competition is open to alumni from the JFDP, Muskie, PiE, and FSA Undergraduate programs.

## The Joel L. Fleishman Civil Society Fellows Program

Created in honor of the Institute's founding director, this Program provides a select group of leaders from nonprofit organizations, international NGOs, foundations, government, socially responsible businesses, and other civil society groups with the opportunity to spend a four-week residential sabbatical at Duke University's Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy. Applicants are selected based upon their proposed research topic and how they intend to utilize Duke's resources to benefit their professional work in society. Housing and program expenses are covered. In addition, each Fellow receives a \$6000 stipend. Full-time academics are not eligible to apply. The 2004 Fellowship period will begin October 1, 2004. The Application deadline is May 1, 2004. Applications can be downloaded from the program website: <http://www.pubpol.duke.edu/centers/civil/index.html>.

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