

Dear partners and friends,

It is a great pleasure for us to share with you current and recent activities of the Bulgarian School of Politics!

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Current activities and initiatives



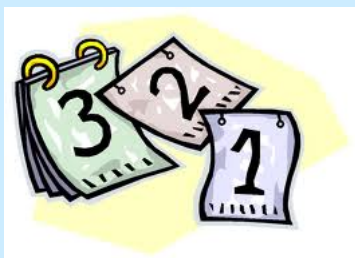
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From 17th to 23rd July three representatives of the National Program, Class 2011 are taking part in the second of a series of seminars, organized by the Moscow School of Political Studies, entitled "Law, Politics, Economy and Media". The first seminar was held from 5th to 11th June. Both events are held in Golitsino, near Moscow. More information about the 2nd seminar will be published at our website, in the Latest News Section.

The application process for candidates for the National Program Class 2012 has been launched. As usual, the selection is via nominations from Alumni representatives, organizations or parliamentary represented political parties, followed by submission of documents and interviews with short-listed candidates. More information could be found at our website, in the Bulgarian version of the National Program section.



Recent activities

"Uzana Poliana Fest - Green Ideas in Action" took place on 16th and 17th July in Uzana area, near Gabrovo. Results from more than 100 projects funded through the Small Grants Program of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) during the last 5 years in Bulgaria were presented. As part of the event, the Bulgarian School of Politics presented its exhibition created under the project "Bulgarian Media in Support of Political Measures for Mitigating Climate Change", financed through the GEF. You could find more information at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/node/1843>

Representatives of BSoP Alumni participated in the conference "Constitutional tradition and local government", organized on 7th July by the Department of Political Studies at the New Bulgarian University. The event was part of a series of conferences for celebrating 20-year Anniversary of the Bulgarian Constitution.

The official Graduation Ceremony of Class 2011 took place on 3rd July. You could find more information at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/en/node/1842>. We are very happy that another 43 young Bulgarian political and civil leaders successfully graduated the National Program and wish them best of luck in their future endeavors!

The 2nd Program Meeting of the Bulgarian School of Politics with executives of leading think-thanks and research centers working in the area of political and civil leadership was held on 2nd July. The goal of the meeting was to discuss challenges which Bulgarian political and civil leaders will face in the next 5 years and opportunities for future development of the School. Representatives of Open Society Institute - Sofia, Institute for Market Economy, Access to Information Program, Institute for Public Environment Development, Za Zemiata (For the Earth) environmental organization, American University in Bulgaria, etc, as well as members of the Board of Directors of the BSoP took part in the discussions.

The annual Summer University for Democracy, organized by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg took place between 26th and 29th June. The representatives of National Program, Class 2011 participated in bi-lateral meetings with the participants from Albania and Romania. More information about the Summer University could be found at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/en/node/1841>. The event was the main topic at the European Projects radio broadcast on the Radio Bulgaria, Hristo Botev Program. You could follow the broadcast at http://bnr.bg/sites/hristobotev/Shows/Knowledge/BezGranici/Society/Pages/110706_6_universite_po_demokracia.aspx

A representative of Class 2011 took part in an international video conference "Way to peaceful interaction in contemporary society", organized by the Russian Peace Fund. The conference was on 28th June in Stavropol, Russia and representatives from Russia, Ukraine and Poland also participated in it. For more information please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/en/node/1838>.



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