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

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Tracy Gary's book "Inspired Philanthropy - Your Step-by-Step Guide to Creating a Giving Plan and Leaving a Legacy" is now available in Bulgarian! It was published by the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" under the project "Promoting Philanthropic Culture in Bulgaria" funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The book provides useful tips on how to structure our philanthropic activities and give in a more effective way. Very helpful are the ideas on how to educate young generations in philanthropy and inspire them to support different charity causes. The book also contains many exercises, worksheets and appendices that could help readers clarify their giving goals and priorities and develop a complete giving plan. Please feel free to contact the School for a free copy!

The first seminar from the National Program 2012/2013 entitled "Leadership, organization, communication" is to take place from 31 October to 04 November at the RIU hotel, Pravets.



Recent activities

Participants from National Program 2012 took part in the **1st World Forum for Democracy**, held in Strasbourg from 5 to 11 October. The event, which topic was "Bridging the Gap: Democracy between Old Models and New Realities", was organized by the Council of Europe. Thorbjorn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of

Europe addressed the participants in the Forum. A special guest speaker was Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations. Among the lecturers was Ms Tawakkol Karman, a Yemen journalist and human rights activist, and the Nobel Peace Prize winner 2011. For more information, please visit

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/186-forum-democracy-strasbourg>

On 1 October the conference **“Inspired Philanthropy - How to Involve Others and Leave a Legacy”** took place. It was organized by the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza”, along the Bulgarian Donors’ Forum. The conference was addressed by Mr. Tomislav Donchev - Minister without portfolio, charged of EU funds management. Its goal was to discuss different ideas and practices for promoting philanthropy in Bulgaria, as well as how to more effectively involve society in communication about deinstitutionalization and socialization of children from institutions. Among the guest speakers were Mr. Kalin Kamenov - Chairman of the State Agency for Child Protection, Ms. Elitsa Barakova - Executive Director of the Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation and Co-Chair of the CSR Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria, Ms Iliyana Nikolova - Executive Director of the Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation, Ms Desislava Hurmuzova from “Save Dari-na”, Ms Dobrina Cheshmedjieva from the Bulgarian National Television, Ms Velislava Popova - Editor-in-Chief of the Dnevnik Newspaper, and Mr. Kiril Valchev from Darik Radio. School alumni working with the children from the Social Institution for Children with Disabilities in Vidrare, the Center for Family Type Accommodation in Velingrad and the Orphanage in Stara Zagora presented their experience. They shared what inspires them to support these children and what lessons they had learned. Policies for involving key stakeholders in social integration of children from care institutions and challenges in the process of deinstitutionalization, which were proposed by the working groups as result of their activities, were also presented at the conference. The event was organized under the projects “Young Leaders Assisting the Social Integration of Children from Institutions”, supported through the Bonita Trust, and “Promoting Philanthropic Culture in Bulgaria”, funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. For more information, please visit

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/182-conference-philanthropy-deinstitutionalization>



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