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1998 was a successful year for the Soros Foundation Moldova. If we look back at the foundation's short history, this year indisputably stands out as the most fruitful of all in terms of the number of programs and projects that have been implemented. I could mention examples of many of these activities, starting with mature and well recognized programs like Step by Step, Modernization of Education, and HESP and ending with those in arts and culture. However, I would like to refer to a different aspect of the foundation's activity. In 1998, the foundation has considerably extended its activity in areas where investments were relatively modest in the past — law and public administration. These modifications fit perfectly within the strategic pathway marking the evolution of the foundation in recent years. These natural changes were determined by two factors. Firstly, we came to realize that building a real and lasting democracy entails a wholehearted effort towards the consolidation of a state that would be based on the rule of law and a developed local government. Secondly, it was only with a much more favorable political climate in the country that launching programs in these fields became possible. We really hope that the foundation programs in these areas will develop further, thus promoting essential reforms in our society. In conclusion, I would like to express my most heartfelt thanks to the foundation staff, expert committee members, and National Board, whose efforts and contribution made all the activities written in this report possible. **Victor Ursu, Executive Director of the Soros Foundation Moldova**

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HESP

The goal of the Program is to support the reform of the higher education system through changing the educational and cultural frameworks, to reorganize higher education institutions through support for various interactive models between the state and the private educational sectors, and to support initiatives of the academic community towards integration into the system of market relations.

According to the above-mentioned directions, the following program priorities were set up:

- support for conceptual reform in education
- curricular innovation (the creation of new alternatives, programs, etc)
- programs of new teaching/learning technologies implementation
- innovative institutions (to create pilot-departments, pilot-chairs, etc)
- the institutional reform of teaching/learning
- programs of training for lecturers and managers in higher education

HESP Publishing Program

The Program addressed the universities' needs of textbooks and manuals in the Romanian language by publishing original works of local authors in the fields of Social Sciences and the Humanities. This also improved the professional qualifications of local authors. Within the Program a grant was offered for publishing of the book **The Architecture of the Medieval Fortification of Cetatea Alba** by Mariana SLAPAC, researcher at the Institute of History and the Theory of Arts of the ASM; the print run was of 1.500 copies from ARC Publishing House.

The published books are to be distributed to university libraries through the Book Foundation. The value of the grant for each title was determined according to the volume of the manuscript and the print run of 500 copies, with the prices and current tariffs also included. The selected titles will be printed in 1999 after a tender of the publishing houses:

Nelu VICOL **Didactical Implications in Phonetics**
 Ion BORS **International Financial Relations of the Republic of Moldova**
 Larisa STOG **Responsibility – A Dimension of Personality**
 Ion CHIRTOAGA **Romanian History – The Medieval Age**
 Eugen CERTAN **Reader for Universal Modern History**
 Irina NECHIT **Godot Liberator**
 Petru JELESCU **The Genesis of Denial in Children**

Grants (\$600.00) were offered for textbook writing to the following project authors:

Constantin MARIN **Institutional communication**
 Larisa STOG **Responsibility – A Dimension of Personality**
 Virginia RUSNAC, Svetlana GONCEARUC **Logopedics**
 Iurie MALAI **Family Pathology**
 Aurelia FELEA **The Countries of the Central, South Eastern and Eastern Europe During the Medieval Age**

Grants for Postgraduate Students

The project aim was to provide grants to support research projects of postgraduate students in Social Sciences and the Humanities (expenses for research and documentation activity at different university and scientific centers in Moldova and abroad), and to facilitate their theses' writing.

First tier scholarships (\$1,000.00)

Vladimir VORNIC
 Teodor CARNAT
 Ghenadie NICU
 Igor CASU
 Ludmila ANDRONIC

Second tier scholarships (\$750.00)

Ana IONITA
 Rodica SOLOVEI
 Ada MUSTEATA
 Luminita BUSCANEANU
 Elena NEGRU
 Ion MIRONOV
 Gheorghe CUCIUREANU

Third tier scholarships (\$500.00)

Liliana EREMIA
 Marian MUTAF
 Aurelian LAVRIC
 Zinaida DROBCA
 Ion GURGHIS
 Virginia RUSNAC
 Marcela BENEA
 Stela PERJUN
 Svetlana PALADY-BOBEICA
 Loreta HANDRABURA
 Otilia DEDIU

Internship Program for University Lecturers and Visiting Professors

This project aimed to support the mobility of lecturers, establishment of contacts between higher education institutions of Moldova and those from abroad, and collaboration and informational exchange within the academic community. The internship program for university lecturers provided financial support to lecturers and professors for their participation in programs of different universities abroad or for their research in archives and libraries. This program had the goal to develop new courses or improve existing ones, and to familiarize professors with the new technologies of teaching/learning. At the same time this program supported the invitation of different lecturers from abroad, and important personalities from the academic area.

Internships

University of Sofia, February 1- May 1 1998
 Eleonora GHEORGHIEV, Svetlana CARA, lecturers, Bulgarian language chair, SUC

Training in the area of organizational consultations at the Regional Academy of Personnel Management of Kiev, February 9-15 1998 ; May 5 1998 - March 1999
 Irina OBOROCEANU, lecturer, Management chair, AESM

The adventures of Romania at the end of this millennium International Colloquium at the University of Aix-en-Provence, France, May 12-26, 1998
 Anatol CIOBANU, academician, professor, Romanian language Chair, SUM

Internship at the National Institute of Pedagogical Researchers of Paris, April 1 – May 31 1998
 Maia ROBU, lecturer, pedagogical faculty, PSU

International Conference : Chemistry for life and innovative practice for higher education, Johannesburg and Cape Town, March 16-25, 1998
 Petru GAUGAS, Vice-rector, SUM

Working visit to the universities of the Rhone-Alpes region, France, October 7-22, 1997
 Valentin ARION, TUM

Working visit to the Association of Selenium-Tellurum Development and the participation at the International Seminar of Scottsdale, Arizona, USA, May 9-17, 1998
 Boris CONSTANTINOV, professor of the Technical College of Chisinau, doctoral student, SUM

Participation in the World Exhibition of inventions and new products in Pittsburgh, and at the Global Partnership Conference of Pennsylvania, USA, May 11-17, 1998
Ion BOSTAN, Rector, TUM

Participation in the International Seminar : Chemistry in the community at the Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, USA, July 12-17, 1998
Galina DRAGALINA, Dean of the Chemistry department, SUM

Working visit at the International Artec Children Center for the meeting of responsible persons for the public activity of students of pedagogical universities, Crimea, Artec, July 1-5, 1998
Jeni NASTAS, Nicolae CHICUS, History and Ethnology Pedagogical Department, PSU

The XXIII Congress of the Romanian-American Academy, Rochester, New York (USA), August 6-9 , 1998
Stefan CARTOFEANU, Head of the Department of Scientific Research, Veaceslav ZELENTOV, lecturer, SUM

The Xth International Symposium dedicated to the work of Dostoyevski, New York, Columbia University, July 23 - August 2, 1998
Rita KLEIMAN, Head of the Department of Russian and Universal Literature, PSU

Internship at James Madison University of Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA, September - October 1998
Ludmila CIUMAC, senior lecturer of English, Valentin NEGURA, lecturer, TUM

Working visit at the Ludwig-Maximillian University of Munchen and participation in the International Congress of mathematicians of Berlin, Berlin, July 17-29, 1998
Mitrofan CIOBAN, Pro-rector, SUT

Participation of Moldova's delegates to the International Conference: the Higher Education System in the 21 century - visions and action, Paris, October 5-9, 1998
Anatol GREMALSCHI, Stefan TIRON

Workshop on Materials Education, Boston, USA, December 1-2, 1998
Ion TIGHINEANU, Vice-rector, TUM

Internship at the Geographical Institute of Bucharest, Bucharest, November 1 – 30, 1998
Igor CODREANU, lecturer at the chair of General Physical Geography of the SUT

Presentation of a course Psychology of creativity and the implementation of its principles in inventions for researchers of the Academy of Science and Arts, Belgrade, September 1-7, 1998
Iurie SOLPAN, lecturer, TUM

SINTERING- 98 International Conference, Belgrade, September 1-7, 1998
Valentin MIHAILOV, lecturer, TUM, scientific researcher at the Institute of Applied Physics

EuroSun 98 Congress, Portoroz, Slovenia, September 14-17, 1998
Alexandru FOCSA, lecturer, SUM

Visiting Professors

Theodore ORLIN, "Human Rights" course, HUM, May 18-25, 1998
Project director Silvia POGOLSA, senior lecturer, Public International Law Chair, HUM

Florence HERBULOT, Chairman of the international Association of Interpreters and Translators, France
Inter-university Seminar for translators and interpreters, FIUM, Foreign Languages Department, May 7-28, 1998, Chisinau ; 50 participants

Project director Ana GUTU, Dean, Foreign Languages Department, FIUM

Michael LOWE, Philip BOOBVER, Julia FRANZOU, Atsushi OTA, Douglas PAINE, of the Freedom Foundation, UK

International course on Man, morality and freedom, June 25 – July 4, 1998, Calarasi, 30 participants

Project director Valentina BODRUG, Psychology Department, SUM

Pierre BAQUE, to present the course and to participate in the conference related to the Arts and the pedagogy of the Arts

Project director MAIA ROBU, senior lecturer, Pedagogical Department, PSU

Sessions, Scientific Conferences

Conference on the Individual and the Civil Society: Semiotic Collisions, Chisinau, October 6-11, 1998

Project director Silvia HARNAU, lecturer at the AESM, Director of the Center of Economic Semiotics of Moldova

Participation of the PSU students in the Scientific Inter-university Conference in Comrat, May 4-5, 1998

Project director Elena RATEEVA, Chief of the section of Bulgarian language, PSU

Geographical Science in a Circle: Scientific Symposium, October 29, Chisinau, SUT

Project director Valeriu FEDICO, lecturer

Scientific session on Dimitrie Cantemir – retrospectives of values and heuristic perspectives, Chisinau, October 30-31, 1998

Project director Ludmila LAZAR, Dr. in Arts, Pro-rector for scientific and creative work, IA

Symposium: The end of the First World War and Romanian civilization – 80 years

Project director Anatol PETRENCU, Prof., Dr. in Historical Sciences, President of the Association of Historians of the Republic of Moldova.

Students' Initiatives Program

The Program's goal is to support extra-curricular student activities: research projects, seminars, student conferences, summer schools, research expeditions, student exchange from different institutions, and different forms of collaboration and cooperation among institutions from Moldova and abroad. We also supported projects concerning the student's social life, their work in scientific and interests groups, financial help for student associations, and formal and informal meetings. 29 projects were selected:

Students' Philosophy Symposium, May 11-14

Marin DOLINTA, 5th year student, Philosophy and Psychological Department, SUM

Seminars, round tables: Sensitizing Youth to environmental problems, April-May 1998

Veaceslav VLADICESCU, 2nd year student, Environmental Department, SUM

CEP Students' Conference, XXIst Century: (Dis)Integrating Communities, Individuals and Institutions, March 13-15, 1998, Cluj-Napoca

Justine CONNOR, CEP lecturer, AESM

Round table: Higher Education - Quo Vadis? The evaluation of the quality of teaching from a student perspective (with students of the University of Iasi), April 10-12, 1998

Luciano POPA, 4th year student, FIUM

Scientific Conference of students evaluation and management of chemical risk, March 25, 1998

Nadejda ANDREEV, lecturer SUM

International Seminar Youth with disabilities and mass media, March 7-15, 1998, Prague
Natalia-Maria BUGA, 1st year student, Foreign Languages Department, SUM

The evaluation of the social and a concluding round table of generalizations, April-May, 1998

Mariana MASCAUTAN, 4th year student, Sociology, SUM

Violence in the family and its impact in mass media (a research project based on published articles)

Otilia POJOGA, 5th year student, Journalism, SUM

Sociological survey on gender studies, organized with students of the SUM, 2 months

Vasile JARDAN, 4th year student, Psychology, SUM

Sociological survey Employment of Graduate Students of Economics and Management, Conference with students invited from Romania and Ukraine

Olimpia BAJAG, 5th year student, Management, AESM

The quality of professional knowledge of students of Young Psychologists surveys, with published results, round tables

Nicolae BESLIU, 4th year student, Psychology, PSU

Students' Level of awareness of the risk of the AIDS infection, 6 months

Mihai MELNIC, 3rd year student, SUMP

Modeling a situation of international negotiations, April – May 1998

Renata COSTISANU, 3rd student, Economics, FIUM

Social technologies : Trust telephone for students (6 months)

Maria CATAVEL, psychologist at the Ion Creanga Lyceum

Inter-university Competition of reports in literary theory and science, April 23-24, 1998

Viorel MARGINEANU, 5th year student, Philology, SUB

Valeriu Cupcea VII International Recital Competition, April 15-18

Valentin BALAN, IA

Participants : 93 persons of Moldova and from abroad

Student exchange : Moldova-Sweden Youth for Europe : Intercultural exchange East-West, April 27-May 3, 1998, Sweden

Sorin HANGANU, 2nd year student, Law, SUM

Participants : 6 students

Student exchange : Moldova-Canada, College of Microelectronics of Chisinau and College of General Sciences of Montreal, (5 participants), May 4-June 27, 1998

Student exchange : Moldova – the countries of the European Community, Summer University : Know Moldova!, July 24-August 7, 1998

Participants : 20 students of Europe

Internship at the Academy of Arts of St. Petersburg for students of IA, (9 participants), June 10-24, 1998

Radu IGNAT, 5th year student, IA

Participation at the International Summer University for Peace, July 14-31, 1998

Georgeta CISLARU, Vitalie VOVC, students of the SUB

Capitalizing on Heritage (customs and holidays traditions), ethnical and pedagogical practice of students of the PSU, August 17- September 3, 1998

Jeni NASTASE, Culture and Ethnicity History, Pedagogical Sciences, PSU

Workshop: Theory and practice of Art Therapy, April-May 1998
Mircea BORDEAN, 4th year student, Psychology and Management, PSU

Sociological research: Particularities of ethnic attitudes and determining self- and hetero-image of Romanian students, November 1, 1998 - January 1, 1999
Svetlana MARDARI, 2nd year student, Philosophy and Psychology, SUM

Sociological research Students about students, September 1, 1998 – January 15, 1999
Alvina GROSU, lecturer, Psychology, SUM

Geo-ecological expedition of students Evaluation of the environmental situation of the territory between the Nistru and Prut rivers (North part of Moldova), July 5-12, 1998
Radu STRULEA, 2nd year student, Ecological Law, SUM

Internship in Technological and Ecological chemistry, June 29 – July 14, 1998
Maria GONTA, lecturer, Chemistry Chair, SUM

Modernization of the teaching process for History Department students through museum internships, April 10 – May 20, 1998
Victoria ZAPOROJANU, 3rd year student, History, SUM

Grants for Young Faculty Members

The program encouraged attracting young lecturers and graduate students into teaching, a process which works against the for young faculty members works against the “drain” of young faculty members from higher education. Forty-four grants (\$229) were given on a competitive basis, which was announced for all the disciplines without any restriction:

SUM

Igor CASU, lecturer, Universal Contemporary History
Rodica URSU, lecturer, History of Culture and Religions
Sergiu CORSAC, lecturer, Mathematical Analysis
Igor CIALENCO, lecturer, Mathematical Analysis
Aliona VITA, lecturer, Philosophy
Alvina GROSU, lecturer, Psychology and Pedagogy
Ion GUMENII, lecturer, History of Culture and Religions
Petru NEGURA, lecturer, Universal Literature
Igor BERCU, lecturer, Algorithm Languages and Programming
Vitalie GANCU, lecturer, Differential Equations
Ina MORARU, lecturer, Psychology
Ana BARSAN, lecturer, Physiology, Biochemistry and Genetics

SUB

Aurica GARABAJIU, lecturer, Economics and Management
Aliona COLIBABA, intern, English Philology
Aliona BOLIAC, intern, Romanian Language and Literature
Dorina BUTUCIOC, intern, Romanian Language and Literature
Natalia LUNGU, intern, Applied Romanian Language
Zinaida RUMLEANSKAIA, intern, English Philology
Tatiana PASCARIUC, intern, French Philology
Elena ROTARI, intern, English Philology
Vitalie RUSU, intern, Law
Veceslav PANZARI, lecturer assistant, Law
Victor PALANCIUC, intern, Law
Oleg BONTEA, intern, Law
Alexandru MARIT, lecturer assistant, Law
Olesea RUDENCO, intern, Law

SUT

Eduard COROPCEANU, lecturer assistant, Chemistry
Dumitru COZMA, lecturer, Mathematical Analysis
Anatolie PUTUNTICA, lecturer assistant, General Physical Geography

FIUM

Stelian MANIC, lecturer superior, Humanities

Tatiana GOLBAN, lecturer assistant, French Language and Literature

AESM

Iuliana BALAN, lecturer assistant, Book-keeping and Audit

Vitalie CHIURCCIU, lecturer, Book-keeping

PSU

Daniela SAMBOTEANU, lecturer, General Psychology

Vitalie POPESCU, lecturer, Psychology

Mariana ZAGAIEVSCHI, lecturer assistant, Pedagogy

Elena MARIN, lecturer, Pedagogy and Psychology

Octavian CODREANU, lecturer, Computer

IA

Irina FILIP, lecturer, Applied Decorative Arts

TUM

Igor CUCER, intern, Engineering and Management in Production Systems

SUMP

Rodica PASCAL, university assistant, General Medicine

Ion DUMBRĂVEANU, assistant, Urology and Surgical Nephrology

Ala BARCA, assistant, Pediatrics

Valentin BALTAG, assistant, Gynecology

Transformation of the Higher Education Curriculum in Moldova

The program supported the initiatives of university professors, researchers, and individual experts of developing analytical programs in the areas of Social Science and the Humanities.

Grants (\$250) were offered to :

Valentin ARAPU The Research of Historical Documents

Eduard BAIDAU The History of the Middle Ages

Valeriu COZMA, VALENTINA COZMA Historical Research

Mihail BURUIANA International Economic Law

Iurie MALAI Introduction to Psychology

Romeo ROSCA Agrarian Marketing

Higher Education in Moldova – Problems and Perspectives

Seminars and round tables continued on Transformations in the Higher Education System - Problems and Ways of Implementation, developed by the Educational Board, which aim to discuss modes of implementing reform in Higher Education.

Within this program the International Seminar : the Admissions Process in Higher Education - the International Experience and the Reality of the Republic of Moldova, was held on October 15-16, 1998 at FIUM.

Organizers : The Education Board of the Soros Foundation and MES, project director Mihai CERNENCO, FIUM

Participants : experts from Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Belgium, and Germany as well as representatives of universities of Moldova.

The papers were also published of the 1997 International Seminar : Evaluation of the Quality of the Higher Education.

Informational Support for Humanities Chairs

Grants were given for the development of Social Science and the Humanities chairs in the universities that do not work in this area, offering access to information through connection to the Internet and E-mail. The chairs benefited from improved facilities, materials used in the teaching process as well as by a set of technical equipment (computer, printer

and copy machine).

Humanizing the studying process in the field of Physical Sciences in higher education
The chair of Social, Humanitarian and Methodological Disciplines of science, IPS, SUM
Project director Corneliu POPOVICI

Modernization of the studying and teaching process of the History of Medieval and Modern Civilizations of Eastern and South – Eastern Europe, duration – 2 years
Project director Pavel COCARLA, Medieval and Modern History, SUM

On-going Projects

The HESP Program supported projects of university curriculum reform, in higher education institutions of Moldova.

Introduction of a new specialization in the Ethnology of Ethnic Groups of the South of Moldova in the curriculum, Culture of national minorities faculty, SUC
Project director Svetlana CARA, lecturer, Bulgarian language chair, SUC

Supplementary psychological and pedagogical instruction for young faculty members of higher education institutions
Council of Rectors of Moldova, project director Raisa TERESCIUC, lecturer, Psychology and Pedagogy, SUM

Creation of the Laboratory of Oral History at the History Department, PSU
Project director Elena SISCANU

Creation of the Center of Information and Projects' Promotion at the TUM
Project director Ion TIGHINEANU, pro-rector, TUM

In 1998 we continued to finance the projects in the transformation of the university curriculum approved in 1997, including:

Laboratory of the Clinical Psychology of the Psychology Chair, SUM
Project director Carolina PLATON, Doctor in Psychology, SUM

The planning and development of the basic psychological and pedagogical curriculum
Project director Ludmila PAPUC, Doctor in Psychology and Pedagogy, PSU

Research Support Scheme

Research Support Scheme has the goal to support innovative research of individuals or groups of researchers in the Social Sciences and the Humanities concerning issues of Central and Eastern Europe, Transcaucasus, Central Asia and Mongolia. In 1998 21 researchers were supported.

Financing was continued for the following projects :

Personnel of Social Work, SUB, project director Mihail SLEAHTITCHI

Summer Schools of the Central European University of Budapest

Zoia COJUHARI, Diana CHEIANU, Gender and Politics : Another Vision on Women, Family and the State
Dumitru UNGUREANU, Serghei BOCANIOV, Evaluation of the Impact on Environmental Development in Countries in Transition
Eugenia BEJAN, Elena BOLGARINA, Libraries and Internet
Alexandru TRIFAUTAN, Andrei CANTEMIR, Educational Reform – The Role of Researchers

Invisible College of Moldova

(International HESP - Falanga Program)

This program was started at the Soros Foundation Moldova in February 1996 in partnership with Open Society Institute and three universities in Chisinau as a special International HESP pilot-program. The Invisible College of Moldova aims to amplify the teaching and research processes in the field of Social Sciences. The College focuses on the four disciplines of political science, sociology, psychology, and philosophy.

The main goal of the Program is to facilitate preparation of a core group of academics in the Social Sciences and a new generation of leaders for Moldova's growing democracy.

During 1998 about 120 persons were involved in the Invisible College, (80 students and 40 professors.) The principal target of the Invisible College of Moldova are the most outstanding students in Social Sciences. They are selected by way of publicly advertised competitive exams. The teaching staff is recruited from the best professors of the higher education establishments and research institutes of Moldova. Additionally, visiting professors from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the European Community and the USA are involved in College activities. Visiting professors are an important aspect of the program as they bring new ideas, research and teaching practices otherwise unavailable in Moldova.

At present the academic training and research work of the students occurs in the existing framework of specialized laboratories housed in following universities :

Philosophy : SUM, #32 Gh. Casu str. room 210, Chisinau, MD 2025

Sociology : SUM, #32 Gh. Casu str., room 201 A, Chisinau MD 2009 ;

Political Science : FIUM, #52 Vlaicu Pircalab str., room 216, Chisinau MD 2012

Psychology : PSU, #1 Ion Creanga str., room 60, Chisinau MD 2039.

The program consists of several components, identified to address the following objectives :

Tutorial Programs

The main format of the academic program consists of regular meetings between students and their professors/tutors. Every professor in the program is an adviser for 2-3 students. Each student at the beginning of the semester selects the topic of the research project. The topics are discussed and approved at the meeting of the College Senate.

Professors involved in the Invisible College:

Political Science Laboratory

Mihai CERNENCO, Dr. in History, Head of Social Sciences Department, FIUM

Ala BELOSTECINIC, Dr. in Political Science, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, SUM

Nicolae CHIRTOACA, Senior Lecturer of Social Sciences Department, FIUM

Igor KLIPIL, Master's Degree in Political Sciences, Head of the Information and Analytical Center of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Senior Lecturer of Humanities, FIUM

Gheorghe COJOCARU, Dr. in History, Editor of the **Arena Politicii** magazine, Researcher at the ASM

Tutors-assistants

Ala COJOCARU, Lecturer, APAM

Sociology Laboratory

Valentin TURCAN, Dr. in Philosophy, Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Philosophy History Department, SUM

Gheorghe CALCAI, Dr. in Philosophy, Chief of the Sociology Department, Institute of Philosophy, Law and Sociology, ASM

Ludmila MALCOCI, Dr. in Sociology, Scientific Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Law and Sociology, ASM, Assistant-professor of Mass-media and Communication Department, SUM

Ana PASCARU, Dr. in Philosophy, Senior Scientific Worker, Institute of Philosophy, Law and

Sociology, ASM

Tatiana SPATARU, Dr in Sociology, Senior Lecturer of Sociology Department, SUM

Tutors-assistants

Diana CHEIANU, Lecturer, post-graduate student, SUM

Eduard MIHAILOV, Centre of Analysis and Studies in Sociology, Political Studies

Psychology Laboratory

Ion NEGURA, Dr. in Psychology, Head of General Psychology Department, PSU

Lilian NEGURA, Master's Degree in Psychology, General Psychology Department, PSU

Grigore TAPU, Dr. in Psychology, Assistant Professor of Psychology, SUM

Igor RACU, Ph.D. in Psychology, Dean of Psychology Department, PSU

Tatiana TURCHINA, Lecturer, post-graduate students, SUM

Tutors-assistants

Ina MORARU, Lecturer, post-graduate student, SUM

Philosophy Laboratory

Gheorghe BOBANA, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Head of Esthetics and History of Philosophy,

Institute of Philosophy, Law and Sociology, ASM

Ion SARBU, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Professor of Social Sciences Department, FIUM

Eudochia SAHARNEANU, Dr. in Philosophy, Associate Professor, SUM

Grigore VASILESCU, Dr. in Philosophy, Head of Philosophy Department, ASU

Vasile TAPOC, Dr. in Philosophy, Head of Philosophy Department, SUM

Tutors-assistants

Vitalie POPA, Lecturer, post-graduate student, SUM

Angela STAFII, Lecturer, post-graduate student, SUM

Computer science Laboratory - 1

Roza DUMBRAVEANU, Dr. in Physics and Mathematics, Computer Science, SUM

Eugen CAISIN, lecturer, Computer Science Department, SUM

Computer Science Laboratory - 2

Iurie GUZUN, Dr. in Technical Sciences, Assistant professor, Computer Science, PSU

Visiting Lecturers

Laboratory coordinators and the academic adviser invite outstanding lecturers from abroad with lectures or courses.

Simon PETERMANN

Chair of Political Sciences Department, Liege University, Belgium: "The Europe of the Regions."

Helmuth WAGNER

Berlin University, Germany: "New Geopolitical Centers in Asia."

Albert RINGELSTEIN

USA, CEP lecturer: "The US Congress," "Constitutional Law," "Political Parties," and "The Supreme Court."

Paul deGREGORIO

Political Sciences Department, Missouri University, USA: "Electoral Campaigns in the USA."

Mihai SORA

Philosophy Department, Bucharest University, Romania: "Euro-Atlantic Integration and Overcoming Differences."

Jean NOUZILLE

University of Strasbourg, France: "The Role of Germany in the Present Conditions of Central and Eastern Europe."

Traian STANCIULESCU

Alexandru I. Cuza University, Iasi, Romania: "The Semiotics of Symbolic Language."

Nadia IMBROGNO

USA, CEP lecturer: "Contemporary Sociology," and "Classical English Language."

Narcisa TAMBREA

"Romania: special course" for the School of Social Statistics

Thomas SEBEOK

Director of the Center of Semiotics Studies, Indiana University at Bloomington, USA: "Semiotics—History and the Present."

Solomon MARCUS

Vice-president of the International Association of Semiotics Studies, USA: "Information and Communication, Strategy and Negotiation in the Contemporary World."

Alexander LAGHAL

Sweden, CEP lecturer: "The Sociology of Delinquency, Current Problems of Contemporary Psychology."

Alexandru BOBOC

Member of the Romanian Academy, Philosophy Department, Bucharest University: "Styles and Orientations in Contemporary Philosophy."

Aurel CODOBAN

Philosophy and History Department, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania: "Philosophy of religions."

Miklos VETO

Poitiers University, France: "Major Topics in the Philosophy of Religions."

Adrian NECULAU

Vice-Rector of A.I.I.Cuza University, Iasi, Romania: "Socio-cognitive Conflict."

Stefan BONCU

Psychology Department, A.I.I.Cuza University, Iasi, Romania: "New Directions in Social Psychology."

Ovidiu LUNGU

Psychology Department, A.I.I.Cuza University, Iasi, Romania: "Computer-assisted Psychological Research."

Local Visiting Professors :

Iurie LEANCA

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova: "The Republic of Moldova in International Relations."

Mihai GRIBINCEA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs "Military Policy of Russia Related to the CIS Countries."

Nicolae OSMOCHESCU

Judge of the Constitutional Court of Moldova: "The Place and the Role of the Constitutional Court in the Political System of Moldova."

Iraida CONDREA

SUM: "Modern Rhetoric."

Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania : members of Philosophy and Psychology Laboratories.

Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey : members of Psychological and Sociological Laboratories.

Al.I.Cuza University, Iasi, Romania. Members of the Psychological Laboratory.

English Language Training

The Invisible College students are given compulsory English language training at the Open World House in Chisinau. The courses organized at the Open World House are carried out mainly with native-speaking teachers.

Computer Skills Development

The students have compulsory computer training on using software programs, e-mail and the Internet. In the framework of the Invisible College there are two computer classrooms organized :

Computer Classroom-1 : SUM, Mateevici str., 60, Chisinau MD 2009 ;

Computer classroom-2 : PSU, Ion Creanga str., 1, Chisinau MD 2039.

Training Courses, Seminars, Conferences, and Summer Schools

Students participate in training courses, seminars, conferences and summer schools in order to share acquired knowledge, gain organizational experience, and develop the capacity to make presentations to a large audience. These events are open for students and professors from various universities who are not members of the Invisible College.

Semester Scientific Seminar, January 24-25, 1998, Chisinau

All students and professors-tutors of the Invisible College Moldova participated.

The School of Social Statistics, April 9-18, 1998, Chisinau

The Invisible College and the Civil Society Program of the Soros Foundation Moldova.

Participants were students and professors from Psychological and Sociological Laboratories, and also representatives of other institutions (SUM, AESM, PA, Centre for Analysis and Sociological Investigations, SocioMoldova Independent Polls Foundation, Moldova Moderna Center of Marketing and Public Opinion Studies of the Foundation, and the Centre for Sociological Investigations CAS).

International Student Symposium on Philosophy, May 10-14, 1998, Chisinau, Moldova

Semester Scientific Seminar, May 15-17, 1998, Holercani, Moldova

Participants - all students and professors-tutors of the Invisible College Moldova.

The New Generation in the Contemporary World, an International Summer School in Social Sciences and the Art of Communication, July 19 – August 3, 1998, Vadul-lui-Voda, Moldova
Organizers : the East-East Program of Soros Foundation Moldova, Council for European Formation and Invisible College Moldova. Representatives of the Invisible College Moldova and of the network foundations participated.

Participation in International Conferences and Seminars

International Conference for Political Parties, Mass Media, and Electoral Techniques, March 14 - 15, 1998, Chisinau.

Scientific Seminar : Political Parties in the Parliamentary Elections of March 22nd, 1998, April 4, 1998, Chisinau.

Round table : Contemporary Philosophical Problems, April 11, 1998, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

International Conference, Weak interactions and synchronization in biology, medicine and parapsychology, April 13-19, 1998, Moscow, Russia.

Quo Vadis? Round table on Higher Education, April 17 - 19, 1998, Chisinau, Moldova
 Joint Scientific Student Conference (SUM and PSU), April 24, 1998
 Meeting of the students of Philosophy Laboratory of the Invisible College Moldova, students of Philosophy Departments of Cluj, Bucharest, and Iasi Universities, May 11-13, 1998, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
 The Youth Dimension in European Integration — An International Seminar, May 20-21, 1998, Chisinau, Moldova.
 Seminar in Political Sciences Peer Review, May 20-23, 1998, Vilnius, Lithuania.
 Academic days at Cluj, Seminar, May 29, 1998, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
 East and Central Europe: Institutionalizing Social Change, an International Summer School, June 29 – July 18, 1998, Vilnius, Lithuania.
 Summer Camp for students of Invisible College Network, July 6-13, 1998, Bratislava, Slovakia.
 The idea of democracy in the contemporary world, Summer School, July 6-26, 1998, Minsk, Bielarus.
 University College of Federal Studies, July 6 – August 17, 1998, Aosta, Italy.
 International Summer school in Cognitive Sciences, July 12-26, 1998, Sofia, Bulgaria.
 Summer School for International Dialogue and Understanding, August 17-27, 1998, Prague, Czech Republic.
 The Individual and Civil Society: Semiotic Interference Conference and two round table discussions, October 7-9, 1999, Chisinau, Moldova.
 Psychological Problems of Transition, International Workshop, October 12, 1998, Iasi, Romania
 Admissions in Higher Education Institutions, International Conference, October 15-16, 1998, Chisinau, Moldova.
 Identity crisis in post-totalitarian countries, International Conference, October 28-31, 1998, Chisinau, Moldova.
 A view towards the future millennium: Regional Collaboration, International Conference, December 7-9, 1998, Chisinau, Moldova.

Publications

The Invisible College members share their knowledge in the academic community of Moldova through the published academic papers, written work in the Invisible College (presentations at conferences and summer schools, the newsletter of the Invisible College, and articles in mass media.

Acquisition of Teaching Materials

Each laboratory has a specialized library including textbooks, dictionaries, books, journals, and periodical journals, which is open to all the university students. In 1998 about 1000 titles of different teaching materials were purchased for Invisible College libraries. For 1999 70 titles of American periodical scientific journals in Social Sciences have been bought through The East & Central Europe Journal Donation Project (New School for Social Research, New York, USA).

Scholarships for Invisible College Students

The scholarships allow the students to devote extra time to studie and ensure that they will not have to work during their studies in order to earn a living.

Student-members of the Invisible College in 1998 year :

Philosophy Laboratory

Alumni

Eugenia BOGATU, SUM
 Marin DOLINTA, SUM
 Lucia FARMACHI, SUM
 Vlad PARASCHIV, SUM
 Galina URECHEANU, SUM

Second Year

Tatiana BULANCEA, SUM
 Larisa CIORNEI, SUM
 Liviu GHIDIRIM, SUM
 Lilia GLIJIN, SUM
 Angela POPA, SUM
 Eugen MITROFAN, SUM

First Year

Victoria ZAPOROJAN, SUM
 Natalia AFTENI, SUM
 Ecaterina ALBU, SUM
 Ruslan BELOUSOV, SUM
 Aurelia MIHALAS, SUM

Sociology Laboratory

Alumni

Eugenia BIRIUC, SUM
 Natalia CHIRILOV, SUM
 Dumitru GUTULEAC, AESM
 Natalia LUCHIAN, SUM
 Marina MASCAUTAN, SUM
 Artur MUNTEANU, AESM
 Evelina STRATAN, SUM

Second Year

Mariana BUCIUCIANU, SUM
 Corina CAIREAC, SUM
 Elena CARCEA, SUM
 Cornelia DONI, SUM
 Adelina LABIC, SUM
 Aliona SECARA, SUM
 Natalia SARAGOV, SUM

First Year

Ludmila CENUSA, SUM
 Aliona CHIHAI, SUM
 Aliona BARILOV, SUM
 Galina DOLTU, AESM
 Constanta POPESCU, AESM
 Sergiu COJOCARU, AESM

Psychology Laboratory

Alumni

Inga CALIN, PSU
 Ala CIORICI, SUM
 Zoia COJUHARI, PSU
 Mariana EPUREANU, PSU
 Vitalie POPESCU, PSU
 Daniela SIMBOTEANU, PSU
 Diana SPULBER, SUM
 Daniela TERZI, SUM

Second Year

Nicolae BESLIU, PSU
 Iulia BUZENCO, SUM
 Angela CARAMAN, PSU
 Stela DIMITRASCO, SUM
 Olga MOROZAN, PSU
 Lilia NACU, PSU
 Diana POSTU, SUM
 Diana ROSA, SUM

First Year

Veronica PEEV, PSU
 Svetlana MARDARI, SUM

Stela SUHAN, SUM
 Svetlana PRODAN, PSU
 Alina DRUTA, PSU
 Natalia COJOCARI, SUM
 Alina BUDECI, PSU
 Victor PARLICOV, AESM

Political Science Laboratory

Alumni

Igor BOTAN, SUM
 Pavel CABACENCO, SUM
 Eugenia CERBA, SUM
 Andrei COVAL, FIUM
 Vadim GUZUN, SUM
 Alexandru OPRUNENCO, SUM
 Silvia SOLOMON, SUM

Second Year

Viorel ALBU, SUM
 Elvira ANGHEL, SUM
 Otilia Bologan, SUM
 Vasile CHITII, SUM
 Alexandru GAMART, SUM
 Octavian MAMALIGA, SUM
 Dorin PEREU, SUM
 Alexandru SIMIONOV, SUM

First year

Igor BUCATARU, SUM
 Valeriu PROHNITCHI, AESM
 Victor ZAHARIA, SUM

Educational Advising Center

The Educational Advising Center in Moldova (EAC) appeared as a partnership between the United States Information Agency (USIA) and the Open World House. The major objective of the EAC is to provide all necessary information concerning the opportunities of degree and non-degree, college and post-graduate education in United States.

Since 1994, EAC has administrated two American Programs, the Edmund S. Muskie and the Freedom Support Act, which provide opportunities for graduates of NIS universities to come to the US for degree and non-degree programs in several fields: Business Administration, Economics, Law, Educational Administration, Public Policy, Library, and Journalism. EAC carries out recruitment activities including program publicity, testing, interviewing, and pre-departure processing.

1998 Statistics

Number of visitors 2400
Correspondence 800
Telephone calls 7440
Total 10640

Consultations

High School students 340
Students 1200
Graduate students 500
Post graduate students 360
Total 2400

Number of distributed bulletins for standard tests

TOEFL 980
GRE 340
GMAT 120
SAT 20
Other types of information materials 500
Total 1960

Visitors by field of study

Total 2400
American Studies 25
Architecture 15
Arts 100
Banking 120
Biology 15
Business Administration 430
Communications 80
Computer Science 200
Dentistry 5
Design 10
Economics 470
Educational Administration 70
Engineering 15
English 210
Finance 200
French 20
History 15
Law 55
Library Science 45
Linguistics 35
Marketing 80
Medicine 75

Philosophy 5
Photography 5
Physics 10
Political Science 25
Psychology 5
Public Administration 30
Sociology 30

Ed.S.Muskie/FSA Program Administered Tests

February 6, 1998, GRE 8
January 17, 1998, GMAT 23
February 7, 1998, TOEFL 46

Interviews organized for the Edmund S. Muskie Program

Education Administration, Law, Journalism/ Mass Communications, Public Health, Economics, Public Administration, Public Policy, February 10, 1998
Ted REPA, School of Education, New York University
William MOCK, John MARSHALL, Law School
Elena SPENSLEY, ACTR, Washington D.C.

Business Administration, January 22 – 23, 1998
William Joseph GORMLEY, ACTR/ACCELS, Washington D.C.
Carolyn Muirheid PRIBBLE, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Jullianne PAUNESCU, USIS, Chisinau, Moldova

Conferences and seminars

NAFSA Conference, Washington DC, May 24 – 29, 1998
Scholarships Annual Conference, July 9 – 12, 1998, Tallinn, Estonia
VI OSEAS-Europe Regional Conference for

Overseas Educational Advisers in Western, Eastern and Central Europe and the NIS, August 5 – 10 August, 1998, Budapest, Hungary

Lectures, presentations, video-presentations of the educational system of US and different scholarship programs

How to write a recommendation, February 17, 1998

Ion GHILESCU, coordinator

How to study in the USA – video presentation, April 2, 1998

Ion GHILESCU, coordinator

Press Conference (USIS announces its Programs), September 15, 1998

Julianne PAUNESCU, USIS PAO

Irina COLIN, USIS Cultural Assistant

Iurii DATII, IREX-Moldova Director

Terry STEVENS, ACTR/ACCELS Director

Vitalie VREMIS, Muskie Program Coordinator

Presentation of the Muskie/FSA Graduate Fellowship Program at SUM, October 9, 1998

Vitalie VREMIS, coordinator

Presentation of the Muskie/FSA Graduate Fellowship Program at the FIUM, October 9, 1998

Vitalie VREMIS, coordinator

Presentation of the Muskie/FSA Graduate Fellowship Program at the ASEM, October 14, 1998

Vitalie VREMIS, coordinator

Presentation of the Muskie/FSA Graduate Fellowship Program at the ASM, October 13, 1998

Vitalie VREMIS, coordinator

Presentation of the Muskie/FSA Graduate Fellowship Program at the SUB, October 21, 1998

Vitalie VREMIS, coordinator

Programs Advertised

The ACTR/ACCELS University Student Exchange Program

The Central European University Foundation: Post-graduate Scholarship, 1998-99

International Management Center MBA Program (Budapest, Hungary)

College of Europe (Belgium)

Academia Istropolitana: Public Administration, Applied Economics, Environmental

Planning and Management, Architectural and Urban Heritage Conservation

The 1998 Edmund S. Muskie & Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship Programs Community Connections (USIS)

FSA in Contemporary Issues (IREX)

Regional Scholar Exchange Program (ACCELS)

Undergraduate Exchange Program 1997-98 American University in Bulgaria

The Stanford University New Democracy Fellowship Program: Fellowship for Doctoral (PhD) Study at Stanford University

The Fulbright Program: Advanced Research and University Lecturing Awards in the United States

Central European University Program

The University of Warwick Graduate School

Book acquisitions

Catalogs of US universities 50

USMLE Bulletins 50

TOEFL Bulletins 600

GRE Bulletins 300

GMAT Bulletins 200

Total 1200

EAC - Moldova collaborated with the following national and foreign foundations and organizations:

Soros Foundation Moldova

USIA: United States Information Agency

ACTR/ACCELS: The American Council of Teachers of Russian/ American Council for Collaboration in Education and Language Study

IREX: International Research and Exchanges Board

REAC: Institute of International Education

NAFSA: National Association for Foreign Student Affairs

CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange

Center for Social Innovations

Moldova – Pennsylvania

Eurasia Foundation

TACIS

UNDP

Aqua Project and Apele Moldovei Agency

Alumni Center

Pro Didactica Educational Center

The Invisible College

Scholarships

The network and national scholarship programs were developed in order to give the young generation of Moldova the possibility to obtain adequate and necessary studies for the future prosperous development of the Republic. These programs led to the increase of local staff in different fields as well as to the improvement of their level of professional training. Total or partial financial support was provided for studies abroad. Supplementary merit scholarships were given to students from Moldovan universities.

Network Programs

American University in Bulgaria
 Natalia CONDORACHI
 Alexandru BIVOL
 Anatolie CERNII
 Mariana BUZU
 Viorica URSU
 Sergiu LISNIC
 Ilie VEDRASCO
 Eugen KHALSANOV
 Marin CEBOTARI
 Georgeta GAVRILIUC
 Lucia LAVRIC
 Iurie LAIU
 Pavel ALBOT
 Victor GUSILA
 Virgiliu MIDRIGAN

Virtual University Undergraduate Exchange Program
 Stelian RUSU
 College of Bard, New-York

Victor GAMART
 State University, Montana

Diana GOREA
 University of Arizona

University of Warwick, United Kingdom
 Victoria SACA
 Valeriu STAVINSKI

Oxford University, United Kingdom
 Corina CEPOI

Central European University, Hungary
 Vitalii CLIMENCO
 Mariana GOINA
 Rodica STAVARACHE
 Cristina CHEPTEA
 Dumitru SLEAHTICI
 Diana DIGOL
 Dragos CUCEREANU

International Management Center, Hungary
 Petru ZAMISNII
 Victor TODORIUC

Environmental Fellowship Program, USA
 Svetlana NOUR
 University of Idaho

National Programs

American University in Bulgaria
 To attend the American University in Bulgaria, 2 candidates were accepted for full scholarship and 1 candidate for partial scholarship in 1998. For the students accepted in 1998 Soros Foundation paid the registration tax, and for the candidate with partial scholarship, the remaining sum was paid. For all AUBG students from Moldova, Soros Foundation offered a modest allowance for spending money.

College of Europe, Natolin, Poland
 Virginia BODOLICA

Les Ecoles Normales Superieures, France
 Angela DEMIAN
 Natalia DOBINDA
 Valeriu RAZLOG

Supplementary scholarship grants

Graduate studies

University of Ankara, Turkey
 Ecaterina LOGOS

University of Leipzig, Germany
 Tatiana SPANU

Southwest Texas State University, USA
 Lidia SIDORENCO

Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italia
 Liliana BORTA

University of Arizona, USA
 Mariana MOLDOVANU

Trent University of Peterborough, Canada
 Roman DOLINSCHI

- College of Baltimore, USA
Eduard PANFILE
- Instituts Nationaux des Sciences Appliquees, Lyon, France
Lilia JUC
Ana BARAT
- University of Science and Technology of Shanghai, China
Adrian HASNAS
- Pantheon University of Social Sciences and Politics, Greece
Veronica TIMOFTII
- Superior School of Music of Koln, Germany
Ruslan TOPALOV
- Instituto di Musica Sacra, Italia
Marian RADU
- Montgomery College, USA
Augustina RENITA
- University of Parta, Greece
Elena ONICA
Doina DUPLACHI
- Ecole Nationale Superieure d' Art, France
Doina VIERU
- American University in Bulgaria
Eugen KHALSANOV
- Postgraduate studies**
- Technical University of Freiberg, Germany
Andrei SARUA
Veaceslav SAMOHVALOV
- University of Florida, Business Administration College, USA
Viorel SAREBOUNE
- Institut Nationale des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, France
Daniela GRIKALOVSKAIA
- University Paris-XI, France
Victor BANCILA
- European Institute of Geneva University, Switzerland
Mariana AZAROVA
- Universite Jean Moulin Lyon-3, France
Lucretia BIRLADEANU
- Postgraduate School of International Management, USA
- Ovidiu RUSU
- Institute d'Etudes Politiques
Ecole Superieure du Commerce, France
Cristina MOROSAN
- University of Pennsylvania, USA
Irina GHEORGHICIUC
- University of Iowa, USA
Boris ALBUL
- Kent State University, USA
Ludmila CRAVCENCO
- Suffolk University of Massachusetts, USA
Elena ROZNERITA
- Sweden Institute, Stockholm
Oxana SAMOTEEVA
- International Business University, Sweden
Angela APOSTOL
Andrei BIZGU
Alexandru PALII
- University of Lund, Sweden
Sergiu BOCANIOV
- University of London, United Kingdom
Andrei MUNTEAN
Natalia GHERMAN
- Gestalt Institute, Russia
Nadejda KRASNOPOLISKAIA
- Universidad Nacional Autonomo de Mexico, Mexico
Victoria NISTOR
Ludmila SANDU
- Institute des Sciences Politiques, Bordeaux, France
Doina ZGUREANU
- Institute des Sciences Politiques, Paris, France
Natalia RIBALCO
- Sports Academy, Russia
Victor PANUS
- International Relations School of The University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Marin MIHAILESCU
- Institut d'Administration des Entreprises, Universite de Nice, France
Oleg CURBATOV

University of the Sorbonne, France Dumitru MOREA	Diana DIGOL
Institute European de Hautes Etudes Internationales, France Elvira LEAHU	Institute des Politiques Energetiques, France Sergiu CODREANU
Institute European des Sciences Internationales Superieures, France, Germany Andrei LISII	University of Parta, Greece Galina CUCOS Viorica VOZIAN Victoria IZMAN Doina AXENTI Irina CROPOVNITCHI
Ecole Superieure de Mines de Saint-Etienne, France Igor BLINDU	Elena ONICA Elena JUNGHIETU Lidia COTOVANU
School of Economic Studies, Netherlands Oleg BODIUL	University of Gainesville, USA Ana PALANCEAN
Western Kentucky University, USA Vladimir CARA	Institute Universitaire de Grenoble, France Ricu TUGULEA
Universite International d'Espace de Strasbourg, France Eugen CAISIN	Instituto Sperimentale per la Cerealicoltura di Bergamo, Italia Victor MANOLII
Universite Paris 1- Pantheon – Sorbonne, France Victor IPATII	American European Summer Academy, Austria Veronica PANOV Valeriu AJDER Irina PANIBOG
Ortega y Gasset University Institute, Spain Valeriu OSTAFII	Summer School of Pilzen, Czech Republic Igor ENE Mariana SPATARU-FUIOR Semion CHIOSEA
University of Athens, Greece Lidia COTOVANU Galina CUCOS Rodica SOCOLOV	International Summer School of Prague, Czech Republic Diana CHEIANU
Universite Paris-VI, France Mircea BANCILA	Ecole d'Ete d'Arzano, France Iulia TROMBITCAIA
Internships, Summer Schools, Other Events	
University of Munchen, Germany Veaceslav STAVILA	Ballet Scool of the Conservatory of Vienna, Austria Iulian TOPOR
University of Hamburg, Germany Oleg BURUIANA	Denis UNTILA Mihai SOSNOVSCHI
University of Milano, Italy Aliona CRUDU	International Cultural Center of Krakow, Poland Svetlana MARDARI
Institute International des Droits d'Hommes, France Oxana AGACHI	Bavarian Center, Poland Sorin HANGANU
American Institute of Political and Economic Studies, Czech Republic Alexandru SOCHIRCA	Kultur Kontakt Program, Austria Iulian SOCHIRCA

Foundation for Freedom, United Kingdom
Alexandra MIRCIUC
Diana PASCARU
Veaceslav BALAN

International Seminar, Germany
Andrei COVAL

Le Theatre Du Soleil, France
Mihai FUSU

The week of Moldovan Culture, Italy
Larisa VOROBIOV
(with a group of pupils)

Merit Scholarships

Soros Foundation Moldova organized the third annual Merit Scholarship Program for students from Moldovan universities in 1998. In order to be considered for the competition the students of the third, fourth and fifth year of study had to have a GPA measured by the Moldovan grading system of no less than 9.0. The value of a scholarship was measured between 500 and 2500 lei. A special committee including the Education Board of Soros Foundation Moldova gave priority to the students' extracurricular activities such as participation in conferences, and scientific research. Two hundred and twenty three students from fifteen institutions of Moldova participated in the competition. One hundred and one students were awarded Soros Foundation merit scholarships

First tier merit scholarship (2500 lei)

AESM
Ion AMARFII

FIUM
Florentina BODNARI

SUMP
Alina BATIR
Elena VOVC

SUM
Natalia NICORICI

Second tier merit scholarship (1200 lei)

AESM
Petru MALERU
Valeriu PROHNITCHI
Oxana SAVCIUC

CCU
Elena COGALNICEANU
Sergiu GULCEAC

FIUM
Iulia TROMBITCAIA
Andrei COVAL
Dragos CUCEREANU

SUB
Lucia TURCANU

ASU
Alexandru STRATAN

SUMP
Natalia POBEDINSCHI
Simion CHIOSEA
Petru CEPOIDA
Sorin SOFRONI

PSU
Mariana SPATARU
Elena JOSAN

SUM
Ala CIORICI
Corina BARLADEANU
Alexandru GAMART

TUM
Igor ENE
Lucia BUZDUGAN

Third tier merit scholarship (500 lei)

MA
Natalia GAVRILAN
Ludmila BIVOL

PA
Gheorghe BOTNARI

AESM
Ina PAHOMII
Victor CARAUS
Daniela NICULAESCU
Sergiu BUGAI
Dorina TRICOLICI
Eduard GHERMAN
Dorina PANTELEICIUC
Sergiu TOMESCU

HUM
Gheorghe APARECE

CCU
Arcadie BARANOV
Viorica ARABADJI

FIUM

Nadejda MAZUR
Alexandru ZGARDAN

SUB

Ghenadie DIOZU
Adrian CIUBOTARU
Natalia BARAT
Alexandru VASILCENCO

ASU

Roman HARUTA
Dragos CIMPOIES
Andrei GONCEARENCO
Igor CRISTAL

SUMP

Viorica COTICI
Constantin TARANOV
Cristina SOCOLOVSCHI
Elena DASANU
Calin STOICOV
Irina APOSTOLOVA
Larisa CEBAN
Victor ZOTA

PSU

Nelli COJOCARU
Bogdan TARDEA
Ludmila BACUMENCO
Angela CARAMAN
Svetlana PRODAN
Nicolae BESLIU
Lilia RAILEANU
Oleg GRAUR
Angela PRODAN
Lucia BOLEA

SUT

Elena FOTESCU

SUM

Eugenia CERBA
Victor ZAHARIA
Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI
Olga IRIMCIUC
Vladimir FONOBEROV
Vasile ROTARU
Victor CROITORU
Marin DOLINTA
Daniela TERZI
Oxana AGACHI
Ecaterina ZATUSEVSCHI
Cristina BALTAG
Sergiu VERLAN
Vadim DARII
Marcela DONTU
Dorina VIERU
Carolina CARAUS
Vladimir PARASCHIV

Rodica TROFIMOV

Radu DUSCIAC
Ion CRETU
Viorel ALBU
Liliana LAUR
Adela DOROFTEI

TUM

Maria COPACI
Ruslan TARNA
Sergiu LANGA
Iurie TERNA
Maria AFONINA
Vitalie BESLIU
Tudor CLAPCO

IA

Octavian VOLCU

The Soros Foundation English Language Program began in Moldova nearly six years ago with one visiting teaching fellow; as the program now nears its conclusion we can assess its accomplishments with pride. Many Moldovan students, as well as teachers and professors, have greatly benefited from the contributions made by the eighteen American teaching fellows, several regional trainers, and native Moldovan teachers who, since 1993, have facilitated workshops, seminars, and other forms of professional development. We were also able to collaborate with teachers from the Peace Corps and to send our own Moldovan teachers abroad for training in new ELT methodologies. We believe that all of our efforts have born fruit and that the state of English language education in Moldova is much improved as a result of the combined efforts of all the dedicated participants in the program. In anticipation of the elimination of this program, it was our goal during this past year to make every effort to sustain what has been achieved through encouraging our local colleagues in continuing the program's work. Surely, Moldovans will be able carry on and continue to make progress in the field of English language education without the direct support of our program.

Meanwhile, the priorities of the SELP program have turned towards furthering new projects including Resource Centers and the Regional SPELT initiatives in Teacher Training (especially ESP), and promoting teacher associations. We continued to support two programs with proven effectiveness—the publication **TEAM Report** and the Open World House Scholarships.

Teacher Training

This year activities concentrated on long-term training and collaborative projects, specifically:

Methodology for Debate Teachers

This course was addressed to 15 English teachers who are actively involved in the debate program. Communicative strategies were interwoven with an inventory of techniques used to develop critical thinking, negotiation skills and reaching a mutually accepted conclusion through a repertoire of oral and written communication.

This course was a new cooperative initiative among three programs of the Soros Foundation—Debate, ELT programs in Moldova, and ILC in Iasi, Romania.

IN-Service Teacher Development

This program for 80 English language teachers from Balti and surrounding regions was practical in nature, each session providing teaching activities and materials that participants could use with students in their own schools. The course focused on improving the participating teachers' own English language skills. The workshops, held weekly at the English Language Resource Centre of Balti, were conducted by two SPELT Fellows.

Pre-Service Teacher Training Course

This course was open to 4th and 5th year university students and included a review of different language teaching theories and methods, and also covered classroom management techniques, lesson planning, in-class teaching practice and other topics. This course resulted from the cooperation between SPELT/Soros Foundation and Pro-Didactica Language School.

INSET Program

40 teachers from key high schools in Chisinau were involved in either the In-Service ELT Methodology course (20 Chisinau high school ELT teachers) or Trainer Training for a future team of Moldovan ELT Inset trainers. The program was organized by the ILC Iasi, the British Council, and SF Moldova.

EFL Methodology—Communicative Classroom Activities

Two summer courses for 40 English teachers were held in Iasi in June. The main aim of the

course was to introduce the teachers to new teaching methods, procedures and materials, to involve them in solving meaningful tasks, and to help them enrich and share their teaching experience. Participants were of two levels, either young or beginning teachers, or experienced teachers who will form a national teacher training team.

British Studies

This course familiarized university professors from Balti and Chisinau with British Studies as an academic subject. The culture and civilization of Great Britain was examined through lectures, workshops, and Internet activities. Twenty professors participated.

Introduction to International Exams

This course provided an introduction to exams such as TOEFL, SAT, GRE and First Certificate. The course addressed objectives, levels, how to prepare students for exams. Sixteen high school teachers participated.

Resource Centers

Resource Centers not only provide more extensive collections and facilities than can be dispersed effectively to individual schools, but, more importantly, serve as meeting places for community-building activities among teaching professionals. The Centers in Balti and Chisinau have served as venues for instructional programs in teaching and methodology, and as places for cooperation between teachers, leading towards teacher associations. The presence of Resource Centers is also establishing a new kind of relationship between the host institutions and teaching professionals based on trust and a mutual interest in professional development.

In 1998, the program assisted the Resource Centers of Balti and Chisinau to augment and expand their facilities and programs, and also set up a new center at the College of Pedagogy and Art in Cahul.

TEAM Report

The English Language Program newsletter has been a source of authentic English material both for classroom use, as it contains practical lesson ideas and activities, and as reference material, with articles on teaching methods. It has been used by teachers at high schools and the university level, as well as by participants at workshops. It provided information about events of interest to English teachers in Moldova, as well as articles about American culture and values. Produced by SPELT Fellows in Chisinau and containing contributions from local English teachers, the newsletter became the best means of reaching all English teachers in the country and for disseminating SOROS Foundation program information. Publication run was 2000 copies. The final issue was a double issue, twice the usual length, published for December 1998.

Grant for the English Language School at the Open World House

The project of scholarships for the English language school (at the Open World House) encourages and supports the most gifted students and pupils to intensively study the English language. The project also allows for the granting of scholarships for lecturers who teach special courses in the English language in various subjects within the framework of the university curriculum. Selection was made on a competitive basis by the Education Board and the School. During 1997, 80 out of 300 applicants benefited from such grants.

SPELT (Soros Professional English Language Teaching) Program

SPELT, a network program relying on American teachers for collaborative English language instruction, is in its last year in Moldova. This year's two teaching Fellows, who hold full-time teaching positions in universities for the complete academic year, have been active along with the three Teacher Training Fellows in professional development programs. In

fact, SPELT seminars were a major facet of this year's program, wherein long-term training seminars were held both for global methodology and on specific topics such as Literature. Besides teaching and teacher training, fellows promoted collaboration through facilitating meetings, programs and research at the Resource Centers, and directed other SPELT activities like editing the **TEAM Report** Newsletter. Additionally, they have supported extra-curricular activities such as school newspapers and English language clubs. For the 1998-1999 academic year, Moldova had 5 SPELT fellows :

Hamilton BECK (Teaching Fellow), SUM

Christian CLAUSEN (Teacher Trainer), SUB

Victoria GROSS (Teacher Trainer), SUB

Anne STANDER (Teaching Fellow), AESM, Chisinau

Katja STENGELIN (Teacher Trainer), FIUM

Modernization of the Humanities Education Program

During 1998, the continued implementation of the Modernization of The Humanities Education Program was focused on the same major areas as the previous years, which have been the development of the Information and Documentation Center (IDC), curriculum development, and in-service training for school managers and teachers from the pre-university level.

The fact that major areas of activity did not change denotes a clear signal that the most important issues have been addressed from the moment of program's conception in 1995. It also demonstrates the adequate needs assessment in several target areas that are common for all educational programs of Soros Foundation Moldova:

- facilitating access to up-dated information in the areas of modern education and teaching
- promoting and disseminating advanced and innovative experiences
- supporting the training and retraining process for school teachers and managers
- promoting and supporting alternative approaches in education
- promoting recent models of curricular development

On August 11, 1998, based on National Board's decision and with the contribution of a second founder - Open World House - a new non-profit educational NGO organization, the Pro Didactica Educational Center, was established. The responsibilities for program implementation were delegated to the new center. The goal of the center is to sustain the previous efforts and achievements of the Modernization of The Humanities Education Program, which aimed to support the development of the educational system to efficiently prepare members of the community to better integrate into a changing society.

This report includes the analysis of all program activities (part of them implemented within the new Center).

SECTION I. Information and Documentation Center

Objective 1. Development of Informational Services

In 1998, beneficiaries of IDC services included

- teachers from a wide variety of educational institutions
- pupils and university students
- teams of trainers from educational programs developed by Soros Foundation Moldova and Pro Didactica Educational Center
- teachers and librarians from schools that participate in Foundation's programs
- program staff

Readers had direct access to the book fund, which became very popular due to its exceptionally useful selection. The development of the collection, initially oriented on educational programs' needs, included in 1998 a universal reference materials fund. The highest number of daily visitors was 60 persons on a single day. A larger space for the reading room could give access to many more visitors. The highest number of visitors per month was registered in November at 643 persons, while the average number of visitors per month for 1998 was 385.

A new target for IDC development has to be the development of services (introducing lending, consulting and bibliography services), as well as completion of the collection with the most requested editions.

Objective 2. Development of Resource Centers Book Collections (from schools involved in the program)

The 35 beneficiary schools of the Modernization of the Humanities Education Program were supported in developing their library funds. This support included:

a) Development of book collections : 21,669 editions of books were distributed, along with 227 sets of cartography materials and 72 video tapes.

b) Subscription to local and foreign education magazines : **Faclia, Limba romana, Magazin istoric, Pervoe senteabrea, Director scoli, Uciteliskaya gazeta, Tribuna invatamintului, Limba si literatura romana, Literatura si arta, Invatamintul primar, Sud-Est, Noi, Bblioteca,** and **Basarabia**. The lyceums and university chairs received 3 issues of **Reverberatii** – a new magazine devoted to psychoanalysis.

c) Distribution of library instrumental materials, and some books :
Paul CORNEA, **Introduction to the Theory of Reading**
Performance Indicators and Managerial Instruments for Libraries
Brigitte Richter, **Biblioteconomy Guide**

d) Training for librarians :
Library and Resource Center staff from all 35 schools went through a 2 stage training program organized by International Language Center of Iasi, Romania. The quality of the training was ensured by experts from Great Britain and colleagues from Romania, who had completed training programs in France. Topics of interest included modern strategies in book acquisition, using Internet, classification issues, automation, etc. The training was highly valued by participants. Also, the Romanian Association of Education Librarians showed interest in the IDC initiative of training for school librarians.

Objective 2. Book Acquisition and Donation for other Beneficiaries

Along with its main activity, IDC has continued the distribution of book donations (over 5000 copies) to other institutions, and participants at seminars, training courses, and summer schools.

Additionally, due to the initiative of the Bucovina Association, (chair – Arcadie SUCEVEANU) was implemented the Book donation for Romanian schools of Bucovina (Ukraine) project. With Foundation support, the Association distributed a significant amount of books. The titles included **Teaching projects / lesson plans, vol. 4 and 5, Courage to educate, Ethics for my son Amador** and **Politics for my son Amador by Fernando SAVATER**, dictionaries, **Rindunica** – a textbook for primary school, and several books by Moldovan writers.

By the end of the year, a serious acquisition of alternative Romanian textbooks and teaching materials for grades 1-6 was accomplished. These are recent materials, published within the education reform project supported by the World Bank in Romania. The project supported the publishing of alternative textbooks—2 or even 3 per discipline— demonstrating de facto that a core curriculum can be implemented through a variety of tools / textbooks. The objective of this acquisition is to offer Moldovan teachers the chance to understand and see this possibility. The modern design of the majority of these materials is also a good model for local publishers and potential textbook authors. The 500 sets, consisting of 250 titles each (all alternatives for all disciplines studied in grades 1-6), will be distributed next year. The beneficiaries will include education departments' libraries from universities, teaching colleges, schools involved in Foundation programs and a series of schools identified through consultation with MES representatives.

SECTION II. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Objective 1. Curriculum Development for Lyceum Level (grades 10-12)

Based on an agreement signed with MES, this section of the program focused on support and coordination of the curriculum development process for the Humanities, Sciences and Math at the lyceum level. By December 1998, curriculum projects for the following disciplines were evaluated and developed : Romanian Language and Literature, Foreign Languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian - as second languages), Minority Languages (Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Russian and Gagauz – as a mother tongue), History,

Philosophy, Psychology, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

The working groups involved in the project were formed based on program coordinator's proposal through consultation with MES, National Council for Curriculum and Evaluation.

Special acknowledgement for the successful start of the project are to be offered to Mr. Simion MUSTEATA, Vice Minister of Education, Mrs. Agnesa EFTODI, Head of the Pre-University Education Department at the MOE, and Mr. Vladimir GUTU, Deputy Director of the IPPS.

During the previous year, the great majority of the working groups members went through 2 training seminars, in curriculum development and evaluation (see Soros Foundation Moldova's report for 1997). This contributed to improving the knowledge and skills of the experts involved in this challenging project. During 1998, the curriculum development project involved the following experts :

General Coordinator : Agnesa EFTODI, Head of Pre-University Education Department
 Coordinator for the Humanities : Dr. Vladimir PASLARU, IPPS
 Coordinator for Math and Sciences : Dr. Aurelia RAILEANU, IPPS

Working groups :

Romanian Language and Literature

Coordinators : Dr. Vladimir PASLARU, IPPS, Maria HADIRCA, Senior Specialist, MES

Working group :

Dr. Olga COSOVAN, PSU

Dr. Tatiana CARTALEANU, PSU

Dr. Ana GHILAS, PSU

Viorica GORAS-POSTICA, IPPS, Pro Didactica Educational Center, program coordinator

Viorica BOLOCAN, teacher, Mircea Eliade Romanain-English Lyceum, Chisinau

Mircea CIOBANU, teacher, B. P. Hasdeu Lyceum, Drochia

Ada MIHAILOVRSCHI, inspector, Regional Education Department, Calarasi

Ecaterina ROTARU, MES

Romanian as a Second Language

Coordinator : Dr. Tamara CAZACU, senior specialist, MES

Working group :

Tamara CRISTEI, SUM

Liliana NICOLAESCU-IVANOVICI, Pro Didactica Educational Center, program director

Iulia IORDACHESCU, teacher, Gymnasium #7, Chisinau

Galina STAHI, teacher, A. Puskin Lyceum, Chisinau

Foreign Languages (English, German, French, Spanish)

Coordinators : Dr. Theodor BALABAN, SUM, Eugenia BRINZA, senior specialist, MES

Working group :

Dr. Theodor BALABAN, SUM

Dr. Emilia BULHAC, SUM

Dr. Galina BORDENIUC, SUM

Dr. Cornelia CINCILEI, SUM, Director of Step by Step Program

Galina CHIRA, Prometeu Lyceum, Chisinau

Dr. Ion DUMBRAVEANU, SUM

Dr. Veronica GARBALAU, NIITT

Ion GUTU, senior lector, SUM

Dr. Ana GUTU, SUM

Tamara LISNIC, lector, SUM

Dr. Zinovia RADU, SUM

Dr. Elena SAPA, SUM

Collaborated :

Victoria NISTOR, lector, SUM

Angela ROSCA, lector, SUM

Natalia MEREUTA, lector, SUM

Russian as a Second Language

Coordinator: Ana PRIGORSCHI, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Ludmila GAMUREAC, teacher, School #28, Chisinau

Efrosinia MINGHEL

Alexandra BIBICU

Dr. Elena BURACIOVA, PSU

Dr. Ludmila LAVRINENCO, PSU

Minority Languages

Russian

Coordinator: Larisa GORSCOVA, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Tatiana DUBROVINA, teacher

Nina GORBACIOVA, teacher

Dr. Ludmila LUTEVICI, SUM

Tatiana SUZANSCAIA, teacher

Larisa POH, teacher, Balti

Bulgarian

Coordinator: Nadejda DERMENJI, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Nadejda CARA, lector, SUM

Iulia DOLENCO, teacher

Zoia CASAPOVA, teacher

Kirilka DEMIREVA, Bulgarian School, Chisinau

Lidia KAVRICOVA, teacher, Taraclia

Gagauz

Coordinator: Ana STOLETNEIA, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Ignat BABOGLU, senior researcher, IPPS

Ivana BANCOVA, teacher

Eudochia CHIOSE, teacher

Maria MAVRODI, teacher

Ana PONOMARIOVA, teacher

Ukrainian

Coordinator: Ala NIKITCENCO, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Maria TUNITCAIA, teacher

Ala CERNOVALOVA, teacher

Ecaterina CERNEGA, teacher

Tamila SUFTINA, teacher

Victor COJUHARI, teacher

History

Coordinator: Galina GAVRILITA, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

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Tatiana NAGNIBEDA, teacher, School #20, Chisinau

Dr. Anatol PETRENCU, SUM, Chisinau

Dr. Gheorghe GONTA, PSU, Chisinau

Gheorghe SALARU, teacher, M. Eminescu Lyceum, Cimislia

Maia DOBZEU, teacher, School #32, Chisinau

Maria VEVERTA, teacher, General School, Biesti, Orhei

Tatiana MISTREANU, inspector, General Educational Department, Chisinau

Psychology

Coordinator Dr. Aglaida BOLBOCEANU, IPPS

Working group

Dr. Petru JELESCU, PSU

Dr. Carolina PLATON, SUM

Philosophy

Coordinator: Dr. Eudochia SAHARNEANU, SUM

Working group:

Dr. Gheorghe BOBINA, ASM

Dr. Pavel CERBUSCA, Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau

Geography

Coordinator: Natalia BUCATEL, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Dr. Nina VOLONTIR, SUT

Natalia NISTOR, teacher

Lidia TANASOV, teacher

Dr. Constantin MATEI, SUT

Dr. Matei MITCU

Efrosinia RUSU, teacher

Dr. Alexandru LUNGU

Dr. Petru DRUMEA, SUT

Maria PRIMENCIUC, teacher

Chemistry

Coordinator: Nadejda VELISCO, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Dr. Svetlana KUDRITCHI, SUM

Dr. Boris PASECINIC, NIITT

Sofia OBREJA, teacher, Lyceum #5, Chisinau

Anatol CARAIVAN, teacher, Rezina general school

Dr. Galina DRAGALINA, SUM

Maria ROMAN, teacher of chemistry, higher grades, Republican Real Lyceum, Chisinau

Ecaterina CUMPANA, teacher, School #32, Chisinau

Dr. Mihail REVENCO, SUM

Larisa ANDREEV, teacher, Republican Real Lyceum, Chisinau

Nina SAPTEFRATI, teacher, V. Alexandri Lyceum, Chisinau

Biology

Coordinator: Iurie CRISTEA, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Marcela CEMORTAN, teacher, Gh. Asachi Romanian – French Lyceum, Chisinau

Eugenia CALAC, teacher, N. Iorga Lyceum, Chisinau

Maria ROTARU, teacher, V. Alecsandri Lyceum, Chisinau

Lora MOSANU, lecturer, SUM

Vera GRANACI, teacher

Aurelia CRIVOI, lecturer, SUM

Vasile GRATI, lecturer, SUT

Mihai LESANU, lecturer, SUM

Vladimir MACOVEEV, lecturer, SUT

Physics

Coordinator: Tatiana IACUBITCHI, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Vasile SECRIERU, lecturer, SUM

David IAROSEVICI,

Anatol SIRGHI, lecturer, SUM

Svetlana MUNTEANU, teacher, D. Aligheri Romanian – Italian Lyceum, Chisinau

Gheorghe ISAC, Victor PAGINU, Tudor RAILEANU

Svetlana BELEAEVA, teacher, director of Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau
Ion BOTGROS, researcher, IPPS

Mathematics and Computer Science

Coordinator: Lidia COSTIUC, senior specialist, MES

Working group:

Grigore VASILACHE, director of Center for New Informational Technologies

Ludmila TURCANU, teacher, School #32, Chisinau

Ion SPINEI, senior specialist, MES

Iurie MOCANU, senior specialist, MES

Dr. Anatol GREMALSCHI, TUM

Ludmila GREMALSCHI, NIITT

Ion ACHIRI, SUT, NIITT

Dr. Vasile MARIN, SUM

Dr. Nicolae PRODAN, SUM

Dr. Petru EFROS, SUM

Dr. Valentin GARIT, SUM

Valentina CEAPA, Technical College, Chisinau

Olga SPUNTENCO, Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau

From September to December 1998, all developed curriculum projects went through 3 phases of local (national) evaluation:

- evaluation by teachers from various schools in the country
- evaluation by university chairs
- Psycho-pedagogical expertise provided by principal coordinators and other specialists in the field including Dr. Vladimir PASLARU (the Humanities), Dr. Aurelia RAILEANU (Math and Science), Tatiana STOIANOV, Ministry specialist (Minority Languages).

In order to ensure a high quality of the developed materials, Pro Didactica Educational Center will organize a special workshop for formal evaluation of the curricula, and will provide assistance for international expertise in Romania and other countries.

The curricula are to be presented for approval to the National Council for Curriculum and Evaluation in April 1999.

Objective 2. Teaching Projects / Lesson Plan Publishing

The series of **Proiecte didactice** (Teaching projects), started on June 15, 1996, continued this year with the last three volumes, VI, VII and VIII (ARC Publishing House). The print runs of 3000 copies each were distributed to all schools, especially through the existing 35 Resource Centers from schools involved in the program, and mainly through the Book Foundation. Over 3 years, teachers from the entire country have been offered the possibility to share their knowledge and expertise through this competition. A total number of 230 experts participated, and 57 were selected for the quality and innovation of their papers. The first 6 volumes (see SFM 1997 Report) include materials for the Psychology of Teaching, primary school and the Humanities. The last two volumes incorporated materials from the math and sciences areas as well.

Volume VI

Svetlana BELEAEVA, Ludmila BARBUS, Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau

Larisa GUZA, Linguistic Lyceum, Balti

Tatiana CALLO, NIITT

Mihai OLENSCHI, Biruinta General School, Singerei

Veronica GARBALAU, Silvia VORONIUC, Prometeu Lyceum, Chisinau

Teodora PISLARU, Theoretical Lyceum, Carpineni, Hincesti

Volume VII

Larisa STOG, SUB

Viorica BOLOCAN, M.Eliade Lyceum, Chisinau

Victor UNTILA, Ioan Voda Theoretical Lyceum, Cahul

Ludmila DEMCENCO, SUT
 Valentina ZANORA, General School #8, Chisinau
 Svetlana MUNTEANU, Dante Alighieri Lyceum, Chisinau

Volume VIII

Livia STATE, M.Eminescu Theoretic Lyceum, Chisinau
 Susan KLEIN, Peace Corps volunteer, General School #1, Cotiujenii Mari, Soldanesti
 Ludmila GAMUREAC, General School #28, Chisinau
 Liubovi KOLESNIC, PSU
 Svetlana PETROVA, D. Cantemir Lyceum, Chisinau
 Valentina MAXIAN, Pepeni General School, Singerei
 Gheorghe GIRNET, Regional Education Department, Cimislia

Objective 3. Supplementary Materials Publishing

This competition for authors and publishers aimed at selecting materials that can facilitate the implementation of the curriculum and present new perspectives in approaching and solving major educational issues.

Two translations, previously announced as "in progress" were published in 1998 :

Marilyn FRYER, **Creative Teaching and Learning**, Writers' Union Publishing House.
 This is a book for everyone interested in creative development, creative problem solving, and innovative teaching. It could be useful for teacher training programs, as well as public administrators that work with youth and children.

David HOPKINS, Mel AINSCOW and Mel WEST, **School Improvement in an Era of Change**, Prut International Publishing House.

This is one of the rare books that approaches the issue of educational improvement in a very clear and comprehensive way. Studies and practices of change are made accessible from both theoretical and practical points of view.

Try It With Us, Prut International

a set of lesson plans worked out and tried in practice by American Peace Corps Volunteers in Moldova together with their Moldovan counterparts. The Volunteers also contributed to the distribution of the book to schools.

Other works by local authors finalized this year were :

Aurelian SILVESTRU, **We and the Biography of the World**, Muzeum Publishing House
 Marina MORARU, **Dictionary of musical forms and genres**, Epigraf Publishing House.

Ioan DONISA, Nicolae BOBOC and Angelica DONISA, **Geography for Lyceum**

The book was published by STIINTA Publishing House without Foundation's support.

SECTION III. Teacher Training

In 1998, activities under the Teacher Training section were focused on several main directions :

- support of the in-service teacher training process (through support and development of the Resource Centers in schools involved in the program, organization of summer schools for teachers and students, support of new initiatives and valuable experiences of teachers, as well as training modules organized in the country or abroad)
- promotion of modern educational management principles, through training and teacher exchange programs
- development of national Teams of Teacher Trainers for the Humanities and Educational Management, in order to offer sustainable and systematic training within the program and in any other future projects or initiatives

Objective 1. Development of Resource Centers

Development of the 35 Resource Centers begun in schools involved in the program was stipulated as a clear objective for the Teacher Training section. The 18 schools selected in 1996 (RC-1) and the other 17 that joined the program in 1997 (RC-2) have developed rich libraries and benefited from equipment donations. Teams of teachers and managers from these schools went through a variety of training activities. The teams developed the Statute of the Resource Centers, which serves as a basis for their activity and focuses on promoting education for an open society, supporting and facilitating educational reforms, implementing new educational curricula, and upgrading school evaluation and assessment processes, among other activities.

The Annual Meeting of the School Teams took place in January 22-24

The teams from RC-1 were there to share their achievements with “younger” colleagues from RC-2. Presentations on one and a half year of experience within the program constituted part of the meeting. Sharing materials from training courses and those developed by teams themselves filled another part of the activity. But the most important function of the meeting was the mini-training on issues of Management of Change, in which RC-1 members acted as trainers. Another inspiring moment was the visit to the Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau, and its Resource Center that is very active and successful in the field. The team from this school has done a tremendous amount of informational and training activities in town and is very open to sharing its achievements. A special issue of the informational bulletin, **Gaudeamus**, was also prepared for this meeting.

The Step by Step Training Seminar, February 5-6

for primary school teachers from RC-1 was intended, besides its training content, as a tool for enhancing cooperation and integration between the Foundation's education programs. The teacher trainers from the Step by Step Program facilitated a deeper understanding of the shift of focus in the teaching-learning process—from the teacher to the pupil, and the pupil as subject rather than object of instruction. A separate session was devoted to the issues of student evaluation and assessment.

The Seminar on Community Schools, March 6-8

was organized with the help of Csaba LORINCZI, IEP Consultant at the Open Society Institute, Budapest. The consultant's visits to several schools were followed by a training session that brought together representatives from schools, as well as local public administration offices. Projects that could help schools to become real Community Centers are truly needed. The schools need to reassess their capacity and level of development in order to determine their place and role within communities and, of course, identify possibilities for better integration in the community.

Teams from all RCs were offered the possibility to participate in an Effective Schools Summer School program, July 1-6, July 13-18

Various aspects of school, classroom, student, and teacher effectiveness as well as personal effectiveness were analyzed in this training course. Teachers and students from other programs of the Foundation – Debate and Odyssey of the Mind—came to this summer school to demonstrate the possibility of integrating such activities in everyday classroom processes. The most important feature was the fact that all trainers were local educational specialists trained within the program. Over 2 years, they have benefited from training programs in Moldova and abroad.

The summer schools were highly appreciated by participants. Some of the most important aspects of these activities were the appropriate selection of topics, balance between theory and practice, the trainers' competence and professionalism, an interactive style and a very friendly, open atmosphere.

Training at International Language Center in Iasi, Romania

continues for teams of teachers and managers from RC-2. Over 180 teachers of the humanities and school administrators benefited from this program. General objectives :

- understanding the necessity of continuous learning for development, due to the wide range of changes in education

- building skills in a functional approach to professional information
- getting acquainted with new directions in research on teaching
- learning and practicing modern teaching techniques and resources

The trainers selected by the ILC build the training program on issues concerning national curricula and international standards, the learner-centered approach, creativity development, differentiation and individual instruction, building orator and debate skills, among others. The main topics of instruction included:

- teaching psychology, from the perspective of new practices
- approaches to controversial or new topics
- teaching methods and techniques for the Humanities, focusing on interdisciplinary aspects

During 8 successive modules, about 240 topics were addressed connected with the process of teaching and learning. From February to December, training modules for educational management, Romanian Language and Literature, History, Geography, English, French and Primary Education were successfully completed.

“A valuable support in building communication and sharing between schools was ensured by training for school teams, organized through International Language Center from Iasi, Romania. This project offered serious training in teaching the Humanities and Educational Management, but also another great benefit that is not even measurable: total immersion in the linguistic, historical and cultural Romanian environment.” (Facilia Magazine, #1, January, 1999)

Objective 2. Modernization of Resource Centers

In 1997-1998 five schools received support for the modernization of Resource Centers:

Horodiste General School, Calarasi
 Modern Languages High School, Balti
 Satul Nou General School, Cimislia
 Gaudeamus #2 High School, Chisinau
 General School #32, Chisinau

Objective 3. Teacher Training Seminars

In 1996-1997, a special target area consisted of identifying and training teams of national trainers that could start implementing training activities on a larger scale, not only for schools but all beneficiaries of Foundation programs. At the end of 1997, there were teams of trainers identified for the Humanities, Educational Management and Psychology. They were able to design a series of training seminars to be implemented in January – June 1998, in three geographical zones of the country. Training materials were developed as well. General objectives of the training activities, as stated by trainers' team, included:

- building knowledge and skills for implementing new curricula for the Humanities
- building knowledge and skills for applying managerial strategies and techniques in the areas of school development projects, management of change, human resources management etc
- improving knowledge and techniques in counseling and evaluation for school psychologists
- promoting and facilitating experience-sharing between teachers and managers

37 training seminars were organized this year, based in Chisinau and the other regional centers of Balti, Orhei, Comrat, Calarasi, Causeni and Drochia. Numbers of participants were as follows:

- 200 school managers (directors and vice-directors, inspectors, heads of Resource Centers from Regional Educational Departments)
- 125 History teachers, 170 Romanian teachers, 100 school psychologists, 115 primary school teachers, 150 Geography teachers, and 185 teachers of Romanian as a Second Language

All in all, about 1045 secondary school teachers and school managers benefited from training. Each person participated in at least 2 seminars. The first module was focused on

curriculum aspects, and the second on interactive teaching technologies. Evaluation reports show that participants qualified these activities as very rich in new, relevant and useful information, presented in a very functional, applicable way.

Teams of trainers (see the list below) that worked in 1998 included educational experts from various levels—primary to higher education, the research field to administrators and school leaders. Their main advantage, besides training programs provided by Soros Foundation, is the fact that all of them are practitioners. They apply in their everyday work the principles, approaches and methods they advocate during training, and this gives them a special credibility in front of the trainees.

Educational Management:

Gheorghe GIRNET, head of the Regional Education Department, Cimislia

Gheorghe SALARU, former director, School #3, Cimislia

Svetlana BELEAEVA, director, Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau

Ludmila BARBUS, vice director, Gaudeamus Lyceum, Chisinau

Victor SINCHETRU, inspector, Regional Educational Department, Stefan Voda

Valentina CHICU, vice director, Horodiste general school, Calarasi

History

Galina GAVRILITA, senior specialist, MES

Valentina HAHEU, researcher, IPPS

Tatiana MISTREANU, inspector, General Education Department, Chisinau

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Tatiana TURCHINA, lector, SUM

Dr. Carolina PLATON, SUM

Alvina GROSU, lector, SUM

Svetlana COTRUTA, school psychologist, Prometeu Lyceum

Aurelia MATEI, school psychologist, Republican Sport Lyceum

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Alexandra SEPTELICI, NIITT

Tatiana GIRNET, teacher, School #3, Cimislia

Didina ROGOJINA, vice-rector, NIITT

Elena MARIN, lector, PSU

Romanian Language and Literature

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Dr. Tatiana CARTALEANU, PSU

Dr. Olga COSOVAN, PSU

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Elena DOBZEU, teacher, Grozesti Middle School, Nisporeni

Lilia PRUNICI, teacher, Temeleuti General School, Calarasi

Elena BURCA, teacher, Theoretical Lyceum, Calarasi

Mircea CIOBANU, teacher, B.P. Hasdeu Lyceum, Drochia

Raisa LEAHU, teacher, B.Petriceicu-Hasdeu Lyceum, Drochia

Nicolae LEAHU, SUB

Maria SLEAHTITCHI, teacher, B.Petriceicu-Hasdeu Lyceum, Drochia.

Romanian as a Second Language (for minorities)

Dr. Tamara CAZACU, senior specialist, MES
 Iulia IORDACHESCU, teacher, Gymnasium #7, Chisinau
 Tamara CRISTEI, SUM
 Galina STAHL, teacher, A.Puskin Lyceum, Chisinau
 Larisa GUZA, teacher, Linguistic Lyceum, Balti
 Dr. Tatiana CALLO, Romanian Department, NIIT

From December 1997 to June 1998 the following training seminars were organized :

Chisinau

January 15-16, Educational Management, Management of Change
 Trainers : L. BARBUS, S. BELEAEV, G. GIRNET, G. SALARU, V.SINCHETRU, V.CHICU
 Participants: 80 inspectors, heads of Resource Centers from Regional Educational Departments

January 15-16, History, New Curriculum in the Teaching – Learning Process
 January 17-18, History, Modern technologies. Didactic projects planning
 Trainers : G.GAVRILITA, V.HAHEU, T.MISTREANU
 Participants: 36 methodologists, inspectors, teachers at the lyceum level from Chisinau, Rezina, Soldanesti, Ribnita, Orhei, Telenesti, Nisporeni, Straseni, Dubasari, Criuleni, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Slobozia, Tiraspol, Tighina, Stefan Voda, and Cainari

January 30-31, Romanian Language and Literature, School Curriculum for Romanian Language and Literature. Theoretical Key-Points and Practical Approach
 Trainers : M. HADIRCA, V. BOLOCAN, T.CARTALEANU, O.COSOVAN, M.NARTEA
 Participants: 30 teachers from Chisinau, Criuleni, Dubasari, Singerei, Hincesti, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Grigoriopol, Tighina, and Tiraspol

February 6-7, Psychology, Psychological Service in Schools : Evaluation Issues
 Trainers : C. PLATON, T. TURCHINA, L. STOG
 Participants: 40 school psychologists

February 9-10, Primary School, Participatory Methods of Teaching and Learning in Primary School
 Trainers : Z. PANCIUC, Z. DIDENCO
 Participants : 44 teachers from Ungheni, Calarasi, Orhei, Straseni, Criuleni, Nisporeni, Anenii Noi, Stefan-Voda, Ialoveni, Tighina, and Tiraspol

February 12-14, Geography, Teaching Geography : Objectives, Strategies, Technologies
 Trainers : P. DRUMEA, N. VOLONTIR, N. BUCATEL
 Participants : 35 inspectors, methodologists, Geography teachers from Chisinau, Rezina, Soldanesti, Ribnita, Orhei, Telenesti, Nisporeni, Straseni, Dubasari, Criuleni, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Slobozia, Criuleni, Tiraspol, and Tighina.

February 19-20, Educational Management, Management of change
 Trainers : L. BARBUS, S. BELEAEV, G. GIRNET, G. SALARU, V. SINCHETRU, V. CHICU
 Participants: 50: school managers from Chisinau, Rezina, Soldanesti, Ribnita, Orhei, Telenesti, Nisporeni, Straseni, Dubasari, Criuleni, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Slobozia, Criuleni, Tiraspol, and Tighina

March 24-28, Psychology, Eidos School
 Trainers : A. GROSU, S. COTRUTA, A. MATEI
 Participants: 40 school psychologists

March 24-28, Educational Management, Management of Change. School Development Planning
 Trainers : L. BARBUS, S. BELEAEV, G. GIRNET, G. SALARU, V. SINCHETRU, V. CHICU
 Participants : 50 school directors from Camenca, Dubasari, Calarasi, Nisporeni, Grigoriopol, Anenii Noi, Tiraspol, Tighina, Ialoveni, and Ribnita

April 1-4, Geography, Teaching Geography. Technology of Practical Applications

Trainers : P. DRUMEA, N. BUCATEL, N. VOLONTIR, A. LUNGU

Participants : 35 inspectors and teachers from Chisinau, Rezina, Soldanesti, Ribnita, Orhei, Telenesti, Nisporeni, Straseni, Dubasari, Criuleni, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Criuleni, and Tighina

April 1-4, Romanian Language and Literature, Teaching Strategies and Technologies

Trainers : A. MIHAILOVSCI, V. BOLOCAN, O.COSOVAN, T. CARTALEANU, M. NARTEA

Participants : 40 teachers from Calarasi, Straseni, Nisporeni, Ungheni, Telenesti, Orhei, Soldanesti, Camenca, Ribnita, and Rezina

April 8-11, Geography, Teaching Geography. Technology of Practical Applications

Trainers : P. DRUMEA, N. BUCATEL, N. VOLONTIR, A. LUNGU

Participants : 30 inspectors and teachers of Geography from Comrat, Anenii Noi, Basrabasca, Cahul, Ciadir-Lunga, Leova, Cantemir, Taraclia, Causeni, Hincesti, Vulcanesti, and Stefan Voda

April 13-17, Psychology, School Psychological Service. Counseling Methods and Techniques.

Trainers : L. STOG, T.TURCHINA

Participants : 40 school psychologists from Chisinau, Orhei, Ialoveni, Straseni, Cahul, Criuleni, Cimislia, Anenii Noi, Leova, Cantemir, Cainari, Nisporeni, Vulcanesti, Causeni, Basrabasca, Ceadir - Lunga, and Hincesti

May 19-20, Primary school, Student Evaluation and Assessment in Primary Schools.

Trainers : Z. PANCIUC, Z. DIDENCO.

Participants : 44 teachers from Ungheni, Calarasi, Orhei, Straseni, Criuleni, Nisporeni, Anenii Noi, Stefan Voda, Ialoveni, Tighina, and Tiraspol

May 22-24, History, Evaluation : Concepts, Functions, Techniques

Trainers : G. GAVRILITA, V. HAHEU, T. MISTREANU

Participants : 36 inspectors and teachers from Chisinau, Anenii Noi, Causeni, Straseni, Criuleni, Ialoveni, Nisporeni, Orhei, Stefan Voda, Ungheni, Telenesti, and Tighina

Cimislia

December 24-25, History, New Curriculum in the Teaching – Learning Process

Trainers : Gh. COROVAI, G. GAVRILITA, V. HAHEU, T. MISTREANU

Participants : 36 methodologists, inspectors, teachers at lyceum level from Cimislia, Ciadir-Lunga, Basrabasca, Leova, Comrat, Cantemir, Cahul, Taraclia, Causeni, and Hincesti

December 26-27, History, Modern Technologies and Didactic Projects Planning

Trainers : Gh. COROVAI, G. GAVRILITA, V. HAHEU, T. MISTREANU

Participants : 36 methodologists, inspectors, teachers at lyceum level from Cimislia, Ciadir-Lunga, Basrabasca, Leova, Comrat, Cantemir, Cahul, Taraclia, Causeni, and Hincesti

February 25-28, Primary school, Participatory Teaching Methods and Techniques in Primary School

Trainers : A. SEPTELICI, T. GIRNET

Participants : 30 inspectors and teachers from Comrat, Anenii Noi, Basrabasca, Cahul, Ciadir-Lunga, Leova, Cantemir, Taraclia, Causeni, Hincesti, Vulcanesti, and Stefan Voda

February 26-28, Geography, Teaching Geography : Objectives, Strategies, Technologies

Trainers : N. VOLONTIR, N. BUCATEL, P. COLTA

Participants : 30 inspectors and teachers of Geography from Comrat, Anenii Noi, Basrabasca, Cahul, Ciadir-Lunga, Leova, Cantemir, Taraclia, Causeni, Hincesti, Vulcanesti, and Stefan Voda

March 17-20, Educational Management, Management of Change

Trainers : L. BARBUS, S. BELEAEV, G. GIRNET, G. SALARU, V. SINCHETRU, V. CHICU

Participants : 48 school directors from Vulcanesti, Cahul, Taraclia, Ciadir-Lunga, Cantemir, Comrat, Basrabasca, Cimislia, Leova, Causeni, Stefan Voda, and Hincesti

April 4-6, History, Evaluation and Assessment : Concepts, Functions, Techniques

Trainers : G. GAVRILITA, V. HAHEU, T. MISTREANU

Participants : 33 inspectors and teachers from Cimislia, Hincesti, Leova, Cantemir, Basarabasca, Cahul, Vulcanesti, Taraclia, Ciadir-Lunga, Comrat, and Cainari

Balti

February 19-21, Geography, Teaching Geography : Objectives, Strategies, Technologies

Trainers : P. DRUMEA, E. RUSU, N.Spanu, M. GROSU

Participants : 35 Geography teachers from Briceni, Ocnita, Edinet, Singerei, Drochia, Donduseni, Balti, Soldanesti, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Rezina, Floresti, Falesti, and Camenca

February 19-20, Educational Management, Management of Change

Trainers : L. BARBUS, S. BELEAEV, G. GIRNET, G. SALARU, V. SINCHETRU, V. CHICU

Participants : 50 school managers from Briceni, Ocnita, Edinet, Singerei, Drochia, Donduseni, Balti, Soldanesti, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Rezina, Floresti, and Falesti

March 15-19, History, New curriculum in the Teaching – Learning Process

Trainers : G GAVRULITA, V. HAHEU, T. MISTREANU

Participants : 45 inspectors and teachers from Briceni, Ocnita, Edinet, Singerei, Drochia, Donduseni, Balti, Soldanesti, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Rezina, Floresti, Falesti, and Camenca

March 29-31, Romanian Language and Literature for Minorities, Modern Teaching Technologies

Trainers : L. GUZA, T. CAZACU, I. IORDACHECU

Participants : 57 inspectors and teachers from Briceni, Balti, Camenca, Calarasi, Donduseni, Drochia, Edinet, Falesti, Floresti, Glodeni, Ocnita, Orhei, Rezina, Riscani, Singerei, Soroca, Soldanesti, Telenesti, and Ungheni

March 25-28, Geography, Practical Applications and Modern Approaches in Teaching Geography

Trainers : P. DRUMEA, N. BUCATEL, N. VOLONTIR

Participants : 45 inspectors and teachers from Briceni, Ocnita, Edinet, Singerei, Drochia, Donduseni, Balti, Soldanesti, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Rezina, Floresti, Falesti, and Camenca

April 21-25, Psychology, School Psychological Service : Counseling Methods and Techniques

Trainers : L. STOG, T. TURCHINA

Participants : 30 school psychologists from Glodeni, Riscani, Briceni, Edinet, Falesti, Donduseni, Floresti, Singerei, Rezina, and Soroca

May 4-7, Primary School, Student Evaluation and Assessment in Primary Schools

Trainers : D. ROGOJINA, E. MARIN

Participants : 34 teachers from Briceni, Drochia, Edinet, Donduseni, Ocnita, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Floresti, Camenca, Singerei, Soldanesti, Telenesti, Rezina, Ribnita, Falesti, and Balti

Orhei

January 16, Romanian Language and Literature as a Second Language (for minorities), Modern Teaching Technologies

Trainers : T. CAZACU, G. STAHI, L. GUZA

Participants : 40 inspectors and teachers of Romanian (for minorities) from Orhei, Briceni, Camenca, Calarasi, Donduseni, Drochia, Edinet, Floresti, Falesti, Glodeni, Orhei, Ocnita, Rezina, Riscani, Soroca, Singerei, Telenesti, Ungheni, Soldanesti, Ribnita, Balti, Criuleni, Nisporeni, and Chisinau

Comrat

January 20, Romanian Language and Literature as a Second Language (for minorities), Modern Teaching Technologies.

Trainers : T. CRISTEI, I. IORDACHESCU, T.CALLO.

Participants : 40 inspectors and teachers of Romanian from Anenii Noi, Basarabeasca, Cahul, Cantemir, Ciadir-Lunga, Cimislia, Comrat, Cainari, Causeni, Hincesti, Ialoveni, Leova, Taraclia, Vulcanesti, and Stefan Voda.

April 13-14, Romanian Language and Literature for minorities, Modern Teaching Technologies.

Trainers : T.CRISTEI, I.IORDACHESCU, T.CALLO

Participants : 45 teachers of Romanian from the Comrat region

Calarasi

January 19-20, Romanian Language and Literature, Curriculum for Romanian Language and Literature. Theoretical Key-Points and Practical Approach

Trainers : A. MIHAILOVSCI, E. BURCA, E. DOBZEU, L. PRUNICI

Guests : Dr. D. IRIMIA, Al.I.Cuza University, Iasi, Romania, Dr. I. CONDREA, SUM, D. RADU – musician

Participants : 40 teachers from Calarasi, Straseni, Nisporeni, Ungheni, Telenesti, Orhei, Soldanesti, Camenca, Ribnita, and Rezina

Causeni

January 26-27, Romanian Language and Literature, Curriculum for Romanian Language and Literature. Theoretical Key-Points and Practical Approach

Trainers : E. ROTARU, L. IOVU

Guests : N. TURCANU, lector, SUM, I. GAINA, teacher, Director of A. Mateevici museum.

Participants : 40 teachers from Causeni, Cainari, Cimislia, Slobozia, Leova, Comrat, Cantemir, Cahul, C.-Lunga, Taraclia, Stefan Voda, Vulcanesti, and Basarabeasca

April 7-8, Romanian Language and Literature, Curricular component. Teaching Technologies

Trainers : E. ROTARU, L. IOVU

Participants : 30 teacheri from Causeni, Cainari, Cimislia, Slobozia, Leova, Comrat, Cantemir, Cahul, C.-Lunga, Taraclia, Stefan Voda, Vulcanesti, and Basarabeasca

Drochia

February 19-21, Romanian Language and Literature, Curriculum for Romanian Language and Literature. Theoretical Key-Points and Practical Approach

Trainers : M. CIOBANU, R. LEAHU, M. SLEAHTITCHI, N. LEAHU

Participants : 34 teachers from Briceni, Drochia, Edinet, Donduseni, Ocnita, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Floresti, Camenca, Singerei, Soldanesti, Telenesti, Rezina, Ribnita, Falesti, and Balti

April 10-11, Romanian Language and Literature, Teaching Strategies and Techniques

Trainers : M. CIOBANU, R. LEAHU, M. SLEAHTITCHI, N. LEAHU

Participants : 34 teachers from Briceni, Drochia, Edinet, Donduseni, Ocnita, Soroca, Riscani, Glodeni, Floresti, Camenca, Singerei, Soldanesti, Telenesti, Rezina, Ribnita, Falesti, and Balti

A special acknowledgement is to be addressed to representatives of regional educational departments of Chisinau, Balti, Cimislia, Calarasi, Causeni, Comrat, Orhei, and Drochia, who were effective partners in the whole process and ensured its' success. With their help, a great number of teachers from around the country benefited from training, which would have been impossible had all activities been focused in the capital.

Objective 4. Development of National Teams of Trainers

Work and experience accumulated in teacher training activities revealed the possibility and human capacity for building teams of trainers that could continue their work even after the program is completed.

In February 1998, a cooperation agreement was signed for training at Center for Managerial Development in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The Center has extensive experience in the area of management training, as well as presentation skills and working with adults. 4

training seminars (April 6-12, May 11-17, June 15-21, September 14-20) were organized at the Center for teams of trainers and program staff, as well as specialists from MES, NIITT, the Education Board, and Junior Achievement Moldova. One seminar was specifically organized for the team that works in educational management (October 5-11).

The September Trainers' Meeting can be considered the official beginning of the teams. The program staff facilitated an overview and analysis of the 3 years of the program's work. Teams of trainers involved Ministry specialists, school teachers, university professors, and inspectors and methodologists from Regional Educational Departments, who had benefited from training programs in the country and abroad – in Iasi, Bucuresti, Cluj, Paris, Toronto, Budapest, Balaton, St.-Petersburg, Moscow, Riga, etc.

The next 2 months, October and November, were devoted to reviewing and refining the curricula and contents for training seminars in Management and the teaching of Humanities, as well as computer training. These materials were presented by Pro Didactica Educational Center to the Accreditation Committee of MES, in order to obtain a license for training activities.

A Winter School for trainers, December 28-30

at the Pro Didactica Center brought the teams together again. The main goal was to prepare major features and framework for training activities that will focus on the needs of secondary (lyceum) level teachers, that will have to teach the new curricula. This way, a natural integration with the Curriculum Development section occurs. Working agreements between the Center and trainers were discussed, as well as issues concerning on-going training for the trainers themselves. A special subject consisted of Ministry policy at the lyceum level.

Other objectives accomplished by the Winter School were :

- planning the competition process for Foundation Scholarships - Education for an Open Society - through which best teachers will be able to attend training courses
- developing a schedule of training programs and follow-up activities
- elaborating and practicing requirements for training materials and handouts
- offering instructional counseling in working with adults
- identifying topics for the psychology of teaching training
- identifying features for building a data base for trainers

The intended time frame is as follows :

- Teaching the Humanities – 2 modules of 80 hours (40 hours each) in 2 weeks. The first module will be in March-June period of 1999, and the second August – November 1999
- Educational Management and Psychology - 3 modules of 40 hours each, in three weeks, approximately in the same time periods

The recommended structure of training modules was 60 % of training hours for the major subject area (teaching the Humanities, psychology or management), 15 % - for issues in the psychology of teaching, and 25% - computer training.

Also, trainers worked specifically on building some original features into the program. Those are as follows :

- promoting principles of education for an open society
- promoting an interactive and flexible mode of training
- focusing on the applications and on skill building
- a holistic approach to the teaching process, with the focus on learners
- providing individual consulting and counseling to trainees according to their needs
- providing computer training
- building follow-up activities after each module through site visits, observation, interviews, teaching projects, etc.
- providing possibilities for individual work in the IDC library

Objective 1. Supporting Local (Grass Roots) Initiatives

This section of the program supported, on a competition basis, a variety of educational activities started by teachers and teams of teachers from schools, and NGO representatives. Over 20 projects were implemented through this area of support.

The Need for Change. Management of Change

Regional Educational Department Anenii Noi, project director Valentina MIHAILOV

These 2 seminars hosted about 90 school managers and inspectors from the Anenii Noi district. Debated topics included the necessity of change, the complexity of changes, adjustment styles, planning for change, teams and team roles, etc.

Vertebrate Fauna of Moldova - Development and Dissemination of an Instructional Computer Program for the Secondary Schools

Association for Research and Conservation of Fauna Bio-diversity, project director Veaceslav ZAGAIEVSCHI

The Fauna Group has the goal to produce and distribute this computer program that will include a data base, tests, models and forms for phonology and fauna observations, a manual, and an user guide

Co-financing – ISAR Foundation -Kiev, USAID

Mostenire Competition

Alliance for supporting Basarabia, Paris, France, project director Gheorghe BOLOGAN

75 secondary students from general schools, lyceums and colleges participated in this competition, writing essays on Romanian History and History of Romanian Literature.

Co-financing: French Alliance for supporting Basarabia, Paris.

Seminar on Participatory Methods in Teaching Children and Adults

Horodiste General school, Calarasi, project director Valentina CHICU

95 teachers of the Humanities and Sciences observed the lessons of their colleagues from Horodiste and analyzed interactive methods and techniques, with an extension to those techniques for adult education.

Content Development in Teaching Language and Literature

Cantemir Theoretic Lyceum, project director Vasile COTET

60 Romanian Language teachers from the south of the republic participated in this training course. Concrete methodological assistance was offered to the teachers in order to improve their teaching skills.

Training for School Managers: Management Styles. Situational Adjustment of Management Styles

Anenii Noi Regional Educational Department, project director Valentina MIHAILOV

90 school managers and inspectors from Anenii Noi benefited from this training session. Main areas of discussion were the functions of school management, democratization of leadership, effective management and leadership, informed decision making, among others.

Education for Performance

Orhei Regional Educational Department, project director Maria VEVERITA

65 History teachers from the Orhei district participated. Workshops were conducted by invited experts from the IPPS, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, as well as local trainers. The main objective was to identify major need areas of student performance evaluation and assessment reform. Topics of the seminar included introduction to the theory and problems of student assessment and evaluation, identification of specifics at the gymnasium and lyceum levels, and development of some evaluation tools.

Management of Change. Interactive Teaching Methods. Innovative Schools. Alternative Education Systems. Advantages and Disadvantages

Lapusna Theoretical Lyceum, Hincesti, project director Lidia BEZNITCHI

The team from Lapusna is consequently working towards changing the mentality of teachers in order to encourage openness and willingness to change. Interactive teaching methods aim at the transfer of knowledge, group or individual work, and involvement of all students so they may demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Taught Curriculum

Regional Educational Department Cimislia, project director Claudia NOVITCHI

In this series of 4 training seminars, over 40 specialists from the Cimislia Regional Educational Department and the teachers responsible for methodology of various disciplines participated. Local trainers conducted the workshops, together with specialists from the NIITT and IPPS.

School Unit Improvement Issues

Regional Educational Department Orhei, project director Maria MOVILEANU

The topics of this training seminar included management of change, the necessity of change, self-evaluation, personal effectiveness, and other issues. 75 school managers and teachers from Orhei participated. E. GONDIU, a teaching psychology expert, and Dr. V. MINDICANU, Head of Data Bases and Teaching Skills Laboratory of PSU were invited as trainers.

Seminar for Geography Teachers

School #2, Ialoveni, project director Margareta GRIGORITA

At this seminar the following issues were approached: new methods and techniques in teaching geography, integration of human impact problems in content, using interactive methods in teaching meteorology/climate related topics, etc. About 40 teachers of geography were involved.

Library Reading Room Development

All schools from Carpineni, Hincesti, project director Roman COPACEANU

All educational institutions from Carpineni community joined together for this project in order to facilitate proper access to information for all teachers, students and other readers.

Improving Teaching of the Humanities at the Lyceum Level

Calarasi Theoretical Lyceum, project director Valeriu GORINCIOI

The seminar's stated objectives were to have participants become acquainted with modern principles of reform and modes of improving national schools, synchronising education with teaching and learning in developed countries. 45 school managers and teachers of the Humanities benefited from this seminar. The lyceum's team acted as trainers.

Odyssey of the Mind European Competition

Financial support for transportation was offered to the school team that won the first national competition.

Teacher Training Course for Teachers of Spanish as a Second Language, July 24-30, 1998

Latin Union, project directors Angela SOLTAN, Doina BATRINU

This course was held by Dr. Carlos FORTE, professor of Spanish at Frankfurt University. 16 teachers of Spanish were involved, representing V. Alecsandri Lyceum, School #19, SUM and FIUM. Objectives included learning and practicing new methods and techniques in teaching Spanish and becoming acquainted with current events in the Hispanic world.

Organizational Culture Versus Organizational Climate

Anenii Noi Regional Educational Department, project director Valentina MIHAILOV

Training of Local Trainers, Talmaz, Caplani, Slobozia Villages

Stefan Voda Regional Educational Department, project director Victor SINCHETRU

Activities within this project continue a process begun 3 years ago through which 45 local school managers and teachers achieve skills for working with adults, group work, team work, peer counseling, etc.

Art Therapy: Multiple Approaches, Imaton (St.-Petersburg)

Valentina OLARESCU, PSU

The program consisted of 5 levels (modules), in which the participant improved her knowledge and skills in the area of Art Therapy.

Teaching Geography – New Curricular Content

Drochia Regional Educational Department, MES, project director Haralambie ROSCA
40 geography teachers benefited from this training. Site visits gave teachers practice in observation and analysis skills, and helped participants envision how to incorporate such activities in their teaching process. Trainer - Natalia BUCATEL, senior specialist at MES.

From Personal Effectiveness to School Effectiveness

Project director Valentina CHICU

45 participants—vice directors, teachers, and specialists from the Calarasi Regional Educational Department—benefited from this training. Trainers: V. CHICU, vice director, Horodiste Calarasi General School, V. SINCHETRU, inspector, Ia RED Stefan-Voda, S. BACIU, lecturer at NIITT.

After a practical explanation of effectiveness and improvement, participants had to evaluate their own qualities and potential, and behavior and attitudes, that influence personal success and public success. They tried to establish concrete, personal, and measurable objectives for personal growth that could directly influence school effectiveness and improvement.

All of the above projects speak in favor of the necessity and effectiveness of teacher training programs. One of the program's achievements is the fact that the teams from the 35 Resource Centers schools have been organizing a wide variety of informational and training activities, disseminating the knowledge and skills they gained through Modernization of the Humanities Education Program, without seeking any material reward.

Objective 2. Supporting Summer Schools for Students

In the summer of 1998, the second Competition for Summer Schools was organized. Teams of teachers from different schools and educational institutions engaged in the process. 16 projects were proposed. Only 10 met the requirements to enter the competition, and those proposals were analyzed by the Education Board. Finally, only 6 projects were supported. The fact that the great majority of projects were designed by experienced trainers speaks for the quality of the training they received.

Summer schools are not a very familiar feature for our teachers and students, but they seem to be a very useful mode of work. Teachers and students stated their value in opening new possibilities for enrichment of knowledge and effective skills building.

Orheiul Vechi Medieval Town (history and archeology), Butuceni village archeology reserve, July 6-27

Trainers: Dr. Gheorghe POSTICA, Director of Center for Archeology Research, FIUM, dr. conf. Ion HINCUI, History Institute, ASM, Prof. Ion NICULITA, Dean of History Faculty, SUM, Dr Octavian MUNTEANU, PSU, Sergiu MUSTEATA, PSU, Virgiliu BIRLADEANU, FIUM

Trainees: 30 students from the communities of Trebujeni, Butuceni, Murovaia and Mascauti (Orhei), led by 3 teachers of history, Tamara BUZILA, Elena CRETU and Larisa ROTARU

The summer school activities were reflected in the **Orheiul Vechi Bulletin**, edited by FIUM and the Center for Archeology Research. Trainers aimed to develop an attitude of respect for history, environment, and national and general cultural values through the development of abilities in archeological work and research.

The Orheiul Vechi summer school became a space for growth for trainers as well as trainees, a space of new impressions, and a meeting place for those passionate about history. Co-financing: FIUM and Center for Archeology Research.

Young Writers' Summer Camp (Romanian Language and Literature), Writers' Union House, Riscova forest, Orhei, July 20-29

Trainers: Eugenia BULAT, Ion IACHIM, Zinaida IZBAS

Co-financing: Writers' Union of Moldova (lodging and training space)

70 students, winners of national and international olympiads, members of poetry clubs, and their teachers were hosted by this event. Objectives included building linguistic and literary competencies, stimulating artistic creativity, and developing receptivity to true ar-

tistic values. These could be accomplished through :

- creative labs
- meetings, workshops and conferences with artistic and cultural personalities
- competitions in music and poetry

Among the guests were Mihai CIMPOI, academician, parliamentarian, President of Writers' Union, Father Ioan CIUNTU, priest of the Saint Theodora of Sihla Church, Romeo SANDULESCU, Council of Romanian Embassy in Chisinau, writers Serafim SACA, Ion VIERU, Nicolae POPA, Emilian GALAICU-PAUN, and Irina NECHIT.

Again, the magazine **Pasarea albastra** was edited by children, and included the best creative works of the participants. The main accomplishment of the summer camp, as stated by participants, was the fact that everyone got the chance to demonstrate their capacities and to freely express their opinions and beliefs.

English Study Camp, Varzaresti, Nisporeni, July 16-29

Trainers : 15 American Peace Corps Volunteers in Moldova and 15 students from SUM and SUB
 Trainees : 150 students from 25 districts of the country, selected through a competition for oral and written communication abilities in English

This summer school aimed to improve students' skills and knowledge of English through a variety of activities based on very functional and current topics of discussion for teenagers. Environmental education, sex education, values and beliefs, American History and Culture and other subject areas offered a great deal of opportunities for a total immersion into the world of English. Debate sessions, journalism workshops, a business workshop and theatre club were perfect ways and tools for developing students' critical thinking skills.

Francelandie Summer School (French), Codru resort, Calarasi, July 7- 16

Trainers : a team of 4 teachers of French : Lidia SPINU (inspector, Regional Education Department, Calarasi), Tamara TURCANU (School #1, Calarasi), Elizaveta DODON, (Raciula village school, Calarasi) and Elena GONTA (Sipoteni village school, Calarasi).

Trainees : 28 students from Calarasi district

Co-financing : Executive Committee Calarasi (food)

Several workshops took place within this summer school including theatre (marionettes), poetry, and journalism. Contests, debate sessions, movies, and the editing of a French magazine were only some of the activities developed by teachers and students. For National Holiday of France (July 14) the children prepared a radio show that was a nice surprise for all beneficiaries of the Codru resort. Children and teachers emphasized the advantages of such forms of instruction and of building a learning environment. All of them expressed their interest for further engagement in such projects.

Modern Languages Summer School (Romanian for minorities and English), Codru resort, Calarasi, July 18-28

Trainers : 4 teachers from Balti : Larisa GUZA and Neli CIOBANU (Romanian as a Second Language, Linguistic Lyceum), and Viorica CIOBANU, N.V.Gogol Lyceum, and Nadejda MICHENIN, M.Eminescu Lyceum (English as Second Language)

Trainees : 27 school and lyceum students from Balti

Co-financing : Regional Education Department, Balti, Moldovan- German joint enterprise CMC-KNAUF, Trading Union S.A. Raut

A specific feature of this summer school was the use of computer programs for intensive language training.

Health Education Summer School, Ghiocel camp in the village of Cirnateni, Causeni, July 6-19

Trainers : Ludmila POPOV, school psychologist at A. Mateevici Theoretic Lyceum (Causeni) and Neli COMPANEET, teacher of History, Ethics and Psychology at the Ion Creanga School (Ungheni), both trainers in the Foundation's Health Education Program

Trainees : 25 students from 11 schools of Causeni district

Co-financing : Local Trade Union of Agro-Industrial Workers (food and lodging)

This program for promoting a healthy lifestyle was addressed to children from vulnerable families. As was pointed out by trainers and children, many of the teenagers were able to overcome some of their inferiority complexes. Some of them experienced a new level of attention for the first time in life, feeling valued for their abilities. The activities were de-

signed to offer everyone as many roles in the group as possible, from simple participants to leaders.

Two highly experienced trainers, Maria CATAVEL and Valentina BODRUG, were invited for a sexual education training session from the Family Planning Association of Moldova.

Children were offered a small donation of school supplies to help show that they are needed in society.

Objective 3. Young Teacher Scholarships

The Young Teacher Scholarships competition was envisioned as a tool for improving the teaching-learning process through moral and material stimulation of those interested in developing research and practical application skills in everyday teaching.

The competition consisted of two phases :

- the first stage, in which contestants had to present a paper of teaching projects planning that demonstrated needs and creativity, and also attaching sets of their best lesson plans and teaching projects.

- Those who entered the second phase observed a lesson presented by Viorica BOLOCAN, Mircea Eliade Lyceum , Chisinau, and had to present a structured analysis, as well as feedback.

The results are presented below :

First tier scholarship – no award.

Second tier scholarships:

Galina CIUSCA, primary teacher, School #2, Singerei

Lidmila BAS, Math teacher, C. Stere Lyceum, Soroca

Third tier scholarships:

Silvia STRELCIUC, psychologist, I.Voda Lyceum, Cahul

Alina JIDRAS, teacher of Romanian at a school in Cotova, Drochia

Encouragement awards:

Valentina MAXIAN, teacher of Mathematics, Pepeni Gymnasium, Singerei

Svetlana PULBERE, primary teacher, School #1, Causeni

Diana GATMAN, primary teacher, Pelivan School, Orhei

Larisa BOTEZATU, Chemistry teacher, Gymnasium #6, Chisinau

Valentina COROBICA, teacher of Romanian, Princess Natalia Dadiani Lyceum, Chisinau

Angela ZDRAGUS, psychologist, V. Alecsandri Lyceum, Ungheni

Viorica OSOIANU, primary teacher, S.Vangheli Primary School, Ungheni

Tatiana RUSU, primary teacher, school in Grozesti, Nisporeni.

This year's competition showed a higher interest for participation, and especially an increase in the quality of contestants' work, as acknowledged by the expert committee members.

Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking Program

The Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (RWCT) Project began May 1, 1998. Its general goal is to improve the educational process in the Republic of Moldova through new methods that promote active and independent learning.

Project objectives include introducing the RWCT concept and methodologies to the educational system of Moldova, adapting the concepts and methodology to the specific needs of the national educational system, creating a group of trainers, and implementing RWCT methodologies in the educational system of Republic of Moldova.

The first step in the development of the RWCT project was to create a national team, selected on a competitive basis. The team's goals were to organize and monitor the project's work in the country and coordinate it with the work of American trainers as well as teams from Romania, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Croatia, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Lethonia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, etc, that form the international RWCT network.

The team took part in the RWCT International Workshop, Matrahaza, Hungary, 10–14 June 1998, which had the following objectives :

- to familiarize participants with RWCT concept and methodology
- to form the Moldovan-American International Team
- to make contacts with teams from different countries
- to plan the project's implementation

The schedule for the entire teaching year was mutually agreed upon with the group of volunteers from the USA, including planning and organization of 4 workshops.

In 1998 the following activities were organized:

Promoting the project concept (July – September 1998) :

In order to publicize the projects activities, informational letters were sent out and a contest announcement was made for teachers from all of the Educational District Councils of the Republic of Moldova and the Modernization of the Humanities Education Program network of satellite-schools. Booklet and informative bulletins were also produced.

The project supported the attendance of the teachers from the Republic to summer schools at Ivancea and Chisinau, both in July 1998.

Informational briefings were held for teachers at higher education institutions, including SUM, PSU, SUT, FIUM, and others.

Contest (September 15-27, 1998)

The basis for the selection of participants involved analysis of personal records, teaching projects submitted to contest, and assessment of communication skills. As a result 35 teachers were chosen ; there were 6 primary school teachers, 12 higher education teachers, and 17 high schools and gymnasium teachers. Apart from their teaching, there are 8 teachers that also perform administrative functions in the institutions where they teach ; 3 teachers are lecturers at the National Institute of Teaching Staff Improvement, and one is a civil servant at MES.

Workshops. In addition to those mentioned below, the next two workshops are planned for 1999.

A Framework for Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum Workshop, October, 3 – 6, 1998
Trainers : Bill SHARA Ph.D., J. Sinthia McDERMOTT Ed.D.

Methods for Promoting Critical Thinking Workshop, December, 10 – 13, 1998
Trainers : Jerome B. ZUTELL, Jr Ph.D., Timothy SHANAHAN Ph.D

Monthly meetings for the formation and follow-up of the project. During the meeting books (Psychotests II) and writing paper were given out in order to facilitate writing activities for the development of creative thinking.

1.October 31 – November, 1, 1998. The meeting addressed the issues of :

- development of teaching abilities
 - risk taking (trainers : G. GAVRILITA, T. MISTREANU)
 - the teaching cycle, (trainers : O. COSOVAN, T. CARTALEANU)
 - exchange of the experience regarding the implementation of RWCT methodology
- Facilitators : V. POPA, A. GROSA, O. BURSUC, A. STAFII.

Extraordinary meeting of the project participants (November 13, 1998) with Charles TEMPLE, co - manager of International Reading Associations, which aimed to assess the implementation process of RWCT methods in the Republic of Moldova.

2. January, 23 – 24, 1999. Issued addressed included :

- the development of interpersonal communication skills
- communication styles (trainers : V. POPA, A. GROSU)
- transactional analysis in teaching communication (trainers : O. BURSUC, A. STAFII)

Translation and duplication of guidebooks served as theoretical support material in implementing and disseminating the concept and methodology of this project in Moldova. Titles include :

A Framework for Critical Thinking Across The Curriculum
Methods for Promoting Critical Thinking
Reading, Writing and Discussion in Every Discipline
Supplementary Strategies of Promoting Critical Thinking

All activities were evaluated by project participants. Evaluation reports assure that the established objectives have been fulfilled and that the implementation of RWCT methodology unfolds with success.

Travel in Education Programs

Participation of Academics, Pupils and Students from Moldova in Different Meetings, Workshops and Internships

International Symposium, Visual Arts, Germany, May 30 – June 4
Olga MUNTEANU, Aliona IOVU, Waldorf School, Chisinau

Evenimentul International Workshop, Austria, June, 17 – 24
Sofia CHIRIAC, Theoretical Lyceum, Balti

XXI International Workshop of Bulgarian Culture and Language, Bulgaria, August 3 – 23
Vasil STOIANOV, Lidia DIMOVCI, Zinaida PETCOVA, Natalia VOLCOVA, Bulgarian School #92, Chisinau

Fourth CEEENet International Workshop on Network Technology, Slovakia, August 21-31
Lilian RUDENCO

XXIII Congress of the Romanian-American Academy, Rochester University, USA, August 6 – 9
Nicolae SURUGIU, Tanatari, Causeni

Evrica National Colloquium of Physics, Romania, May 29 – 31
Mihai MARINCIUC, TUM
Mihai POTLOG, N. Iorga Lyceum, Chisinau

Internship for French language teachers at the French Studies Mediteranian Institute, Montpellier, France, July 3 - 31
Ioana ZUZA, School #3, Chetrosu, Drochia
Iulia ZAPOROJAN, School #3, Orhei
Maria ULINICI, B. Cazacu Lyceum, Nisporeni
Svetlana SISCANU, I. Creanga Lyceum, Chisinau
Liuba ROGOJINA, Socrate Law College, Chisinau
Elena POPA, Arts College, Cahul
Alexandra PLAMADEALA, Regional Inspectorate, Ialoveni
Galina BERBEU, V. Alecsandri Lyceum, Ungheni
Svetlana BACIU, Theoretical Lyceum, Causeni

Internship of French language teaching, France, July 5 – 10
Anastasia CRACIUN, Ph.D., SUM
Maia CATAN, professor, CCU

Internship, France, July 17 – August 14
Maria MOVILEANU, Regional Inspectorate, Orhei

Internship : Experience Exchange Program at the Louis Armand Lyceum, France, October 13 – 20
Tamara TURCANU, Lidia SPINU, Calarasi
Ion NEGRU, Regional Inspectorate, Calarasi

High School Exchange Program, Andre Malraux Lyceum, France, 5 weeks from February 24
Leonid AMOASII, M.Eminescu Lyceum, Balti with a group of 8 pupils

International Olimpiad of Biology, Germany, July 19 – 26
Iurie CRISTEA, MES
Lilian ANDRIES, Andrian GUTU, Republican Real Lyceum
Roxana MIHANIUC, D. Cantemir Lyceum, Chisinau
Nicolae CIALIC, N. Stere Lyceum, Soroca
Mihai LESANU, SUM

Debate

The Debate Program's goals have been to increase the number of students involved and improve the quality of debate performance. In order to set up new clubs, seminars were organized for pupils, students, and professors from all regions to cultivate and promote debate techniques. The Program team started to familiarize the university faculty with techniques and critical thinking tools for debate, that can also be applied in the teaching process.

In 1998 the National Debate League and the National Debate Association were registered, the first responsible for the organization of the high school debate program and the last with the university debate program.

Students and pupils from Moldova participated in international debate competitions in Hungary, Greece, Israel, Slovenia and Bulgaria. Moldova's participation at each of these events was noteworthy.

Debaters also had the opportunity to exchange ideas and show off their capabilities at English and Romanian summer camps in June. At the English camp, Moldova hosted guests from Ukraine, and four representatives of Moldova participated at the Ukrainian National Camp as well.

Due to the tremendous increase in participation as well as the need to offer greater possibilities for improvement, the Debate Program this year has divided its competitive activities in three departments for advanced, beginner, and kid debaters (pupils from III-VII grades).

The continued program development for minority-group teenagers constituted an important priority this year. Accordingly, the Program organized seminars to initiate new clubs and improve the quality of debate in existing clubs. New Bulgarian and Gagauz clubs were created, which participated with already existing Russian Clubs at the first multinational competition in December.

One of the goals of the National Debate Program was to use the energies of existing programs in order to promote debate in those universities not yet involved. Debate clubs were created at the Medical College in Balti with the coordination of the previously existing Balti University Debate Center, at the TUM with the coordination of the established University Center at the AESM, and at the PSU in conjunction with of the established SUM Debate Center. Teams from the FIUM, SUMP and the IGNIS youth club also participated in tournaments. Another goal of the Program has been to promote new debate formats. The parliamentary debate format has already been implemented and it has found a great deal of support.

In 1998 a great deal of work has been done in order to reinforce community connections through publicity offered by National Television in exchange for the active participation of debaters at television shows. Many students have started coaching debate, some of them creating new clubs. 1998 has also been a milestone for the program due to the consolida-

Intercultural High School Exchange Program

(CCI Summer, CCI Semester, CCI Year, Syracuse Summer, Choate, West Chester, Czech Republic, British Schools).

This program awards scholarships to 10th grade lyceum students for study in British and American high schools, and also summer programs in the USA and Czech Republic. The goal is to improve English language skills and cultural awareness through classes, trips, and extracurricular activities.

The effectiveness of the program can be seen as pupils return with improved language skills, new ideas and knowledge, and new insights into the attitudes and values of another culture. Additionally, participation in the program promotes self-confidence and other social awareness and skills essential to the development of a society centered democracy, intellect and mutual acceptance among citizens.

In 1998 there were 20 recipients :

Cornel GRADINARU
Dumitru DEDIU
Victoria LAZARIUC
Victoria TASNIC
Valentin ANTOCI
Alina GAVRILIUC
Denis UNTILOV
Svetlana GANEA
Tudor RUSNAC
Janeta HANGANU
Natalia GONCIAR
Olesia PURICHE
Florin ROMANCIUC
Olga POPESCU
Alina IVASISINA
Cristina CATANA
Vlad BOSNEAGA
Victor CEBAN
Olga COSCODAN
Ludmila ARTAMONOVA

By the end of the 6th year the Health Education Program showed itself to be innovative by using new interactive teaching techniques through which we have changed the mentality of people regarding health. At the same time, we have contributed to having people think not only of preserving their own health, but someone else's as well. This person can handle peer pressure and be responsible for his/her own actions. This program is needed especially for children and youth in that it teaches communication skills, self-esteem, tolerance and positive thinking.

In 1998, 23 workshops on Health Education were organized, the majority utilizing teachers from colleges throughout Moldova. About 800 participants took part in the workshops. Peace Corps volunteers also contributed to the development of the program. In accordance with some special projects we have organized Health Days on the topic "Health is the Supreme Value" in three locations—Cimislia, Orhei and Anenii Noi. Upon request, eleven workshops on different topics of health protection were organized which were intended for representatives of different groups. From workshop evaluations we have seen, once again, the problem of insufficient information at the local level. We have also found out how little the whole population, and especially young people, know about personal hygiene, STDs/AIDS, and drug abuse.

We felt that the greatest success of the Program in 1998 was the organization of two subject campaigns on the topic For a Healthy Way Lifestyle, which inaugurated a march in Chişinău and continued in the northern districts of Moldova. All secondary schools in the districts of Orhei, Teleneşti, SĂngerei, and Faleşti were included in the march. These campaigns were able to partially cover the information vacuum for the young people in the villages. Young people had the opportunity to talk directly with a group of experts, listen to the latest information, and receive handouts, books, manuals, and calendars. The purpose of these campaigns was the unification of representatives from the Ministry of Health, Republican Narcotic Dispensary, MES, the local administration and the trainers from the Health Education Program in Soros Foundation, Moldova. Approximately 4000 people were directly involved in these thematic campaigns. As a result, we have a model which once again demonstrates the importance of cooperation and collaboration among different organizations, structures and people interested in solving important social problems.

The National Contest on Thematic Drawings was a display of concepts in which 13 students and their teachers were awarded prizes for excellent work. The most successful drawings were used for posters and calendars.

This year special attention was paid to the newest program, Conflict Resolution and Communication. This program was targeted to the entire community, but especially adolescents. Twenty-nine seminars in different districts of Moldova were organized. The textbook **Conflict Resolution** was translated into Romanian and 1400 copies were printed.

This year two issues of the bulletin **Pro Sanatatea** were printed and the contents distributed to children, parents and teachers. Two round-table discussions were organized with experts in health education programs to establish partnerships and select the regions with problems.

Another success has been the organization of the Youth Leadership School. The five workshops directed towards young people in Chişinău high schools were a great achievement. Health is the main asset of a nation. There is no doubt that the best profilaxis for any illness is education. We shall work together with other organizations to put forward new ideas and work with young people in a recently created non-governmental organization, the Youth Development Center.

Youth Program

The Youth Program aims to encourage creativity and initiative among young people, supporting various extracurricular activities which allow young people to express their interests and which contribute to the visible and meaningful attainment of new knowledge and abilities.

Contest for Creative Centers for Children

Of twenty Creative Centers for Children participating in our contest, the 10 recipients were:

Creative House for Children, Falesti
 Children and Teenagers Club, Cimisia
 Creative Center for Children, Anenii Noi
 National Creative Palace of Children and Teenagers
 Creative Center for Children, Floresti
 Creative House for Children, Glodeni
 Creative House for Children, Balti
 Creative Center for Children, Zirnesti, Cahul
 Creative and Leisure Center for Children and Teenagers, Chiscareni, Singerei
 Creative House for Children, Taraclia

Contest for School Newspapers and Magazines

Thirteen publications participated in the contest for school newspapers and magazines concluded in June 1998. The content and structure of these newspapers and magazines were assessed as well as the diversity of important and relevant topics for all aspects of young people's lives. The Open Society Institute of New York and the Independent Journalism Foundation organized a seminar for young journalists, held in Budapest, Hungary between July 29 - August 7, 1998. Moldovan participants were:

Sergiu PADURARU, School #32, Chisinau, **Alacritas** newspaper
 Viorica SECRUER, V. Alecsandri Theoretical Lyceum, Chisinau, **Wonder World** newspaper
 Tatiana COSTOVICI, V. Alecsandri Theoretical Lyceum, Ungheni, **Noua Generatie** newspaper
 Natalia GRAUR, M. Eminescu School, Cimisia, **The Cimisia News** newspaper

Contest awards:

First prize

Ecosfera newspaper, School #56, Chisinau
Zburatorul magazine, I. Vatamanu Theoretical Lyceum, Straseni

Second prize

Liceum newspaper, B.P. Hasdeu Lyceum, Drochia
Amicul newspaper, A. Mateevici School, Cainari
Invatacelul newspaper, Pedagogical and Arts College, Cahul

Third prize

La steaua newspaper, Creative Center for Children, Telenesti
Viata Scolara magazine, School #1, Soldanesti
 Establishing the **Helios** school newspaper, Theoretical Lyceum, Telenesti
 Establishing the **Wonder World** school newspaper, V. Alecsandri Lyceum, Chisinau

Projects initiated by scout groups and other groups

In the framework of the program, projects were supported for scout camps, extracurricular activities initiated by clubs, literary and school clubs and other groups of pupils. Odyssey of the Mind continued as a project aimed to cultivate initiative, imagination and resourcefulness among teenagers and to develop their skill for working in groups, such as creative collaboration and problem-solving. Based on the projects' content, structure and social impact, grants were made to the following groups:

Scout groups from Falesti, Telenesti, Chisinau, villages Biesti (Orhei), Voluntiri (Stefan Voda), Chiscareni (Sangerei), Napadova (Camenca), Zirnesti (Cahul), Hrusova (Criuleni), Suhuluceni (Telenesti), Ghiliceni (Telenesti), Valea Perjei (Taraclia).

Opincuta Folklore Group, School #78, Cricova, project director Maria LUPU
 Tilinca Folklore Group, Cigirleni, Cainari, project director Silvia BIRCA
 Mostenitorii Folklore Group, Zaicani, Riscani, project director Ecaterina BOCLINCA
 Flower arrangement contest, Zirnesti, Cahul, project director Tatiana BOTEZATU
 Folklore club, Stefan Voda, project director Svetlana GUZGAN
 Drama club, Bobeica, Hincesti, project director Ion UNTILA
 Literary club, Telenesti, project directors Tamara ANTOCI, Oleg BURSUC
 Spiridus Puppet Theatre, Horodiste, Calarasi, project director Claudia CHICU
 Drama club in English, V. Alecsandri Lyceum, Chisinau, project director Viorica SECRIERU
 Sirma Crafts Club, Leova, project director Mariana MITU
 Origami Oriental Arts Club, Chisinau, project director Lilia SOKOLOVA
 Bonton Dance club, Stefan Voda, project director Ludmila RUSANOVSKI
 Stramoseasca Club of National Dance, Bulboaca, Anenii Noi, project director Tamara GUZO
 English For You Club, Cristesti, Nisporeni, project director Gheorghe CIUBOTARU
 Party School Radio, G. Asachi School, Ungheni, project director Viorel FLOREA

Step by Step

In 1998 Step by Step continued to expand considerably along the lines of its major directions, which are pre-school education (with two age groups: 3 to 5 and 5 to 7), infants and toddlers (0 to 3), primary school, and higher education.

The Program received official recognition from MES. This recognition, through a special directive, encourages the extension of Step by Step, and advises local education administrators to support those teachers willing to use SbS-based formative education techniques.

With increased awareness and interest by educators of the Program's contribution to education, the core team and the Program trainers were prompted to organize additional seminars for school principals, inspectors and other administrators.

Pre-school Education

By the end of 1998 the Program was being implemented in 53 kindergartens in urban and rural areas, with a total of 503 classrooms, 12,575 children, and 1,110 teachers. This year three kindergartens - Chisinau #216 and #188 and Balti #43 - served as model training sites, particularly for the 27 new kindergartens, offering, besides training, visits to demonstrational classrooms. A team of 12 trainers participated in a summer training course with American experts in Sinaia, Romania.

In 1998 a new initiative for Infants and toddlers (0 to 3) began. Teachers for this age group attended a series of seminars with the local training team and also a five-day summer training course with American experts. The "0 to 3" program started with 30 classrooms, but by the end of the year it was present in all the kindergartens that had SbS with other age groups, i.e. 114 classrooms with 330 teachers serving 2,288 children.

The first mixed - pre-school and primary - Step by Step institution was created from former Kindergarten #12 in Ungheni. Also begun this year were the first stages to help kindergartens from Chisinau (#s 216, 188, 108) and Balti (#43) found NGOs (Parents' and Teachers' Associations).

A major focus of the Program team was on training and technical assistance to the SbS classroom teachers and school administrators. This support entailed organizing group classroom visits for participating teachers with de-briefing, and seminars for everybody from student teachers to education authorities of all levels interested in developmentally appropriate practices. The Program continued to support kindergarten classrooms with teachers' and children's books, educational materials and art supplies.

Primary Education

The number of SbS classrooms increased constantly over the year to include 53 schools, and 143 classrooms with a total of 3,575 students. During this period 189 teachers and 143 administrators (school principals, school inspectors and methodologists, etc.) were trained, 38 student teachers had their apprenticeship and about 360 student teachers visited these classrooms. The number of people who have benefited from training, workshops and other Program activities is about 1,065.

A qualitatively new thing for the primary initiative was the creation of a team of trainers from among third-year teachers and school supervisors. This group, together with their Romanian colleagues, attended a summer training course for trainers with American experts in Sinaia, Romania. Beginning with September, they become actively involved in training teachers from the new SbS classrooms.

All in all, 38 seminars and training courses (including those with the participation of American experts) were held. Participants were SbS teachers and school administrators, SbS trainers, and a group of teachers from the Ialoveni and Stefan-Voda regions who were willing to learn about the Program. Practically all classrooms from Chisinau and Balti, and also from some villages (Mereni, Anenii-Noi and Cioburciu, Stefan-Voda) hosted visitors and were used as training sites.

The SbS classrooms were continually supplied with books, educational materials and some equipment. The Program provided 20 classrooms with locally made furniture, thus supporting local small business. The total expenditure for school support is about \$76,000. A new opportunity for Program expansion was offered through cooperation with the Social Investment Fund project (World Bank). Within this partnership for school renovation in the rural areas, SIF is committed to taking care of the physical rehabilitation of the building, while SbS is responsible for the rehabilitation of teaching practices.

In 1998 two new seminars for foreign languages teachers from SbS classrooms were held in order to familiarize them with interactive teaching practices and to foster their cooperation with the main classroom teachers.

Higher Education

In the spring term of 1998 three republican seminars for faculty from pedagogical universities and colleges addressed the topic Observation and recording observations in the classroom. These seminars were duplicated in 6 regional seminars organized by the Department of Pre-school and Primary Education of SUB. In July, 22 faculty, mostly participants of the republican seminar, attended a week-long training course in Poiana Brasov, Romania, with experts from US colleges.

In August, the faculty of three institutions attended a week training course for high school trainers in Balaton, Hungary, with the topic Applied Research in Early Childhood Education. Most of the faculty who attended the republican and regional seminars over two years contributed to change in the way future teachers are being trained, both in classrooms and during their practice.

The current stage of Moldova's transition, wherein the country tries to sprint away from the communist past to establish democracy and a market economy, is characterized by a lot of contradictions due to the lack of a clear strategy for economic and social reforms. Also lacking is an adequate legislative framework for the development of democratic processes, a situation that reduces the efficiency of institutions and organizations, and underlies the incapacity of the majority of the population to be empowered in the new circumstances. Taking these specific features into account, the East East Program in 1998 continued to focus on stimulating discussions about current social consequences of post-communist development, promoting practical solutions to different issues, and naturally, bringing together experts from various fields of activity in order to share experiences and learn from each other.

In 1998 various projects were organized through the East East Program aimed towards medical and public health issues, local government reform, media involvement, youth exchange, debate of identity issues, and more. An important topic which found a further development within the East East Program is European integration. The discussions started in December 1997 with an International Seminar, European Integration through Regional Integration, and continued in May 1998 through an International Students' Seminar, The Youth Dimension in European Integration. Through this project the East East Program tried to address the important issues of the future development of East European societies. The seminar staged an open dialogue for the invited young leaders and representatives of NGOs who are actively involved in the process of social transformation, and who will become decision-makers and strategy implementers in the nearest future—we expect them to be ready to share responsibility for this future.

As a continuation of these ideas, the Program focused its attention on projects addressed to the young generation by organizing two Student Exchange Programs. The first, Brainstorm-98: The New Generation in the Contemporary World, was a summer school in the Art of Communication and Social Sciences that brought together students in Journalism and Social Sciences from Romania, Yugoslavia, Slovakia, Ukraine and Moldova. The other project was Opportunities for Historical Values Application, a summer school at the Middle Age Town of Orheiul Vechi, which brought together students in History and Anthropology from universities of Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova. These projects underlined the idea that outcomes of transition on the spiritual level could be transmitted through communication, exchange of views and discussions, as well as by practicing creative abilities and accumulating knowledge on societal development. The summer schools aimed to facilitate the friendship and association-building aspect in young people's lives through inter-university and academic communication, and regional channels of information. Additionally, participation by the young generation assures the safeguarding of material and spiritual culture in East European lands.

More than 350 participants were active involved in the development of the hosting and joint initiatives.

Hosting Projects

International Students Seminar in European Integration – the Youth Dimension, May 21-22, Chisinau

Organizers: Soros Foundation Moldova, Time of Europe Association and Ignis Youth Club
50 participants, including 17 students from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

Brainstorm-98. New Generation in the Contemporary World. Summer School in the Art of Communication and Social Sciences, July 19-August 3, Vadul-lui-Voda

Organizers: Soros Foundation Moldova and Invisible College of Moldova
50 participants, including 16 students and 5 professors from CEE countries

Student Exchange Program: Opportunities for Historical Values Application Summer Course

at the Middle Age Town of Orheiul Vechi, August 3 - 16, 1998, Orheiul Vechi, Butuceni
 Organizer : Archaeological Research Center of Moldova
 37 participants, including 19 professors and students from Eastern Europe

Crisis of Identity in Post-Totalitarian Societies International Seminar, October 29-30, Chisinau
 Organizers : **Sud-Est** Cultural Magazine, Ministry of Culture of Moldova, Soros Foundation
 Moldova
 45 participants, including 8 experts from Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, and
 The Netherlands

Looking Ahead at the New Millennium : Choices for Regional Development - CEP Student
 Conference, December 3-6, Chisinau
 Organizers : Civic Education Project for Moldova and Ukraine, Soros Foundation Moldova
 100 participants, including students and CEP lecturers from Russia, Ukraine, Belorusi,
 Romania, Estonia

Brainstorm Student Meeting in Cluj, December 17-18, Cluj
 Organizers : Open Society Fund-Cluj and Soros Foundation Moldova
 25 professors and students including 5 participants from Moldova

Visit of Czech Doctors in Moldova, April 13-16, Chisinau
 Organizers : Open Society Institute-Prague and Soros Foundation Moldova

Visit of Young Historians to Karta Center of Poland, June 2-7, Warsaw
 Organizers : Soros Foundation Moldova, Stefan Batory Foundation and Central and East
 European Forum of Warsaw
 Visit of 9 members of the Contemporary History Lab, PSU

Dialogue of Young People from the towns of Borovo and Soroca, July 10-27, Borovo, Bul-
 garia
 Organizers : Town Hall of Borovo and Town Hall of Soroca with the support of the Open
 Society Fund-Sofia and Soros Foundation Moldova

Health Service Managers Development Workshop, September 13-26, Bratislava
 Organizers : Health Management School of Bratislava, Open Society Fund-Bratislava and
 Soros Foundation Moldova

Media on Economic and Business Development : Study Trip of Moldovan Journalists to
 Poland, January 11-20, 1999, Warsaw
 Organizers : Independent Journalism Center, Euroasia Foundation and Soros Foundation
 Moldova
 10 journalists, selected by the organizers

Internship Program for Moldovan Doctors in Czech Republic, (University Hospital, Prague
 and Pilsen, autumn-winter, one-month internship program
 Zinaida CARAGAT, Surgical Clinic
 Angela CRACAN, Gynaecological Clinic
 Anatol BUZDUGAN, Neuro-Surgical Clinic
 Dumitru LATICEVSCHI, Paediatric Surgical Clinic
 Allocated for 1999 :
 Grigore POPUSOI, Internal Medicine Clinic
 Alexandru MUSTEA, Gynaecological Clinic
 Greta BOIAN, Neuro-Surgical Clinic
 Alexandru GNATIUK, Surgical Clinic
 Nina SEVCENKO, Dentistry Clinic

Participating Projects

How to Help People Living with HIV/AIDS : Meeting of Public Organizations and Mutual Aid
 Support Groups, Kiev, Pushcha Voditsa, January 7-10

Pavel SIGBATULIN, Youth for the Right to Life Association

Participation of Women's Organizations in the Second International Meeting of the NIS-US Consortium, Kiev, Ukraine, January 22-27

Silvia SACA, Gender in Development Project Coordinator, UNDP

Irina MARTINIUC, President of the Women's Organization Civic Initiative

Humanistic Psychology and Women's Problems, Samara, February 12-16

Valentina LUNGU, Association of the Family Planning

Workshop: Improving Inter-Ethnic Relations, Bratislava, February 17-22

Victoria MAZUROVA, President, Ukrainian Women's Association of Moldova

Winter School: Leaders in the Time of Change, Slavsk, Lviv Region, February 22 - March 1

Viorel ALBU, member of the Student Political Sciences Lab

Ana NIVNEA, student, PSU

Oleg EFRIM, lawyer, National Center for NGOs Assistance CONTACT

Silvia BICENCO, coordinator at the Cahul Center for NGOs Assistance CONTACT

Aurel ALEXA, Ignis Youth Club

Town Hall and the General Public, Pilzen, February 28 - March 4

Valeriu MUNTEANU, Foreign Relations Coordinator, APAM

Ion PALADI, Alderman of Rascanu District of Chisinau

Public Administration and Social Policies in CEE, Prague, March 18-20

Mihai BRADUTANU, Head of the Municipal Human Resource Department

Ana PASCARU, researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law, ASM

Maria BULGARU, Chair of Philosophy and Sociology, SUM

Culture in the Time of Transformation: Cultural Identity of Central and Eastern Europe, Poznan, Poland, March 11-14

Valeria GROSU, Department of International Relations, Ministry of Culture of Moldova

Meeting of Youth Organizations, Vilnius, March 2-6

Vadim GUZUN, Deputy President of the Time of Europe NGO

Corneliu CIRIMPEI, National Debate Center of Moldova

International Student Meeting: Rethinking the Security Architecture of Eastern and Central Europe and the CIS, St. Petersburg, April 23-26

Andrei COVAL, student, Political Sciences Laboratory, SUM

Pavel MUSTEATA, student, Political Sciences Laboratory, SUM

Carolina BUGAIAN, student, AESM

Standards of Philanthropy and Charity Organizations, Kiev, Ukraine, April 26-29

Eleonora ISAC, Deputy Chief of the Mayor's Office, Direction of Child Care

Elena STAVILA, Medical Foundation of Moldova

Quo Vadis? Slovakia Study Visit, Bratislava, April 23-May 4

Irina GUTU, member of the Ignis Youth Club

Alexandru OPRUNENCO, president of the Time of Europe NGO

Integration of the Blind through Continuing Education, Nizny Novgorod, April 17-20

Valeriu LUPU, deputy president of the Central Direction, Society for the Blind

Larisa CELAN, Coordinator of the Central Direction, Society for the Blind

Workshop for Trainers of the Non-Profit Sector, Moscow, April 6-12

Victor GAINA, CONTACT Center, Balti Office

Natalia KRAVCIUC, GUTA Ecological Center

Network for Gender Sensitive Training, Iasi, May 7-10
 Natalia COJUHARI, Women's Organization Civic Initiative
 Ala PANZARI, gender coordinator, World Bank Resident Mission in Moldova

The Sacred Dimension and Its Impact In the Transition Period : Traditional, Cultural and Religious Relationships, Timisoara, April 16-18
 Tudor BRAGA, researcher, art critic
 Alexandru EFTODI, journalist, **Flux** Newspaper

Sustainability of the Third Sector in Central and Eastern Realities and Challenges for NGOs, Businesses and Governments, Budapest, May 7-10
 Tatiana SINEAEVA, Biotica Center
 Ilia TROMBITCHI, Parliament member
 Aliona NICULITA, Director of the CONTACT Center

Workshop on Pension Reform, Ljubljana, May 8-10
 Ion PREGUZA, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Social Protection and the Family

Sofia Plus Three: Independent Evaluation of Environmental Action Plans, Kiev, Ukraine, May 29-June 1
 Andrei ISAC, Chief of the Department of Environmental Protection
 Valentin BOBEICA, Ecological Movement of Moldova

International Spring School of Young Demographers, Odesa, Ukraine, May 29-June 5
 Oleg LOZAN, lecturer, Department of Social Medicine and Management, SUMP

Regional Environmental Advocacy and Law : Guta IV, Wroclaw, June 10-15
 Mihail GHEORGHITA, President of the Ecological Law Association of Moldova
 Alexei MIHAI, lawyer

Nation Building and State Building, Moscow, May 13-17
 Piotr BRUTER, Foundation for Democratic Support and Parliamentarianism

Workshop Legal Education for People with HIV/AIDS, St. Petersburg, May 21-24
 Natalia MEDINSCHI, National AIDS Center

Regional Collaboration on the Utilization of Water and Power Resources, Bishkek, Issyk-Kul, Kirghistan, June 28-July 6
 Gheorghe JIGAU, Rector of the Physical Sciences University
 Constantin MORARU, Director of the Hydrological Laboratory

Cultural Communication : the Meaning of Giacomo Leopardi's Work in CEE, Bucharest, July 2-5
 Sergiu PAVLICENCO, lecturer of Universal Literature, SUM

Perspectives of Regional Population Development, Prague, June 26-29
 Oleg BULGARU, lecturer, APAM
 Iurie GUZGAN, Association for Healthy Lifestyles

Dictionary of Dissidents of the Soviet Block 1956-1989, Warsaw, July 3-6
 Ion SISCANU, researcher at the Institute of History, ASM

Political Culture of Regions, Samara, June 11-15
 Angela ZELENSCHI, lecturer of Philosophy and Political Science, AESM

Eastern European Studies Summer School, Warsaw and Vilnius, June 30-August 3
 Vladimir MISCHEVCA, researcher at the Institute of History, ASM

Seminar, Primary Health Care in Transition, Kiev, July 6-20
 Ludmila CIOBANU, deputy director, Health Care Reform Department

Tatiana VALICA, physician, Clinic of the Ministry of Interior

Basic Social, Cultural and Economic Problems of New Europe, Krakow, Poland, July 13-27
Stela PANU, CEU post-graduate student

Health Care Management, Kiev, July 13-18
Alexandru BABIN, lecturer, SUMP
Nicolae TAFUNI, Medical Insurance Company Asimed-Moldova
Valeriu SAVA, director, Management and Medical Insurance Association

Sacrum and Land - International Roundtable, Sevastopol, July 15-22
Tamara NESTEROVA, researcher at the Institute of Ethnography and Folklore, ASM

World Citizenship among Young People from CEE, UK and USA
Mongolia, July 19-August 1
Lilia BOGDANAS, student of International Relations, AESM

Junior Achievement Trainees : On the Way to the European Union, August 10-20, Narva-Joessu, Estonia
Adela SCUTARU, director of Junior Achievement Moldova and a group of 4 students of the Municipal School #32 : Radu BONDARCIUC, Tanya BOTOROVSKI, Mariana MORARI and Dumitru PAIRELI

INTAMEL and Metropolitan Libraries of CEE Forum for International Library Cooperation
August 30-September 5, Budapest
Lidia KULICOVSHI, director of the Municipal Library

Inaugural Network Conference on Gender/Women's Studies, September 9-13, Belgrade
Ala PANZARI, Civic Initiative Association
Valentina LUNGU, Family Planning Association
Victoria MELNIC, Women Program Expert Board Member

Cultural Communication and Preservation: Cave Monuments of Southern and Eastern Europe, September 13-22, Tbilisi
Ion TENTIUC, director of the Archaeological Museum of Moldova
Gheorghe POSTICA, director of the Archaeological Research Center
Olga SLASTIHINA, researcher, ASM

Eastern Meeting of the European Law Students Association, September 16-20, Bialystok
Marina FOLTEA, president of the Moldovan Law Student Association

Transformation of Social Space and New Approaches in Social Sciences, September 24-28, Samara
Victor SACA, lecturer, Chair of Social Humanistic Sciences, AESM

TRANSECO'98. Symposium on Environment and Transborder Cooperation October 1-3, Suceava
Alexandru GRIBINCEA, Chair of Management, Vasile MAXIM, lecturer, Economic Department, FIUM

Practical Environmental Projects for Young People, October 6-18, Novorossiysk
Maxim BUZDUGAN, student in Ecological Law, IRS
Veaceslav MOROZ, IGNIS Youth Club

Psycho-Social Dimensions of Poverty, October 13-15, Iasi
Liliana DALTA, social assistant, Municipal Department for Child Care
Bogdat TARDEA, and Lilian NEGURA, lecturers, PSU

Memory, Communication and Identity, October 7-12, Timisoara
Victoria PASCAN, student in philology, Angela BULGARU, student in history, Laboratory of

Contemporary History, PSU

Studentski Glas/Students' Voice, October 15-18, City of Hvar, Croatia
Alex KLIUKOV, Association of Journalist Students of Moldova

Seminar on Aging into the 21st Century and East European Experiences, October 17-19,
Bled, Slovenia

Aurel SAULEA, director of the National Center for Social Rehabilitation
Nicu VIDRASCU, lecturer, SUMP

Art and Children's Health : Maintaining Children's Psycho-physical Health, October 20-24,
Kotayk Marz, Armenia

Vlad ROTARU, student of the Arts Department, Valentina OLARESCU, lecturer in Psychology,
PSU

Counseling for People with HIV/AIDS, October 23-25, Sofia

Oleg BELOUSOV, Youth for the Right to Life Association of Balti
Natalia MEDINCHI, Youth for the Right to Life Association of Chisinau

International Meeting Improvement of the Life Quality, October 24-28, Bankia, Bulgaria

Cornelia GROSU, neurologist, Republican Clinic of Moldova
Larisa FLOCA, lecturer at the Chair of Neurology, SUMP

The Language of Diaspora : Problems and Perspectives, November 18-21, Vilnius

Tatiana MLECICO, Department of the History, Language and Culture of the Russian Popu-
lation, ASM

International Seminar on Cooperative Legislation, November 4-8, Prague

Tudor MALECA, rector, CCU, Varvara DULGIERU, Liliana DANDARA, Union of Consumer
Societies of Moldova

Prison Reform in Post-Totalitarian Countries of CEE, November 10-12, Donetsk

Vasile PLOTNIUK, director for education at the prison in Bender
Vasile FLOREA, professor on Criminal Law, SUM

International Study Week : the Experience of Transition. Diversity of Approaches, November
17-22, Vilnius

Viorel URSU, law lecturer, SUM

Ecological Problems of the Caspian Sea and Ecological Education, November 17-19, Baku

Vladimir GARABA, vice-president of the Ecological Movement of Moldova

Cultural Implications of Language in Post-Communist Societies, November 23-26, Yalta

Irina Condrea, sociolinguist, lecturer, SUM

Women's Rights are Human Rights : Celebrate and Demand Human Rights

November 20-21, Warsaw

Eugenia VUCOTICI, judge, Supreme Court of Moldova
Lidia BOBANA, journalist, National Radio of Moldova, Women Program Expert member
Corina CEPOI, journalist, Independent Journalism Center

Religious Problems in Post-Socialist Space : Seminar on Local and Regional Issues,

November 24-30, Almaty

Lilia BRAGA, researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law, ASM

Alternative Methods on Health Care Support and Life Preservation for People with HIV/
AIDS, November 15-18, Kiev

Eugen ALEXEEV, Youth for the Right for Life Association from Chisinau

The strategy of the Library Support Program was determined by the role of the library in the process of social democratization, specifically its importance in providing free and unlimited access to sources of information, culture and knowledge, and in meeting the standards of the modern informational society.

The Program's strategy and priorities were developed by the Expert Board, taking into account the precarious social/ economic situation in which the library institutions of Moldova work, and supporting initiatives of the libraries that do their best in providing a continuous and coherent development of informational services for users. The main objectives of the program were to support priority library functions such as completing collections, automation and professional development of experts in this field.

The priority areas of library support were developed in agreement with experts from the library and information field, and present a large spectrum of activities to help libraries meet international operating standards based on advanced informational technologies.

They are :

- Book acquisition and subscription to periodical publications
- Professional development of library specialists
- Library automation

The Program supported The Book Foundation, a non-governmental organization founded for the distribution of books published within the Soros Foundation programs and other donations collected from various publishing houses.

Book Acquisition and Subscription to Periodical Publications

The program offers three main areas that provide library users with access of to the latest information in various fields :

The subscription of central and university libraries to scientific journals in the field of exact, Social Sciences and the Humanities, and the foreign periodical press

American Scientific Journals (Science Journal Donation Program). The ASM Library, the National Library, and the Scientific Medical Library received subscriptions to 63 titles of American scientific journals in the field of exact sciences. The project was financed on a matching funds basis with NP, OSI Budapest.

English language journals in the Social Sciences and Humanities

within The East and Central Europe Journal Donation Project (JDP). Central, scientific and university libraries received subscriptions to 93 titles. The project is made possible through the participation of the New School for Social Research (manager Claudia Bedrick), who has administered the project since 1994. The project is financed in cooperation with NLP, OSI Budapest which supports administrative expenses of the project. Soros Foundation Moldova covered the subscription cost.

The following libraries are involved in the project :

- National Library – 9 titles
- The ASM Library – 4 titles
- The Scientific Medical Library – 7 titles
- The SUM Library – 25 titles
- SUB Library, Balti – 13 titles
- The AESM Library – 8 titles
- The FIUM Library– 14 titles
- The SUMP Library – 12 titles

Foreign periodicals for central and university libraries

- 11 libraries received subscriptions to 67 titles of newspapers and periodical journals :
- The ASU Library – 11 titles
- The APAM Library – 5 titles
- PSU Library – 5 titles

TUM Library – 5 titles
 The Republican Scientific Medical Library – 1 title
 The Republican Technical-Scientific Library – 9 titles
 SUB Library, Balti – 4 titles
 The AESM Library – 3 titles
 The FIUMLibrary – 3 titles
 National Library – 9 titles
 The B. P. Hasdeu National Children's Library - 12 titles

Special Collection Development and Completion :

The completion and development of the psycho-pedagogical collection
 The PSU Library

The completion and development of the collection of German instruction
 The SUB Library, Balti

The biomedical collection on various sources of information (matching funds 50/50 with NLP OSI Budapest)
 The Republican Scientific Medical Library

Central and public library subscription to national art and culture journals Sud-Est, Basarabia and Contrafort
 385 subscriptions to each journal were offered to central, university and public municipal libraries.

The program participates with the Subscription of public and university libraries to Romanian periodicals project of the Freedom House Association, Romania, and thereby sees to the subscription of 20 libraries in Moldova to 10 titles of Romanian newspapers. A grant was offered to the Book Foundation for the administration of this project.

Professional Development

The program covered several aspects, including the participation of librarians at important international events in the field of library science, organization of training activities, encouragement of initiatives regarding the organization and development of professional reunions or training activities, and the dissemination of information regarding professional librarianship activity from Moldova and abroad.

Participation at international professional conferences of major interest : IFLA, ALA, Crimea

(co-financing with the Network of Library Programs, OSI Budapest)

The selection of participants was made on a competitive basis.

IFLA Conference, Amsterdam, August 14-24 1998
 Tatiana COSTIUC, secretary, Library Association of Moldova
 Lidia SITARU, director, Public Orhei Library

ALA Conference, Washington D.C., June 25 - July 1 1998
 Lidia KULIKOVSKI, director, B. P. Hasdeu Municipal Library (report ; "Library Services for the National Minorities in Chisinau")
 Ludmila COSTIN, director, The ASU Library (report : "Information Service for farmers in conditions of transition to a market economy")

The V International Crimea Conference Libraries and Associations in the Period of Transition : new technologies and ways of cooperation, Sudac, June 6-14 1998
 Iulia TATARASCU, Deputy-director, Republican Technical-Scientific Library
 Larisa PETCU, Director, Public Ialoveni Library
 Grigore GUDIMA, Engineer-programmer, AESM

Retrospective Conversion International Seminar, Prague
Ludmila PINZARI, Manager, Chisinau Center of Information and Documentation, B.P. Hasdeu
Municipal Library

International events supported by the Springer Verlag Publishing House and The German
Institute of Librarianship :

The Library and Its Partners, Leipzig Bookfair, 24-20 March 1998
Rodica AVASILOAIE, deputy director, National Library
Rodica COSTAS, chief librarian, Acquisition Department, ASM Library

The Frankfurt Bookfair, 7-12 October 1998
Claudia BALABAN, director, National Children's Library
Maria CIOBANU, director, TUM Library
Ala SUSARENCO, head of the Acquisition Department, AESM Library

Informational Provision - Politics and Strategy Conference, 28 June-11 July 1998, Wurzburg,
Germany, and documentation tour to 5 libraries
Valentina TOPALO, Methodology librarian, SUB

A 2 months fellowship at the Comparative Law Institute Library, May 1 – July 31, 1998,
Lozanne, Switzerland
Zinaida SOCHIRCA, director, FIUMLibrary

Seminars, Training Sessions

In 1998 a special attention was given to seminars dealing with bibliologic training. This
created a favorable context for further activity and systematic training for librarians in
Moldova.

Cycle of 3 Training Sessions for Trainers, May - June 1998

(with the support of NLP, OSI Budapest)

Facilitator : Lyndon PUGH (Great Britain), a highly experienced professional in the field of
library science and continuous training for librarians

Selection of the participants for the seminar was made on a competitive basis.

Twenty librarians with experience of organizing continuous training activities, and teaching
staff from the Journalism and Communication Science faculty of the SUM—became ac-
quainted with the most advanced continuous training methods, and the planning and or-
ganizing of activities dealing with continuous professional development of librarians. At
the end of the course, the participants passed an examination that included a short oral
presentation, a written test and the expert's evaluation.

The program continued with a grant contest for continuous training activities for librarians.
At the end of the year, 2 grants were offered for projects of seminar development :

Usage of Library Staff: Enrolment, Development, and Performance

Ludmila CORGHRNCI, lecturer, deputy director, FIUM

Internet in the Library - Beginner Courses

Eugenia BEJAN, lecturer, deputy director, B.P. Hasdeu National Children's Library

In order to support the professional development initiatives of the participants at the Train-
ing the Trainer courses, 2 grants were offered in cooperation with NLP, OSI Budapest for 1
year postgraduate studies at the International Informational Management Center, Univer-
sity of Torun, Poland :

Eugenia BEJAN, deputy director, B.P. Hasdeu National Children's Library
Iraida DIGODI, secretary, National Librarianship Council

Automation of Technological Processes in the Libraries Seminar, May 26-29, 1998, Chisinau

Moderator - Dan MARINESCU (Romania) – expert in automation.

The seminar was addressed to public library managers to familiarize them with modern informational technologies. In the last seminar day the participants visited the Chisinau Center of Community Information at the B.P. Hasdeu Public Municipal Library. Participants were 25 public regional library managers.

English Language Courses for Librarians, January 1998 - December 1999

(Financed by the NLP, OSI Budapest)

The project offers librarians the possibility to study the English language in order to pass tests for participating at various fellowship programs at the most important library centers abroad; the project foresees 2-year courses of general English and TOEFL preparation, including a special library terminology course. The training was provided by the English Language School at Open World House and overtaken by the Modern Language School of the Prodidactica Educational Center.

Beneficiaries were selected on a competitive basis. At the initial stage 18 persons were selected (9 - in a beginner base group and the others distributed in groups of different knowledge levels). After each semester the groups are reformed with new participants. All the participants pay a compulsory tax of 350 lei, which is reimbursed only if the student has attended the entire course, and has successfully passed the promotion tests from one level to another.

The Librarian Newspaper – a Specialty Journal of the Library Association of Moldova

The Library Association has been offered a grant for the purchase of printing equipment and paper for the publication of the Librarian Newspaper – a unique specialty journal in the field of librarianship and library life.

Initiative of Publishing a Distinguished Bibliographic Work Dedicated to the Writer Ion Druta

The Public Municipal Donduseni Library

For the first time, a regional library compiled a fundamental bibliography dedicated to a remarkable personage.

Library Automation

The program supports projects for implementing modern informational technologies in library functions, based on international standards of information processing and exchange, and oriented towards the modernization and diversification of services offered to library users. The library automation grants were awarded on a competitive basis. The automation projects were judged by an Expert Board of Moldova, who selected the three most worthy projects and recommended them for examination by OSI Budapest for matching funds. The financial support is matched on a 50/50 basis with NLP OSI Budapest.

After a very rigorous contest the projects selected for financing were those of the B. P. Hasdeu Municipal Library, the ASU Library, and the FIUM Library.

Automation projects approved in 1997 were financed in 1998.

The Book Foundation

In 1998 the Book Foundation NGO continued distributing books published through the support of Soros Foundation Moldova, and donations of instructional and reference material. Over the year the Book Foundation received 77 book titles (35,728 books) for distribution, including 12 titles (9,260 books) from the Soros Foundation Moldova.

The books were distributed to 3,060 central, university, public municipal and school libraries. A grant was offered for the expenses related to the distribution of editions published within Soros Foundation Moldova programs (fuel, consumable materials, etc).

Distribution was completed through book selling, which allowed covering some of the

administrative expenses; 46 book titles were put on sale, out of which 809 books have been sold. At the same time the commercial activity developed by the Book Foundation offers the interested public a unique opportunity to purchase valuable books at a discount of up to 50%.

The Book Foundation has developed an intense program of informing libraries and interested persons about new editorial publications in Moldova, publishing a periodical informative bulletin, and organizing book exhibitions of the publishing houses of Moldova and Romania.

The Book Foundation is looking for new partners for collaboration. Partnerships have begun with several publishing houses from Romania for the purpose of acquiring books by the Book Foundation with a big commercial discount. This kind of collaboration permits sales of Romanian books at the same price as in Romania.

Collection Preservation and Restoration

The main objective of this program is to preserve, conserve and provide access of users to worthy and unique collections.

Within the program, the project of organizing and developing the Collection Conservation and Preservation International Conference was supported at the beginning of 1999. The conference will be attended by experienced specialists from Bulgaria—authors of the national program of collection preservation—as well as the director of the IFLA Regional center for the problems of library collection preservation and restoration. The invited experts will study the local situation and offer consultation to the developers of the national collection preservation and restoration project.

The Internet for Moldova project was established at the beginning of 1995. The project was brought forth as a response to the poorly developed telecommunications infrastructure and to projects submitted by universities to the Foundation related to Internet access. MoldNet academia network, the result of the initial stage of the Internet for Moldova project, became operational at the beginning of 1996. Four institutions were interconnected using high speed radio modems (128 kbps). The academia network utilized an external VSAT channel 64 kbps to the Internet. The throughput of the channel was extended to 256 kbps on November 18, 1997. In November 1998, an agreement was signed with GN Comtext, a Norwegian company, that can provide double the capacity of the external satellite channel in 1999, thus increasing its capacity to 512 kbps.

In order to implement the Internet for Moldova project and develop the academia network, Soros Foundation Moldova established a public institution – DNT Association, registered at the Ministry of Justice on May 20, 1998.

The Association's objectives as stipulated in its charter are:

- to facilitate the development of the education system and civic society in the Republic of Moldova by creating a non-governmental information infrastructure. Such a non-governmental framework is considered essential for developing a democratic society.
- to facilitate setting up contacts between on one side academic organizations, non-governmental and public organizations of the Republic of Moldova, and on the other side international governmental and non-governmental organizations

The creation of the Association has facilitated the administrating and developing of the network, securing other funds for network support, and licensing the transfer services provided within territory of Moldova. The DNT Association has offered free Internet access, on the basis of the grant received from the Soros Foundation in 1998, to the following organizations :

- 33 NGOs from around the country
- 27 high schools and lyceums around the country
- 11 universities
- 11 mass media organizations
- MES
- The Center of New Informational Technologies
- The Accreditation and Certification Board

Public organizations and high schools also benefit from free hosting of their Web pages on the Internet through the servers of DNT Association, with the following addresses: organizatia.ngo.moldnet.md for NGOs and www.moldnet.md/schools/scoala – for high schools. By using the Internet and placing their Web sites on the Internet, these institutions will have an opportunity to promote their projects, access necessary information in their fields of interest and develop partnerships and cooperative relationships with similar local and international organizations. The DNT Association continues to promote new information technologies within the community, and, in the future, will provide the above-mentioned organizations with special Internet access offers at favorable terms.

During those first 6 months of independent operation in 1998, DNT Association received several grants from the Soros Foundation Moldova and implemented the following Internet projects :

OurNET

As a result of implementing this project, the following components of WWW OurNET server were created :

- Moldova Internet Resources (M.I.R.) - a Yahoo type directory of Moldovan Internet. The user can navigate through various categories (computers, education, art, etc.) in order to find the corresponding pages. As an alternative, the user types the key-word in the search engine that returns the list of relevant sites

- Moldova Wide Web Survey (MWW Survey) has as its goal to promote Moldovan Internet through publishing reviews on Moldovan Web pages, performing comparative analysis of servers, and tenders in Moldova
- OurNet Free Web hosting (<http://www.ournet.md/hosting/>) - offers free hosting of personal Web pages. Anyone has the opportunity to become a member of OurNet by creating a page. The goal of this component is providing everyone in Moldova with an opportunity to appear on the Internet. Beside that, the content and design quality of Moldovan Internet is promoted through competition
- Web Design School (<http://www.ournet.md/school/>). Along with evaluating the existent pages, OurNet offers virtual web design courses based on the experience of teaching this subject at the summer school on computer skills. WDS includes recommendations for HTML programmers (the language in which pages are written), Web masters, and conventions accepted in WWW

The Creation of a Server for Free Electronic Mail

A server for free electronic mail was created (www.mail.md). Similar services are very popular throughout the world and, in particular, in Moldova. This server facilitates the access to electronic mail for students and others who can not afford personal computers and use Internet in academic facilities, of work, and other places of public access. The appearance of this service in Moldova contributed to saving a certain part of external link that is the most important part of the academia network.

Developing the University Network Server

The aims of this project were to provide students from around the country with the possibility to get information about other universities without travelling to the capital city, to promote universities in Moldova for partnership, and to provide information for students from abroad.

A server structure made up of three areas was created :

- university-level education—information about universities of the RM in a catalog format and statistical data on applicants and alumnae
- pre-university education —college catalogs, statistical data on students and alumnae of lyceums, gymnasiums and high schools
- contests on different subjects —information about nation-wide and international contests on all subjects

Projects Approved in the Internet and Comoros Fields

Operational Financing of the Center of New Information Technologies (CNIT)

During 1998 the CNIT has performed the following activities :

- from 07.06.98 – 07.19.98 – 114 students from grades 1-12, who study in 35 schools in the Republic of Moldova, attended the summer school in computer skills
- from 05.27.98 – 12.31.98 – an Internet room was opened and has been operating at the CNIT. Four hundred high school students and other members of public had access to that room and have learned about and worked on the Internet
- three groups of high school students were created, two of which included students who scored highest at the nation-wide contest of 1998, and the third one consisting of younger students. The different groups were offered courses of appropriate complexity. These students are considered to be the future hope for international contests. In 1998, Alexandru Andoni was awarded the silver medal at the international contest in computer skills
- six groups were organized — three for computer skills professors, two for school and education department administrators, and one group of officials of MES. All groups were familiarized with computers and their usefulness in everyday work. It would be advisable to continue work in this area, especially when computers are installed in the county departments
- specialty literature was purchased for the purpose of organizing courses and enriching the CNIT library used by professors from around the country

Internet point of presence – E-mail for Balti, SUB

The goal of the project is to create an Internet point of presence within the SUB. The creation of this server in the city of Balti will allow users from the University, as well as

schools in the town to “locally” access electronic mail. Users from Baltsi will have a possibility to read electronic mail using local calls. The project is at the stage of equipment purchasing.

Internet Connection Project

School #56, director V AMBROCI

Internet connection of the school through a leased telephone line aims to familiarize students with the Internet network, establish and maintain business relations with other national and international academic institutions, and implement new technologies in the educational process. Internet access and a couple of modems for the leased line were provided.

Privatization Link

John C. HARPER, International Business and Technical Consulting Inc., The World Bank and the Department of Privatization and State Property Administration

A WWW server of the Department of Privatization was restructured and developed. The server has a well-defined structure and includes information in English about companies subject to privatization in Moldova. The Internet address of the web page of the Department of Privatization and State Property Administration is www.privatization.md.

OurNet Moldova News

DNT Association and the Independent Journalism Center

The most interesting and important news from and about Moldova are selected and placed on the OurNet page - <http://news.ournet.md/>. The news are selected by the Independent Journalism Center from informational sources such as Basa Press, Flux, Infotag.

Computerization of the Parliament's Analytic Information Center

The Parliament's Analytic Information Center and DNT Association

The Project's objectives were to :

- provide information on legislative activity of the Parliament
- create a unique, parliamentary information network in perspective
- create and update of an Internet page of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on a regular basis
- connect the Parliament's library and archives to the available database within the Internet network

The first stage of the project (purchase and installation of equipment) was implemented in 1998.

Internet Pro Education

Pro Didactica Center

Project objectives for 1999 :

- designing and creation of the necessary software for the functioning of an interactive server (www.pro-education.md)
- developing teaching materials for implementing a new lyceum curriculum, preparing an electronic version placed on the server
- organizing a contest for best teaching materials, electronic version design and implementation, and on-server placing
- training of teaching personnel in using the Internet and implementation of new programs through Internet

Theatre + WWW

DNT Association

In 1999 there will be created a web site including :

- www pages for every theatre of Moldova, with theatre history and background, repertoire, plans for tours, etc.
- a database of Who is Who type about actors, producers, script-writers, etc.

The National Program

In 1998, after a competition organized in two stages and in which 13 publishing houses of the National Publishing Program participated with 94 titles, the Soros Foundation decided to provide support (around 50 % of the publishing expenditures) for the publication of 9 titles, 4 of which have already been published and printed :

Nicolae COSTENCO **The Eagles Fairly-Tale** (Arc) (Povestea vulturului)
Emilian GALAICU-PAUN **Poetry Behind Poetry** (Cartier) (Poezia de dupa poezie)
Marcu GABINSCHI **The Dictionary of Etymological Duplicates** (Litera) (Dictionar de dublete etimologice)
Iurie COLESNIC **The Country Council** (Museum) (Sfatul tarii)

Forthcoming titles are:

Andrei CRIJANOVSKI **The Dictionary of language Difficulties** (co-publication Arc, Museum) (Dictionarul dificultatilor de limba)
Ion USTIAN **Nobel Prize Laureates in the Field of Economics** (EUS) (Premiul Nobel in domeniul economiei)
Luminita ILVITCHI **The Moldovan Monasteries** (Museum) (Manastirile Moldovei)
Ion CHITOROAGA **The History of Bugeac** (Museum) (Istoria Bugeacului)
Authors collective, under the aegis of Historical National Museum. **The Memorial Book** (Stiinta) (Cartea Memoriei)

Within the National Publishing Program and supported by the Soros Foundation, there were 6 books published and printed in 1998 that had been financed in 1997 :

Dorin TUDORAN **Kakistocratia** (Arc) (Kakistocratia)
Bogdan Petriceicu HASDEU **Journalism** (Arc) (Publicistica)
Dinu POSTARENCU **A History of Basarabia in Data, Images and Documents** (Cartier) (O istorie a Basarabiei in date și documente)
Andrei ESANU **Historical Files** (Museum) (Chisinau, file de istorie)
Silviu ANDIES-TABAC **Basarabia in the 19-20 Centuries and Its Heraldry** (Museum) (Heraldica Basarabiei si Transnistriei)
Constantin GAINDRIC **Making Decisions: Methods and Technology** (Stiinta) (Luarea deciziilor)

Regional Translation Program

(in collaboration with Central European University and Center for Publishing Development, Budapest)

Since the Regional Translation Program began in Moldova (1996), our publishers have published 8 book titles in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities sciences, 6 of them in 1998 :

Eric WOLF **Peasants** (Tehnica)
Hedley BULL **The Anarchical Society** (Stiinta)
F. H. HINSLEY **Sovereignty** (Stiinta)
R. DORE **British factory – Japanese factory** (Tehnica)
Martin WIGHT **Power Politics** (Tehnica)
R. DWORKIN **Taking Rights Seriously** (Arc)

In 1998 the following Publishing Houses won the competition announced by the Program :

Arc Publishing House

I. FINLEY **The Use and the Abuse of History**
Eric R. WOLF **Europe and the People without History**

Loukas TSOUCALIS *The New European Economy*

Cartier Publishing House

Michel WINOCK *Le Siecle des Intellectuels*

Barry BUZAN *People, States & War*

Museum Publishing House

A. BOUREAU *Les Usages de L'imprime*

Jacques le GOFF *La Civilisation de L'occident Medieval*

Stiinta Publishing House

Michael WALZER *Spheres of Justice*

Tehnica Publishing House

Pierre HASSNER *Violence and Peace*

Herbert GIERSCH *The Fading Miracle*

Professional training

In the framework of this Program Soros Foundation supported the participation of 7 publishing houses from Moldova with common book stands at the International Book Fair (Paris, March 20-27 1998 and Frankfurt, October 6-13 1998).

Soros Foundation Moldova in collaboration with the Center for Publishing Development from OSI Budapest organized a seminar in copyright problems, conducted by Lynette Owen, Contracts and Rights Director at the Longman Company (GB). Especially for this event, Lynette Owen wrote the book **Buying and Selling Rights in Literary Works: A Practical Guide for Publishers in Moldova**. The book was translated in Romanian and published.

Information and Education

Virtual Center of Medical Information

(In collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York)

The main goal of this program was to create an informational medical infrastructure in the Republic of Moldova. Internet connection grants were awarded to :

Clinical Republican Hospital

Center of Neurology and Neurosurgery

Cardiology Institute of the RM

Tuberculosis/Lung Center

Refresher Postgraduate Education Faculty for ENT medical professionals, SUMP

The Bone and Joint/Trauma Department, SUMP

The Morphopathology Department, SUMP

The Physiology Department, SUMP

The ENT Pediatric Clinic, SUMP

The Muscular Dystrophy Patients' Association

Scientific-Practical Center for Public Health and Management of the Ministry of Health Care of RM

Republican Medical Diagnostic Center

SUMP, Pharmacy Faculty

Republican Clinical Hospital, Surgery Clinics

Pharmacy Management Department of SUMP

Republican Center of Medical-Social Rehabilitation

The Tuberculosis/Lung Department of the SUMP

The Pharmacology Department of SUMP

Educational Center for Drug and Alcohol Addiction

The Administrative Department of SUMP

The Cardiology Clinic of the Cardiology Institute

National Pharmacy Institute

The Tuberculosis/Lung Institute

Clinical Hospital of Trauma/Bone and Joint

Psychiatry Hospital

Penitentiary Hospital

Since September 1998 there have been 2500 physicians, student residents, and medical students who visited the electronic lecture hall of the Virtual Center of Medical Information. Eight training sessions on Computer-based Systems and Medical Information Infrastructure were organized in 1998 with the participation of 80 medical professionals and student residents.

Professional Training Grants

Family therapy, practical seminar, Moscow, Russia, February 19-27, 1998

Lucia MIRON

Galina LESCO

Internship in family planning at the Bicetre Clinic, Paris, France, July 1 – June 31 1998

Angela CRACAN

Practical course on treatment, surgery and manual rehabilitation, June 7-13 1998, Savon, Italy

Lucia SEVERIN

Internship in nephrology and immune processes in kidney transplantation, Amiens University Hospital Center, Amiens, France, June 1– November 1 1998

Svetlana GHITU

Internship in cytogenetics and molecular research of common solid tumors of the gastrointestinal system, Clermont Ferrand Clinic, Paris, France, July 1– August 30 1998
Rodica GINCUL

XIII Congress of the European Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians, Jerusalem, Israel, May 10-14 1998
Veaceslav MOSIN

Internship in pediatric surgery at the Necker Enfants Malades Clinic, Paris, France, October 1– December 31 1998
Dumitru MOTELICA

Internship in infectious diseases, Amiens University Hospital Center, Amiens, France, May 1– November 1 1998
Alexander ANDRIUTA

Internship in modern endoscopy methods of trauma surgery and orthopedics, The Institute, A Division of Midas Rex, P.P., New York, USA, April 7– May 7 1998
Victor ZAPOROJAN

XXVIII EAMDA Annual Conference, Naantaly, Finland, September 10-13 1998
Maria TONU, Vitalie TONU, Grigore MUNTEANU, Nicolae MUNTEANU, Angela MUNTEAN, Eudochia JOMIR

Organization of the practical seminar in psychoanalytical psychotherapy, Chisinau, Republica Moldova, April 14-21 1998
Psychoanalytical Psychotherapy Society of the Republic of Moldova

IX Utrecht Medical Summer School, Utrecht, Holland, July 5-23 1998
Alexandra LEONTI

Internship in diagnostic and palliative care of neurological manifestations of HIV infection, Service Soins Palliatifs, Hospital Cognacq-Jay, Paris, France, April 1-30 1997
Lilia MARCOCI

Course in reproductive health care, international baltic school, Karlskrona, Sweden, April 20 – May 10 1998
Angela REVENCU

Practical course in modern surgical methods in Keloid scars treatment – thermal burns sequels, Surgery Institute A.V. Vişnevschi, Moscow, Russia, April 6 – May 5 1998
Anatolie TARAN

Scientific and practical course of the European Association of Bone, Joint and Trauma Specialists, Budapest, Hungary, June 3-6 1998
Larisa IACUNINA

Internship in anesthesiology and intensive care at the Soroca Medical Center, Beer-Sheva, Israel, November 1-30 1998
Lidia DULGHIERU, Larisa REZNEAC

Internship in anesthesiology and intensive care at the Laennec Clinic, Paris, France, July 15 1998 – January 15 1999
Valeriu GALANTON

Internship in ultrasound imaging at the Laennec Clinic, Paris, France, September 1 1998 – October 1 1998
Oxana TOLSTICOVA

Training in biochemistry at the Medicine and Surgery Faculty, Instituto di Scienze Fisiche, Parma, Italy, August 25 – September 10 1998
Svetlana BOBCOVA

Student Conference on Medical Ethics, Aarhus, Denmark, 02-08 august 1998
Marcel IVANOV

Internship in liver surgery, Auguste-Victoria Clinic, Berlin, Germany, October 15 – December 15 1998
Andrei ABABII

Internship in epidemiology, Friedrichsheim Clinic, Berlin, Germany, November 1 1998 – January 1 1999
Constantin RIMIS

Internship in proctology, Friedrichsheim Clinic, Berlin, Germany, October 15 – December 15 1998
Tudor TIMIS

Internship in haematology, Mohabit Clinic, Berlin, Germany, October 15 – December 15 1998
Vasile MUSTEATA

Internship in obstetrics and gynecology, St. Joseph Krankenhaus Clinic, Berlin, Germany, September 28– November 23 1998
Rodica COMENDANT

Internship in surgery, St. Joseph Krankenhaus Clinic, Berlin, Germany, October 12 –December 8 1998
Iurie SAMBURSCHI

Internship in dermatology, Lippe Lemgo Clinic, Lemgo, Germany, October 15– December 15 1998
Mircea BETIU

Internship in coloproctology, Elm Clinic, Hamburg, Germany, October 15 – December 15 1998
Lucian PALII

Internship in dentistry, Johanniter-Krankenhaus Rheinhausen Clinic, Duisburg, Germany, November 1 1998 – January 1 1999
Sergiu CIOBANU

Internship in haematology, Mohabit Clinic, Berlin, Germany, November 1 1998 – January 1 1999
Angela BALAN

Internship in gynecology, Borromaus Clinic, Leer, Germany, October 15– December 15 1998
Stela POPOV

Internship in rheumatology, Charite Clinic, Berlin, Germany, September 15 – November 15 1998
Sergiu POPA

Internship in haepathology and gastroenterology, Charite Clinic, Berlin, Germania, September 15 – November 15 1998
Angela CAPCELEA

Internship in ENT, Friedrichsh Clinic, Berlin, Germany, October 1 1998 – January 1 1999
Elena PRUNEANU

Organization of the Conference of Ophthalmologists from Republic of Moldova, October 16-17 1998
Ophthalmologists Association of RM

Internship in rheumatology, Rheumatology Institute of Academy of Medical Sciences of Russia, Moscow, Russia, September 27– October 30 1998
Rodica PASCAL

Internship in psychoanalysis, Alfred Binet Clinic, Paris, France, September 11 – October 23 1998
Lunu GEORGIES

Internship in rheumatology, Moscow Cardiology Center, Moscow, Russia, September 23 – November 3 1998
Silvia SASU

Training course in urology transplantation surgery, Alleghenz Hospital, Pitsburg, USA, August 24 – September 22 1998
Andrei BOTNARU

Internship in anesthesiology and intensive care, Soroca Medical Center, Beer-Sheva, Israel, November 1-30 1998
Vladimir PROHORENCO

Internship in acupuncture, Chinese Traditional Medicine College, Tianjing, China, September 2 1998 - July 31 1999
Ina LISNIC

Salzburg Seminars for Physicians

(in collaboration with the American Austrian Foundation and Open Society Institute of New York)

A. MUSTEA
Surgical Oncology, February 13-20 1998
L. DANILOV
ENT, February 13-20 1998
D. LATICHEVSCHI
Oncology and Pediatric Haematology, February 22-28 1998
L. DAVID
Cardiology, February 27– March 7 1998
T. SIRBU
Emergency Care in Pediatrics, March 14-20 1998
L. IUHTIMOVSKI
Neurology, March 8-14 1998
R. GILCA
Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology, July 24-31 1998
V. AXENTIUC
Pediatric Surgery, September 22– November 9 1998
L. PALII
Urology, October 16-24 1998
A. GAINA
Neonatology, October 18-24 1998
A. NASEDCHIN
Oncology, October 25-31 1998
V. MARCIUC
Medical Imaging, October 25-31 1998
N. SAMET

Obstetrics and Gynecology, October 30 – November 7 1998

G. ROJNOVEANU

Thoracic Surgery, November 7-13 1998

Schweitzer Seminars

(in collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York and Albert Schweitzer Institute for the Humanities)

The Albert Schweitzer Institute for the Humanities organized a conference on Biomedical Ethics, June 14-18 1998, Budapest, Hungary.

V. LISNIC, A. MUSTEA, N. BOLOGAN, C. MAZUR, D. ALBU

Seminars on Geriatrics and Gerontology, September 10-13 1998

The seminars were attended by medical professionals, residents, SUMP students, local government and NGOs representatives.

Conference on The Role of Media in Health Care, October 11-16 1998, Budapest, Hungary.

A. MOSNEAGA, S. ODOBESCU, O. SOLOVEI, E. ZATUSEVCHI

Support of Young Scientists

The following grants for scientific work were awarded on a merit basis in 1998 :

O. PASCAL, MD

"Antiphospholipidic syndrome in cerebro-vascular pathology"

I. PUCALEV

"Comparative study of surgical methods of treatment of aseptic necrosis of the femoral head in adults"

S. VIERU

"Plasmapheresis application and haemocarbo-perfusion in the complex treatment of the refractory forms of Henoch-Shonlein haemorrhagic vasculitis in children"

I. BAZILIUC

"Fractionary blockage in the treatment of multiple thoracic fractures"

I. CASIAN

"Pharmacological properties and bioequivalents of several genetic drugs registered in the Republic of Moldova"

R. TIMBALA

"Diagnosis and treatment errors in patients with bone tumors and the ways to avoid these errors"

A. COTELEA

"Contributions to the optimizing the epidemiological surveillance in acute undetermined diarrhea disease"

S. MARINESCU

"Creating, testing and installation of a high-quality extractor for medicinal plants"

T.Dombrovscăia, L.Cobanu, M.Turcan

"Evolution approach of the respiratory act development in ontogenesis"

I.PALII

"Rheumatoid Juvenile Arthritis. Evolution, early diagnosis, immunogenetic particularities and immunomodulatory treatment"

E. CEBAN

"Differentiated treatment of ureteral calculus"

S. CELAC

"Epidemiology, clinical manifestation, diagnosis and surgical treatment of malignant melanoma"

B. NEDELICIUC

"Contemporaneous clinico-immunological aspects in acne vulgaris and improving treatment methods"

O. BERBECA

"Pathomorphological modifications of the neuro-muscular system in kidney diseases in children"

A. FERDOHLEB

"Contemporaneous treatment aspects of the mechanic benign jaundice"

V. ROTARU

"Particularities of dismetabolic nephritis in children from different ecological areas of the Republic of Moldova"

V. GLIJIN

"Surgical treatment of the gastro-oesophagian reflux. Comparative study between traditional and laparoscopic methods."

A. OGLINDA

"Limphotrop therapy in complex treatment of endotoxocosis in children."

C. RIMIS

"Epidemilogical investigations regarding viral professional hepatitis among the hospital personnel"

G. STRAJESCU

"Surgical treatment modification, purulent complication prevention in the surgical treatment of ekinococosis with immunologic monitoring and immuno-correction."

Hospital Development Program

(in collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York and Carelift International)

In 1998 under the Hospital development Program 6 containers of medical equipment, supplies and drugs were brought to the Republic of Moldova. The supplied goods were donated to health care institutions.

Health Care Initiatives

(in collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York)

The following projects were selected for funding on a merit basis for 1998 – 1999:

Improvement of neonatal medical care in Republic of Moldova
the Institute of Scientific Research in the field of Mother and Child Health Care

Creating a Family Medicine Specialty in RM
SUMP

Family Health in Rural Regions
the Republican Foundation of Mother and Child Health

Child Abuse Prevention

(in collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York)

In the framework of this program the following activities were carried :

Greenspan Conference and US Fellowship, April 23 – May 5 1998, USA
T. STEPANOV

Regional Training and Conference on NGO Development and Sustainability In Central and Eastern Europe, May 7 – 10 1998, Budapest, Hungary
D. SAMBOTEANU, V. CHERDIVARA

Regional Conference on Media, Public Awareness & Social Policy, June 15 – 17 1998, Prague, Czech Republic
A. GOBJILA, E. STASII, D. SIMBOTEANU, V. CULESIN, B. DARIEV, T. STEPANOV, M. IVANOV, D. SIRBU, O. GARSINSCHI

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists International Association Meeting, August 1 – 6 1998, Stockholm, Sweden
T. STEPANOV, D. SAMBOTEANU

Pediatrics Conference of Child Abuse Prevention, August 9 – 12 1998, Pxlva, Estonia
E. STASII

Regional Conference on Child Abuse Prevention, November 8 – 12 1998, Budapest, Hungary
V. COCARCEA, M. IVANOV, T. STEPANOV, A. GOBJILA, V. POPESCU, D. SIMBOTEANU

Project: Preventing the Child Abuse
the National Center of Child Abuse Prevention

Geriatrics and Gerontology

(in collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York)

Seminar on Home and Community-Based Care for the Elderly, May, 10 – 16, 1998, Budapest, Hungary, May 19 – 23, 1998, Lubljana, Slovenia
I. BAICALOVA

Second Breath for the Elderly project
NGO second Breath for the Elderly of North Moldova

Harm Reduction

(in collaboration with the Open Society Institute of New York)

International conferences: UNAIDS Task Force meeting and CEE/NIS Harm Reduction Network meeting in Moscow, Russia, April 26-29, 1998

T. CEBOTARENCO

Soroca Harm Reduction Project

This project involved needle exchange, emergency care services for drug users, and training and seminars of medical, public health and social workers, and criminal justice personnel in harm reduction approaches.

The Drug and Alcohol Addiction Education Center Project

A cycle of seminars was organized to engage public opinion on “chemical” or alcohol and drug addiction, and to reducing the harm related to drug use. The seminars were attended by medical professionals, educators, social workers, police and juvenile offender workers, vulnerable families, and drug users.

Implementation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Program in Penitentiary Institutions in the Republic of Moldova Project

The project will be implemented in 1999 and foresees the following activities: organizing workshops in each penitentiary institution, evaluation of prisoners' knowledge on STD and HIV/AIDS, epidemiological surveillance regarding HIV infection which is prevalent in penitentiary institutions, development and implementation of educational programs in penitentiary institutions, and syndrome treatment of STDs.

Economic reform

In 1998 the Economic Reform Programs were oriented to the following key areas :

- microcredit program for farmers and rural entrepreneurs
- training programs related to agrarian reform
- economic education through seminars and workshops for students, faculty, and bank and department representatives

Microcredits. Technical Assistance for Moldovan Microfinance Alliance

The primary objectives of the project were to improve the access of private farmers and rural entrepreneurs to financial markets, and to stabilize the new private farm sector through the promotion of income - creating activities.

These objectives were achieved through the creation of village-based savings and credit institutions that provide sustainable financial services to their members. In order to form the basis for sustainable development of an important SCAs network, a local NGO, Moldovan Microfinance Alliance (MMA), has been created. Sixty new SCAs were created during the year 1998 with the support of MMA. The total loan outstanding received by SCAs from three financial institutions is about 5,000,000 Moldovan Lei.

Summer School of Management

The Summer School of Management program was launched in 1995 and is aimed at undergraduate students and young professionals. This year the Summer School offered a two-week training course in Entrepreneurship and Total Quality Management. The lectures were given by Hermann KOPP (Norway School of Management) and Nicolae DRAGULANESCU (Bucharest Polytechnic University). Twenty-seven students from five Institutions attended this program.

Internships for Farmers in Switzerland

This program is being implemented in collaboration with the branch of PROFORDAR Foundation of Switzerland. The Moldovan Fellows worked at farms, shared their experience and ideas, and attended courses of professional education at the Agricultural Institute of Jura. Visits to different farms helped them to understand the structure and functioning of Swiss agriculture. Seventeen farmers from Moldova participated in a four-month internship program.

Development of Entrepreneurship of Moldovan Handicraftsmen

The goal of the project presented by the Popular Craftsmen's Union of Moldova was to stimulate and support the handicraftsmen's entrepreneurial activities. Proposed activities included the creation of computerized databases, of a library with methodic and instructional material in the field of entrepreneurship, the spreading of information and consulting, and assistance in developing business plans.

Management Training

One-day training sessions in income generating activities were organized by AGREX NGO in 60 villages for the members of Savings and Credit Associations.

120th Annual Meeting International Trademark Association, May 9-13, 1998, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Email MINDICANU

The Development of Rural Finance Systems, April 1-30, 1998, Montpelier, France

Liliana COZMIC

International Trade Centre, May 15 – June 15, 1998, Geneva, Switzerland

Elena GIDILICA

Publication of the book **Ecological Strategy in Integral Protection of Plants**, author Oleg STOICEV

Cultural and artistic projects are supported through Soros Foundation Programs according to our fundamental principles of openness to the world community and promotion of civil society values. Currently, the artistic and cultural structures are exclusively budget financed, in which case the real financial needs are far from being met; in addition, an efficient managerial and impresario infrastructure, suitable to the new mechanisms of the field, is not yet in force. In this context, the Soros Foundation oriented its efforts in the most essential directions: promotion of cultural values, support of artistic performance, integrating the artistic structures of Moldova in the circuit of international values, and stimulating the spirit of initiative and creativity in Arts Management.

Performing Arts Program

This is the most extensive program in the field of Arts and Culture within our Foundation. Our program is part of Performing Arts Network Program, run by OSI Budapest. The main goal is to support and stimulate new performing arts, familiarizing artists with modern artistic values and criteria for critical appraisal.

The program makes it possible not only to invite noteworthy artists, professors and experts from abroad to run workshops in artistic areas, but also to support the participation of young artists from Moldova at workshops and seminars in other countries.

During 1998 the program supported training in the performing arts, information broadcasts, examination and discussion of issues related to aesthetic innovations in art, as well as stimulated collaboration in the field of art and culture between countries from Central and Eastern Europe.

Thus, in the framework of this program there were Four workshops in the field of contemporary dance and choreography held in Chisinau, and conducted by:

Milan KOZANEK, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, February 15-27

Natalia IPATOVA, Luxemburg and Volia VAHA, Moscow, April 10-21

Zuzana BACOVA and Milan KOZANEK, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, May 18 – June 7

Miroslava KOVAROVA, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, November 30 – December 7

and 2 workshops in the field of theatre were conducted by:

Jean-Paul LANG, Belfort, France, April 21-27

Liliana ALEXANDRESCU, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2-8

A Summer school (August) for training in the field of theatre was conducted by Killina CREMONA (France), Nicolai KAZMIN (Russia) and Mihai FUSU (Moldova), included several workshops in the field of contemporary dance, scenic movement and acting techniques.

The improvisation phenomenon in modern music and jazz—A workshop for composers was organized in Chisinau from September 13-19. This workshop was conducted by: Mihail ALPERIN, piano, professor at the Music Academy from Oslo, Norway; Andrei TURIGHIN, saxophone, Novosibirsk, Russia; Roman STOLEAR, piano, composition, professor at the Musical College of Novosibirsk; Mihail SAPONOV, musicologist, university professor (Moscow); and Svetlana SAVENCO, musicologist, university professor at the P. Ceaicovski Conservatoire of Moscow.

The Soros Foundation continued to support, on a competition basis, the participation of the choreographers and dancers of Moldova at the Dance Web European Scholarship Program in the field of contemporary dance (Vienna). In 1998 Alexandra SOSNICOVA was accepted for these courses (July 17-August 18).

Grants for Art Projects

Through this program Soros Foundation stimulates the development of modern forms of artistic expression and original ways of collaboration in theatre, music, literature, visual arts, choreography, etc, thus helping define the role of performing arts in an open society.

In this context, support was further offered for artistic projects by means of grants and information on other possible local or foreign financial sources. We also gave financial support to creative teams for implementation of some artistic projects.

Staging the ballet From Eminescu
 Angela DONII, choreographer
 Iulian GOGU, composer
 Tatiana POPESCU, scene-painter
 Alexandra SOSNICOVA, choreographer and dancer
 Ion NEGRU, dancer

University probation period in the framework of the Nemirovici-Dancenco studio-school of Cehov Academic Theatre, Moscow
 Elena ELFEMOVA

Philosophy and Festival Practice in Performing Arts Seminar – II, Budapest, October 26–November 1
 Zinaida PLAMADEALA

Jazz Improvisation - 98 International Festival of Music, Vilnius, November 26-30
 Sergiu POPOVCIUC

Courses at the International Institute of Electroacoustic Music, Bourge, France, December 7-22
 Vladimir BURLEA

Teaching Materials Acquisition

Joining famous artistic events around the world is an important condition for sustained development of artistic education, a teaching foundation for which is lacking in Moldova. In 1996, with the support of the Soros Foundation, a media library was created for the Institute of Arts, and all artistic education institutions in the country will have access to it. After three years, it already has a good technical base – electronic equipment, audio and video registrations, as well as many artistic productions necessary for cultural and artistic education, and as a resource for professionals.

In 1998 the Foundation continued to expand the Media library funds. A specialized book collection was bought, including two editions in the field of arts :

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians (20 volumes)

The Dictionary of Art (34 volumes)

Open Society Cultural Link

(regional program)

Through the common efforts of artistic and management structures and institutions from different countries, the OS Cultural Link program supported a series of international cultural events. In 1998 Soros Foundation Moldova supported the participation of artistic collectives and cultural institutions, as well as of their representatives in many events.

The Third Moscow International Anton Chekov Theatre Festival, Moscow, March 26-May 31
 Mihai Eminescu National Theatre

DRAMAFEST Theatre Festival, Targu-Mures, April 22-27
 Constantin CHEIANU, Theatre Department, Ministry of Culture

BREAK 21 The Second Festival of Young Independent Artists, Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 4-10
 Violeta GORGOS, producer at the Tele-Radio Moldova State Company

Two Days and Two Nights of New Music, The Fourth Festival of Contemporary Arts, Odessa, April 7-13

Mihail AFANASIEV, professor at the AM

Bratislava in Movement International Contemporary Dance Festival, Bratislava, May 11-16
Angela DONII, choreographer at the Eugene Ionesco theatre

Youth music – the Festival East-European Young Composers and Performers in Odessa, Odessa, June 7-10
O. PALIMSCHI, L. AMELINA, O. MENSENINA, I. GOGU, I. CEREMUS, artists

The Current Situation of Modern Dance and Movement Theatre—an International workshop, Prague, June 17-July 1
Angela DONII, choreographer at the Eugene Ionesco theatre

The 25th Grushin Festival, Samara, Russia, June 29 -July 10
Iulian CHIRCHIN, president of the Song Writers - Performers Club

Divadelina Nitra'98 International Theatre Festival with the Generic Stock Exchange of Theatre Information, Slovak Republic, October 2-7
Mihai Eminescu National Theatre and Angelina ROSCA, department head of Theatre Science and Universal Literature, IA

The International Anthropological Film Festival, Sibiu, September 20-24
Nina BOLBOCEANU and Valeriu GALETCHI, National TV

Summer Academy for Performing Arts - Sofia, Feldenkrais for Performing Artists Seminar, Sofia, October 4-11
Boris CREMENCIUC, actor at the Eugene Ionesco Theatre

In the framework of OS Culture Link Program Soros Foundation Moldova financially supported some cultural events that took place in Chisinau :

The International Meeting for New Music Composers and Performers in Central and Eastern Europe, October 4-11
Organized by Composers and Musicologists Union of Moldova

Eugene Ionesco International Symposium. The Impact of Ionesco's Works on Totalitarian Societies in Eastern Europe and Ex-USSR, November 17-20, 1998
Organized by Eugene Ionesco Theatre

Performance Festival Gioconda's Smile - from Mythic to Techno-Ritual, May 10-15 1998
Organized by Soros Center for Contemporary Arts

Participation at International Festivals, Competitions, Conferences and Workshops

Soros Foundation gave assistance to artists, creative teams, and professional artistic groups for their participation at festivals, competitions, conferences and international seminars.

International Marionette Theatre, Belfort, February 10-24
Guguta Puppet Theatre

Maryse Cheilan International Piano Competition, Ville d'Hyeres, France, April 17-25
Alexandra MELESCENCO, student at the Rahmaninov Musical Lyceum

International Competition of Young Symphony Performers, Volgograd, April 5-11
Ina ZDOROVETCHI, student at the Ciprian Porumbescu Musical Lyceum

Concert exchange, Bucharest, May 1-15
The Gloria Chorus from Stefan Neaga Musical College

Lucian Blaga International Colloquium, Paris, May 14-25

Silvia CELAC, writer and journalist

European Museum of the Year Awards : Annual Meeting on the island of Samos, final stage
1998, Samos, Greece, June 10-14

Mihail URSU, director of National Museum of ethnography and natural history

General Assembly of Architects Council of Central and Eastern Europe, Kosite, Slovak
Republic, May 15-18

Victor GANE, member of Architects Association of Moldova

THEATROPOLIS International Theatre Festival, Torino, Italy, July 15-26

Eugene Ionesco Theatre and Licurici Puppet Theatre

European Theatre Festival, Grenoble, France, June 28-August 10

Satiricus Theatre

The Contemporary Choral Music Competition, Poland, June 21-25

Gaudeamus Chorus of the State Arts Institute

Cultural Exchange between Italy and Moldova, Italy, July 20-August 20

Doina Choral Chapel

21st International Poetry Biennial, Liege, Belgium, September 3-7

Arcadie SUCEVEANU, Teo CHIRIAC and Nicolae POPA, writers

Eurodance'98 Annual Festival of Choreographic Creativity, Iasi, Romania, October 2-6

Elfrida COROLEOV, Alexandra SOSNICOVA, Angela DONII, Ludmila STASOC, Serghei
GOLOVNEA, Tatiana POPESCU, artists

Poesi-Olympiaden Seminar, Stockholm, October 12-17

Leo BOTNARU, Andrei BURAC, writers

EX AEQUO International Festival, Bratislava, November 9-14

Dumitru CHICU, producer at the Teleradio-Moldova State Company

International Theatre Festival, Galati, October 8-17

Larisa UNGUREANU, editor in chief at the Lanterna Magica publication

International Theatre Festival, Bucharest, November 29 – December 6

Valentina TAZLAUANU, Vice-Minister of Culture, editor in chief at the journal Sud-Est ; Dina
GHIMPU, consultant at the Theatre Department of Cultural Ministry ; Petru VUTCARAU,
director of E. Ionesco theatre ; Vitalie RUSU, actor, producer, professor ; Maria DONI,
vice-president of UNITEM, actor, Luceafarul Theatre ; Anatol DURBALA, actor, National Thea-
tre ; Val BUTNARU, playwright, director of Flux Press team ; Alexandru Cozub, actor, pro-
ducer, E. Ionesco Theatre ; Leonid CEMORTAN, thesbian, theatre critic

Moisei Gamburd Monography presentation, Tel-Aviv, December 15-29

Ludmila Toma, critic and historian

Literature Support

In 1998 within the Three literary debuts project, the goal of which is to launch new names
in literature, 16 young authors participated. This competition was won by :

Doina IACHIM **Mystery Garden**, (Gradina de taina), Poetry

Dumitru-Dan MAXIM. **Book for Waggoners**, (Asteptatii Fiului sau Carte pentru carutasi),
Novel

Horia HRISTOV. **Wounded Bird**, (Pasarea ranita), Poetry

The Foundation gave financial support for the publication of these books.

Soros Foundation gave financial support to publish five plays in separate volumes, which were awarded within the National Dramaturgy Competition

Nicolae NEGRU **The Sea of Sarmatia is Coming Back and We'll Return to the Carpathians** (Revine Marea Sarmatiana si ne intoarcem in Carpati)

Val BUTNARU **Saxophone with Red Leaves** (Saxofonul cu frunze rosii)

Gheorghe CALAMANCIUC **The Last Night of Millennium with an Old Child** (Ultima noapte de mileniu cu un copil imbatranit)

Constantin CHEIANU **The Light-bringer** (Luministul)

Mircea V. CIOBANU **Terminus Station** (Statia terminus)

Publishing of the 96-97 Almanac of Theatrical Season
Arts Center Coliseum

Publishing of the album, **Cultural Heritage of Republic of Moldova**
Arc Publishing House in collaboration with Museum Publishing House

Art and Culture Journals Program

The journal **Contrafort** received a grant for purchasing one ton of paper.

Infrastructure Development

In the framework of this program Soros Foundation supported projects which are oriented towards diverse cultural phenomena, and the development of artistic and cultural institutions. During 1998 the Foundation made the following equipment donations :

G. Musicescu Musical Academy– to set up and equip an experimental teaching studio

IA – to set up the Training Film and TV studio

Stefan Neaga Musical Republican College– a photocopy machine

The Foundation supported participation in international seminars in the field of arts and culture, based on the implementation of modern mechanisms in financial administration :
Informal European Theatre Meeting, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, March 26-29, Cardiff, UK, October 1-5

Petru VUTCARAU and Zinaida PLAMADEALA, Eugen Ionesco Theatre ; Maria DONI, UNITEM

Museum Workshop, Prague, Czech Republic, September 23-27

Elena PLOSNIȚA, National Historical Museum

The Programs for traditional arts have the goal to support artists who find themselves between contemporary arts and the lack of social recognition or approval for the art they perform. Most of the artists in Moldova have a “traditional” background and a “traditional” manner; their transition to modern artistic tools takes time. In the meantime, neglecting the values and successes of this artistic community can infect society with kitsch and the false values — “mauvais-gout” — promoted on commercial rather than artistic value.

Program’s Objectives:

- to support exhibitions
- to support artists through workshops, seminars, and master-Classes

Exhibitions

**Recent works—Graphics Exhibition of Elena CARTACENTEV & Simion ZAMSA
December 11-21, 1998, The National Museum of Fine Arts**

Curator Simion ZAMSA

This exhibition is made up of the most recent works of two well-known artists, Elena CARACENTEV and Simion ZAMSA. Absolute premieres for the public were the Delirium series, graphics in color pencil, watercolor, and engraving presented in the National Museum of Fine Arts. Two factors defined the presentation concept of this event. The first one, the esthetical (cultural), relates to the contrast between the works themselves and the chosen exhibition space. The social factor of this project is to call the local administration’s attention to the seriously deteriorated condition of the National Museum of Fine Arts building.

ARCHEO Painting Exhibition of Andrei SIRBU

Curator Andrei SIRBU

The ARCHEO project tried a multidisciplinary research on :

- the spiritual and visual daco-getic substratum
- the influence of visual arts on the decision – making process in Antiquity and nowadays
- interferences and marks of the daco-getic culture, and more specific, with the mediteranean cultures
- the openness of modern carpathian – balcanic cultures towards new horizons of the third wave

The exhibition will be realized in May 1999.

**The Sensitive Memory—Photography Exhibition by Alexandru SCHIOPU
January, 29 – February, 29, 1999, EuroFotoArt Gallery**

Curator Alexandru SCHIOPU

Since 1924, when the first Basarabean photographic salon was opened and even after, Moldovan photography had had a slow but continuous development. Moldovan photographers had always tried to “catch the moment.” A. SCHIOPU’s photography succeeded to upset this tradition through “the moment’s truth” and to reach creative realities. The Sensitive Memory project extended traditional use of the photographic camera, abstracting experiences and memories in pictorial, documentary, and surrealist ways.

Exhibition of Painting: Arcadie RAILEANU, August, 14-28, 1998, O.Ghibu Library

Workshops

“Small Graphics. Lithography” Graphics Workshop, August, 15 – 30, 1998, UA’s Lithography Studios

Project director Elena GARSTEA

“Small Graphics. Lithography” Graphics workshop represented a rare opportunity to bring together valuable artists and foremen to show their accomplishments in modern lithography. Invited artist representatives of different Eastern and Western art schools shared their experience with Moldovan artists and students. After two weeks of working in studios the final exhibition was organized. This project was co-financed by UAM.

Participants :

Russia

Mihail MUSIKIN, printing foreman

Vladimir FILIPENCO, artist

Romania

Ovidiu PETCA, artist

Republic of Moldova

Elena GARSTEA, artist, teacher IA

Simion ZAMSA, artist, teacher IA

Eugen VEREBCEANU, artist, teacher IA

Elena KARACENTEV, artist, teacher IA

Victoria CIRMU, student, IA

Serghei CUZNETOV, student, IA

Dialog' 98 1st International Symposium of Textile Arts

September, 17 – 20, 1998, ASM, UA's Galleries

Project director Ludmila SEVCENCO

This project lined up a whole series of events where the problems and achievements of regional textile art would be debated. The event's concept relates to the cultural environment, communication, and textile tradition of the region.

Participants :

Republic of Moldova

E. AJDER

O. ARBUZ

V. AVRUTEVICI

I. BABA

A. CLIMOV

I. COSTRIBA

L. CRAVCENCO

V. DAMIR

O. DIACENCO

A. DROBAHA

O. DROBAHA

I. FILIP

L. GOLOSEEV

V. GRAMA

N. ISCHIMJI

N. BUGOCOV

V. IVANCIUC

D. HARIN

V. JOSAN

A. KULICENCO

V. KULICENCO

A. NEGURA

F. SAVITCHI

VI. STRATICIUC

D. SAPTESATE

I. SUH

L. TIHONCIUC

T. TROFIMOV

A. UVAROV

Romania

C.E. BACIU

E. BASSO-STANESCU

A.R. BRANZAS

E.F. CIMPIAN

A. CRENGANIS

S.H. CSATA

S.C. DAMIAN

I. DAVID

A.A. DOBRA COVIC

GH. GOGESCU

M. GHEORGHIU

N. ILDICO

M.M. HASEGAN

G. LAVRIC

A. ROMAN POPESCU

K. ZOLD GZONGYI

Ukraine

E. DERDA

V. DERDA

V. GANKEVICH

N. GATS

G. KUS'KO
 L. LISTUNOVA
 A. PADOVSKAIA
 O. PARUTA-VITRUK
 T. PACENIU
 I. PRONINA
 A. PRIVEDA
 O. RYBOTITSKAIA
 A. SCHNEIDER
 Y. SCHNEIDER
 N. SHIMIN
 I. TOCAR

Italy

S. BATTOIA
 G. CAPOSCIUTTI
 S. MANETTI

Poland

A. BLASZYK
 K. FRYMARC-BLASCZYK

Finland

R. JOKINEN

Germany

I. KAHMANN
 C. MERX
 M. WARTH

Estonia

V. KADRI
 R. SEET

Switzerland

R. MORO
 R.L. SELENE

Hungary

I. VIDAK

The II International Sculpture Symposium of Small Forms in Bronz, November, 13-28, 1998, Iu. PLATON, I. ZDERCIUC, T. CATARAGA's studios, National Museum of Fine Arts

Project director Iurie PLATON

The second International Sculpture Symposium of Small Forms in Bronz of this year succeeded in rallying a truly international team of sculptors. Over two weeks artists from Moldova, Germany and Japan approached issues of contemporary sculpture. Having been organized for the second time, this event offered a great possibility to the Moldovan artistic community to communicate, create, and even launch new projects with their foreign colleagues. The project of this year was made up of

several events including a workshop and two exhibitions. The first exhibition focused only on works of invited artists. The second one, organized two weeks later, presented sculptures created during the workshop in artists' studios.

This event was co-financed by the UAM and Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova.

Participants :

Japan

C. SASAKI

Germany

Şt. SCHULZ
 J. STERGE
 E. RAISCHKE

Republic of Moldova

T. CATARAGA
 IU. PLATON
 V. VIRTOSU
 I. ZDERCIUC

Training and Seminars

History of Design Course by Cristina SABAU, October, 19 – 26, 1998

Fine Arts Department, SIAM
 Architecture Department, TUM
 Department of Journalism & Science of Communication, SUM

The program's aim was to complete students' professional background in graphic, industrial, and fashion design. The Program's presence underlined the lack of information and interactive tools in day to day courses. Being well adapted to the needs of each institution, the History of Design Course offered a lot of visual material and was welcomed by students and professors from Fine Arts Department of IA, Architecture Department of TUM, and Journalism & Science of Communication's Department of SUM. This program will help to integrate the course in the mentioned institutions' curricula.

The Course was held by Cristina SABAU, art historian, Editor-in-chief of Design Bulletin magazine, Romania.

Technical Support for UA's ATELIER Magazine

Project director Oleg COJOCARU

The Union of Artists of Moldova established a Publishing Center. The Soros Foundation

Moldova contributed to equipping the Center for the publishing of ATELIER magazine, elaborating brochures, art books, catalogues.

Social Advertising Program

AIDS. Playing Death—1st National Anti-AIDS Campaign Public Awareness Campaign

The main reason for launching the 1st National Anti-AIDS Campaign was the understanding that AIDS attacks all underdeveloped or developing countries. At the same time the danger of AIDS is increased by the lack of both informational and financial resources. Therefore, the most efficient tool would be current information offered through a public awareness campaign.

Due to the strong creative concept and the advertising campaign's structure, the contest's winner was assigned to the Open World House team, which presented the AIDS. Playing Death project.

The Project's concept is the Game as a relationship (and normally a pleasant one) between two or more persons, which may sometimes result in risk, due to lack of caution.

Over 3 months the project was carried over different mass media tools, including TV, Radio, and Outdoor. The 1st National Anti-AIDS Campaign was broadcast on the National TV and Radio d'Or Station. Later it was amplified by an outdoor campaign and culminated with a special event.

Components of the campaign :

Radio

Signature tune 1
 Promotional audio spots 4
 "Dangerous Liaisons," programs in the field with experts invited 10
 "What's in Your Hand is Real," competition-based programs 12
 "It's Your Choice," programs 12
 Night talk-lines 4
 16 programs using "black humor" 16

Video

"Attention !" video signature 1
 "AIDS. Playing Death" video spots 3
 "AIDS Exists and Concerns You" micro-reports on real HIV- positive/ AIDS patients 9
 "AIDS is a disease" video spot 1
 "AIDS = death" video spot 1
 "AIDS" TV program 1

Prints

"AIDS Exists and Concerns You" A1, offset 1000
 "AIDS Exists and Concerns You" Leaflets, offset 9000

Outdoors

"AIDS Exists and Concerns You" light boxes 4

Special events

The show dedicated to Youth Day concluded the campaign and strengthening the message for the society.

The event gathered 10000 persons and promoted the slogans "It's your choice" and "AIDS Exists and Concerns You." During the event, disco contests and lotteries were organized, co-sponsored by representatives of DUREX - Plurifarm.

International Exhibitions & Contests, Travel

COWARY 98 Plain-Air International Textile's Workshop, Poland, October, 12-25, 1998
 Alexandru DROBAHA

Ecological Touch International Textile's Workshop, Ukraine, November, 26 – December, 6, 1998.

Irina SUH
 Ludmila TIHONCIUC
 Iurie COSTRIBA

75th Anniversary of the Ceramics Department of Tallinn's Fine Arts Academy, Estonia, November, 11 – 15, 1998.

Irina FILIP
 Vlad BOLBOCEANU
 Ion CHISCA

One of the SCCA-Chisinau's missions is to "fill in the holes" of our art scene. At the first stage of the Center's existence our priority was to introduce contemporary art to the local art community. The response received from projects undertaken this year demonstrated that many Moldovan artists have incorporated both new media and new practice. Moreover, a public for this art has grown. A new situation prompted a new approach. Therefore, our activities focused on other urgent needs, such as educational projects. In addition, we have redesigned some of the Center's programs in order to better serve the art community.

Exhibitions

The projects supported by this program in 1998 gave a truly international glimpse to the Moldovan art scene. The most important program among them was the Gioconda's Smile Performance Festival.

Gioconda's Smile

The medium of performance art, still new for the local public, attracted a big audience. Rather than a show, this festival was an environment for discussions and the exchange of information. Art critics and curators from Romania, Russia, Poland, France, England, and the USA took part in this intellectually challenging meeting. This large international presence allowed local artists to establish new contacts and to present their work to the most important critics and theorists of this medium.

Participants :

Moldova

Iurie CIBOTARU
Mark VERLAN
Pavel BRAILA
Lucia MACARI
Lilia DRAGNEVA
Igor SCERBINA
Vasile RATA
Alexandru TINEI

Romania

Matei BEJENARU
Uto GUSTAV
Alexandru ANTIK
Lia PERJOVSCHI
Dan PERJOVSCHI
Ileana PINTILIE
Alexandra TITU
Constantin PRUT

Poland

Piotr KRAJEWSKY
Russia
Joseph BAKSTEIN
Tatiana MOGILEVSKAYA

France

Gilles MOREL
Nicolas MENET

USA

Kristine STILES

England

Roland MILLER

Ruptura - The Break

This exhibition was a project under the curatorship of the art critic Vladimir BULAT. Even if the concept was not clearly stated, the curator analyzed the whole history of Moldovan art as a succession of interruptions. The works selected in this exhibition illustrated just one segment of this discontinuity. The idea of the exhibition was to show the two approaches toward artistic practice existing in Moldova before the '90s and the gap - chronological and ideological - between them.

Video Night Marathon : La Nuit Blanche - Nordic Video Tour

This was the second Video Night Marathon offered to the public interested in video art. This year's edition was based on a collection of video works of artists from five countries: Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. Seppo RENVALL, one of the Finnish artists selected for this program, presented the screening of the 12 hour show, accompanied by a presentation on the artistic infrastructure of Nordic countries.

Object - Portrait of Reality

This exhibition was a collaborative project organized together with Alliance Francaise. It was co-curated by Alexandru SCHIOPU (Moldova) and Renaud DITTE (France). This was one more attempt to work with a new type of artifact in Moldova. The curators had a very democratic approach, selecting not only works of well-known artists, but also students' projects.

Control Station of Feelings - Moscow Forum of Artistic Initiatives

This exhibition was a presentation of contemporary Moldovan art curated by Tatiana MOGILEVSKAYA (Russia) and Octavian ESANU (Moldova). Part of a bigger project which involved artists from Baltic states, The Netherlands, and Russia, the exhibition allowed Moldovan artists to feel involved in a larger process, and to communicate and share ideas with their colleagues from different countries.

Participants :

Vasile RATA
Veaceslav DRUTA
Lilia DRAGNEVA
Lucia MACARI
Pavel BRAILA
Mark VERLAN

Workshops**Web Design Workshop - Contemporary Art Virtual Museum (CAVM)**

CAVM is the SCCA Chisinau's Internet project launched in 1998. Conceived as a long-term teaching process involving artists, web designers, theorists and programmers, it started with a two-week workshop in web design for artists and students from IA. The workshop was presented by Gilles MOREL and Nicolas MENET. Its purpose was to give an overview of new tools and techniques available to artists. At the end of the workshop a new site featuring five different projects was put on the web.

The Performer's Fear of the Actor, Performance Workshop

This workshop was presented by Roland MILLER, performer and drama teacher from England. It started with a discussion about what performance is and in what way is it different from theater. Then the participants of the workshop analyzed their own behavior in unusual situations, trying to understand whether they acted as performers or actors. During the second day of the workshop the participants designed a performance project. The objective of this workshop was to deepen the interest of Moldovan artists in this medium. The varied background of the people who attended the workshop contributed to a stimulating discussion and analysis of this art form.

NGOs in Artistic Fields - Legal Aspects and Fundraising Opportunities

This workshop was organized with the support of CONTACT Center. The idea of this workshop arose from the need to provide artists with models of survival. The workshop was the first one of a series designed to improve the condition of Moldovan artists and their ability to solve their problems.

Summer Camps

CarbonART ' 98

This year's edition focused on the interaction of the individual artist and the environment. With fewer participants than before, the artists in this camp had the opportunity to concentrate on their own ideas and feelings rather than participate in collective projects. As a consequence, the works presented at the end of the camp were very intimate and full of emotions. Both participants and the public agreed that the best project was that of Franck CHASTANIER (France), who wrote his childhood memories on the walls of an abandoned swimming pool for children. The inscriptions were made in charcoal and the rain washed them out, completing the work.

Participants :

Moldova

Lilia DRAGNEVA
Pavel BRAILA
Veaceslav DRUTA
Vadim HINCU
Igor SCERBINA

France

Franck CHASTANIER
Nicolas MENET

Art – Hoc

This year we have published 4 issues of the Art - Hoc bulletin, each on a specific topic :

The last 50 years of Moldovan Art

Performance

Architectural environment

Kitsch

In 1999 we are planing to move this project onto the Internet in order to reach a larger audience and reduce costs.

Grants for Artists

The projects supported by our grant program in 1998 were a good indicator of the changes that have occurred in the Moldovan art scene. The submitted proposals were more diverse, ranging from exhibitions to educational programs, and there were many grant applications for catalogs from a younger generation of artists. A special amount of money was reserved for postage of video works, because our artists receive many invitations to take part in video art festivals. The high level of this work was demonstrated by Lilia DRAGNEVA and Lucia MACARI's success at the Zagreb Salon of Young Artists ; they received first prize for their film, Transformation of sound into image and of image into sound.
Stefan RUSU, Sculpture Summer Camp
Glebus SAINCIUK, personal exhibition
Emil DRAGNEV, series of lectures on Art Theory
Mircea PUSCAS, travel grant
ArtWatt Studio, equipment donation
Laboratoria Kino, video production

Small Grants for Postage :

Lilia DRAGNEVA
Lucia MACARI

Alexandru TINEI
Pavel BRAILA

Grants for Catalogs

Stefan RUSU
Tudor ZBIRNEA
Simion ZAMSA, Elena KARACENTEV
Igor SCERBINA
Mitos MICLEUSAN
Mihai TARUS

English for Artists

Veaceslav DRUTA
Georgeta FONDOS
Iurie CIBOTARU

Internet and Arts

During 1998 the most important Internet project of our Center was completed—the Contemporary Art Virtual Museum. Its creation was a learning process for a multidisciplinary team that included programmers, web designers, artists, university and high school students. In addition to this project, a new version of the SCCA Chisinau web site was created.

A determination to rethink our projects in terms of services provided to the artistic community prompted us to start the new Internet project, Electronic Portfolios for Moldovan Artists. The need for this project is shown by the fact that our artists spend an important amount of money sending materials to different festivals, exhibitions, and residence spaces. Some of them are not able to participate in international events just because they can't afford postage. At this moment 6 electronic portfolios of artists working in different media are on our site.

Documentation

In 1998 this project changed from a simple data base into an active source of information. It was indispensable for such projects as InfoLab at the Manifesta II Biennial of Young European Art (Luxembourg) and the After the Wall exhibition project at the Moderna Museum (Stockholm, Sweden). Part of the information accumulated in this data base is going to be included in a book published by SCCA Network under the title **The Last 10 Years**. The experience of this last year showed the need for a different approach to this program; rather than gathering exhaustive information on a certain artist, we should concentrate on researching certain processes.

Another part of the Documentation Program is the collection of books on art theory and history which will work to support a series of educational projects planned for 1999 - 2000.

Mass Media

The mission of the Mass Media Program is to promote independent media, approach existing problems in the field, and stimulate professionalism, creativity and a new wave of objective information in order to facilitate cooperation and informational exchange between journalists and media institutions.

The Program aims to create and stimulate links between transition movements in Moldovan mass media and similar international processes.

We would point out that our activities are established on the principles of close collaboration with media bodies, such as the Independent Journalism Center, Committee for Freedom of the Press, the Journalists Union, and the School of Journalism and Science of Communication at SUM.

Local Media Support

As Mass Media faces serious political, economic and professional difficulties in our society, the Mass Media Program was designed to support the most affected media areas. For this reason Local Media Support was chosen as a strategic focus for programs in 1998. 1998 brought a lot of changes in local print structure. Part of this phenomena has been generated by the transition to a new scheme of regional administration, involving the abolishment of local executive committees and also the disappearance of regional newspapers, which used to serve as the sole publication for a region.

Local Media Support provides for equipment purchase and newsprint, and supports mass media initiatives such as the Association of the Independent Press, a non-governmental organization consisting of more than 10 local newspapers and 2 press agencies: **Business- info, Cuvintul, Gazeta de Vest, Accent Provincial, Est-curier, Cetatea, Unghiul, Duminica, Ora Locala**; DECA press and BASA press, as well as the Independent Journalism Center.

API also has an informational exchange network, spreads advertising through the API network, elaborates projects for the development of each publication member and the association as a whole, and organizes roundtable discussions throughout the regions. The Media Program contributed to the development of API by making equipment grants and supporting the first annual conference.

Grants for Local Press

In 1998 four seminars on business plan writing were organized, held in Chisinau, Balti, and Cahul. These seminars aimed to prepare the local press for two grant competitions announced later in this program. Competitions were held between 15 April - 10 May and 1 September - 15 October 1998.

In the first stage, 2 local newspapers were selected from 9 applicants :
Est – Curier Economic Supplementary (Criuleni) and Vesti (Rezina).

In the second stage, 6 newspapers were selected from 14 applicants :
Accent provincial (Glodeni), Ora locala (Ialoveni), Unghiul (Ungheni), Gazeta de Vest (Nisporeni), Cuvintul (Rezina)

Foreign media experts Jack RONALD and Mark CERNOFF offered consulting for local print media. Local press (**Cetatea, Orhei, DECA press, Balti**) also received connection to the Internet and e-mail access.

Open Grants

This project was a new concept in media programs. The goal was to support any initiatives from the media field that sought to promote independent press, professionalism and high-quality reporting, freedom of expression and analysis of the social and informational market

in the Republic of Moldova.

The achievements in this program included the following :

Technical expertise for media production, broadcasting and modernization of archiving, Radio Moldova, project director Cornel NAMOLOVAN.

Equipment support for the **Femeia Moldovei** magazine, project director Maria SAHARNEANU

Support for the economic magazine **Observator Economic**, project director Boris POSTOVAN

Public Audio-visual Reform International Seminar, project director Valeriu SAHARNEANU

Extending the Informational Technology Center of the School of Journalism and Science of Communication, SUM, project director : Sergiu CORLAT

Radio Unda Libera broadcast modernization, project director Serafim ISAC

Support for Info-Prim news agency, project director Valeriu VASILICA

Mass Media on Business and Economy Program

A two-year project, made possible through collaboration with the Eurasia Foundation and administered by the Independent Journalism Center

The main objective of the project is to stimulate support of economic reforms by the population and by state structures through monitoring economic and new enterprise problems. The project is based on several connected activities: seminars on different economic issues, internships at most popular specialized newspapers in Central and Eastern Europe, two competitive stages for obtaining grants (for journalists and media bodies separately).

On April 8, 1998 the Eurasia and Soros Foundations launched the Media on Business and Economy Program with a press conference at the IJC. On May 27 the Independent Journalism Center organized a one day seminar for Moldovan journalists, editors, TV/radio producers and information agency managers. At the seminar the stages of the whole project were presented. The seminar opens the first competition ; all journalists attending the seminar may participate. Over 4 months, journalists and media bodies have to write and publish materials on economic and business development. The winners are awarded internships to the USA and Poland, and participate in the second stage of the competition while receiving small intermediary grants. The second competition lasts 4 months and also comprises writing and publication of materials on economic and business development. Winners are awarded significant grants.

84 journalists from different regions of Moldova (Orhei, Rezina, Cahul, Glodeni, Criuleni, Falesti, Cimislia, Balti, Chisinau, Basarabasca, Calarasi, Cantemir, Comrat, Hincesti, Ialoveni, Singerei, Tiraspol, and Ungheni) participated in the seminar. The majority of the participants in the program work as editors and special reporters. The seminar provided an incentive for covering topics that are usually poorly dealt with by the mass media.

Seventeen Russian-speaking and forty two Romanian-speaking journalists, having earlier filled out questionnaires at the introductory seminar, responded to the invitation to take part in training followed by internships in Ukraine and Romania. The training sessions and internships in Romania were organized through a joint World Bank and Soros Foundation Moldova program.

The week-long training course on economic journalism, with 17 participants representing Moldovan print and broadcast media, was held in June 22 – 27, 1998 at the IJC, followed by internships at successful economic mass media organizations in Ukraine and Romania.

Twenty journalists were selected as winners of the first round of the competition. Of them 70% (14) are individual journalists and 30% (6) are managers representing media organizations. They were awarded internships in the USA and Poland. Through professional appointments and briefings at a variety of journalistic venues, participants gained an understanding of how economic and business issues are covered at the local, national and international levels by the media.

A second competition was announced among the participants, again for a four-month period, for the best coverage of economic and business development issues. Three journalists and two media organizations will be selected as winners by a review panel. Journalists will receive professional equipment, and media organizations will receive additional institutional development grants.

English Language Scholarships

The low level of knowledge of the English language remains a serious problem among journalists in the Republic of Moldova. The need for English is felt in everyday work with computers, foreign sources, and the Internet. It limits journalists' opportunities to benefit from various scholarships, workshops, and seminars. The program was administrated by the School of English Language, Pro-Didactica Center. Beneficiaries were :

Natalia SINICA
 Victor DAGMI
 Leontina VATAMANU
 Dorina OSIPOV
 Elena PARASCHIV
 Svetlana IVANOVA
 Doina DUMBRAVEANU - MUNTEANU
 Vlad TURCANU
 Nadin GOGU
 Gheorghe DONI

Acquisition and Publishing of Mass Media Books

The aim of the program was to address the lack of contemporary books in the field of journalism and to provide access to the latest editions on the market. About 25 titles were bought in Romania and donated to the School of Journalism and Science of Communication at SUM to enrich their library. For this institution we also provided subscriptions for periodicals in this field.

Another important goal of this program is to promote the appearance of new original books in the field of mass media. In 1998 the School of Journalism and Science of Communication published three new books :

Communication and National Identity
Current Communication Problems
Institutional Communication

The Independent Journalism Center

The Independent Journalism Center, founded in 1994, began as a project of the Open World House. Now an independent NGO, the IJC is supported by Soros Foundation Moldova, Eurasia Foundation (USAID), US Information Service (USIS), World Bank Small Grants Program, AGROInform, Pamint National Program, TACIS Democracy Programme, Council of Europe, Knight Foundation, Dynamic Network Technologies (DNT) and the US Peace Corps.

The mission of the Independent Journalism Center (IJC), a non-governmental organization, is to facilitate the development of media through the support and promotion of professionalism among journalists as well as the development and sustainability of quality independent and objective media organizations.

In 1998 computer courses were the most solicited (WINDOWS' 95 and WORD 7 (February 16 – 28); and Page Maker (computerized page making – September 14-18).

Training for TV Presenters, 1-4 June 1998

(Co-financed by USIS)

Eighteen reporters, editors and presenters from TV stations in Chisinau, Cimislia, Rezina and Straseni participated in this theoretical and practical course for TV presenters given by Peter BARABAS, Executive News Producer, PRO TV Romania.

Training for Journalists Writing on Economic Issues, July 13-17, 1998

(supported by the World Bank)

The program was offered to professional journalists and students at the Journalism and Communication Studies School at SUM and those from the AESM willing to specialize in economic journalism.

The program started with a theoretical economic seminar (July 13-17), moderated by Gabriel GLURGIU, Executive Director, Economic and Business Department of TVR and Eugen CHIROVICI, Director of the Economic Department, **Curierul National**, Bucharest, Romania. The main topics were investigative economic reporting, ways to access economic information, transparency in discussing economic problems, press and entrepreneurship, ways to collaborate, and possibilities of supporting economic processes with information. The second stage of the program was the internships for journalists and university students at the most highly regarded mass media organizations in Romania. The internships took place from September 29-October 2 and were arranged with assistance from the Independent Journalism Center, Bucharest. Journalists had internships at the most highly regarded media organizations in Romania, including the newspapers **Capital**, **Ziua Financiara**, **Curierul National**, **Evenimentul Zilei Rompress** news agency and at the electronic media organizations ProTV and Radio Romania. The participants were assigned to organizations based on the journalists' preferences.

The final component of the internship included articles written and published by the journalists in collaboration with their Romanian colleagues. This collaboration will allow the journalists from Moldova and Romania to know and further understand the economic situation in their own countries and to inform the public about economic issues.

Radio Reportage Workshop Report, June 10-15

Patrick COX conducted this radio journalism workshop at the Independent Journalism Center and at the studios of Radio D'Or. The six participants, together with an engineer, produced a 30-minute news program, which was subsequently broadcast on National Radio (Program One) and Radio D'Or. The aim of the workshop was to introduce participants to the concepts of news reportage and programming as practiced by National Public Radio in the United States.

Basic Journalism for Young Journalists, July 1-4 1998, Chisinau, July 6-9 1998, Balti

(Co-financed by USIS and UNICEF)

The main course objective was to familiarize young contributors from age 15 to 20 with school and student newspapers according to Western (American) standards of writing news and other stories, based on an unbiased presentation of the facts.

Two courses of the same format were taught by Burton BOLLAG, Senior Reporter for Europe, Chronicle of Higher Education, Washington D.C. and Dasa OBEREIGNER, Senior Editor of Transitions magazine, Prague, Czech Republic.

The practice classes were considered extremely effective, wherein students prepared news and stories, carried out interviews in the street, participated in a mock press conference and critiqued and edited their classmates' materials. An important part was the meeting between the young participants and experienced journalists from Moldova. "What is the journalist's status today? What is the price of this profession? How can one keep one's writing unbiased?" "What are the responsibilities and rights of journalists?" – these are only several of the questions answered by "Moldovan press sharks" Anatol GOLEA (INFOTAG), Andrei PORUBIN (Radio Free Europe), Arcadie GHERASIM (Radio Moldova), Vasile BOTNARU (BASA-press), and Valeriu SAHARNEANU (Journalists' Union). Violeta COJOCARU, national consultant for UNICEF, talked during the seminar about the importance of awareness and implementation of children's rights.

Radio Management Seminar: November 19-20, 1998

The seminar was presented by James J. WYCHOR, an American expert in media management.

Mr. Wychor conducted the 2-day seminar in highly interactive and informal sessions. The participants — 11 managers at radio stations from Chisinau, Cahul and Balti — were encouraged to share their experience and ask questions of the presenter.

The Chisinau Press Club Project

The founders of the Press Club organized in November 1995 (Press Freedom Committee and the Independent Journalism Center) first of all suggested a dialogue between professionals. The other objectives of the Club are to establish a civilized forum for communication between press and information suppliers (media not directed by authorities or political forces), create fair conditions for access to information to the “whole world of journalism,” stimulate public interest for communicating with the press, and to create a proper image. The most impressive meetings for the Club in 1998 were:

September, 24 – with Serafim URECHEANU, the Mayor of Chisinau

November, 21 – with Gheorghe DUCA, Iurie ROSCA, Stefan SECAREANU and Vasile SPINEI, the members of Parliamentary Committee for Culture, Science, Education and Mass Media

December, 25 – with Ion STURZA, Minister of Economy; the budget for '99 was discussed

Mass Media in Moldova

In this analytical bulletin, the authors of the articles are journalists, analysts, writers, and journalism faculty, representing both the independent and the state press. The bulletin appears in Romanian and English and is distributed to more than 500 experts, press organizations and journalists.

The Informational Bulletin for Journalists

This bulletin has the goal to inform local journalists about the events in the international press, freedom of the press issues and news about the Moldovan press.

The Open World House TV Studio

Founded in 1995, OWH TV Studio was conceived as an experimental studio where young TV journalists, could try out their skills and implement their projects. The Studio proved it could provide consistent production of high quality programs and films in comparison with traditional Moldovan TV. The themes that the studio reflects are the problems of everyday social life, and in particular the transition to a market economy and a democratic society.

In 1998 OWH TV Studio produced following programs:

IMPACT

(social program, bi-monthly, dur: 25-30 min., producer Leontina VATAMANU)

This program was launched in 1998 and consists of 15 editions. The aim of this program was to address social problems – the most important subject for a society in transition — characterized by its difficulties.

The program was broadcast on National TV and was structured on reportage, investigative reportage, vox pops, interviews and similar techniques. Reports were produced in Chisinau and also in Orhei, Soroca, Telenesti, Straseni, Ungheni, and Tiraspol.

A Portrait of My Generation (author: Leontina VATAMANU, dur: 30 min.)

The program appeared in 1997 in an attempt to touch upon youth problems, interests and identity as seen and discussed by youth themselves. Two editions were produced in 1998: “Portrait of My Generation: Voices” and “Young writers.” These two programs were broadcast on National TV.

“Circus” (produced by Lilia ONEA, broadcast on National TV on 15 November 1998.)

This program presented an investigative report. The subject was the history of the Moldovan Circus. In the process of investigating the story, the authors discovered the old and serious conflict within this institution, which is connected with the death of two famous artists - Dan and Anatol Breda. This program generated a big “scandal” in society, as demonstrated by the accusations which were contested against the Director of the State Circus,

Mr. Gh. SLAFENCO, confirming the responsible work of the OWH TV Studio.

Cinestezia (dur. 25-30 min., producer: Marin TUREA)

Cinestezia debuted in December 1997 with the goal of informing the audience about world-wide video and cinema achievements generally ignored by mass media in Moldova. For example, the show discussed The Cannes Festival, and analyzed the last big event from the cinema history – the Dogma phenomenon. Cinestezia also covers local cinema producers. This program proposes a vision for another kind of cinema.

Metropolis (bi-monthly, dur: 30 min., producer: Igor COBILEANSCHI)

Metropolis was launched in April 1998. This program was presented in 20 editions broadcast on National TV. Two reporters, Leana PORUBIN and Tamara CHIRILA, worked on this program. Metropolis was presented by Igor COBILEANSCHI and designed like a social magazine with a strong entertainment factor.

Open World House Radio D'Or Station

The Soros Foundation Moldova support for Radio D'Or addressed newsroom development and exploring alternatives of the radio business. In fact, Radio D'Or continues to maintain its information gathering, which is of major importance in the development of native information in independent radio. At the end of the year, the administration and radio team began the process of restricting the concept of whole production and processes towards better demonstration of new technologies in the field.

Informative Programs

The Department for Informative Programs (DIP) is the basic structure of news production on Radio D'Or and consists of 7 journalists (50% of the Radio D'Or staff). DIP produced 15 programs daily, including 2 documentary bulletins at the most important events in Chisinau. This department covers a multitude of political, social, economic, cultural and sport news from within Moldova and also from outside.

At the same time, information was selected from the most important local and foreign press agencies like BASA press, Flux, Infotag, Info-prim, Moldpress State Agency, Reuters, and France press. In this manner, 50,000 listeners had the chance to learn about 700 stories monthly.

Summary of Radio d'Or Programs :

Open World

Talk show with guests - Peace Corp Volunteers and foreign experts ; weekly program presented in English with Romanian translation. The author is Tony GHIGA.

Duplexes Chisinau - Washington

Via telephone, Duplexes carried out two conversations between Moldovan Journalists and US Officials, organized by the Independent Journalism Center and broadcast by Radio D'Or.

Billboard Top 20

A weekly Top 20 of the musical revue Billboard. Author : Lina BUTNARU.

Shock-Tour

The urge to explore the world in a 15 minute edition about tourist opportunities in Moldova. Producer : Viorel MIRON.

News Bazaar

The selection of the most unusual news of the week. One of the headings is "Parliamentary Bazaar" - ideas expressed by parliamentarians during session. Presented weekly by L.VITU.

Cinema D'Or

News, information, biographical dates of musicians, and soundtracks. Weekly broadcasts presented by Natalia ALBOT.

Listen Radio D'Or

Talk-line with audience-selected theme. Producer : Natalia ALBOT.

Be Ready

Analysis of current difficulties and problems with an expert in studio. Weekly program presented by Iulia ONICA.

Love Letters

Night show with thematic talk-line. Producer : Iulia ONICA.

D'Or Files

Weekly analytic/informative program about criminality. Presenter: Angela GONTA.

La Femina

Women's program presented by Ilona SCHIOPU.

Optimist

Weekly program with in-studio guests, supporting and generating positive ideas and messages in different areas. Author Igor PANZARU.

Cult Media D'Or

Weekly informative program, a lot of culture, science and arts news, presented by Aliona MIRON.

Info Business

Economic bulletin. News from Chisinau, and the economic life of the whole country by Iulian BERCU.

Participation at Seminars, Conferences

BBC School, Bucharest, February - April 1998 course

Lilliana VITU

Internship at the Madrid University, Spain, March 1- May 31 1998

Victor OSIPOV

Annual Meeting of the Forum for European Journalism Students in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, March 19 - 22 1998

Carolina CRACIUN, Alexandru CLIUICOV

42 IFAJ Congress of International Federation of Journalists in Agriculture, Bogensee, Berlin, Germania, July 3 - 8 1998

Vladimir JUVGUREANU, Gheorghe TOFAN

Festival Est-Ouest, Die, France, September 21 - 27 1998

Olga OSADCII

II Conference of Directors of Europe's Cultural Radio Channels, Germany, October 22 - 24 1998

Ilie TELESU

Annual Meeting of Mass - Media Coordinators, Budapest, Hungary, October 29 - November 1

Olga OSADCII

Training Course for TV, Ankara, Turkey, August 17 - 27 1998

Alexei GHERCIU

Anna HARLAMENCO

Vitalie GAIDARJI

Samvel SARGSEAN

Vasilii GARCHIU

III International Festival of Local TV broadcasting, Kosice (Slovakia), 13 -18 October 1998

Alina RADU and Leontina VATAMANU

Training Course in Advertising Management for TV and Radio Companies, Odessa, Ukraine, 5 - 9 October 1998

Victor OSIPOV

TV Journalism Training Course, Dnepropetrovsc, Ukraine, 16 -21 November 1998

Snejana DIMITROVA

Internship in Local Newspaper Management, Stockholm, Sweden, 21 -29 December 1998

Ana CURCUCDEL

The main goal of this program is to enhance the process of reforms in the field of Local Government and to support local initiatives for improving the public services that local authorities deliver.

The objectives of the program are to enhance the transparency of local governments, support the creation of a modern information system for citizens, encourage public participation in the local decision-making process, and support professional training of elected leadership and public officers.

Programs and activities implemented in 1998

Public Administration Education

Participation at Internships, Conferences, Seminars

Improving Public Sector Service Delivery, Lithuania, 26 – 31 January 1998

Gheorghe COJOCARU

Steliana BURLACU

The Role of Government and Parliament in the Next Century, Great Britain, 23–27 February 1998

Arcadie BARBAROSIE

Promotion of Trans Boundary Cooperation of Local Public Authorities, Ukraine, 23–26 February, 1998

Iurie LEASCO

Analysis and Management of Public Expenditures in the Budgeting Process, USA, 15 – 23 June 1998

Raisa DOMINTE

Towards Local Sustainability in Central and Eastern Europe, Bulgaria, 12 – 15 November 1998

Angela DASTIC

Veaceslav MUNTEANU

Steliana BURLACU

Creation of University Courses on Conflict Management, Romania, 14 – 18 December 1998

Valeriu MUNTEANU

Documentation Visit of LGI Representatives to Bacau Local Initiatives Fund, Romania, Project to be implemented in 1999

Nicolae MOSCALU

Oxana TIGHINEANU

Tatiana MANOIL

Elena BOTNARI

The goal of this project is to support Local Government (LG) representatives in youth recruitment issues. An appropriate group will be selected for the documentation visit to Bacau Local Initiatives Fund. The representatives will create a common action plan, debate such issues as Professional Training, Business Consulting, Unemployment Clubs, and Business Incubator. This debate will lead to the creation of a common strategy for youth employment. The visit will conclude with an evaluation, and the writing and dissemination of recommendations for youth experts and for the representatives of labor offices. It is expected that the quality of youth employment will be improved through this project.

Scholarships for Studying English Language

A group of 18 Local Government representatives were given support to study English at the Pro-Didactica Center

Steliana BURLACU
 Alexei CIUBARA
 Antonina CAMERZAN
 Angela DASTIC
 Ghenadie GROSU
 Constantin MEREACRE
 Iosif MOLDOVEANU
 Rodica MOSU
 Veaceslav MUNTEAN
 Sergiu PALIHOVICI
 Mihai PEREBINOS
 Svetlana ANICI
 Oleg CHICU
 Gheorghe COJOCARU
 Leonid GOIMAN
 Iurie LEASCO
 Victor POPA
 Maria ROSCOVAN

Book Donation, Translation and Publishing

Development of the Book Collection on Public Administration

The APAM Library, project director Aurelia HARBUZARU

In order to facilitate the education and training of central and local government employees and support curriculum development in this area, it is essential to provide access to greater resource materials and current information. The program supported the creation of a collection of books as well as publications in the fields of Administrative Science, Law, Management, Art of Communication, Leadership Psychology, and Democracy.

Publishing of Dictionary of Names, author Maria COSNICEANU

Museum Publishing House, project directors Iurie COLESNIC, Andrei SULTAN

The aim was to help administrators and staffers use the correct names in official acts and documents. Support involves publication and dissemination of 1000 copies of the Dictionary to Local Governments.

Publishing of Manual Public Law, author Victor POPA

In collaboration with the Law Program of the Soros Foundation Moldova, 100 copies of the manual were published and donated to NGOs, and local and central authorities.

Local Government Training

Seminars and Training Courses

Local Government Program – a Priority of Soros Foundation-Moldova, Chisinau, 22 May 1998, Soros Foundation Moldova

Potential beneficiaries were informed on Local Government Program of Soros Foundation-Moldova's activities, main directions, priorities and application procedures.

Project Writing and Fundraising for Local Governments, Chisinau, 19 June 1998

CONTACT Center

30 representatives of Local Governments and NGOs were trained in project writing and fundraising activities.

Gaining Necessary Knowledge in Working with Youth, 2 March – 15 June 1998

Singerei Education Center for an Open Society, project director M. DRUGA

25 public officers and 10 NGOs leaders responsible for youth from Singerei and Telenesti regions were trained to organize activities for local youth (brainstorming, promoting and implementing projects with youth). The session aimed to stimulate the creation of youth initiative groups to cooperate with local NGOs and local governments, facilitating commu-

nication between public officers responsible for youth and local NGOs.

Training of Public Officers Responsible for Youth from the South of Moldova, Cahul, 17 –20 June 1998, Cimislia, 24-27 June 1998, Comrat, 26-29 August 1998

Protex Juneo Youth Public Association, project director Ghenadie GROSU

The project contributed to the training of public officers responsible for youth in the South of Moldova.

Four seminars on Youth Policy and Youth Activities for 100 public officers from Cahul, Vulcanesti, Cantemir, Leova, Comrat, Basarabasca, Ceadir-Lunga, Taraclia and Cimislia regions addressed the tasks of writing concrete proposals for supporting youth in communities, improving knowledge and skills for working with youth, involving youth in solving local problems, and improving young people's lives through writing and promoting local projects.

Development of Public Officers Responsible for Youth, 14 June – 18 September 1998

Mostenitorii NGO, project director Nicolae MOSCALU

Four 12-days training courses were given to public officers responsible for youth in order to improve their knowledge, skills and the quality of their work with youth.

Improvement of Public Officers Responsible for Youth, 24 September – 10 December 1998

Regional Youth Council of Vulcanesti Regional Executive Committee, project director Eugenia STAMU

This training course sought to contribute to the training of public officers responsible for youth and potential youth leaders from the South of Moldova (Ceadir-Lunga, Leova, Cantemir, Cahul), Ukraine (Reni) and Romania (Galati and Braila), centered on improving the quality of activities implemented by youth, regional collaboration in youth issues, and strengthening the life of youth associations from the mentioned regions.

Training of Public Officers Responsible for Youth, Rezina, 26-31 October 1998, 11-12 December, 1998, Soldanesti, 23-28 November 1998

Victoria Regional Association for Sustainable Development, project director Vasile POPEL

A hundred twenty public officers responsible for youth from Rezina, Ribnita, Soldanesti, and Camenca participated in the sessions. The results will show a more intense regional cooperation in youth policy issues, re-established contacts and development of common projects between representatives from both banks of the Nistru River

Training of Emergency Response Teams of Moldova, National Competitions of Emergency Response Teams, 23-24 July 1998

Civil Protection and Exceptional Situations of the Republic of Moldova, Nicon CIRSTEA

The competition's goal was to ensure the delivery of medical assistance to victims of natural disasters and occupational accidents. During the training session, emergency response teams responsible for victim search were formed, and training was completed on tasks such as transporting injured people by different means and assisting in epidemiological outbreaks.

Law and Public Administration National Scientific Symposium, 28 November 1998

National Agency for Local and Regional Development of Moldova, Iurie LEASCO

This conference was held to formulate a scientific concept on the legal and institutional framework of the Public Administration system, which contributes to the consolidation of a workable PA legal-institutional framework. The Symposium also aimed to stimulate common research programs in the area of local government, promote civic initiatives, and publish research results in the area of Public Administration of the Republic of Moldova.

Management of Local Elections (to be implemented in 1999)

The Association of Mayors of the Republic of Moldova, project director Mihai PEREBINOS

This project will educate local governments in the tasks and procedures related to local elections. The project will develop, publish and distribute booklets entitled Election Situations and Ways of Solving Them, and an election guide, Assisting Local Governments. Seminars will also be developed and held on Management of Local Elections.

Training of Trainers for Public Officials

The Art and Science of Leadership in Local Governments, Ungheni, 22-25 January 1998
Stefan-Voda, 25-28 Martie 1998, Anenii-Noi, 26 February–1 March 1998

The Association of Mayors of the Republic of Moldova, project director Mihai PEREBINOS
This series of workshops sought to train local elected leadership, public officers and councilors according to the training programs and manuals developed by the United Habitat for Humanity Center. Three training seminars in 3 regions of the Republic of Moldova were held with the participation of representatives from Romania and Ukraine. One hundred twenty local government representatives of Moldova were trained on following roles: Policy-Maker, Enabler, Overseer, Institution-Builder, Leader, Financier, Communicator, Decision-Maker, and Facilitator.

Local Government Projects**Support of Local Government Development Projects****Visit of a group of Mayors, political representatives on local and national level from Italy to Chisinau, 27 May – 10 June 1998**

Mayor's Office and City Hall of Chisinau, project director Artur LUNGU

Guests were acquainted with the administrative system, and historical and cultural treasures of the Republic of Moldova, and given the chance to identify potential investments.

Local Development of Chircaiesti Village, 30 June 1998 – 22 June 1999

Terra NGO, project director Tudor CISLARU

This project aimed to develop democratic traditions among citizens through their participation in local decision-making processes on issues such as environmental and economic education of youth, and the advertising and promotion of agriculture products. Collaborative relationship and exchange of experience are established between local engineers, agronomists and economists, adjusting the rural environment to market economy demands.

Relationship Between Citizens, Local Public Authorities and NGOs, 23 September 1998-15 April 1999

Rusticum Public Association, project director Lidia IONAS

This project aims to establish a permanent communication system between citizens, local governments, and NGOs and develop means of local civic education (schools, newspapers, local TV, etc.). Involved in this project is the work of creating consulting offices within local city and town governments in Agriculture, Economics, and Commerce. These offices will assist individual and collective producers, restore public recreation areas, deliver seminars (4) on economic, environmental and civic issues, and establish collaboration between public associations, economic agents and citizens.

Transparency of Local Governments, 13 October 1998 – 10 May 1999

Alternativa Center, project director Sergiu CULIBABA

In order to increase transparency within the Falesti Local Government, the project plans to create an "open doors" office and a computer database on local governments' activities for: the accumulation and distribution of information regarding local governments, encouraging public participation in the local decision-making processes, organizing training seminars for public officials, publishing the monthly Falesti Local Government Courier (5 issues in 200 copies), implementing a public survey on the activities of local governments and on perspectives of local development, and publishing a leaflet with the results of the survey.

Stimulation of Creative Activity of Citizens for Local Economic Development, 9 October 1998 – 5 April 2000

The Mayor's office of Talmaza village, project director Grigore PUSCA

The project encourages public participation in administering local issues and local economic development, enhances the democratic nature of the relationship between citizens and Local Governments, and forms new types of local public services. Specific points undertaken include establishing a local newspaper of the Village Council, a local survey, providing links between Local Governments and citizens by means of roundtables, open

councils and public meetings, creating common strategies with the participation of the Mayor's Office, Village Council and citizens, studying the changes in the local community under the influence of Local Government's transparency and communication with citizens.

Determination of Efficient Organizational and Legal Forms of Activities of Local Economic Agents in Ialoveni Region, 23 December 1998 – 15 March 1999

Ialoveni Regional Executive Committee, project director Ivan MORARI

This study will evaluate the forms and effectiveness of Ialoveni region's economic agents. The first stage involves the setting of principles for cooperation between agricultural entities. Such cooperation will facilitate debate and establish optimal parameters and principles for production of each form of agricultural activity; the resulting information will be disseminated to local producers. The above efforts are intended to result in a strengthened relationship between the Regional Executive Committee and local economic agents.

Promoting the Transparency of Public Institutions, 15 December 1998 – 10 May 1999

Viitorul Foundation, project director Ion CUHAL

In order to promote the transparency of public institutions of the Republic of Moldova, and contribute to democratization and more personal and direct forms of civic communication, the following tasks are being taken:

- produce evaluation materials on the level of transparency in public institutions
- publish a civic news bulletin
- optimize relationships between associations and local authorities
- organize public survey on evaluation of local governments' transparency
- publish materials facilitating citizen's communication with public authorities

Creation of Economic Development Strategies for Vadul-lui-Voda Mayor's Office, To be implemented in 1999

Vadul-lui-Voda Center for Strategic Regional Development, project director Roman CHIRCĂ
Development strategies for the Vadul-lui-Voda Local Government will be formulated. The project envisions 3 seminars on the topics of Concession in Local Governments, Mechanisms and Tools of Financial Management in Local Governments, and Taxation in Local Governments. Additionally, participants will create a set of documents necessary for tenders, a Regional Development Concept, and a Regional Promotional Information Package.

Implementation of Modern Information Technologies for Local Governments (to be implemented in 1999)

Initiative of the Association of Mayors of the Republic of Moldova and Soros Foundation-Moldova

This project will implement new information technologies in Local Governments

Consulting and Public Relations Center for Local Governments of the Republic of Moldova (to be implemented in 1999)

Federation of Local and Regional Authorities of the Republic of Moldova, project director Artur LUNGU

The aim of this project is to create a Consulting and public Relations Center that will assist in ensuring the transparency of local projects and practices, and provide consultations in the reorganization of the Federation of Local and Regional Authorities of the Republic of Moldova. Beyond opening the center, a public relations campaign on the Federation's activities will be developed, and the Federation will be reorganized according to territorial-administrative changes.

General Urban Development Plans and their Importance for Local Governments, 23 June 1997 - present

Design and Production Bureau of Orhei Chief-Architect, project director Tudor VISANU

The Urban Development project was created as a pilot project of Orhei General Urban Development Plans according to international methodology and local legal framework. Accomplishments include adapting international methodology on General Urban Development Plans, creating and publishing a Guide to Create a General Urban Development

Plan, and holding a seminar/presentation of the project's results to local governments

National Condominiums

Creation of the National Union of Condominiums of the Republic of Moldova, 2 April - 2 October 1998

Locuinta Public Association, project director xandru BURBULEA

The National Union of Condominiums (privatized apartment buildings with resident-owned apartments) of the Republic of Moldova was created. The project drafted and publicly debated the statute of the National Union of Condominiums of the Republic of Moldova, which will represent and defend the interests of condominiums and individuals. A Constitutional Conference of the National Union of Condominiums of the Republic of Moldova was organized, in which the statute was approved, and leaders for the Union were elected. The objective is to bring about the improved operations and effective management in condominiums in the Republic of Moldova.

Improved Activities of Implementation of the Renters Reform in Criuleni, 1 March 1998 – 1 March 1999

Propimob Public Association of Renters, project director Ion SIMON

The purpose of this project is to study the problems related to Renters Reform and to help Renters in the creation of condominiums in the city of Criuleni. This project assists in creating condominiums in accordance with the existing legislation, informing citizens about legislation on renters and success stories from abroad, and making sure that condominiums are documented according to the proper social, legal, financial and administrative norms. The overall result is to ensure the independence of condominiums according to the legal framework.

Self-Administration of Urban Community, Chisinau, 3 December 1998

Moldova Moderna Foundation, project director Valeriu RENITA

This meeting was held to inform the public and Local Government on ways of efficient administration and functioning of condominiums and rented units. The seminar included the participation of international donor institutions, NGOs, and central and local authorities. Current and prospective issues in the Republic of Moldova regarding renters were examined, and the **Scara** #5 Bulletin was launched.

Modern System of Local Administration in Durlesti, 28 April 1998 – 28 April 1999

Condominium no. 53/160 co-op, project director Petru CERNOMORET

In creating a modern information center for citizens, this project aimed to enhance the transparency of the administration, collaborate with local and central governments in solving socio-economic issues, solve problems linked to health and ecology, organize youth sport facilities to diminish criminality among teenagers, and organize medical service and service for the solitary elderly.

The Law Program was created with the aim of supporting legal reform. Since Legal Reform is the responsibility of the governmental bodies, the law program of the Soros Foundation Moldova has to work in strict accordance with the law.

In 1998 the Law Program of the Soros Foundation Moldova was active in three areas:

- supporting legal education on all levels
- developing and implementing projects related to professional legal work and towards strengthening the judiciary and its independence
- police reform and education of police on the protection of Human Rights

Motivation

Legal education is still based on an ineffective and limited curriculum because of limited access to multiple amendments in the national legislation and insufficient collaboration of Moldovan law schools with other European universities. Another cause of the ineffective legal education is the lack of new textbooks, or the resources to purchase new ones. More than that, according to local experts' opinions, the biggest problem of university legal education is that law schools are under the subordination of MES, while the Ministry of Justice is very poorly involved in the process of education, specifically in curriculum development.

In regard to the legal profession, the Republic of Moldova is facing the following problems:

- frequent changes in legislation accompanied by ambiguities and inconsistencies
- limited awareness of police officers, judges, and prosecutors to new changes in legislation, especially in some areas outside the capitol due to the outdated informational networks (irregular training courses, lack of financial resources for a computerized legal database, etc.)
- corruption among members of the legal community, due to, on one hand, only declared independence of the judiciary and, on the other hand, budget deficits that creates a fertile soil for corruption
- people do not know their rights, and as a result there are many cases of infringement of human rights

Legal education support

Support of the University Curriculum

In 1998, the goal of the program was to support initiatives through grants (up to \$500.00) that collectively would raise the level of university professors and also the quality and competitiveness of their courses.

Development of new courses and restructuring of old ones - a public competition was announced for candidates to submit their courses and also a list of documents.

Elena ARAMA, Course on General Theory of Law
Ion RUSU, Andrei GUSTIUC, Course on Banking Law
Gheorghe GOLUBENCO, Course on criminal investigation
Maria ORLOV, Course on Administrative Law

Grants for researchers working on their PhD Theses - candidates had to submit a copy of their thesis (if it was at the finishing point) or, if it was at the early stages, a research plan.

Alexandru ARMEANIC, Tax regulation in Romania and the Republic of Moldova
Silvia POGOLSA, Civil Status in International Private Law
Zinaida LUPASCU, History of Romanian Law
Galina BOSTAN, Legal precedent in Moldovan legislation compared to Romanian legislation
Gheorghe GLADCHII, The treatment of the victim in combating physical crimes against persons
Iurii IORDAN, Legal aspects of economic co-operation with foreign partners
Igor CLIPII, The principles of separation of powers within a state

Grants for legal textbook development. Candidates had to submit a copy of the written chapters.

Elena MOCANU **Labor Law**

Lidia MACOVEI **Contracts for sale of goods**

Maria COTLAU **French language for lawyers**

Efim MOHOREA **Logic for lawyers**

Lilia GREBINCEA **International Trade Law**

Valeriu ZUBCO, Ion CREANGA **Administrative Law**

Victor POPA **Parliamentary Law**

Svetlana RUSNAC **Juridical psychology**

Elena CONSTANTINESCU **Legal Precedent**

Igor DOLEA **Criminal Procedure Law**

Simion DORAS **Criminology: Tactics and methods of investigation**

Gheorghe GOLUBENCO **The preliminary examination of traces and prints**

Pavel ZAMFIR **Environmental Law**

Alexandru ROTARI, Aurel BAIESU, Oleg ALEXA **International Trade Law**

After completing the book, authors could apply for funding for the book's publication (in case of 50% co-funding). A special commission of experts made the selections.

Vasile FLOREA **Criminal Executive Law**

Victor POPA **Public Law**

In the framework of the same program support was offered to law teachers to participate in training courses.

COLPI's training program for young law teachers coming from FSU countries :

Vlada LISENCO, Ion POSTU, Lidia MACOVEI, Ion CAPATINA

Law Library

Donations of legal textbooks were made to SUM, AESM, FIUM, PSU, APAM, PA, CCU, SUB, and to the Republican College of Information Science and Law, the National College of Trade, and the College of Economy and Law. The need for purchase of legal textbooks is intensified by MES's budget deficit. The Law program didn't seek to purchase the necessary quantity for all universities, but aimed to supply the most recent publications to students, and books written by local and foreign authors. The aim was purchasing as many titles as possible. The number of local specialists who write competitive books is increasing, and purchasing books written by local authors is a good way to bring their knowledge to students.

A major part of the program was dedicated to legal journal subscriptions for Law Schools. On this part of the program we collaborated closely with the Central & Eastern Europe Journal Donation Program, from the New School for Social Research. The discount they offer was up to 60-70%. Additionally, they offered a one-year subscription for a number of titles for free. In 1998 we subscribed to about 15 titles for the Law Departments of SUM, PA, SUB, HUM, and FIUM. In order to select titles according to institutions' needs, it was important to consult the deans of the Law faculties. Secondly, it was also important to study commercial offers from publishing houses.

Books written by local authors, purchased and donated to Law schools :

Nicolae ROSCA **Business Law**

Svetlana BODIUL **Protection of Intellectual Property**

Gheorghe AVORNIC **Basis of the Law and the State, General Theory of Law**

Civil Procedure Code

About eighty titles of books from abroad were purchased.

Moot Court competitions

Moot Court competitions are International Oral Advocacy Competitions. The program is closely administrated by the Moldovan Oral Advocacy Association, which is created as a part of ELSA – Moldova (European Law Students Association). The competitions allow students six months to prepare and submit 50 pages of written argument on an area of international law currently in dispute. This requires weeks of research and, because resources in Moldova are limited, using western legal databases. The briefs are written and

re-written, each draft being examined first by the team coach and then by legal experts identified by the coach.

In 1998 the Law Program financially supported the participation of four student groups in the four most prestigious competitions in the world :

Ph. C. Jessup held in Washington, USA

Telders held in Hague, Netherlands

East European Competition held in Prague, Czech Republic

Renne Cassin held in Strasbourg, France

Moldovan teams were composed of 4 students each and competed with representatives from more than 70 countries. The Republic Moldova was represented by the following students : Carolina SMOCHINA, Sergiu MIHOV, Aliona DELEV, Veaceslav BALAN, Ala BUJAC, Carina TURCANU, Alexander TUCANU, Alexander ZGARDAN, Alina BRASOVEANU, Natalia CORJA, Veaceslav DODONU, Alexander ZARA, Natalia CATRINESCU, Dragoş CUCEREANU, Irina GUTU.

In 1998, The American Bar Association/Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI), through collaboration with Soros Foundation Moldova, supervised the selection process of participants and administered the program development of a national competition (to select the best students) along with Moldovan Oral Advocacy Association.

Legal Clinic

In 1998, the Law Program collaborated intensively with COLPI regarding implementation of a long-term program for the development of a legal clinic. After participating in the conference for the Representatives of the Legal Clinic, the Law School of the SUM presented the project to the Board of the Soros Foundation Moldova. The project was presented to COLPI and was approved ; as a result the Clinic of the SUM was awarded \$40,000.00 from SFM and COLPI. This project is a partnership between SUM, which offered a location, and the Law Academy who paid renovation costs. The Legal Clinic is composed of two sections, Civil and Human Rights. The Human Rights Section works in collaboration with the Helsinki Committee. The goal of the Clinic is twofold : to give free legal assistance to people who can not afford it, and to give students' practical experience to go along with the theoretical knowledge acquired at the University. Students provide legal advice in the context of real cases, and therefore must have a very responsible attitude. Students will enforce the law, thus developing their ability to analyze, evaluate and critically understand the rigors of law.

Students become familiar with legal institutions and the structure of the legal system.

Since beginning operation on September 14 1998, the Legal Clinic of the Law School of SUM succeeded in offering the following categories of legal assistance :

- legal consulting
- drawing up the procedural acts
- client representation in the following courts (selective) : the Court of the Central Sector of Chisinau, the Court of Botanica Sector of Chisinau, the Court of Appeals of Republic Moldova, The Tribunal of Chisinau, and the Supreme Court of Justice.

The Legal Clinic has about 125 students working in groups of 5 people, and directed by experienced lawyers. Between September 15 and the end of February 1999, the legal Clinic had assisted 155 clients. 128 persons out of above-mentioned were advised in-person and 25 persons were assisted by phone.

In the same period of time the students of the legal clinic participated in 31 lawsuits and won 7 of them.

Basic Concept Series

This program was launched with the COLPI initiative in 1997, publishing Fundamentals of law (Basic Concept) series designed for countries where legislation is highly unstable or incoherent, and frequently not implemented. A Western or Eastern European specialist in, say, criminal procedure produces a short work introducing basic concepts and surveying a range of legislative options and administrative practices. The basic text (about 250 printed pages) can then be translated into the Romanian language by a local specialist, who also

acts as a co-author, interpolating paragraphs on local legal development and thereby approximately doubling the length of the text. Ideally, the local co-author would prepare interpolations in consultation with the author of the original text.

In 1998, Soros Foundation Moldova, with matching funds from COLPI, started to develop commentaries to the Basic Concept Books – Criminal Procedure Law and Property Law. COLPI provided two Basic Concept Books:

Ugo MATEI **Basic Principles of Property Law**

George P. FLETCHER **Basic Concepts of Criminal Law**

For the text on Property Law we have selected two local specialists, using the formula of one being a respected specialist with a distinguished professional background and who is recognized among the legal community as being an advocate of legal reform and an expert in comparative civil law. The second commentator is a young lawyer who not only has a solid educational background but, more importantly, is more of a practicing lawyer than a theoretician. Once the basic structure of their work is done, it is recommended that the commentators discuss the manuscript with the original author.

The new Criminal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Civic and Civil Procedure Codes of the Republic of Moldova are expected to be adopted by the Parliament in the next half year, and they will obviously contain a huge amount of new regulations both on property and criminal procedure. That is why the local specialists recommended to wait on producing of a major part of the commentaries until after the appearance of the above-mentioned Codes. Otherwise, we risk creating a fundamental work that no longer corresponds to legal provisions from the moment it appears.

Professionally Oriented Projects

Commentaries to the Newly Adopted Legislation

The post-communist countries have to confront the specific problem of constantly changing legislation. The same legal issues are regulated differently by different laws, creating serious difficulties for enforcement and controversial interpretations. An example is the legal framework of the non-governmental sector, where there are no laws pertaining to the Non-governmental sector, but, instead, contradictory laws on Public Associations. There are a large number of institutions calling themselves “foundations” while their operations bare little resemblance to those of a true foundation.

Responding to this impetus, at the beginning of 1998 we announced a public competition inviting specialists to produce commentaries on these kinds of controversial laws. Priority was given to legal provisions for the non-governmental sector and defense of human rights (specifically International conventions and treaties on human rights to which the Republic of Moldova ascribes), though other types of laws were not excluded. In the framework of this program the following grants was given:

Commentaries to the Means of Applying Bilateral and Multilateral Treaties Concluded between the Republic of Moldova and other Countries, Specifically Ukraine, Romania, and Russia, Concerning Legal Assistance

A group of experts from the Ministry of Justice: Vitalie NAGACEVSCHI, Oleg LUPAN, Vitalie MIRONOV, Galina BOSTAN

Commentaries to the Constitution

Corneliu GURIN, Mihai COTOROBAL, Boris NEGRU, Gheorghe SUSARENCO, Pavel BARBALAT, Alexandru ARSENI, Ion GREANGA

Commentaries to the Law on Copyright and other Intellectual Property Rights

Sergiu MAMALIGA

Grant for commentaries to the law on state language, law on language functioning in Moldova and Law on Latin Script

Dumitru GRAMA, Claudia GRAMA

Commentaries to the Law on Pledge

Authors Victor BURAC, Iurie GROSU

Drafting New Legislation

Logistical and informational support was provided for creating new laws, inviting foreign specialists for expertise and consultation, providing equipment for working groups, seminars, and grants for the creation of new laws in accordance with European Law :

Draft Laws and Regulations on Research and Development

The Institute of Societal Development, project director Valentin CIUMAS

Development of Law on Culture

The parliamentary commission for culture, project director Gheorghe DUCA

Development of the New Criminal Procedure Code: Working Visits to the Supreme Courts of The Netherlands and Poland

Mihai MARTINENCO, Stanislav PAVLOVSKI, Veaceslav DIDIC, Victor PUSCAS, Gheorghe BOESTEAN, Zahar DARII

Expertise of laws on NGOs and the Drafting of the Law on Foundations

Project director Natailia IZDEBSCHI

Police Reform Program

Objectives of this program were to gain information about policing and the working conditions of police officers, and facilitate awareness in the police force of international documents on human rights. In this regard our attention is concentrated on organizing conferences and seminars on basic human rights with the participation of police officers.

Printing 30,000 copies of wallet cards and 300 posters with the basic rights of a person at the moment of arrest

Soros Foundation Moldova in collaboration with the Helsinki Committee and Ministry of Internal Affairs of Republic of Moldova

The Helsinki Committee prepared the text with the expertise of Supreme Court Judges and Ministry of Internal Affairs lawyers. The Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Victor CATAN, issued an order according to which every police station in the country has to have a poster on the wall where everyone can see it.

Seminar on the Promotion of detainees' rights through awareness of police officers

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights

A documentary film was made describing the real situation in pretrial detention, distributed among institutions specializing in human rights defense, as well as to the PA and Ministry of the Interior.

The program also offered support for participation of Moldovan police officers in international seminars and conference on police work, including :

Seminars organized by COLPI for police officers, Budapest, Hungary

Ion IZVOREANU, Mihai BIRGAU

XIII International Symposium for police training and education organized by General Secretary of INTERPOL, France

Gheorghe GANDRABUR

Judicial Training Center

JTC of Moldova was founded through a decision of the Government of the Republic of Moldova effective 22 February 1996. The JTC was founded to meet two primary goals. First, to initially serve as a center where judges, prosecutors, advocates, and other court personnel could be trained to implement drastic legislative reforms. The second function of the JTC is long-term training programs for the legal community. In 1996-1997 the basic funding of the JTC was provided by the Ministry of Justice with a ceiling of \$33,000. As this sum was absolutely insufficient for covering JTC's financial needs, additional funding was

provided by the ABA/CEELI, SFM and the GTZ (German Technical Cooperation in Moldova). At the beginning of 1998 JTC was visited by COLPI representatives, and as a result of the discussions held with members of the Coordinating Council of the JTC, COLPI presented several conditions that the Ministry of Justice had to fulfil in order to get funding. The Ministry of Justice agreed to all the conditions and offered space to the Judicial Training Center in the same building with the Court of Appeals of the Republic of Moldova. If the Ministry of Justice fulfils conditions established during the negotiations, Soros Foundation Moldova and COLPI would fund the JTC with \$70,000 annually for a three year period. September 1998-September 1999 is to be the first year of funding.

Control of the JTC operations is under the authority of its Coordinating Council which includes 11 members, one each from the Superior Council of Magistrates, Ministry of Justice, Supreme Court of Justice, Court of Appeals, Judges Association, General Prosecutor's Office, ABA/CEELI, GTZ, SFM, UNDP and two representatives of Moldovan universities. The Council is responsible for the development of the curriculum and JTC financial administration. The hiring of the Executive Director (joint responsibility of the Ministry and Council) was the result of an open competition; Mrs. Silvia POGOLSA was appointed Executive Director of the JTC. All of this occurred with the full support of the Ministry. Under the Moldovan system, the JTC has more independence than is even enjoyed in many western systems. In France, for example, the Minister has sole discretion to appoint the Executive Director - with no influence from a governing board.

The JTC gives priority to the training of judges; the Coordinating Council met in April to begin working on the curriculum for the coming year. It was agreed at that meeting that all judges in Moldova would be trained at least twice over the next three years at week-long, intensive study sessions. The curriculum is now being developed by members of the Methods Council who are presently active jurors. They are reviewing: the curriculum outlines suggested last year; the actual course schedules and the implementation of the curriculum; a general summary of evaluations submitted by the participants; and the actual evaluations themselves. Additionally, questionnaires will be sent to thirty Bar Association centers to determine what areas of law are most needed by the legal and judicial community.

Publication of International Conventions

Before 1998, The Republic of Moldova had ratified over 600 conventions that were not published in the **Official Monitor** issued by the Moldovan Department of Justice. Soros Foundation Moldova together with the Council of Europe, the Eurasia Foundation, UNDP and UNHCR, through their representatives in Moldova, have formed an informal group to coordinate the publication of a new edition of the **Official Monitor** containing these conventions. Consequently, by the middle of 1999, each judge will have the opportunity to rely in his decisions on the provisions of the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Moldovan Parliament which, when coming into contradiction with interior laws, have priority.

Some facts and figures:

Multilateral conventions – 107 in effect of 180 ratified

Bilateral conventions – 500 in effect of 650 ratified

The project is administered by the Law Center of Moldova, and the publication is done by Moldpress, the official government publishing house that won the tender organized by the Law Center.

Other Programs

Computer data base to facilitate the procedure of disabling bombs

Department of Expertise in Explosives within the Ministry of Interior, project director Mr. Nicolae GAIBU, Head of the Department

International conference for lawyers coming from Black Sea Riparian States

Collegium of Advocates from Moldova, project director Mr. Ion CASIAN, vice –president of the Collegium

Summer School, Duke – Geneva Institute in Transnational Law

Cristina MALAI, Constantin RUSU

The Women's Program within Soros Foundation Moldova was set up on January 1st, 1998. It has the following aims: to promote women's rights, obtain a more significant social, economical and political status for women, approach gender in an integral form at all levels and in all spheres of life, increase representatives of women in decision making-processes, strengthen the situation of the family, separate civic and family responsibilities, eliminate violence against women, improve women's health, and support cooperation between national and international organizations active in women's problems.

Culture of Relationships

The program sponsored a set of seminars and conferences on topics regarding the Culture of Relationships for parents, such as: "Relationship: mother – daughter," and "Relationship: teenagers — adults." Also, other aspects of human relationships were addressed such as principles of gender equality and establishing equal rights for men and women in all spheres — social, cultural, educational — of the life.

The Culture of Relationships, A set of five seminars, April, 1998

Project director Natalia PISOVA, a 5th year student, FIUM

Each seminar lasted three hours, and was held every two weeks. The participants were 20 young people, members of the IGNIS youth club. The experts of the seminar were: A. TUCICOV-BOGDAN, psychologist, Bucharest, Romania; A. CRACIUN, art critic; Robert de GROOF, USA, California, Newport University; Silvia SACA, UNDP, Moldova.

Training session in Effective Expression, October, 1998, Chisinau

The authors of the project are experts of the Women's Program and the Debate Center.

The aim was to teach NGOs leaders how to involve themselves in discussions, listen to a partner, express an opinion, and argue or counter-argue a thought or idea.

Publishing Program

Women's NGO Directory

The Directory for NGOs active on women's problems will include general information about NGOs: leaders' names, addresses, tel./fax, main areas of commitment, experience, etc. and will be published in 1999.

Grants for Projects Based on New and Original Ideas

The program was addressed to NGOs for women and was of assistance to NGOs in implementing new and original ideas regarding feminist promotion, promotion of feminist policy, promotion of women to public functions, prevention and reduction of violence against women, encouraging women to fight against environmental pollution and also women's problems in transition periods.

Encyclopedic Dictionary of Women's Names

Project director Iurie COLESNIC, director of Museum Publishing House

The Encyclopedia seeks to cover the informational vacuum between bilateral relations of women and society. The dictionary will be finished in 1999.

Estimation of environmental risks of mothers and children's health, National Conference.

Authors of the project: NGO Women's Association; Terra Nostra Association for Ecological Information and Instruction; Obstetricians' and Gynecologists Associations.

The aim of the conference was to analyze the comprehensive negative influence of environmental and agricultural pollution on children and women's health. Also, the conference would propose solutions for the problem, and draw the attention of decision-makers to the necessity of setting up a program for the protection of mother's and children's health.

Roma Women and Roma children's rights in the light of European Convention on human

rights, International Conference, April, 1998, Chisinau

Project director Ecaterina DROSU, NGO "Juvlia Romani" leader

The conference aimed to draw the attention of decision-makers on Roma problems in Republic of Moldova: the Roma cultural interest in our society, lack of education and human rights.

Eve, Creator of Beauty Seminar, June, 1st, 1998, Panasesti village, Straseni District

Project director Nadejda CIOBANU, director of the children's family-type home of the village.

The aim of the project was to advise young girls how to find a direction in life when they have only a secondary school certificate.

Information Initiatives

Women's Journalist Club Writing on Feminist Topics

The club for women-journalists who are tackling women's problems in mass media aims to cover the informational vacuum on feminist topics such as trafficking in women, violence in families, unemployment, reproductive health, gender study, etc. The Women's Journalist Club has monthly sessions, where the most severe women's problems are discussed. At every meeting government representatives who make decisions on combating women's problems are invited. Also, the Club issued Ten Plus, its first informative bulletin. At the end of the year the most notable women-journalists were recognized. First prize (\$150.00): Lidia BOBANA – National Radio; second prize (\$100.00): Maria SAHARNEANU – Femeia Moldovei magazine (Woman of Moldova), Emilia GHETU – Radio News, Claudia PARTOLE – Moldova Suverana newspaper; third prize (\$50.00): Natalia COJOCARU – FLUX newspaper, Cornelia COZONAC – Moldova Press Agency.

Subscription to Femeia Moldovei (Woman of Moldova) Magazine

Project director Maria SAHARNEANU, editor-in-chief of the magazine

NGOs, active in women's issues, and also city administrations who have a woman mayor, received subscriptions to this publication.

Information and Documentation Center for Women

This program was designed to setup an Information and Documentation Center for women. The Center will have to develop a social policy for women on scientific/research bases. Also, the Center will facilitate the integration of women into our society, protection of women's rights and health, and eliminating violence against women. The main project goal is to research and collect scientific information for databases on the following areas:

- Women's organizations of Moldova and abroad — their work and collaborations between them
- Demographic information structured on age, birth, fertility, sterility, mortality, morbidity, migration and religion
- Importance and contribution of women to the national economy
- Women's involvement in educational, scientific and cultural processes
- Women's health and its determining factors
- Statistics related to the modern family and children
- Woman and her potential
- Women's rights
- National legislation's compatibility with European and International standards

National Information and Documentation Center for Women

Project director Galina PRECUP, Editor-in-chief, journalist, Alunelul Magazine

The National Information and Documentation Center for Women opened its doors on December 18, 1998. The address of the center is 31 August str., 137; tel. 241393.

Charity

The program was addressed to NGOs and charity institutions working on a voluntary basis and to other organizations involved with orphan and physically disabled children. The program also aimed to support initiatives that can popularize charitable activities of women in our society.

A Christmas surprise for orphan children from children's house from Cazanesti, December, 1998, Cazanesti village, Telenesti District- little gifts were donated, comprised of pencils, towels, notebooks and candies.

Winter Holidays, December, 1998, Chisinau

Association for Support of physically disabled children, project director Lucia GAVRILITA
A party was organized dedicated to the winter holidays for physically disabled children.

One day at the Christmas Tree, December, 1998, Chisinau

Center for New Educational Strategies, project director Stela BUTNARU

In the framework of the project a visit at the Christmas tree in Chisinau was organized for physically disabled girls from the children's house of Hincesti.

Violence Against Women

This Program was launched to set up Crisis Centers in Moldova. Such centers will help mothers and children from the families where fighting among parents is frequent, and where women are exposed to violence in their families and society. The help consists of medical assistance, psychological assistance, legal advice, victims' protection by policeman if necessary, and also the sheltering victims if the conflict is has reached a critical level. The centers will also set up a hot line for victims.

Renovation of Crisis Centers in Chisinau and Balti

(matching funds : 50% National Foundation – 50% Network Women's Program)

project director Liuba URATU, NGO Femeia Azi (Women Today) leader

The grant was destined for renovation of the already existing crisis center in Chisinau and for setting up another one in Balti, which was administrated by the NGO Asociatia femeilor cu Diploma Universitara din Moldova (Association of University Women from Moldova).

Stop trafficking

The aim of the project was to direct public attention to the trafficking in women and children, which has become one of the most dangerous problems for our society. Therefore, this program was set up to facilitate the participation of the NGO representatives to the first Transnational Seminar on trafficking in women.

Transnational Seminar on Trafficking in Women, June 20-24, 1998, Budapest

Antonina SARBU, Women's Program Coordinator, Soros Foundation-Moldova.

Margarita MUNTEANU, Association for social protection of women, Director

Lidia BOBANA, journalist, Women's Program expert.

The program is on a matching funds basis (50% National Foundation – 50% Network Women's Program)

Service Support for NGOs

(NWP matching funds 50%/50%).

The program was set up to financially support NGOs for women whose work are related to eliminating violence against women.

Beneficiaries of an exchange program were three women's NGOs—Femeia Azi (Woman Today), University Women Association and Family Planing Association. Two representatives from each above-mentioned NGO have participated in an exchange to crisis centers in Russia, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Selected persons were :

Liuba URATU, Women Today NGO, Crisis Center in Chisinau, Director

Diana CHETRARU, hot line services, Crisis Center in Chisinau

Silvia CHETRARI, University Women Association, Crisis Center in Balti, Director

Lidia GORCEAC, psychologist, Family Planning Association

Maria CATAVEL, psychologist, Family Planning Association

Service support for NGOs will continue in 1999, when accumulated experience will be used in concrete projects.

Women Advocates' Response to Violence Against Women

Matching funds (50% National Foundation – 50% Network Women's Program)

The idea of the project came from NWP and intended to make up a National Team of five persons, committed to the problem.

Training for the National Team—Methods of violence elimination, assistance from policemen, lawyers and psychologists, November, 1998, Hungary, Budapest

The second step of the project will be the work of the team on the national level. The newly formed team will present a concrete project describing their step by step plan for addressing this problem. Selected persons for the National Team are :

Svetlana FILINCOV, judge, Women's Program Expert

Elena MORARU, psychologist, Crisis Center in Balti

Maria GOTONOGA, psychologist, Crisis Center in Chisinau

Melania MIHAILOV, Health Education Program, Soros Foundation-Moldova

Elena SAVINA, IGNIS youth club

Women's Program Fellowships (Gender Study)

Matching funds (50% National Foundation – 50% Network Women's Program)

The aim of the project was to offer scholarships for 1 month studies abroad for persons interested in the implementation of Gender Studies in university curriculum. Participants were selected on a competition basis. Competition rules were advertised in educational institutions and NGOs active in women's problems.

National Women's Program and Network Women's Program experts selected the following five persons :

CEU, Budapest, Hungary

Maia MORARESCU, PSU

Tatiana KIRMIKCI, PSU

Ludmila PAPUC, PSU

ANA Centre for feminist studies, Bucharest, Romania

Valentina BODRUG, SUM

Centre for feminist studies, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Ina POUSTOVAN, SUM

The program will be concluded in 1999.

Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer is one of the NWP projects (50%—50%). The aim of the project was to make a National Report on the breast cancer situation in our country. Nadejda GODOROJA, the Director of the Breast cancer department of the Oncological Institute, obtained the \$1,000.00 scholarship to prepare the report. The project will continue in 1999, when the project will be presented at OSI Budapest. The national report was sent to Budapest.

The Civil Society Program fosters the essential norms of a civil society – individual rights, free association, the opening of public and private sectors, legality, options, initiative, as well as supporting the creation of mechanisms for social control and influence over the state and its institutions. The projects performed in 1998 aimed to support Moldovan NGOs' activity, as well as establishing contacts between them and various foreign institutions. Supported projects must respond to some acute community needs, be innovative, provide models, and contribute to the promotion of NGO activity and citizen involvement.

Open Competition for NGO Projects Support

The Foundation continued to finance various initiatives of non-governmental organizations on a competitive basis throughout 1998.

Program objectives were :

- to encourage and develop non-governmental organizations which pursue social initiative and concern
- to encourage contacts between NGOs and state structures, in order to help resolve social problems
- to improve the professional level of the non-profit sector specialists in Moldova
- to promote tolerance between individuals and social groups
- to promote social integration and the protection of human rights

Grant decision-making for the program was made at the Board monthly meetings.

Financed Projects :

II Congress of Moldovan Farmers, November 28, 1998, Chisinau

National Federation of Farmers, project director Gheorghe BARBAROSIE

About 2000 delegates participated at the congress, chosen at the peasants meetings (1 delegate per 100 peasants, at least 1 representative from each village). The congress aimed to focus the government and parliament's attention to the problems farmers are facing, discuss the possibility of accelerating agrarian reform, analyze the peasants' NGOs activities and draw perspectives. Soros Foundation Moldova covered transportation costs for the regional representatives. Co-financing : TACIS —8000 lei ; Embassy of the Netherlands - 26900 lei, Soros Foundation Moldova - \$3,136.

Education for Democratic Citizenship

European Youth Exchange-Moldova association, project director Iosif MOLDOVEANU

The project included activities regarding education for democratic citizenship, promoting awareness among children and youth of their rights and responsibilities in a democratic society, and involving them in a citizen's relationship network. The project contributed to the establishment of pluralistic, democratic and representative structures of children and youth from the local to the national level, establishing contacts between civil society representatives and local authorities.

Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities Conference, November 18, 1998, Chisinau

Muscular Dystrophy Association, project director Vitalie TONU

The conference analyzed the current situation of social integration of disabled persons by studying the international experience. Practical suggestions for problem solving were put forward as well as ways of promoting these solutions.

Rock Against Drugs

Youth for the Right to Life Club, Balti branch, project director Ina BIRIUCOVA

The project contained a concert with the participation of Balti rock groups, a contest for the best drawing on the theme Rock Against Drugs from Balti schools and a contest for radio and TV audiences. Co-financing : Balti Mayor's office, Balti Police, Soros Foundation Moldova - \$1,000.

Day Center for Children with Disabilities

The Disabled Children's Support Association of Chisinau, project director Lucia GAVRILITA
The Center received support, being a welcome solution for parents; so they can go to work. Taking into consideration these children's specific needs (allergies, disability), the Soros Foundation Moldova covered the costs for special carpets (warm, hygienic and ecologically pure).

PRUT 98 Ecological Expedition

Terra Nostra ecological information and education association, project director Gh. DUCA
The expedition was organized to examine the ecological condition of the Prut river in the limits of the Moldova borders. Co-financing: State Ecological Inspectorate- 6000 lei, Soros Foundation Moldova - \$1,400

The Moldovan-Bulgarian Relationship in the Middle Ages and Modern Époque, an Anthology

The Bulgarian Scientific Association of the Republic of Moldova, project director Mihail CERVENCOV

The papers of the scientific conference Moldovan-Bulgarian Relationships in the Middle and Modern Époque were published; the authors participating were scientists from Moldova, Bulgaria, Russia, Byelorussia, Romania and Ukraine.

Home Service for the Elderly

Nursing association, project director Elena STIMPOVSCHI

The seminar organized within the project promoted community nursing services through an integrated medical-social model of home services for dependent persons. The training course for 30 medical assistants was 10 days in length and was carried out by the Community Nursing Foundation of Bucharest.

Social Statistics School, April 9 – 18, 1998, Chisinau

The Invisible College of Moldova, Soros Foundation Moldova

The school centered on the SPSS software implementation used for data analysis in social sciences research. The courses were facilitated by Romanian experts for students in sociology or political sciences, university faculty, and researchers at centers and social studies institutions.

Human Rights and their Observation in the Republic of Moldova International Symposium, December 7-12, 1998, Balti

Mostenitorii Community Organization, project director Nicolae MOSCALU

The symposium celebrated the 50th anniversary endorsement by the UN of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Issues discussed included the promotion of democratic ideas and human rights, and educating the citizenry in observation and participation for the respect of democratic values and human rights in the Republic of Moldova. Also, studies were presented on the results of related legislation, and on developing proposals for improved application of those laws.

Political Arena

The Political Culture Foundation, project director Gheorghe COJOCARU

Political Arena is a political culture publication aiming to contribute to democratic changes in Moldovan societal behavior and awareness by familiarizing the public with the essential values of democracy and Western culture, and the traditions behind the contemporary arts and social sciences. The implementation team includes researchers, analysts and local political commentators, with the goal to establish an independent, impartial and profound reflection and analysis of the socioeconomic, cultural and political changes in Moldova and neighboring regions. The issues discussed for 1998 were the open society concept, free elections, and types of political culture in transition societies.

The Transparency of the Elections in Moldova – an Argumentation for Democracy

Pro Democratia Association, project director Igor GROSU

The goal of the project was to monitor and observe the March 22, 1998 parliamentary elections. The project produced documentation including the **Observer's Guide** and the

Electoral Fraud's Library, explaining different types of irregularities of election procedure contrary to electoral legislation. The published package for national observers included the Electoral Code and the Observer's Guide among other information. To attract more NGOs, 3 round tables were organized in Chisinau, Balti, Cahul and 3 training courses were held for observers. On March 24 the Association press conference was held, presenting the results of the electoral process observation.

Cebanenco Memorial Tour, February 1998, Chisinau

Victor BOLOGAN

The goal of the project was to transmit to the young generation of Moldova world chess traditions and classical values. Within the first chess tour on master standards the Soros Foundation Moldova financed a tour for pupils.

The Foreign Policy of the Republic of Moldova: Aspects of Security and Regional Collaboration — an Anthology

The Foundation for Democracy and Parliamentary Support, and the Perspectiva Center for National and International Research, project director Grigore COCEBAN

An anthology was published on the materials of The Foreign Policy of the Republic of Moldova: Security and Regional Collaboration Aspects International Symposium with the support of Soros Foundation Moldova. The symposium was organized on October 16-17, 1997 in Chisinau and was attended by 30 researchers from 9 countries, state institution representatives, political parties, NGOs, embassies, and students. Co-financing for the symposium: Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Germany), Soros Foundation Moldova – 9000 lei.

Republishing of AIDS and Sexual Spread Diseases Brochure

Family Planning Society, project director Manana BLAJE

The project aims to improve the reproductive health of people by informing them about sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS. The brochure was published with 14000 copies in Romanian and 6000 in Russian, and is distributed throughout the country at schools, lyceums, hospitals, etc.

Terra Moldaviae

The Ecologist Movement of Moldova, project director Alecu RENITA

The project had the goal to educate the population in the ecological spirit of respect for nature and responsibility for environmental quality. Ecological education has been brought about through public opinion information and decision-making bodies about environmental problems and the dangers of natural destruction; three special issues of **Natura** magazine were published. The project includes organizing meetings with ecological NGOs, publishing of **Picturesque Moldova**—a special publication for the promotion abroad of the country's ecotouristic potential, and publication of the **Ecological ABC** brochure.

150th Anniversary of the Birth of the Ciuvash Enlightener Iacovlev

the Ciuvash Community of Moldova, project director Iurie SOLOVIOV

Within the project the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Ciuvash illuminist Iacovlev was celebrated. The Soros Foundation Moldova financed materials publication.

Support for the Society of the Blind of Moldova

Blind Society of Moldova, project director Dumitru SCLIFOS

The project aimed to facilitate the administrative functions within this society — documentation with materials concerning the protection of the rights of the blind, logistics, legal consulting, and other services.

Mini-parliament

The Center for Analytical Information on Development Problems in the Republic of Moldova, project director Alexandru PALII

The goal of the project was to consolidate youth NGOs and youth organizations of political parties in order to identify and propose solutions for major problems facing youth at a national level, and to also create a school of democratic, political and civic activism. The project has 3 components: Mini-parliament, the Young Politicians Club, and the Young Politicians School training courses. The discussions during the sessions centered on the

following problems : youth legislation, the situation of education and stipulations of education law, the youth policy of the government and political parties.

Stone Poem

Carpathian - Balkan Center of Handicraft Studies Association, project director Dumitru CONSTANDACHI

The project assured the completion of the building of the Manole Master Experimental School. The school will prepare expert craftsmen in stone, metal, woodwork and other materials. The school will also involve unemployed minors. The concept of the Manole Master School was accepted as an international project for the Hanover 2000 world exhibition.

Good Hope

Muscular Dystrophy Association, project director Vitalie TONU

The objectives of the project are to change societal attitudes toward disabled persons through information about their problems, creating equal chances for an active integration and eliminating discrimination. The Soros Foundation Moldova financed the publication of the bulletin.

The Nature & Ethnography Museum in Stefan Voda

The Ecologist Movement of Moldova, Stefan Voda branch, project director Tatiana MARIN
Within the project two halls were opened in the local museum (Flora and Soil), and a regional seminar, The Human factor in the Environment Improvement, was organized.

Cofinancing : Banca Sociala Stefan-Voda - \$110, Carahasani Wine Plant- \$160.00, Maria Bieșu District School of Arts - \$900, contributions from members of the organization- \$100, Soros Foundation Moldova - \$1,993.00

Familiarizing Public Opinion with Problems Resulting from the Chernobyl Disaster and their Effects on Moldova

The Chernobyl Echo Foundation, project director Natalia HASSAN

The goal of the project is to attract the attention of the NGO community, the state administration and the whole public to the problems resulting from the Chernobyl disaster and its effects on the Republic of Moldova. A seminar with the topic New practices in medicine, psychology and ecology in Moldova after the Chernobyl disaster is part of the project, with the participation of doctors, experts in the field, and NGO representatives. The Foundation financed the publication of a situation analysis of Moldova.

SOS – Cotova Spring

Drobia Ecology Club, project director Natalia POSTOVAN

The project aimed to restore and protect the Cotova Spring, a natural monument.

Materials Publication

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Balti branch, project director Ilie NASU

Financing was required for publishing the materials of the Democracy and Human Rights international symposium, Balti, December 10, 1996.

INTERNET Connection

Natalia BUGA

Natalia Buga, 2nd year student at SUM with limited disabilities and sole guardianship of retired grandparents, requested Internet connection for 1 year and payment of local phone expenses.

The Eugen Coseriu Visit to his Native Home

The EGA community association, Mihaileni, Riscani, project director Eugenia BELIBOV

The project marked the visit to his native village of the world-known linguist Eugen Coseriu with the opening of a museum and other solemnities.

Day Center for the Elderly

Ialoveni district organization of war and labor veterans, project director Valentina CARCHELAN

The day center offers assistance to 30 single and medically dependent elderly in the town of Ialoveni. The project is 12 months long and includes medical assistance, daily food, mending, and care. Co-financing: The Executive Committee – \$110, the Veterans Council – \$120, firms – \$530.00, Soros Foundation Moldova - \$4,340.

New Stream

The community association of young economists and lawyers SYEL, project director Valeriu PROHNITCHI

The project proposes publishing the **New Stream** magazine in order to promote democratic principles and human values between young people, through supporting initiatives, analysis that traces economic, legal, social, and political frameworks — in short, creating a space for the work of students and young researchers.

Publishing and Distribution of the Fermierul Moldovei Bulletin (Moldovan Farmer)

Financing of the project was made through a grant of the East-West Management Institute, USA.

National Federation of Farmers of Moldova, project director: Vasile MIRZENCO

The Federation started publishing **Fermierul Moldovei** in November 1996. Funding was given for publishing and distributing the bulletin from July – December 1998.

Modern Scientific Thinking: Achievements and Prospectives — International Conferences

Financing of the project was made through a grant of the East-West Management Institute, USA.

The Association of Scientists and Artistic Scientists, project director Ion ODAINIC

The project includes 3 conferences: Current Problems and Perspectives of Urban Development in the Republic of Moldova, Actual Problems of Urban and Rural Regions Development, and Multiethnic Societies in Urban and Rural Regions: Problems and the Future.

Support for the Aschiuta Center for Resocialization and Reintegration of “At Risk” and Street Kids

Financing of the project was made through a grant of the East-West Management Institute, USA.

The Salvati copiii (Save the Children) Organization, project director Mariana IANACHEVICI

The center's commitment is to work for at risk children who lack protection. The center is open 24 hours a day with a 25 child capacity; its program includes games, special instruction and self-initiative. The project is run in collaboration with local authorities responsible for the protection of children and families and respecting the articles of the UNO Convention on Children's Rights. Another team deals with children on the street, setting evaluations, target groups, and ways to integrate children in the center or even in families.

European Convention for Human Rights

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in the Republic of Moldova, project director Stefan URITU

Within the project, consultations and help in solving the grievances were offered to interested persons. There were 3 seminars organized on access to information in Moldova (legislation and practice), human rights and national minorities. The Convention's stipulations were discussed in radio and TV programs.

Rural Development

CONTACT Center, project director Aliona NICULITA

Financing organizations: The TACIS Program for Democracy and Soros Foundation Moldova - \$9,500

Partner: the Foundation for Civil Society Development - Romania

Development period: 3 years

The project started in April 1998 as a response to requests of non-governmental organizations and initiative groups from Moldovan regions, and as a result of evaluating the projects developed by CONTACT Center.

Objectives of the project are :

- supporting local community leaders in creating non-governmental organizations
- facilitating the access of rural NGOs to information, and national and international resources
- consolidating the organization's capacity through training and assistance

The geography of the project includes three zones in the north part of Moldova and three in the south. The promotional campaign of the project includes video and audio clips, a booklet, the CONTACT bulletin, posters, and a conclusion briefing.

Scholarships in Human Rights

Scholarships are offered within the human rights Advocacy Program of the Utica College, Syracuse University, USA.

This project offers consulting and training for NGOs and lawyers specializing in Human Rights from societies in transition. Scholarships for a semester at Utica College are created for young lawyers from Eastern and Central Europe who have experience working with NGOs. The registration fee (\$7,707) is paid by the University.

The Human Rights Advocacy Program collaborates with The Helsinki Committee and independent Human Rights NGOs, and supports their efforts to defend themselves, as well as running education programs and monitoring cases of human rights violations. The scholarship was awarded to Petru STRATAN, representative of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Moldova.

CONTACT Center

Operational Support

In 1998, The CONTACT National Assistance and Information Center for Non-governmental Organizations in the Republic of Moldova continued to implement the proposed objectives with projects in four major areas: information, consulting, training and technical assistance for NGOs.

In 1998 CONTACT published the Moldovan non-governmental organizations Catalogue, distributed to financing organizations in-country and abroad, ministries and departments, and to interested non-governmental organizations. News and detailed information on the events in the non-governmental sector in Moldova were reflected in the CONTACT Bulletin.

The training program of 20 organized courses was directed to the non-urban regions, where most of the seminars were held. Major topics included specific problems of NGO establishment and operations, fund raising, proposal writing, public relations and NGO management.

Consulting was offered to more than 200 non-governmental organizations on diverse topics of interest, starting with NGO registration, donors search, projects writing, the economics of NGO operations, and taxation.

Technical assistance and services (copy machine, computer, simultaneous translation equipment, e-mail, WEB pages, etc) were rendered to 180 non-governmental organizations.

Support for NGO Assistance and Information Centers in Northern and Southern Regions of Moldova (Balti, Cahul)

project director: Aliona NICULITA

The project assists the development of NGO resource centers, offering information, consulting and training to local organizations. Seminars, training sessions, and other activities requested by the regional groups are organized. In 1998 the centers promoted the development of partnerships between the regional/local NGOs and representatives of local public administration and mass media. Through the work of the Balti and Cahul Centers the number of beneficiaries, including NGOs and initiative groups, increased considerably.

The Big Friends, Little Friends of Moldova Program

In 1998 the Center for New Educational Strategies continued the implementation of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Program with the promotional name Big Friends, Little Friends of Moldova. The program offers assistance to teenagers with special behavior and communication needs, especially ones affected by their parents' separation or those from single parent families. The "big friends," (volunteers), serve as behavioral and communication models for the "little friends." In all cases Big Friends/Little Friends puts boys with boys and girls with girls. The program offers training to volunteers working with kids, and assistance and consulting to interested parents. The program volunteers agree to spend at least 2 hours per week with each child, offering a proper atmosphere for trusting communication, friendship and joy. The relationship between Big Friends/Little Friends is meant to change parents and children's lives for the better. During 1998 52 volunteers worked directly for the Big Friends/Little Friends pairs. The program is co-financed by Open Society Institute, New-York, Soros Foundation Moldova - \$15,000.

A Collaboration Program with the Foundation for an Open Society Romania

The program, launched in 1996, is based on the support offered to children from Transnistrian schools. Annually two or three groups of children from these schools are invited to Romania to spend their vacations. They are hosted in families in Bucharest, on a volunteer basis. The Romanian part covers meals, pocket money, and an entertainment program. Soros Foundation Moldova covers the transportation costs. In 1998 a group of 40 children from the Alternative School in Ribnitsa and 26 children from the School #1 in Grigoriopol were chosen. 5 teachers accompanied the kids.

Open World House

Open World House was established in 1994 with the goal to support the transition to an open society. From the very beginning OWH was determined to make the greatest possible impact on society's transformation through the areas of freedom of expression and free access to information. Promoting these two essential components of an open society determined the strategy of the Open World House, as well as the institution's structure.

Several projects operated within the Open World House, including the Independent Journalism Center, the TV Studio, Radio d'Or, University Information Center, and the English Language School.

Each of these departments had its own goals and operations, but their co-existence in a same institution ensured a better collaboration in joint projects and a more efficient use of means.

The Independent Journalism Center concentrated its attention on general mass-media problems: press legislation, the professional development of journalists and media managers, and an exchange program involving foreign experts and specialists. In several years the Independent Journalism Center became a very effective tool, regularly sought and consulted by Moldovan journalists.

Another part of the Open World House devoted to improvement in mass-media was the TV Studio. The studio aimed to train young TV specialists, familiarizing them with modern technologies and techniques. An indisputable result of the studio's work was the formation of a young and ambitious team, who successfully launched a weekly program on the National TV channel in 1998.

The Radio d'Or station, opened in 1996, addressed both ambitions of the Open World House, being a source of information for Chisinau listeners and a training ground for young radio specialists.

Access to information was and remains the main concern of the Educational Advising Center, which offers informational assistance to those interested in studying abroad.

The English Language School was one of the first institutions of its kind in Moldova, and distinguished itself by the quality of studies, and the dynamism and creativity of its teaching team.

1998 was a transition year for the Open World House. The experience gained by the institution's departments showed that each of them would be able to further develop independently. Independent existence would promote a more in-depth work of each team and would help identify new donors for non-profit activities. The links between departments would continue to provide collaboration when necessary.

The first component to taste autonomy was the Independent Journalism Center. During 1998 the center worked independently and survived. The center's experience served as a basis for the Restructuring Concept of the Open World House, proposed to the Soros Foundation Moldova Board's and accepted. It was decided that the TV Studio, Radio d'Or station, and the Educational Advising Center would work as independent entities, being responsible for obtaining finances and their management. The English Language School was the basis for the creation of an Educational Center, concentrating all the Soros Foundation Moldova projects in the field of the modernization of pre-university education of the Humanities in Moldova.

After four years the Open World House showed that such an institution in Moldova was well-grounded, and the accumulated experience is useful to the non-governmental sector in our country.

Youth Mobility

The goal of the project was to promote the active participation of young people in the development of pan-European cooperation, as evidenced in the spirit of the EU and Council of Europe with regard to democracy, human rights, rule of law, tolerance, pluralism and social cohesion. Regional seminars were held in Cahul, Balti, and Chisinau with the participation of NGO leaders and interested officials. On July 4-11, 1998 an international seminar was held in Holercani (Dubasari), on the issues of East-West youth exchanges, and with the participation of 35 NGO leaders of Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia, France, USA, Germany, and Austria.

The seminar discussed the topics of international and European youth organizations, the intercultural community, financing of regional and international programs, development and promotion of mobility projects, and regional cooperation in promoting mobility. A bulletin was published with articles on such topics as international exchanges and European practices, and was distributed to youth NGOs and public administration bodies.

Participation at Seminars and Conferences

European Civil Forum & European Non-Profit Exhibition, September 23-26, 1998, Budapest, Hungary

Raisa GUTU, Marcu Foundation for Children and Youth

Establishing European NGO Networks Seminar, December 11-20, 1998, Lille, France

Aliona NICULITA

International Summit of Human Rights Defenders, December 7-12, 1998, Paris, France

Stefan URITU

Summer School for Dialog and International Understanding, August 17-27, 1988, Czech Republic

Vitalie UNGUREANU, Coordinating Council of the Youth Organization of the Citizens' Assembly Helsinki of Moldova, 4th year student, SUM

International Ecologic Campus, August 1-10, 1998, Sevastopol

Andrei NOVAC, Vitalie CHIPERI, Corina POPESCU, students at the Ecology Department, SUM, Ecological Movement of Moldova

Seven Colors of the Rainbow—Seminar in Constructive Psychology and Ecology of Subjective Reality, December 7-14, 1998, Odessa, Ukraine
Igor FONARI

Documentation Visit at Human Rights Organizations, March 14-23, 1998, Washington, USA
Iordanca Rodica IORDANOV, Helsinki Committee

Conference: Establishing of the Middle Class in Post-Communist Russia, March 27-28, 1998, Moscow, Russian Federation
Igor NEDERA

International Human Rights Training Program, June 21-July 10, 1998, Montreal, Canada
Tatiana RACU, SIEDO, Valeria CIOBANU, Helsinki Committee

Human Rights Education Conference, 31 October-2 November 1997, Harkov, Ukraine
Vasile FLOREA, SIEDO

Basic Course for Human Rights Protection, February 23 – March 6, 1998, Turku, Finland
Petru STRATAN, Helsinki Committee

Conference: Problems of Treatment and Rehabilitation of Persons Suffering from the Chernobyl Disaster, June 1-6, 1998, Kiev, Ukraine
Ion RUSU, Chernobyl Union

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**Soros Foundation Moldova
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PROGRAM	EXPENSES \$
Education	1,681,824
Conference & Travel	17,170
East East	129,381
English Language	45,646
Library	229,476
E-Mail/Internet	488,114
Civil Society	416,323
Social Welfare	2,500
Medical & Health Programs	974,141
Economic Reform	540,355
Local Governance	229,053
Law	274,943
Media	437,784
Publishing	280,087
Arts & Culture	473,393
Program Administration	129,403
Supplementary Grant for Modernization of the Humanities	1,570,869
Total administrative expenses	429,045
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APAM	Academy of Public Administration of Moldova
ASM	Academy of Sciences of Moldova
ASU	Agrarian State University of Moldova
CCU	Co-operatist – Commercial University of Moldova
FIUM	Free International University of Moldova
HUM	Humanities University of Moldova
IA	State Institute of Arts of Moldova
IPPS	Institute of Pedagogical and Psychological Sciences
IPS	Institute of Physical Sciences
MA	G. Muzicescu Music Academy of Moldova
MES	Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Republic of Moldova
NIITT	National Institute for In-Service Teacher Training
PA	Stefan cel Mare Police Academy
PSU	Ion Creanga Pedagogical State University in Chisinau
SUB	Alecu Russo State University in Balti
SUC	State University of Comrat
SUM	State University of Moldova
SUMP	Nicolae Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy
SUT	State University of Tiraspol
TUM	Technical University of Moldova