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2010 Women's Leadership Program

The groundbreaking Women's Leadership Program (WLP) was the first EF program comprised exclusively of female Fellows. The Fellows developed deep bonds, strengthened by their appreciation for the unique opportunity to be part of an all-female cohort.

During their orientation, Fellows participated in a trial leadership development program led by Dr. Cheng Zhu of The Center for Creative Leadership. Dr. Zhu rejoined the group at the Closing Seminar to complete the course. This marks the first time that most of the opening and closing seminars focused on leadership development. As part of the program, Fellows divided into groups to participate in one of several expeditions to ARAMARK, Comcast Foundation, the Philadelphia Police Department, and the Public Health Management Corporation. Each expedition afforded Fellows the opportunity to discuss leadership development issues with executives at each of these organizations.

Many Fellows started their individual travels in Washington, D.C. where four of them met with Linda Gooden, Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin Corporation and Eisenhower Fellowships trustee. The following day, most of the Fellows were hosted by Exxon-Mobil's Lorie Jackson, who arranged a Capitol Hill breakfast club discussion followed by a tour of the Capitol. After meeting Dr. **Martha Rivera** (Mexico) that day, Ms. Jackson invited her to a conference at Harvard's Kennedy School entitled "Closing the Gender Gap: The Business Case for Organizations, Politics and Society." Attending the conference were some of America's greatest researchers on Dr. Rivera's primary research topics: women, business, and society.

USA Fellows extended welcomes and scheduled excellent meetings around the country for many of the WLP Fellows. Senator **Hillman Frazier**, '98, USA, hosted **Shen Bing** (China) and **V. Radha** (India) for two days in Jackson,



The WLP Fellows at "pin night" in Philadelphia

Mississippi, accompanying them to all of their meetings and a Friendship Dinner held by Buddhist, Jewish, and Christian leaders.



V. Radha, Hillman Frazier, and Shen Bing

Joe Guthrie, '07, USA, and his family welcomed **Dong Qing** (China) onto their farm and into their family for a weekend that included fall foliage gazing.

EF trustees and supporters once again demonstrated outstanding hospitality. Cathy Menees of Microsoft organized a full day at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington, where Fellows met with leaders of Microsoft and toured the House of the Future. **Marni Oaten's** (Australia) visit to Birmingham, Alabama included a dinner with Mike and Gillian Goodrich and featured significant meetings for her and a personalized city tour for her husband, Tyson.

Other Fellow highlights included **Dr. Amita Athavale's** (India) meeting with Dr. Donald Shepard at Brandeis University's Schneider Institutes for

Health Policy. This led to plans for him to visit her in Mumbai to study and develop research strategies pertaining to tropical diseases. **Manori Gunawardena** (Sri Lanka) drove through some of the best scenery the United States has to offer when she visited Montana (Helena and Missoula) and Idaho looking at human-wildlife conflict issues. In addition to her meetings, she was hosted at the farm of **Duane Grant**, '03, USA, in Rupert, Idaho.

Concluding their fellowship program, the WLP Fellows returned to Philadelphia for the *Leadership & Innovation Conference*. In addition to the excellent opportunity to meet with alumni Fellows who attended the conference, five WLP Fellows participated in a panel that launched the conference with a lively discussion on their fellowship experiences. Moderated by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, the panel was comprised of Shen Bing (China), **Lucinda Holt** (USA), **Paula Bennett** (New Zealand), **Salome Mbugua** (Ireland), and Marni Oaten (Australia). The panel concluded with Shen Bing's proposal for a "W-26" meeting for all twenty-six international and USA WLP Fellows to continue developing the relationships that they started during their fellowships.

Letter from the President



The holiday season has passed here, and as we celebrated the arrival of 2011, we also celebrated a terrific past year for Eisenhower Fellowships, with memories and achievements that truly demonstrated the power of Eisenhower Fellows worldwide – “leaders, bettering the world around them.”

Our 2010 Women’s Leadership Program (WLP) Fellows had fabulous programs – my thanks to the staff, and also to Fellows in the USA and abroad who joined with trustees, sponsors and hundreds of Eisenhower Fellowships friends in making these programs possible. By sharing time, insights and resources, untold new connections and partnerships have been launched.

This year we intensified the focus for Fellows on identifying strategic, concrete outcomes to be pursued post-program. We also encouraged Fellows to dialogue with the prominent individuals they met about the challenges of leading change, since Fellows, as leaders, will have a material role to play in our fast-changing and increasingly interconnected world.

The secret of EF has always been quality Fellows, diversified by country and profession. The 2010 WLP was no exception. This newsletter highlights the WLP and provides a glimpse into some of the exceptional personalities and strengths in this new class. The WLP concluded with the Leadership and Innovation Conference in Philadelphia. The conference drew nearly 100 Fellows from around the world, and more than 200 participants in all. Articles on the conference are located on pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter, and on the EF website at http://www.efworld.org/events/eisenhower_fellowships_events.php.

I mentioned above our increased focus on outcomes. General Colin Powell and the Board of Trustees have called on Fellows to be more visible, and to recommit to making substantive contributions in your communities and beyond. Your Eisenhower Fellowship identity is important not just for the publicity, but because it demonstrates the underlying values that have linked Fellows now for nearly 60 years. That global identity, and EF’s uniqueness, will ensure that we continue to attract high quality candidates for the fellowship and attract would-be donors who provide the means for EF to carry out its mission. Something as simple as adding your credential as an Eisenhower Fellow to your CV goes a long way in promoting the EF identity.

One special example of joint fellowship endeavors is the EF alumni effort initiated by the Turkish Fellows to provide flood relief. The Pakistan floods

were a unique disaster, and as we did several years ago in the wake of the devastating tsunami in Southeast Asia, we urge Fellows to contribute to this project. (See more details on page 3.)

At the conference in November, Fellows talked in some detail about encouraging mentoring opportunities in and outside the network for new Fellows and younger generations. I have asked that the Alumni Advisory Council give serious consideration to best ways to develop mentoring for newly selected Fellows. We are delighted to see that some alumni chapters, including those in China, China (Taiwan), Sri Lanka and Philadelphia have organized EF Day activities that foster youth leadership at the high school, university, or post-graduate level. And a number of the WLP Fellows already have written to me about mentoring activities they plan to initiate upon their return.

Looking ahead to 2011, we are preparing to welcome the 57th class of MNP Fellows in April. (See page 4 for an introduction to them.)

The EF staff joins me in wishing you all the special gifts of health, peace, joy, and happiness in the year to come.

Sincerely,

John S. Wolf
President, Eisenhower Fellowships

EF Applauds Leadership & Innovation

“This is a celebration!” said EF president John Wolf, opening the Leadership and Innovation Conference on Friday, November 19, 2010, in Philadelphia. The conference was a capstone to the highly successful 2010 Women’s Leadership Program, the first all-women program for EF and in itself a cause for celebration. Attending were more than 200 participants from over 30 countries, among them EF trustees, spouses and 95 Fellows. The panel format of brief presentations instead of lectures encouraged informal exchanges and audience participation, assuring that participants remained engaged (and awake) through a full day of sessions.

Those arriving on November 18 enjoyed activities arranged by a host committee of Philadelphia Fellows, chaired by **Sister Mary Scullion**, ’02, USA. In

the afternoon, attendees toured projects in which three Philadelphia Fellows have collaborated to improve conditions in depressed areas of the city. That evening, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter welcomed participants at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where President & COO **Gail Harrity**, ’02, USA, hosted a gala reception.

An impressive array of women leaders assembled Friday morning at the Rittenhouse Hotel. EF trustee and Governor Christine Todd Whitman chaired sessions where panelists included Dr. Jane E. Shaw, Chairman of Intel, and Suzanne M. McCarron, President of ExxonMobil Foundation, also an EF trustee. The luncheon speaker was Sonal Shah, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council’s Office of Social Innovation, and the first U.S. woman

astronaut, Dr. Sally Ride, led a discussion that afternoon. The stars of the day were, however, the 61 women Fellows in attendance, 26 WLP Fellows and 35 from previous years.

In the first morning session, 2010 WLP Fellows offered pithy appraisals of the value of their fellowships. The next panel explored difficulties encountered by businesses in balancing the competing claims of “people, planet, and profit.”

Dr. Sally Ride’s panel illuminated the value to young women of having a supportive mentor. Girls with a talent for mathematics and science are especially in need of encouragement, she emphasized, since despite a looming shortage of experts, a bias persists against women in these fields. Dr. Ride challenged each woman present to sponsor one up-and-coming woman, while another panelist shared her perspective that mentoring is a bi-directional process, benefitting both parties.

In a lively final session nine panelists agreed – and sometimes disagreed – on how to promote innovation, sharing success stories from their three areas of activity: the arts, healthcare, and media/technology. Each of these sessions is described more fully in accompanying articles on page 3 of this newsletter. For more on the conference, see our [news archive](#) and [events](#) pages on our website.

During the final reception, panelists from the innovation session were available at stations where panelists and participants could continue the discussion and explore the possibility of future partnerships.

John Wolf closed the conference with a reminder that being an Eisenhower Fellow is a lifelong identity, and urged Fellows to use their EF house key to open the many doors provided by the EF network.



Fellows, Trustees, sponsors and special guests gather at the Rittenhouse Hotel for November conference.

Leadership Challenges

The second session of the EF Leadership and Innovation Conference explored the challenges for any enterprise trying to meet the competing needs of people, profit, and planet. Members of a blue-ribbon panel chaired by EF trustee and Governor Christine Todd Whitman described what they had learned when a failure to address the “three P’s” caused crises in their companies.

EF trustee Suzanne McCarron, President of the ExxonMobil Foundation, said the disastrous Exxon Valdez oil spill was a catalyst for her company’s application of new systems worldwide. She warned that the increasing global demand for energy will require improved efficiency measures and alternatives to fossil fuels.

When inattention to consumer fears about the “Pentium flaw” created major difficulties for Intel, the company realized the need for transparency, said Intel Chairman Dr. Jane E. Shaw. Now balancing the ‘three P’s’ informs the company’s culture, initiated at the highest corporate levels and applied throughout its 60 countries of operation.

Meredith Hellicar, ’93, Australia, took over a firm reeling from a suit brought by asbestos victims, and spent three difficult years achieving a manageable settlement. She believes that business leaders now accept the “three P’s” paradigm, but four further P’s: power, politics, publicity, and populism, hinder its implementation.

Governor Whitman and **Monica Macovei, ’97, Romania**, and Member of the European Parliament, were pessimistic about any governmental role in environmental protection. “There will be no cap-and-trade bill,” said Governor Whitman, so businesses must take the lead in these efforts. Macovei urged individual action to overcome pervasive corruption in the public sector, calling on Eisenhower Fellows to become agents of change.



Left to right: Monica Macovei, Dr. Jane Shaw, Christine Todd Whitman, Suzanne McCarron, Meredith Hellicar

Mentoring Future Leaders

Dr. Sally Ride, President and CEO of Sally Ride Science, gave a terrific presentation on “Creating Opportunities for the Next Generation of Leaders”. As the first American woman, and then-youngest American, to enter space, Ride overcame tremendous odds as one of 35 (out of 8,000 applicants) selected for the space shuttle training program. She credits her physics career and subsequent space travel to a science teacher and mentor who helped rebuild her eroded self-confidence during her university years.

Ride discussed the importance of creating an environment that is hospitable to new-comers, and of investing time and sustained effort into creating a workplace welcoming for all. Her group of six women in a class of 35 astronauts provided a cohort and peer group for support, which made being a groundbreaker easier. Ride actively promotes science education, saying “we’re losing girls early and they don’t start out lost” and she urged participants to counter the subtle yet pervasive message that girls with scientific abilities are ‘not normal.’ Ride’s message to the WLP Fellows was: You are all role models for other girls and women. You can be their mentors and sponsors, and can help them achieve their aspirations.

Three panelists also shared their perspectives

on how to help others achieve and succeed: Dr. Cheryl Dorsey, President, Echoing Green Foundation; **Loree Jones, ’07, USA**, Co-Executive Director, City Year Greater Philadelphia; and **Gema Morena Vega, ’08, Mexico**, Partner, Deloitte Touche-Mexico. Their observations included how important it is to create an ecosystem for innovation, and the necessity from a business perspective of increasing opportunities for women.



Left to right: Gema Moreno Vega, Loree Jones, Dr. Sally Ride, and Dr. Cheryl Dorsey

Alumni Initiative: Pakistan Flood Relief



The United Nations estimates the 2010 floods directly affected about 20 million people, mostly by destruction of property, livelihood and infrastructure. After contacting Pakistani fellows and EF headquarters in Philadelphia, the Turkish Fellows thought it would be useful to focus on contributing to the rehabilitation of a primary school building in the flooded regions, particularly in Nowshera. **The total project cost of rehabilitating the school is estimated at \$24,186.** As a start up contribution, the Turkish alumni Eisenhower Fellows have raised TL 10,850 (Turkish Lira), which equals US \$7,240. More money was raised at the 2010 Leadership & Innovation Conference. Donations to rehabilitate the school in Nowshera can be made here: <http://www.petarianfoundation.org/Member-donate.htm>. When forwarding funds, please copy **Sufia Shahid Haq, ’04, Pakistan**, on the details of the contribution amount and date of donation.

USA Program Continues to Expand its Reach

The USA program accomplished another “first” in 2010, when three USA Fellows travelled together for the first time. **Cynthia Figueroa** (Philadelphia), **Giovanna Negretti** (New England), and **Cherelle Parker** (Philadelphia) began their fellowships together as they spent nearly three weeks in Chile, meeting with leaders from government, universities, and nonprofit organizations. Negretti and Parker completed the remainder of their fellowships in Argentina, while Figueroa travelled to Australia. Philadelphia Fellow **Lucinda Holt**’s fellowship took her to China in fall 2010, where she blogged daily at www.cerealceo.com. Through photos and observations, she provided a real-time glimpse into the cultural and professional interactions she experienced during her travels.

In 2011, the USA Program is proud to acknowledge an expanding list of “firsts,” as we will send USA Fellows for the first time to the Philippines, Indonesia, and Kenya. **Kelly Gast**, Assistant Controller for Monsanto in St. Louis, will travel to the Philippines on the first leg of her fellowship to explore the impact of biotechnology in agriculture, and will complete the second half of her fellowship in Indonesia. Lead alumni hosts **Danilo Songco**, ’99, Philippines, and **Rahmad Pribadi**, ’06, Indonesia, are very excited to host their first USA Fellow. **Rick Majzun**, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Operations at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, will travel to Kenya,



Above, Holt receives an embroidery from a professor at Chengdu Textile College celebrating their 70th anniversary.

Right, Parker, Negretti, and Figueroa celebrate EF Day with Chile’s Minister of Women’s Affairs, Carolina Schmidt (second from right)

where **Dr. Samuel Thenya**, ’08, will act as lead host for the country’s first USA Fellow. Majzun will explore the role of healthcare in improving the lives of women and children in Kenya.

For 2011, we have selected *two* Agriculture Fellows (one more than usual), thanks to a generous grant for the funding of an additional Fellow. **Robert Blair**, owner of a 1,500 acre dryland farm in Idaho and leader in the field of precision agriculture, will travel to Brazil and Argentina to explore the possible impact of precision agriculture in South America. **Rhett Proctor**, owner of Proctors Bel Air Farm in Massachusetts, will travel to New Zealand and Australia to further his expertise in dairy farming.

For a list of our 2011 USA Fellows and short biographical information, please visit [EF website](http://EFwebsite.com).



2011 Multi Nation Program and USA Fellows

It is our pleasure to introduce Eisenhower Fellowships’ 2011 MNP & USA Fellows:

AUSTRALIA

Annabel Crabb | Chief Political Writer · ABC Online

BRAZIL

Flavio Nogueira | President & CEO · Colortextil Participações Ltda.

CHINA

Dr. Gong Weibin | Director General, Department of Social and Cultural Studies · Chinese Academy of Governance

CHINA (TAIWAN)

Dr. Chou Jessica Yuntsai | Advisor-in-Chief · 21st Century Foundation

FINLAND

Dr. Liisa Suvikumpu | Director · WSOY Literary Foundation

HUNGARY

Dr. Tünde Tátrai | Vice President · Foundation for Public Procurement Culture

INDIA

Budithi Rajsekhar | CEO · Society for the Elimination of Rural Poverty

INDONESIA

Uni Zulfiani Lubis | General Manager/Editor-in-Chief, News and Current Affairs · PT Cakrawala Andalas Televisi (ANTV)

ISRAEL

Lt. Colonel Avi Biran | Head of Technological Research and Development Branch · Israel Defense Forces

ITALY

Dr. Manila Marcuccio | Secretary General · Sviluppo Globale GEIE

JAPAN

Shunsuke Niwa | General Manager, Shinkansen Operations Division · Central Japan Railway Company

NIGERIA

Tominiyi Openifunoluwa Owolabi | Partner · Olaniwun Ajayi LP

PAKISTAN

Dr. Erfa Iqbal | Additional Principal Staff Officer to the Prime Minister · Federal Government of Pakistan

PALESTINE

Nisreen Mohammad Shahin | Executive Director · Rawabi Foundation

PERU

Dr. Sheyla Blumen | CEO · Mente Futura S.A.

PHILIPPINES

Ariel Hernandez | Senior Director for Program Development · Balay Mindanaw – International Center For Peace In Mindanão

SAUDI ARABIA

Omar Al-Madhi | V.P., Energy & Economic Cities Development · Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA)

SOUTH AFRICA

Anati Canca | Executive Director, Technology Transfer · Agricultural Research Council

SPAIN

Juan José Güemes | Chairman · IE Business School, International Center for Entrepreneurial Management

SRI LANKA

Dr. Harsha de Silva | Member of Parliament · Sri Lanka

UNITED STATES

Robert Blair | CEO & Owner · Blair Farms

Robert S. Burns | Founder and Senior Vice President · Lux Research Inc.

Brigitte F. Daniel, Esq. | Executive Vice President · Wilco Electronic Systems, Inc.

W. Christopher Fang, MD | Worldwide Director of Clinical Research and Medical Affairs · Johnson & Johnson, DePuy Spine

Kelly Gast | Assistant Controller · Monsanto

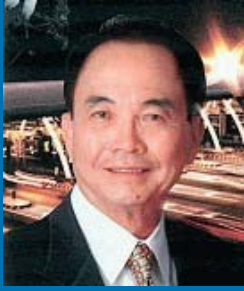
Rick Majzun | VP for Strategic Planning and Operations · St. Louis Children’s Hospital

Christopher Nowinski | Co-Director · Boston University’s Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy

Rhett Proctor | Owner/Partner · Proctors Bel Air Farm

James H. Rosen | Partner · Intersouth Partners

R. Seth Williams | District Attorney · City of Philadelphia, PA



Jose P. De Jesus



Prida Wibulswas



Elena Verdugo



Donna Frisby-Greenwood



Jane Golden

News of Fellows

1977

Jose P. De Jesus, Philippines, was appointed to the Cabinet of President Benigno Aquino III.

1982

Prida Wibulswas, Thailand, was selected as the Chairman of the Assessment Committee for the Thailand Research Fund (TRF).

1986

Suryo B. Sulistio, Indonesia, was elected as the Chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI).

1992

Adis Vila, USA, has been named the [Chief Diversity Officer](#) with the U.S. Air Force Academy.

1999

Michael Williamson, USA, accepted a new position as the Deputy Director of the [District of Columbia Retirement Board](#) and relocated to Washington, DC.

2000

Stuart Brotman, USA, has been selected for Harvard Law School's faculty as a Lecturer of Law and honored with the first Outstanding Alumnus Award by the Communication Arts Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Anna Bárbara Proietti, Brazil, with Fundação Hemominas, started the Center for Treatment of Sickle Cell Anemia in Kumasi in the Ashanti region of Ghana.

2001

Elena Verdugo, Mexico, has been selected as the Chief Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Education. One of the projects she is working on ("Aligning Learning Incentives") constitutes Mexico's first incentive-based structure to improve student achievement, especially by low-income students and schools.

2003

Donna Frisby-Greenwood, USA, was appointed program director of the Philadelphia office for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Jane Golden, USA, has been invited as a guest professor in residence at the Lewis Center for the Arts at Princeton University for the spring semester 2011. The invitation was extended by Toni Morrison, Nobel laureate.

Greg Goldman, USA, is now the Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Regional Economic Development Fund, an endowment that makes loans and grants to projects promoting economic development and tourism with job creation throughout the Philadelphia area.

2006

Etienne Drouard, France, was appointed by Viviane Reding, Vice President of the European Commission and European Commissioner for Justice, as a member of the legal committee of ex-

perts working on the modification of the EU Directive 95/46 on privacy and personal data protection.

2007

Jenni Owen, USA, has initiated a program through Duke University to place students at various NGO's throughout Wentworth, South Africa. This is an outcome of Owen's fellowship travels to Africa.

2008

Irina Anghel, Romania, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of NESST, one of the first venture philanthropy funds active in supporting social enterprises in Eastern Europe.

Albert Mitchell, USA, was selected as a Diverse Business Leader in St. Louis and honored at an awards luncheon.

Nafees Rahman, Bangladesh, director of the National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled, hosted a week-long series of programs in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Dhaka last October. The event, which included the first-ever Disability Film Festival in Bangladesh, was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

2010

Upon return from her 2010 fellowship travels, **Cynthia Figueroa**, USA, was selected as President of [Congreso de Latinos Unidos](#).

Adrienne Kravitz, USA, was featured on The Today Show on NBC to promote her cranberry farm, and in *Harvest* magazine to discuss her fellowship.

Publications:

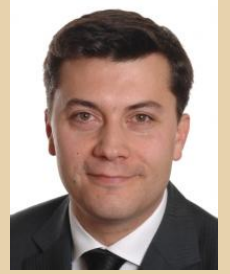
Nilufer Narli, '93, Turkey, released her book about tango and politics, titled *The Women of Milonga*. (Read more on p.8 under "Network Connections".)

Daniel Córdova, '03, Peru, released *Los Nuevos Heroes Peruanos*, which tells the life stories of entrepreneurs who overcame poverty.

Ricardo Gomez Giraldo, '08, Colombia, has written and published *Diario de Campo*, about the science and innovation administration systems he visited at the U.S. universities on fellowship.

In Memoriam:

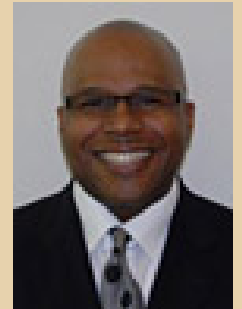
Dr. Alvaro A. Araujo, '59, Uruguay
Mr. Sergio Petrinovic, '65, Chile
Mr. Yutaka Kanbayashi, '65, Japan
Dr. Ivo Margan, '71, Croatia



Etienne Drouard



Jenni Owen



Albert Mitchell



Adrienne Kravitz



Daniel Córdova

Third Annual EF Day Celebrations

The Eisenhower Day of Fellowship (EF Day) was initiated in 2008 as an occasion for Fellows to renew the fellowship experience of exchanging international perspectives, increase the impact and visibility of Eisenhower Fellowships, and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of Eisenhower Fellowships and the birthday of President Eisenhower.

EF Day celebrations continue to grow each year and this past year hundreds of Fellows celebrated EF Day in 29 countries with events that took place on or around October 14, 2010.

Here are some highlights:

AFRICA

Kenya: Fellows gathered to discuss the Kenyan economy within the context of the recently promulgated Kenyan constitution.

ASIA

China: Fellows from Northeast Asia gathered in Beijing to celebrate an Eisenhower Day of Fellowship by discussing regional economic development and next steps in strengthening this regional network. Sixteen Fellows from China, China (Taiwan), Japan, and South Korea came together for an event hosted by the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE).



Vice President Vincent Siew speaks to the Fellows at the EF Day gathering

China (Taiwan) (pictured above): The Eisenhower Fellowships Association of China (Taiwan) celebrated Eisenhower Day of Fellowship by sponsoring a debate team for the Shanghai World Exhibition. They also organized a 40-student Cross Strait Leadership Camp for three weeks in August for students from Taipei and mainland China. Additionally, a formal celebration of EF Day featured keynote speaker Vice President **Vincent Siew**, '85.

Japan: Fellows gathered to introduce **Shunsuke Niwa**, '11, to the network, and to discuss future opportunities for the Japan network in Asia and around the globe.



L-R: Somkiat Tangkitvanitch, '08; Sriprapha Petcharamesree, '04; Methee Payomyong, '07; Vitit Muntarbhorn, '02; Amara Pongsapich, Chairperson, Thai National Human Rights Commission; Kittipong Kittayarak, '01; Amornwich Nakornthap, '02; Sanitsuda Ekchai, '95

Sri Lanka: The Eisenhower Fellowship Association of Sri Lanka (EFASL) collaborated with the American Center and U.S. Embassy in Colombo on a national essay contest for school children ages 12 to 18. Questions focused on leadership characteristics, the importance of international dialogue, and making a difference.

Thailand (pictured above): More than 90 people gathered to celebrate the official launch of the Eisenhower Fellowships Alumni Thailand and participate in a public seminar on the issue of "Human Rights Institutions in ASEAN Countries". Media coverage included two TV channels: TNN (the news channel of the largest cable operator) and ASEAN TV.

EUROPE

Finland: U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Oreck celebrated the 3rd Annual Eisenhower Day of Fellowship together with Finnish Eisenhower Fellows. In his speech delivered at HanaSaari, the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Ambassador Oreck engaged the Fellows in a conversation about the Obama administration's energy and climate policy, promoting clean energy investments and innovations.

France (pictured right): Fellows enjoyed a small celebration of EF Day and elected **Etienne Drouard**, '06, the new chairman of the French Alumni Association.

Germany: U.S. Ambassador Murphy and EF President John Wolf joined the Fellows for a reception at the U.S. Embassy at Pariser Platz in Berlin. German-U.S. relations were discussed, followed by a networking dinner.

Hungary: Fellows celebrated their first EF Day with an event at Obuda University in Budapest, "Changes and Relationships - Eisenhower Day of Fellowship in Budapest." The event included a video welcome by EF President John Wolf and talks by Alumni Fellows including 1999 USA Fellow to Hungary, Marge Kilkelly. The first part of the event was broadcast live on the university's website. At the end of the day, the 2011 MNP Fellow, **Dr. Tünde Tátrai**, was introduced.

Italy: EF Day was celebrated with an interactive conference: "Is the Internet Changing People's Engagement in Democracy?" The conference had 150 attendees, with another 400 people streaming the conference live. The event was publicized via the U.S. Embassy's website, and covered in *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's largest daily newspaper, as well as two Italian magazines (*7* and *L'espresso*).

Russia: Fellows gathered for a small dinner in Moscow.



Seated L-R: Michel Le Gouis, '61; Frederic Mauro, '01; Maurice Trocme, '62; Hedwige Pasquet, '00; Dominique Larre, '72; Benoit Aubenas, '72, EC
Standing L-R: Francois Dufour, '98; Claude Henrion, '68; Etienne Drouard, '06

EF Day, cont'd

Spain: The Spanish Eisenhower Fellows Association celebrated EF Day with a lunch featuring talks by Javier Solana, former Secretary General of NATO and the EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy regarding his experience in foreign policy and by the U.S. Ambassador to Spain, Alan D. Solomont, who spoke about bilateral relations.

Turkey: Approximately two dozen Fellows from Turkey and Fellow guests from Egypt, India, Jordan and Nigeria joined EF President John Wolf and EF trustee Edgar Cullman, Jr. to celebrate and renew their pledge for support for EF, international dialogue and cooperation.

LATIN AMERICA



Marita Carballo and Enrique Zuleta Puciero, '87

Argentina (pictured above): At the Daniel Maman Art Gallery in Buenos Aires, more than 120 alumni Fellows, spouses, and representatives from NGO's, the public, and private sector joined to celebrate EF Day. **Marita Carballo**, '88, ICANA president, spoke about the mission and vision of the fellowships. General **Julio Hang**, '88, gave remarks on General Eisenhower's vision.

Brazil: Leaders from Brazil joined the second ABEFELLOWS Forum: "The Role of Science and Culture in the Social and Environmental Development" to commemorate the vision of Dwight Eisenhower and the principles of Eisenhower Fellowships. It was hosted by Prof. Jose Israel Vargas, chairman of the Nominating Committee in Brazil, and consisted of several Fellows, as well as Professor Mario Neto Borges, president of Fapemig; Roseni Sena, director of Citizenship and Inclusion of Inhotim Institute, Olavo Machado Jr., president of Fiemg,

Chile: EF Day was celebrated in Chile with a dinner that also welcomed three 2010 USA Women's Leadership Program Fellows. **Cynthia Figueroa**, **Giovanna Negretti**, and **Cherelle Parker** were greeted by 20 alumni Fellows and representatives from the U.S. Embassy and the Chilean Minister of Women's Affairs, Carolina Schmidt. The event



EF Day Mexico: **Standing L-R:** Alfonso André P., '70, Timothy Heyman (Nominating Committee member), Alejandro Alfonso, '10, Fausto Cantú Peña, '67, Ing. Jesús Alfonso Marín Jiménez, '96, Araceli Partearroyo (Nominating Committee member), Mrs. Fausto Cantú, and Elda Marín. **Seated L-R:** Esther André, María Elena Juárez de Beristain (Javier Beristain's ('86) widow), Dr. Matilde Eva Espinosa, '73, Dr. Martha Rivera Pesquera, '10, and Gema Moreno Vega, '08.

was featured in *QUE PASA*, a popular business magazine in Chile.

Mexico: Fellows gathered at ABC Hospital complex in the Susan Lowell Auditorium within the Cancer Research Center to listen to the fellowship experiences of **Alejandro Alfonso**, '09, and wish **Martha Rivera**, '10, well on her WLP fellowship.

MIDDLE EAST

Saudi Arabia: Alumni discussed the way forward after the launch of a new EF alumni association and plans to play a positive role in facilitating exchange among Saudi Fellows and international colleagues.

OCEANIA

Australia: Australia celebrated EF Day by gathering approximately 20 public and private sector leaders and journalists with alumni Fellows at a lunch hosted by **Jerry**

Ellis, '93. Australian Fellows in attendance included **Annabel Crabb**, Australia's 2011 MNP Fellow; **Paul Espie**, '00; **Rosemary Howard**, '91; and **Jennifer McAllister**, '09.

New Zealand: The first EF Day celebration in New Zealand began with a business meeting, followed by a dinner chaired by **Susan Baragwanath**, '94, and was continued the next day with a visit to Matiu/Somes Island, a historic nature conservation area. During the events, the group selected **Bernardine Vester**, '02, as their new alumni chairperson. The event provided the alumni Fellows with an opportunity to meet each other, form an association, and discuss international relations.

USA

Agriculture: Five Eisenhower Agriculture Fellows joined over 70 individuals from around the globe at the 2010 Nuffield Contemporary Scholars Conference held in Washington, DC, Harrisburg and Gettysburg, PA.

Philadelphia: Fellows gathered at **Diane Dalto**'s, '00, home to welcome international Fellows to the Leadership & Innovation Conference.



L-R: Kathy Higgins, '05; Nina Szlosberg, '03; James Rosen, '10; Robert Burns, '10; Jean Davis, '04; Joan Myers, '05

Research Triangle (pictured above): Fellows celebrated in downtown Raleigh at a leadership seminar hosted by BlueCross-BlueShield NC.

St. Louis (pictured below): Alumni Fellows celebrated EF Day with a Night at the Ballgame, attending a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.



Back Row L-R: Michael Moehn, '09; Kelly Gast, '11; Rob Freund, '08; Clint Zwiefel, '09; Robert Shanklin, '11. **Front Row L-R:** Rachel Storch, '08; Steve Pelch, '09; Michelle Sherod, '09; EF trustee, Ed Monser

Network Connections

Mexico – USA

Alicia Alatorre, '07, Mexico, connected with **Tim Cahill**, '07, USA, for a project in conjunction with the Massachusetts Office of the State Treasurer and Board of Education, entitled "Greening the Schools of Massachusetts." This project is aimed at making Massachusetts schools more sustainable and energy efficient, and once the process is complete, schools will become LEED Certified. This is the first American contract for Alicia's Mexico-based firm, Neocity.



L—R: Alfonso Vegara, Evgeniya Shamis and Fundacion Metropoli VP Ana Gorrone

Russia – Spain

Dr. Evgeniya Shamis, '09, Russia traveled to Spain and met with **Alfonso Vegara**, '87, Spain, at his Fundación Metropoli office. They discussed how city regions can develop and compete in the world, as well as emerging trends and practices for city transformation. They also shared experiences with their work at similar organizations and explored the possibility of collaborating on projects in their home countries.



L—R: Mamdouh Najjar (Microsoft Deputy GM), Samir No'man (Microsoft, Saudi office president), Heba Ramzy, and Khalid Alghurair

Saudi Arabia – USA

Saudi Fellows hosted **Hebattalah Ramzy**, '99, Egypt, and several of her colleagues from Microsoft in Riyadh. Arranged by **Khalid Alghurair**, '05, Saudi Arabia, Saudi Fellows were introduced to Heba and Microsoft associates while they enjoyed an evening of great company, conversation and meeting of the minds.



L—R: Nilufer Narli, Bulut Mehemet (representative from Turkey's Embassy in Buenos Aires) and Marita Carballo (ICANA's President), '88, Argentina

Turkey-- Argentina

Nilufer Narli, '93, Turkey, recently released her book about tango and politics, titled *Women of Milonga*. She traveled to Buenos Aires to present her book. Narli summarizes the book: "The women of Milonga did experience meta-

morphosis. Yet when they were suffering under authoritarian systems and institutions or under patriarchal families, they did not turn into the bug of Kafka...Rather, they transformed themselves into free butterflies, dancing with strong legs on the surface of flowers. Milonguera is against all types of totalitarianism and fascism. This is the message of the cover. I also look at tango as a type of internal journey experience, return yourself and find who are you."

USA

Several Eisenhower Fellows participated in a recent Marshall Fellows Forum on Transatlantic events held in Raleigh, North Carolina. **Rajeev Narayan**, '08, USA, and **Anita Brown-Graham**, '05, USA, are both Marshall Fellows and helped organize the event. The event focused on entrepreneurship, innovation and politics. Other USA fellows in attendance included **Dr. James Johnson**, '00; **Dr. Anthony Habit**, '00; **Nina Szlosberg**, '03, and **John Hodges Copple**, '00.



Q & A with Sister Mary Scullion, '02, USA

Distinguished Alumnus Awardee and Host Committee Chair for Leadership & Innovation Conference

EF: At the 2010 Annual Dinner, you were awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award for your many contributions to society over the last three decades. Of what achievement are you most proud?

Sister Mary: I am most proud of being part of such an amazing community...people from all walks of life that are committed to ending homelessness. Everyone has a role to play and in working together we can end homelessness. I am also proud to work with other Eisenhower Fellows in this effort especially Loree Jones, '07, USA and Pedro Ramos, '00, USA.

EF: In your "This I Believe" segment on NPR, you mentioned that over the last 30 years, you have "radically changed". How have you changed, and by what experiences?

Sister Mary: Over the years, the courage, persistence and suffering of many of the people and families have changed me greatly to be more humble, grateful and to be more of a risk taker. It has also given me hope and inspiration to believe that together we can and must end homelessness.

EF: How has being a part of the EF network contributed to your work with Project H.O.M.E.?

Sister Mary: The Eisenhower Fellowships network has opened my mind, heart and eyes to see beyond borders, cultures and nationalities. The network has empowered me to strive to be a "world" citizen. This too is a transformative process.

EF: What would be your advice to other EF alumni to maximize the potential of the EF network?

Sister Mary: Use the network as much as you can *and* contribute to it. It will deepen and stretch you in the most amazing ways and in ways you never imagined.

EF: You have had many successes in taking on the daunting task of addressing homelessness in Philadelphia. What advice would you offer to other alumni who face personal and societal challenges as they seek to address issues of social inequity?

Sister Mary: Stand squarely on the side of those who are on the margins of our society and trust yourself and your instincts. Remain true to what you believe in. And fasten your seat belt. It is going to be a bumpy road at times. It is worth every single minute.

Alumni Advisory Council Meets in Philadelphia

For the first time since 2003, the Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) met in Philadelphia in November 2010. The meeting coincided with the 2010 Leadership and Innovation Conference. The group of approximately 40 alumni Fellows is an advisory committee which serves as a sounding board and consultative body to President John Wolf and senior staff. Recent annual meetings have been held in Paris, Kuala Lumpur, Dublin, and Istanbul in conjunction with EF international conferences in those cities.

Duties of AAC members include promoting Fellow collaborations at the national and regional levels, informing EF headquarters of Fellow news, and increasing awareness of Eisenhower Fellowships globally.



L—R: 2006 MNP cohorts Samaila Zubairu, Nigeria; Valère Moutarlier, EC; Etienne Drouard, France, and Rahmad Pribadi, Indonesia, connect at the AAC meeting



L—R: Samaila Zubairu, '06, Nigeria; Bernadine Vester, '02, New Zealand; Kamal Khalid, '05, Malaysia; Dr. Sam Thenya, '08, Kenya; Giuseppe Cassano, '67, Italy; and Fiach MacConhail, '04, Ireland

New additions to the Council, present at the November meeting, were **Eduardo d'Aguiar**, '96, Brazil; **Valère Moutarlier**, '06, European Commission; **Rahmad Pribadi**, '06, Indonesia; **Irina Anghel**, '08, Romania; and **Khalid Alghurair**, '05, Saudi Arabia.

Topics discussed for action in the upcoming year included enhancing EF's social media presence, developing mentoring opportunities, and planning EF Day activities with community, national and international impact.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Fellows representing 23 countries agreed with John Wolf that the next gathering should allow more time for the rich discussions and lively dialogue which naturally occur at the annual event.

Aspen Institute Seminar with Irina Anghel, '08, Romania



What could be more fascinating than exchanging ideas with interesting people? In my opinion: nothing. And I guess most of the Eisenhower Fellows share this opinion, since as I've discovered, even though we come from different cultures, have different backgrounds, and our personal and professional interests are very diverse, we are like-minded people: we all share a huge appetite for exchanging ideas while we are trying to change things around us for the better. And this is why I wanted to share with Eisenhower Fellows my impressions about another fantastic opportunity to exchange ideas: the Aspen Executive Seminar.

Although I had set my expectations high, the Aspen Seminar exceeded even my highest hopes. I met and interacted with some

wonderful, inspiring people who I am certain will remain dear friends for the rest of my life. The conversations we had allowed me to reflect on myself and my place in this amazing, complex world. More importantly, I believe I finished as a person better prepared to assist in and promote the changes that Romania and some other countries in Eastern Europe require. Specifically, the Aspen Seminar has helped me refocus on my core life values and widen my intellectual horizons to take into account the fascinating views and positions of my Seminar colleagues. In a few intense days, I took an intellectual journey which I will never forget and from which I will hugely benefit. I still remember fondly the heart-to-heart discussions, sometimes heated, but never aggressive, with my brilliant colleagues. We had different backgrounds and different perspectives that enriched each other's views of the world, but we discovered also how many things we have in common.

Sounds like Eisenhower Fellowships, right? In this respect, it is indeed like Eisenhower Fellowships; the people are amazing and the conversations fascinating. Plus, two other Eisenhower Fellows were there, the bright and warm-hearted **Gema Moreno Vega**, '08, Mexico, and the wise, deep

and kind **Amr Attia**, '07, Egypt. Meeting them and becoming their friend was wonderful.

What is unique to the Aspen Seminar, though, is the fact that the participants (high profile leaders from all fields: business, philanthropy, NGOs, national agencies, universities, and the media) are required to read texts written by Plato and Confucius, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau and Machiavelli, Sumner and Marx, and many more, prior to the Aspen meeting. These texts serve as the starting point for conversations centered on "good society" and "human nature," which comprise the basis of the seminar. I have heard many stories about the transformational effect of the Aspen Seminar, but it takes going through one in order to understand its amazing power, to see how people can inspire each other.

I had the opportunity to go to Aspen due to the kind recommendation of John Wolf, so I want to thank him from the depths of my heart. I also want to encourage you all, Eisenhower Fellows, to consider allocating one week to this kind of intellectual journey; to go to Aspen and discuss human nature and what makes a good society. You will have an amazing, Eisenhower Fellowships-type experience.