

SANTA FE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



2012 Annual Report

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The mission of the Council on International Relations is to increase understanding and enhance interactions with people from all around the world. We pursue that mission through educational/informational programs, international exchanges, and social events.

The program offerings this year included seven talks in the International Lecture Series, six World Affairs Discussion events including four luncheons and two new wine and cheese evening events, and ten Special Events. The premier Special Event was the Benefit Evening held at La Terrazza at the historic La Fonda Hotel on a glorious autumn evening. Petr Gandalovic, the Ambassador from the Czech Republic to the United States was the featured speaker at the banquet, and he provided interesting and thoughtful insights on the outlook for the Eurozone and European Union.



Dr. John Dobson
CIR Board President

CIR's educational outreach efforts were highlighted by a third year of involvement in the Turkish Cultural Affairs program for teachers. In addition to sending local teachers to tour Turkey, the program includes fall and spring public events which feature lunches with authentic Turkish cuisine. The Fall Summit was an all-day affair at which high school student teams gave presentations on "Why Does America Go To War?" As usual, we were all impressed with the high quality of the research and presentation skills the students displayed as each school reported on one of the military conflicts in U.S. history.

The International Visitor Leadership Program represents the core of CIR's exchange activities. This past year our volunteers served as local guides and hosts for over 200 selected visitors from around the globe. The quality of the local efforts and the appreciation of those that took part continue to be high.

Several social events provided opportunities to mingle and enjoy learning about the remarkable careers and international experiences of our members. Two new member receptions were designed to introduce members to officers and programs. The summer picnic and the holiday open house offered less structured opportunities for members to enjoy.

At the opposite end of the spectrum was WorldQuest in February. Initiated in 2012, this dinner and trivial pursuits event provided members with an opportunity to demonstrate their expertise of historical and current international topics while enjoying a delicious Greek buffet and wine.

We will have an equally event-packed year in 2013, and I personally invite all CIR members and friends to take full advantage of our offerings.

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International Visitor Leadership Program

CIR hosted 27 programs with a total of 216 International Visitor Leaders in 2012. Twenty-five CIR members served as volunteer program coordinators for these visits, often working in teams of two or more. Many visitors remarked that Santa Fe was the best stop on their national itinerary. They praised the quality of the interlocutors they met here, appreciated Santa Fe's unique mix of cultures, and even said the landscape reminded them of their home countries in South America, the Middle East, South Asia, or North Africa. By and large they gave CIR excellent reviews for the programs we organized. Washington, D.C. agencies also held CIR's programming in high regard, requesting Santa Fe as a destination for their groups of visitors. CIR's efforts in 2012 secured us federal IVLP funds totaling \$66,243 in 2013.

World Affairs Discussion Events

CIR presented six World Affairs Events including four World Affairs Luncheons with an average of 73 attendees per luncheon and two wine and cheese evening events averaging 52 attendees. Speakers included: Bill Stewart on Foreign Policy in an Election Year, Ambassador Vicki Huddleston on Countering Extremist Threats in South and West Africa, Judy Richardson on Burma/Myanmar, Stephen Joseph, M.D. on Global Child Survival, Beth Preble on Children and AIDS, and Mauricio Ibarra Ponce de Leo'n, Consul of Mexico in Albuquerque on Bilateral Relations Between Mexico and New Mexico. Event attendees totaled 392 including CIR members and guests, and students from local high schools sponsored by CIR Student Outreach.

International Lecture Series

The 2012 International Lecture Series consisted of seven lectures: four in the spring focused on critical countries and issues - Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt; and three lectures in the fall addressed issues related to immigration. Event attendees totaled 490.

Faculty/Student Education

- ◆ 33 students & faculty from local area schools were funded by student outreach donations to attend World Affairs Luncheons.
- ◆ CIR partnered with Santa Fe Folk Art Market for the 5th Annual Passport Program.
- ◆ Small grants were awarded to nine area teachers for study projects focused on world affairs.
- ◆ Nine subscriptions to Foreign Affairs magazine were awarded to local area schools.
- ◆ CIR partnered with the Turkish Cultural Foundation to send three Santa Fe teachers on a two-week study tour of Turkey and to provide two Portrait of Turkey luncheons for the local community attended by a total of 118 teachers, CIR members and guests.
- ◆ One St. John's College student was awarded a \$1000 scholarship by the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) to attend the annual WACA national conference in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ The CIR Fall Summit was held at the SF Community College and was entitled "Why Does America Go to War?". Sixty-five students and faculty from area schools attended. A team from each of the schools reported on one of the U.S. military conflicts and a pizza lunch was enjoyed by all.

Special Events

Special Events had another banner year. The Committee arranged ten events with a variety of topics ranging from the Benefit Banquet at the La Fonda with the Czech ambassador to a garden party at the SF Historic Foundation with the ambassador from Liechtenstein. A new series combining a fine dinner with a movie was a sellout each of three nights. Event attendees totaled 500 with quite a cross section of our membership and many non-members.

Report from the Treasurer

CIR began 2012 facing an expected decline in funding from the State Department of \$2,574. With optimistic projections of earnings from Program Services, Membership and Contributions, the CIR budget for 2012 expected a modest surplus of \$348. In the event, we got supplementary funding from State of \$3,070. Our Program Services were, however, unable to meet our optimistic projections and we ended the year with a surplus of \$746. The modest surpluses of 2011 and 2012 were a welcome turnaround from the 2010 deficit of \$4,470.

For 2013 the State Department grant was reduced another \$3,677. CIR's budget for 2013 envisioned a deficit of \$4,509. But this would depend upon good results from the other revenue generating activities – and keeping a tight rein on administrative expenses. 2013 is not yet over but it looks like we will have a deficit of about \$3,400 – due to supplementary funding from State that makes up for some of the shortfalls in our Program Services and our other revenue sources.

	2011 Actual \$		2012 Actual \$	
	Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses
Memberships	24,805		26,234	
Contributions	1,595		632	
Winkler Fund	1,527		1,710	
State Dept. Grant	63,970		64,118	
Interest	977		561	
Program Services	126,438	85,175	107,247	71,623
Other		9,917	5,410	11,709
Administrative		123,808		121,834
TOTALS	219,312	218,900	205,912	205,166
Surplus/deficit	412		746	