

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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The selection of candidates for the National Program Class 2012 is on-going. As usual, the process is via nominations from Alumni representatives, organizations or parliamentary represented political parties, followed by submission of documents and interviews with short-listed candidates. Interviews with the candidates are to be held by the end of October and the results will be announced by mid-November. The first course of the National Program 2012 is to be from 30th November to 04th December 2011.

We thank to all who nominated candidates for the Panitza Civic Courage Awards for 2011. The Award was created by Dimi Panitza and was presented by him at a special ceremony. After Dimi's death and after a conversation with his wife, Yvonne Panitza, the Selection Committee decided to terminate the Award. Once again we thank to all who have supported the Panitza Civic Courage Award and nominated candidates.

An anthology on philanthropy in contemporary Bulgaria was developed and is in a process of publishing. It is part of a project funded through the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation about promoting philanthropic culture in Bulgaria and introducing philanthropy among young civic and political leaders. The anthology contains materials which will help those who donate or accept donations, best charity practices on how to collect donations for a cause, how to build long-term relationships with donors, templates of different documents, etc. The anthology is going to be presented at the annual philanthropic conference, which will take place in the middle of November.



## Recent activities

On 03rd October a service commemorating Dimi Panitza was done in the Sveta Sofia church. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/node/1858>

The Bulgarian School of Politics assists two young Bulgarians with their charity fundraising initiative for collecting money in support of the cause of Ms. Manuela Maleeva and her foundation "Swissclinical" for treatment and post-operation care of children with orthopedic problems in Bulgaria. The approach of the initiative is unique - to raise money through a charity marathon from London to Sofia with a tandem bicycle. Regular updates are published on the facebook group of the initiative at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/282806838412086/> There you could find the itinerary of the marathon, the charity bank account, where funds for the cause could be transferred, as well as the DMS number, which was recently opened.



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