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Letter from the Director

by Robert J. Kaiser

As the out-going director of CREECA in the final semester of my rotation, I've been asked to use this space to write my own obituary. And while I'm not dead yet, as we have several things to wrap up in the next few months, I am happily moving toward the light of a post-CREECA return to research productivity. Know too that Ben Rifkin has been elected to replace me this coming fall, so that CREECA will be in very capable hands for the next cycle.

I came in as CREECA director with 9/11, and as you all know only too well these have been tumultuous years for the world, for our region of it, and for area studies programs in the US. During that first year, CREECA and many of the faculty associated with it participated in

several campus-wide, state-wide and even national efforts to raise awareness about Islamic cultures and attitudes in our part of the world, and its relationship to broader geopolitical, geocultural and geoeconomic forces at play. Both CREECA as a National Resource Center and many of our affiliated faculty took up the educational challenges represented by the post-9/11 environment in the US with a level of dedication and commitment that made me proud to be associated with such a community. Although it is difficult to look back positively on times such as these—and I fear they are far from over—they certainly have made me and many others on this campus and beyond much more fully aware of what a great resource you and CREECA represent.

I could take this space to recount the many accomplishments of the program during the past three years, and at least by association claim partial

credit for them.

CREECA is a stronger program in many ways than it was before—we are completing our third year of the CREECA MA program, have added several area-related faculty lines, and have added staffing strength with the creation of a new Outreach Coordinator position. Our average annual Title VI budget is larger this funding cycle than it has ever been before. And we have participated in an increasing number of trans-regional workshops and outreach events, as well as a growing number of activities involving multiple Russian, East European and Central Asian centers from around the country.

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Chernobyl Anniversary Commemoration

by Norma J. Berkowitz

April 26, 1986 marks the 18th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. Two local events will commemorate those millions of people whose lives have been devastated by the disaster. Dr. Sergiy Korsunsky, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Ukraine will appear at each event on Tuesday, April 20.

CREECA and the International Institute are sponsoring a public lecture by Dr. Korsunsky at the Pyle Center, 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 20. A public reception will follow.

Dr. Korsunsky will speak on "Ukrainian's Quest for Statehood: Back to Europe". Dr. Korsunsky was born in Kiev and his academic background is in mathematics and physics. In 1994 he was First Secretary for the Ukrainian National Commission for UNESCO. He served as Deputy Director, Department for Economic and Scientific and Technological Programs for the Ministry of Science and Technology of Ukraine. He has been Deputy Minister of the Embassy since 2000. His portfolio includes responsibility for energy, science and technology, education, environment, and medicine.

Also on April 20, Friends of Chernobyl Centers U.S. (FOCCUS) will sponsor a *Chernobyl Commemorative Luncheon* at Blackhawk Country Club, 12 – 2 p.m. This will be a program of remembrance. Dr. Korsunsky will discuss the impact of the disaster on Ukraine and how the country is currently dealing with the complex issues emergent in the aftermath of the disaster.

The new Madison Ukrainian Club, Bethel Lutheran Church, Lake View School and Edgewood College all have programs related to Chernobyl

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Faculty News

Mark Beissinger has been selected to be a Member of the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton for 2004-2005.

Edgar Feige, Professor of Economics Emeritus was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Research residency at the Bellagio Center, Italy beginning in September 2004 to work on his project "A Decade of Transition from Planned to Market Economies: A Critical Reexamination of Performance and Public Policy as Viewed through the Lens of Total Economic Activity."

Halina Filipowicz's (Slavic Languages and Literatures, UW-Madison) recent publications in Polish include "Tajemnice Krakowiakow i Gorali," a re-interpretation of Wojciech Boguslawski's now-classic 1794 drama, *The Alleged Miracle, or Cracovians and Highlanders*. Professor Filipowicz's essay was published in *Przegląd Polski* (27 February 2004).

Scott Gehlbach, a new appointment in the Political Science department, recently published Earle, John S. and Scott Gehlbach. 2003. "A Spoonful of Sugar: Privatization and Popular Support for Reform in the Czech Republic." *Economics and Politics*. 15:1-32.

Tomislav Z. Longinovic (Slavic Languages and Literature), received a faculty development award from the International Institute for course development on "Vampire as a Metaphor." The special awards are designed to give faculty an opportunity to work closely with a member program of the UW's International Institute.

Benjamin Rifkin published three articles this past year: "Oral Profi-

ciency Learning Outcomes and Curricular Design" in *Foreign Language Annals* Special Issue on the Oral Proficiency Interview, "Guidelines for Foreign Language Lesson Planning" in the *Foreign Language Annals*, and "Language Proficiency and Area Studies" in the *AAASS Newsnet*.

Rifkin also gave invited lectures at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan and made presentations at the annual AATSEEL and ACTFL Conferences on language gain in foreign language classroom instruction.

Jeremy Suri's new book, *Power and Protest: Global Revolution and the Rise of Detente* (Harvard University Press, 2003) received the Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) Best First Book Award for 2003. In addition, Al Hiwar Athaqafi Publishers in Lebanon have contracted to publish an Arabic translation of *Power and Protest*.

Jeremy's article, "The Cultural Contradictions of Cold War Education: The Case of West Berlin" will appear in the Spring 2004 issue of the journal, *Cold War History*. Also, the Organization of American Historians has chosen Jeremy as one of its "Distinguished Lecturers" for the period, 2004-2007.

Fall Courses

Agricultural and Applied Economics

306 The Real Estate Process

Anthropology

369 Peoples and Cultures of Central and East Europe
606 Ethnicity, Nations, and Nationalism

Art History

556 Proseminar in 20th Century European Art

Communication Arts

456 Russian and Soviet Film

Economics

306 The Real Estate Process

English

223 Vladimir Nabokov: English and Russian Writings

Folklore

347 In Translation: Kalevala and Finnish Folk Lore

History

106 Central Asia: Invasions and Empires
356 Europe Between the Wars: 1919-1939
409 History of Central Europe, 1648-1871
417 History of Russia
419 History of Soviet Russia
515 Holocaust: History, Memory, Education (Cross-listed with Jewish Studies)
600 Women in Imperial Russia
600 Jewish Politics in 19th and 20th Century Europe
850 Seminar - History of the Soviet Union & Modern History of East Central Europe
858 Seminar - Problems of Islamic History

Jewish Studies

515 Holocaust: History, Memory, Education

Languages and Cultures of Asia

106 Central Asia: Invasions and Empires
236 Bascom Course: Culture and Imperialism Along the Silk Road
314 The Literatures of Central Asia
370 Islam: Religion and Culture

Law

819 Russian Legal Process**

Literature in Translation

201 19th & 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation I
203 19th & 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation I
208 The Writings of Vaclav Havel
214 The Literatures of Central Asia
222 Dostoevsky in Translation
223 Vladimir Nabokov: Russian and American Writings
224 Tolstoy in Translation
223 Russian Life & Culture

Political Science

505 Challenge of Democratization
633 Russian Politics

Religious Studies

370 Islam: Religion and Culture

Slavic

422 Dostoevsky
424 Tolstoy
702 18th Century Russian Literature
740 Acmeism and Futurism
755 Topics in Slavic Literature
818 Methods of Teaching Slavic Languages
820 College Teaching of Russian
925 Seminar - Soviet Literature

Sociology

633 Social Stratification

***This class is currently listed as 'Soviet' Legal Process. For more information, contact CREECA at creeca@intl-institute.wisc.edu.*

Language Courses

Languages and Cultures of Asia

331 1st Semester Kazak
339 1st Semester Turkish
343 1st Semester Uzbek
363 1st Semester Persian
431 3rd Semester Kazak
439 3rd Semester Turkish
443 3rd Semester Uzbek
463 3rd Semester Persian
531 5th Semester Kazak
539 5th Semester Turkish & Azeri
543 5th Semester Uzbek
563 5th Semester Persian

Slavic

101 1st Semester Russian
111 1st Semester Polish
141 1st Semester Serbo-Croatian
181 Russian Honors Tutorial for Slavic 101
203 3rd Semester Russian
217 3rd Semester Czech
251 3rd Semester Serbo-Croatian
275 3rd Year Russian I
277 3rd Year Polish I
283 Russian Honors Tutorial for Slavic 203
315 Russian Language & Culture I
321 4th Year Russian I
331 4th Year Polish I
341 1st Semester Intensive Serbo-Croatian
441 3rd Semester Intensive Serbo-Croatian
451 3rd Semester Intensive Czech

2004 Summer Festival ~ Czechs Party Mix ~ July 23-August 8

Celebrated local chamber group Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society will hold a summer Czech music festival. Concerts featuring works by Dvorák, Janáček, and Martinů will be held over three weekends in Madison, Spring Green, and Stoughton.

For more information, and to order tickets, please call (608) 255-9866 or visit their website: www.bachdancinganddynamite.org

Events Calendar

Tuesday, April 13th

Progulka (The Stroll), Film & Lecture

Galina Aksenova

Associate Director of Middlebury Russian School

Visiting Professor at Emory University

7:00pm

1651 Humanities

Thursday, April 15

"Reflections on Between Two Empires: Ahmet Agaoglu and the New Tukey"

Holly Shissler

Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Chicago

4:00 pm

336 Ingraham Hall

Tuesday April 20

"Ukraine's Quest for Statehood: Back to Europe"

Dr. Sergiy Korsunsky, Minister-Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Ukrainian Embassy

4:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street
Reception to follow lecture

Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1

Russian Filmmaker Marina

Goldovskaya at UW-Madison

Both nights: 4070 Vilas Hall

Friday, 7:30 p.m. - *Solovky Power (Solovetsky Vlast)*

Saturday 7:30 p.m. - *A Taste of Freedom and The Prince is Back*

Co-sponsored by UW

Cinemateque.

All showings are free and open to the public.

Monday May 3

Reflections on the Study of Leadership

George Breslauer

Professor of Political Science, UC-Berkeley

4 p.m.

206 Ingraham

Co-sponsored by University

Lecture Series

Summer Events

CREECA announces its annual summer Teachers' Workshop: *International Cooperation in the 21st Century*" (co-sponsored by the Center for European Studies and the Global Studies Program.

The profound expansion of governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations of the last decade has changed the landscape of politics and society in Europe and Central Asia. Wisconsin teachers of grades 7-12 will explore this issue during our summer teachers' workshop: "International Cooperation in the 21st Century."

The workshop will be held at the UW-Madison from June 21 – 25, 2004. Issues discussed will include: the expansion of the European Union, economics and trade, NATO enlargement and issues of defense, peacekeeping, and terrorism, international law and human rights, civil society and democratization, health and the environment.

Sessions will be conducted by faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and by other national experts. Participants will have the opportunity to attend curriculum-building sessions as well as information sessions on resources available through the UW Library system, and will work towards building new curricula that incorporate these issues of international cooperation.

For details contact Gretchen Aiyangar, creeca3@intl-institute.wisc.edu. (608) 262-3379.

Summer CREECA Course!

Languages and Cultures of Asia 472:

Women in Turkish Society

10:20-12:50p MTWRF

Location: 104 VAN HISE

Instructor: Prof. Sarah Atis

A Day In East Europe

April 29 @ UW-Madison

This free one-day program introduces high school students to the cultures and languages of Eastern Europe through mini-lectures, presentations, and performances conducted by UW-Madison Faculty and students.



<http://www.wisc.edu/creeca/>

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However, I hasten to add that our programmatic successes during the past three years have been a group effort, and are more to your credit than to mine. The impetus for many of the programmatic achievements occurred under Kathie Hendley's very capable leadership, and many of the new faculty lines adding strength to CREECA were serendipitous. In addition, the success we experienced during the latest round of Title VI competitions was due to Rita Krueger's grant-writing skills and to all the great things you are doing on a daily basis. I'm glad to have been a part of the successes, and to be leaving the program in a strong position to maintain its comparative advantage as a National Resource Center.

This is not to say that there are no serious problems and challenges ahead. Although Ben Rifkin, one of the most energetic and enthusiastic faculty members in our program, will be taking over as director of CREECA, we are losing one of the greatest assets of the program, as Rita Krueger is leaving campus to

take a position at Temple in Fall 2004. We have received permission to hire, and have begun the search for Rita's replacement, but it is hard to imagine that we will find someone that is Rita's equal either in programmatic knowledge or in administrative skill.

In addition, we—along with all of the other Title VI centers and area studies programs—face a neo-conservative challenge to our continued existence. At precisely the time when area-specific knowledge should be especially prized, strengthened and supplemented, area studies programs are instead under attack for their 'liberal bias' and their inability to predict the events of 9/11. This is, of course, the unfortunate aftermath of 9/11, and if successful will leave the country less aware and more vulnerable as a result. But I have seen how CREECA and the other area studies programs have met the challenge to inform and enlighten over the past two and a half years, and I have no doubt that we will be up to this new challenge in the years ahead.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Student News

Danielle Berman received an IREX grant through their Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program for two months of field research this summer. The official title of her research proposal was: "Learning from success: an ethnographic study of Russian agriculture's struggling minority; the private farmer". She will be based in St. Petersburg and her field work will be primarily in the Leningrad Oblast.

Molly Peeney was selected for a 2004 UW-Madison College of Letters and Sciences Teaching Fellow Prize for her work as a Russian Language TA in the Slavic Department.

Kimberly Coulter, a Ph.D. student of Prof. Robert Kaiser, is on fellowship at the University of Bonn, Germany, supported by funds from the Deutsche Akademische Austausch Dienst. She is studying regional, national, and European cooperation in the the production and distribution of feature films in Germany.



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and will have a part in the program.

The public is invited to the *Chernobyl Commemorative Luncheon*. Reservations and/or cancellations for the luncheon must be made at Blackhawk Country Club (231-2454) by noon Friday, April 16. The menu will feature Ukrainian food. The cost for lunch will be \$18.

The Madison FOCCUS group is currently planning future activities. People with interest in Chernobyl and who would like to be involved should contact Roberta Harper, bobbieharper@ameritech.net or Norma Berkowitz, njberkow@wisc.edu. Information about FOCCUS may be obtained by visiting the web site: www.foccus.org

call for papers**Call for papers for the 2004 AATSEEL-Wisconsin Conference**

Abstracts for **twenty-minute papers** on any aspect of Slavic literatures and cultures (including film) and on issues in the learning and teaching of Slavic languages and literatures are invited for the annual conference of the Wisconsin chapter of AATSEEL (the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages). Papers that cross disciplinary boundaries, take creative risks, and draw on contemporary critical theory are especially welcome. The conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on 16 October 2004.

Abstracts are due **August 21, 2004**. They can be sent by U.S. Mail, fax, or e-mail (no attachments, please). Guidelines for preparing abstracts are posted on the AATSEEL-Wisconsin website:

<http://palimpsest.lss.wisc.edu/~danaher/aatseel-wi/>

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Russian Folk Orchestra

Spring Schedule



April 17, 2004

Carl Sandburg
College,
Galesburg, IL

April 30, 2004

John Michael
Kohler Art Centre,
Sheboygan, WI

May 8, 2004

Music Hall,
University of
Wisconsin—
Madison

<http://www.wisc.edu/creeca/rfo/rfo.htm>

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