



The  
Society for Romanian Studies  
**NEWSLETTER**

## FROM THE EDITOR

This past year has seen several events that have produced a bit of a stutter in the activities of the Society for Romanian Studies, events which might even raise the question of "Quo Vadis Romanian Studies?"

The principal event that dismayed and shocked all of us involved in Romanian studies was the arrest and conviction of Kurt Treptow last fall. Though Kurt and his Center for Romanian Studies in Iasi had no official connection with the Society for Romanian Studies, we have worked with him and the center in various ways, including the mutual promotion of our Suceava 2001 conference and his annual summer conferences at the center, through contributions to his journal, and in the publication of what had become the largest and strongest list of books on Romanian culture and civilization in English. The future of the work of the center is uncertain. Ernest Latham has been asked to see what can be done about the continuation of the center. Perhaps in the next NEWSLETTER we might have more information in this connection.

One certainty is that the center will not be in a position in the near future to publish the Suceava 2001 papers as planned. We deeply regret this fact. Accordingly, all of you who submitted papers are released from holding them at this point. Possible venues might include BALKANISTICA and the EAST EUROPEAN QUARTERLY.

Romanian studies have also been impacted by the on-going debates within the Romanian government concerning the work and future of the Fundatia Culturala Romana. Whether the Fundatia will continue as it has, or will be subordinated to the Romanian presidency, or to the Romanian foreign ministry is at this point still uncertain. A couple of significant consequences in the short run have been to disrupt the series of triennial conferences focussed on the teaching of Romanian language and culture abroad, the next of which was to have been this summer. At the same time, funds for the NEW INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ROMANIAN STUDIES have become questionable and it is equally uncertain whether this initiative headed by

Sorin Alexandrescu will continue either. The new situation will provide opportunities for Romanian studies specialists, but if a restart is made, there will be little going on in the meanwhile.

On the home front, we were able last year to publish only one issue of the NEWSLETTER, which appeared as the gala 25th anniversary number. (Librarians and bibliographers will doubtless be driven crazy by the appearance of a Nr. 1 without a Nr. 2. *Asa e viata.*) My apologies. I was on sabbatical during the past academic year and also had some health issues in my family to contend with which seemed to occupy much of the time usually set aside for SRS matters. In addition, with the advent of the Mac X operating system, I had to go to a new computer format for the NEWSLETTER which necessitated converting files, tinkering with graphics, and moving web files, something that ranks right up there with sweeping the sidewalk in interest and incentive. In addition, Huntington College has switched our web site to three different servers in the interim, which has meant that our SRS web page has had to be renovated as well. (Since the college hosts our site for free, we probably won't complain about this.) The net result of all these changes should be to make things easier in the long run (he says).

The SRS has remained active in various ways. We were at the AAASS meeting in Pittsburgh with a good group of panels in November 2002. However, Jim Augerot, our president, and a significant proportion of the national board were not in attendance, so we did not have a business meeting. This, too, contributed to a slowdown in activities.

For 2003, we will begin to take up the slack. The SRS has been a leadership element in the South East European Studies Association (SEESA), which includes Jim Augerot (Washington) as its secretary-treasurer, Don Dyer (Mississippi) as the editor in chief of BALKANISTICA, and myself as a national board member. BALKANISTICA, Vol. 16 (2003) has just appeared (see below). The dual membership deal is still valid, so send in your 2003 dues now and get both the SRS NEWSLETTER and BALKANISTICA. We will have several panels and panelists at the November 2003 meeting in Toronto, though the spectre of SARS is hanging over Canada currently and may impact participation. It is our hope that this will not impede attendance at the meeting, since we really need to have an SRS meeting to discuss and plan for the future. "Quo Vadis Romanian Studies?" Hopefully we'll know in Toronto.

The items which need to be discussed include the following: election of officers (which means a nominating committee), planning for a possible 2004 or 2005 April meeting at Columbia in NY, and some decisions related to our 2006 International Congress local and dates.

Thanks to those who have sent in news items. Please continue to do so. As is noted elsewhere, several contributors to our area have passed on. Though we are welcoming a new generation, we are also slowly losing our oldest one.

Paul E. Michelson  
Huntington College

## JELAVICH PRIZE

The 2002 winner of the Barbara Jelavich Book Prize for an outstanding monograph on Southeast European or Habsburg studies since 1600 or 19th- and 20th-century Ottoman or Russian diplomatic history is Larry Wolff, Professor at Boston College, for *VENICE AND THE SLAVS: THE DISCOVERY OF DALMATIA IN THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT*, published by Stanford University Press. The awards committee described Wolff's study of the nature of Venetian rule over the Slavs of Dalmatia during the eighteenth century, as a "sophisticated, first rate scholarly work" that "provides a powerful demonstration of the impossibility of accepting ethnic labels as natural, essential, definitive, or inevitable."

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN CENTER SUMMER RESEARCH LABORATORY AT ILLINOIS

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the University of Illinois' Summer Research Laboratory for Russian and East European specialists. This program has provided for research assistance to scholars in our field and area and access to the voluminous Slavic, Eurasian, and East European holdings in the University Library, the largest collection west of Washington, DC. To date, 2,915 scholars from 958 institutions in the US, Canada and 49 other countries have attended the Summer Lab; a majority of the associates have participated in the Lab more than once.

Over the years, they have organized voluntary discussion groups, some of which, such as Early Russian History, Women and Slavic Culture and Literature, and the Slavic Librarians' Workshop, continue to meet each summer. In 1982, the Laboratory hosted an ACLS-supported seminar on Romanian history from 1848 to 1980; part of the proceedings were published in *BALKANISTICA*, Vol. 7.

A Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration will be held on June 18, 2003, beginning at 5:00 pm in Temple Buell Hall Gallery on the UIUC campus. Speaking will be Ralph Fisher (University of Illinois), who founded both the Russian and East European Center at Illinois and the Summer Research Laboratory, Marianna Tax Choldin (University of Illinois), Laurence Miller (University of Illinois), Mary Zirin, independent scholar-translator, and Ann Kleimola (University of Nebraska). Mark Steinberg (Director, Russian and East European Center, UIUC) will moderate. For further information, contact the Center by eMail=[reec@uiuc.edu](mailto:reec@uiuc.edu) or phone=217/333-1244

## In Memoriam

† **EMIL VRABIE** (31 July 1927-5 July 2002)

Emil Vrabie passed away in Florida at the age of 74. Born in the Soroca district of Moldova, he was a student at the University of Bucuresti, where he subsequently taught. In 1984, he left Romania. He taught at a number of American universities, including Virginia, Ohio State, Pittsburgh, and the University of Michigan. He published seven books and 82 articles, primarily in linguistics and dialectology. He leaves his wife, Henriette, and two daughters, Helen and Anna.

† **RAYMOND T. MCNALLY**

Raymond T. McNally (Boston College) passed away in October 2002; he was 71. He coauthored the 1972 bestseller *IN SEARCH OF DRACULA: THE HISTORY OF DRACULA AND VAMPIRES* with Radu Florescu. McNally was author or coauthor of several other books and several times a Fulbright grantee in Romania. He was born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, graduated from Fordham University and earned a doctorate in Russian and East European history from the Free University of Berlin. He joined the faculty at Boston College in 1958. He leaves his wife, Carol (Maymon); two sons, Michael of Chalfont, Pa., and Patrick of Newton; three daughters, Katherine of Larchmont, N.Y., Brigitte of Hull and Tara of Holland; a sister, Doris Shell of Cleveland; and several grandchildren.

† **KOSTAS KAZAZIS** (15 July 1934-23 December 2002)

Victor Friedman (University of Chicago) writes: "It is with deep sadness that I write to inform you that Kostas Kazazis died of cardiac arrest on 23 December 2002 in his home. He was 68. According to his wishes, he will be cremated and his ashes will be brought to Greece. The Linguistics Department will plan a commemoration of Kostas for some time in 2003. Kostas was a dear friend, and his unexpected and untimely death has come as a shock."

Kazazis was born in Athens in 1934. Following a degree in political science at Lausanne in 1957, he received an MA in Political Science at Kansas in 1959, and a Ph.D from Indiana in 1965. He taught at the University of Chicago from 1965 to retirement in 2000. A memorial was held April 4, 2003 at International House on the campus of the University of Chicago.

## A CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Tensions of Europe: Technology and the Making of 20th Century Europe is a three-year old research network of the European Science Foundation that is focusing on the mutual shaping of technology and society in Europe in the past century. It seeks to integrate the history of technology and technological change into a broader social, political, cultural and economic history of all of Europe. To this end it is extending its network further into Central and Eastern Europe and wishes to identify scholars who are working in this area and would like to know more about the TOE project, perhaps even to collaborate with it.

The website and ten established themes for research are:

<http://www.histech.nl/tensions/>

- Narratives on the European City*
- Engineering Europe: Big Technological Projects and Military Systems*
- Information Systems and Technology in Organisations and Society (ISTOS)*
- European mobility*
- Networking Europe*
- Technology and The Rise of the Consumer Society*
- Colonisation, Decolonisation and Aid*
- Technical change, the Nation State and International Exchanges*
- Communication*
- Agriculture and Food*

Interested scholars are encouraged to contact Karen Freeze, TOE's Coordinator for Central and Eastern Europe at [freezek@u.washington.edu](mailto:freezek@u.washington.edu).

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## EVENTS AT THE ROMANIAN CULTURAL CENTER, NY

The Romanian Cultural Center in New York has a vigorous monthly program of activities. These include a series on "Minorities in Romania," with a session on Greeks on Saturday, June 14, 7:00 PM, a Friday evenings program, with a session Friday, June 20, 7:30 PM, on "The Press and the Motherland," and various other speakers, including: Adriana Berger, "Taking Charge: Basic Legal Issues for Women," Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 PM, a Chamber Music series, with the Ridge Street Quartet on Thursday, June 26, 7:30 PM, and fun activities, such as the Divertis Show on Saturday, June 28, 7:30 PM.

For more information, contact the Romanian Cultural Center, 200 East 38th Street, New York, NY 10016; phone=212/687-0180. You can also ask to be placed on their eMail calendar list by sending an eMail request to: [roculture@aol.com](mailto:roculture@aol.com).

## ROMANIAN-U.S. FULBRIGHT COMMISSION SEEKING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Applications are now being invited for the position of Executive Director of the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission, a non-profit, binational commission located in Bucuresti, Romania and responsible for administering the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program in Romania and providing Educational Advising services concerning higher education in the U.S. Candidates should have at least 5 years of administrative experience in higher education or related fields, plus familiarity with both American and non-American systems of higher education.

### Essential Qualifications:

Experience in the field of international academic exchange (knowledge of, or experience with, U.S. Government programs an advantage); Proven management capabilities: background in academic administration, as a program director, department head and/or dean, overseas teaching and/or research helpful (experience in academic counseling a plus); Advanced degree from an American university desirable; Demonstrated ability and experience in financial planning, budget, team-based management and program development; Familiarity with modern information systems (Internet, e-mail), facility with MSWord and spreadsheet applications an advantage; Ability to represent the Commission to the public and private sector through personal contacts and by accompanying U.S. government officials on visits; Demonstrated understanding of Romanian society and its educational system; Experience in personnel management; Strong oral, written and interpersonal communication skills, including fluency in written and spoken English and Romanian.

The responsibilities of the Executive Director include, but are not limited to, the overall administration of the Commission headquarters in Bucharest. Travel within Romania and occasionally abroad is required. Total Commission administrative staff is nine. The successful candidate should have an aptitude for public relations and fund raising. A one-year renewable contract will be offered to the successful candidate beginning on or about August 15, 2003. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with experience and are negotiable. A letter of application succinctly addressing the above qualifications and accompanied by a C.V. should be received at both of the addresses below by the June 30, 2003 application closing date. Three letters of recommendation should also be sent directly by the recommending persons to the same addresses as the letter of application. Only applications received by June 30, 2003 will be considered.

Mr. Mark Tauber, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, 7-9 Jean Louis Calderon, Bucuresti, Romania; eMail=TauberMS@usembassy.ro; Fax=40(1) 210-0396

and

Mr. Scott R. Righetti, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, ECA/A/E/EUR, Rm. 238, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW. Washington, DC 20547-0001; eMail=srighett@pd.state.gov; Fax=202-619-4927  
For more on the Program, see [exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright](http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright).

## IX CONGRES INTERNATIONAL D'ETUDES DU SUD-EST EUROPEENS

by Victor Friedman (University of Chicago)

On 30 August - 3 September 2004, the Ninth International Congress of the Association for Southeast European Studies will be held in Tirana, Albania. Those interested in participating should e-mail Victor Friedman at [vfriedm@midway.uchicago.edu](mailto:vfriedm@midway.uchicago.edu). Responses should contain the following information: name, affiliation, and proposed title of paper. The 1st Circular is reproduced below. I have no other information at this time.

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A TOUS LES COMITES NATIONAUX DE L'A.Ï.E.S.E.E.

Le Comité national albanais de l' A.I.E.S.E.E. a le plaisir de vous informer que le IXe Congrès International D'Etudes du Sud-EstEuropéen aura lieu à Tirana entre le 30 août et le 3 septembre 2004.

Les thèmes majeurs proposés par le Bureau du Comité International, sont les suivants:

- Peuples, états et nations dans le Sud-Est de l'Europe sur la longue durée
1. Le Sud-Est européen - un concept géopolitique.
  2. Processus et développement économiques dans le Sud-Est européen,
  3. Mouvements sociaux et sociétés dans le Sud-Est européen.
  4. Traditions communes, échanges et courants de pensée dans le Sud-Est européen.
  5. "Ecoles nationales" dans la littérature et les arts du Sud-Est européens.

A part les thèmes majeurs, durant les cinq journées du Congrès (probablement dans les après-midis) il y aura aussi cinq tables rondes avec les thèmes suivants:

1. Les archives vénitiennes, une source pour les recherches sud-est européennes.
2. Histoire de l'art et l'archéologie en Albanie - les derniers résultats.
3. L'héritage culturel sud-est européen et la mondialisation.
4. La romanisation dans le sud-est européen.
5. La richesse de la culture technologique populaire dans le Sud-est européen.

Nous voudrions bien avoir votre opinion et les suggestions éventuelles sur ces sujets, et certainement sur votre participation au Congrès.

La taxe d'inscription sera de 30 \$ pour chaque participant au Congrès, à l'exception des étudiants qui seront exempts de cette taxe.

Les prix des hôtels (de l'hébergement) varient, selon leur catégorie, de 30 à 100 \$.

Prof. Luan OMARI, Le Président

## PUBLICATIONS, NEWS, etc.....

**BALKANISTICA**, Volume 16 (2003) has been published along with an index to the first 15 volumes of same. The contents include the following articles plus a boatload of review articles and reviews: (1) "A Cyrillo-Methodian Entry and a Gap in the Menology of the Slepche Apostol" (Francis Butler) (pp. 1-18); (2) "Identity from an Aesthetic Perspective: Rethinking Bakhtin in the Context of Romanian Culture" (Mihaela Czobor-Lupp) (pp. 19-60); (3) "Romanian pastra " (Eric P. Hamp) (pp. 61-62); (4) "Slovene vtic , Resian wtik " (Eric P. Hamp) (pp. 63-66); (5) "For Karen at a Half-Century and Then Little More: Gravity in Romanian" (Eric P. Hamp) (pp. 67-68); (6) "The Rules for Definite Marking in Modern Bulgarian" (Eric P. Hamp) (pp. 69-70); (7) "Discourse Markers in Interrogative Clauses (Virginia Hill) (pp. 71-96); (8) "Thespian and Musical Life in Bosnia-Herzegovina during the Austro-Hungarian Occupation and Annexation 1878-1914" (Jelena Milojkovic-Djuric) (pp. 97-116); (9) "The End of Childhood Is a Time of Magic: The Case of the Balkan Slavs" (Jan L. Perkowski) (pp. 117-126); (10) "Russian Trade Prospects in Smyrna: An 1812 Consular Report" (Theophilus C. Prousis) (pp. 127-138); and (11) "Totalitarianism in Bulgarian Décor: Text and Context in Ivan Radoev's *The Cannibal* (1976)" (Vessela S. Warner) (pp. 139-156). For more information, see: <http://home.olemiss.edu/~mldyer/balk/>.

Maria Bratianu's book on the Churchill-Stalin arrangement has been published as **ACORDUL CHURCHILL-DIN 1944** (Bucuresti: Corint, 2002). A French edition will follow.

A portfolio of Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin's photographs from Maramures, Romania appeared in the December 2002/January 2003 issue of **LENSWORK**, #44. Katherine is back in Romania on a Fulbright Senior Scholarship and an NEH funded IREX grant. Check out her web site at [www.leafpile.com](http://www.leafpile.com) (where the world is like a pile of leaves) for some terrific pictures.

Hermina G.B. Anghelescu (Wayne State University) and Martine Poulain (University of Paris) are the editors of **BOOKS, LIBRARIES, READING, AND PUBLISHING IN THE COLD WAR** (Washington DC: Library of Congress, Center for the Book, 2001), xxiv + 297 pp. It contains 26 essays dealing with the effects the Cold War on Western and Communist libraries, publishers, cultural diplomacy, political censorship and the freedom to read. ISBN 0-8444-1056-X

**ENTANGLED EVOLUTIONS. MEDIA AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN EASTERN EUROPE** is the title of new book by Peter Gross (California State at Chico), published by The Woodrow Wilson Center Press and the Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.

Lexington Books has published **ROMANIA SINCE 1989: POLITICS, SOCIETY AND CULTURE**, 2003, edited by Henry (Chip) Carey (Georgia State). Contributors include the editor, Norman Manea, Christopher

Eisterhold, Vladimir Tismaneanu, F. Peter Wagner, John Ely and Catalin Augustin Stoica, Frank Sellin, J'hanna Kristn Birnir, Steven Roper, Paul E. Sum, Gabriel Badescu, Peter Gross, Richard Andrew Hall, Sandra Pralong, Claude Karnoouh, Zoltan Baranyi, Sabrina P. Ramet, Mihaela Miroiu, Liliana Popescu, Mihnea Ion Nastase, Sorin Antohi, Anneli Ute Gabanyi, Wally Bacon, Daniel Daianu, Larry S. Bush, Clifford Zinnes, Daniel N. Nelson, Robert Weiner, Dennis Deletant, Larry L. Watts, Henry F. Carey, and Pavel Campeanu.

Donald L. Dyer (The University of Mississippi) was on sabbatical leave for the fall semester of 2002. This past spring he co-edited two volumes: *OF ALL THE SLAVS MY FAVORITES: Studies in South Slavic and Balkan Linguistics in Honor of Howard I. Aronson on the Occasion of His 66th Birthday*, co-edited by Victor A. Friedman, (Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 2002), with his article, "Moldova and the Balkans: One sprachbund or Two?" appearing on pp. 117-138; and *PAPERS FROM THE THIRD CONFERENCE ON FORMAL APPROACHES TO SOUTH SLAVIC AND BALKAN LANGUAGES*, co-edited by Mila Dimitrova-Vulchanova, Iliyana Krapova and Catherine Rudin, which was Vol. 15 of *BALKANISTICA*.

Vol. 9 (2002) of *EUROPEAN MEETINGS IN ETHNOMUSICOLOGY*, the yearbook of Romania's ICTM National Committee, has appeared, focussed in the words of its editor on "one of the most cunning, subordinated, hypocritical, obedient, undermining and enduring kinds of political involvement of the ethnomusicological scholarship, which is the one related to the Hungarian-Romanian conflicting interests and politics over Transylvania. The section is titled 'Transylvania: Music, Ethnicities, Discord,' and gathers the contributions of eight authors of different theoretical and ideological backgrounds."

Contributions include: Lynn Hooker (Transylvania and the Politics of the Musical Imagination), Craig Packard (A Research Agenda for Studying the Hungarian-Romanian Ethnomusicological Conflict: Visits by the Ethnic Police to North America), Laszlo Kurti (Ethnomusicology, Folk Tradition and Responsibility: Romanian-Hungarian Intellectual Perspectives), Zoltán Szalay (Interethnic Conflict? Reflections on the Problems Deriving from the Vast Common Cultural Repertoire of the Cohabiting Ethnic Peoples in Transylvania), Zamfir Dejeu (Cultural Connections within Traditional Music and Dance in Transylvania), and Alana Hunt and Sophia Chapman (musicians from Australia) who reply to the editor. The second section of the volume is dedicated to Poland. For more information, contact the editor, Marin Marian Balasa at [mmbalasa@hades.ro](mailto:mmbalasa@hades.ro).

Charles Carlton (University of Rochester), allegedly retired, has been doing quite a bit, from visiting Russia, to giving a multi-media presentation on "Romania the Beautiful," at the Fairport NY Public Library, to giving a lengthy interview to Gh. I. Florescu that was published in *CONVORBIRI LITERARE* (October 2000) to translations of Virgil Florea to two essays in *ALETHEIA*: "Nicolae Ceausescu (1918-1989)," in Vol. 12 (2001) and "Romanian for Anglophones," in Vol. 13 (2002) to "Un american calator prin satele romanesti," in E. Novac, ed., *SATUL NATAL*, Vol. 1 (2001), to a lengthy

review article on D. Martinas' THE ORIGIN OF THE CHANGOS in Serban Andronescu, ed., PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENTISTS (2002) to "Everything you Wanted to Know about the Fifth Romance Language but Forgot to Ask," in PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH MEETING, forthcoming.

Paul Michelson (Huntington College) published "Post-Communist Romania: A Dysfunctional Society in Transition," in: Adrian-Paul Ilescu, ed., MENTALITATI SI INSTITUTII: CARENTE DE MENTALITATE SI INAPOIERE INSTITUTE IN ROMANIA MODERNA (Bucuresti: Ars Docendi, 2002), with Jean Michelson, and a review article on "THE MOLDOVANS and THE HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA," in BALKANISTICA, Vol. 16 (2003).

Eric Hamp (University of Chicago) has been recognized for his illustrious academic pursuits by membership in the Royal Danish Academy, the Academy of Sciences in Albania, and with an honorary doctorate from the University of Calabria. Congratulations!

**ZEITSCHRIFT FUR SIEBENBURGISCHE LANDESKUNDE** has published its Vol. 25 (2002), in two numbers, under the auspices of the Arbeitskreis fur Siebenburgische Landeskunde e. V. Heidelberg, Schloss Horneck, 74831 Gundelsheim/Neckar, Germany. It includes articles, colloquia, a discussion forum and an excellent review section. For more information, contact Harald Roth at roth@siebenbuergen-institut.de.

The October 2002 issue of the **SOUTH-EAST EUROPE NEWSLETTER**, published by the South-East European Studies Association and the Centre for South-East European Studies, School of Slavonic Studies, London, has an informative article on "The HOLOCAUST: New Studies, documents, and testimonies in Romania," pp. 1-5, by Andrei Oisteanu.

Antoine Roger is the author of a book entitled **FASCISTES, COMMUNISTES ET PAYSANS. SOCIOLOGIE DES MOBILISATIONS IDENTITAIRES ROUMAINES, 1921-1989** (Bruxelles: Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 2002), ISBN 2-8004-1283-6.

Constantin Virgil Negoita (Hunter College) has published **POST MODERN LOGIC** (Tempe AZ: New Falcon Publications, 2002), 256 pp, ISBN 1-56184-167-6, \$16.95

Bogdan Suceava (Cal State Fullerton) is the author of **IMPERIUL GENERATIILOR TARZII SI ALTE ISTORII** (Cluj-Napoca: Editura Dacia, 2002), 156 pp., ISBN 973-35-1525-6. His home page is at [math.fullerton.edu/b suceava](http://math.fullerton.edu/b suceava)

Materials on Central and East European Culture are available on the **CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture: A WWWeb Journal**, published by Purdue University Press and located on the Internet at <http://clcwebjournal.lib.purdue.edu>. It is a full text, peer reviewed, and

public access e-journal in the fields of (comparative) culture studies, (comparative) media studies, literature and comparative literature, cultural and intellectual history, beginning with Vol 1 (1999). The editor of the journal is Steven Totosy. Colleagues are invited to send new work for publication to the editor at <clweb@purdue.edu>.

F. Peter Wagner (University of Giessen) has a two-year Senior Fellowship from the German Science Association (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) to work on a book dealing with ROMANIA BETWEEN "EAST" AND "WEST": THE POLITICS OF IDENTITY AND THE POLITICS OF POST-COMMUNIST REFORM. Recently he published the following: "EU, NATO and the Transformation in Romania: Beyond 'Sultanism,'" in: Reimund Seidelmann, ed., EU, NATO AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRANSFORMATION AND EXTERNAL BEHAVIOR IN POST-SOCIALIST EASTERN EUROPE: THE CASES OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, AND UKRAINE. (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2002), pp. 219-291; "Hard Cases and the Need for New Thinking: Challenges for Transformation Research. Co-authored with Philipp Borinski. in the same volume, pp. 355-376; "Beyond 'East' and 'West': On the European and Global Dimensions of the Fall of Communism. PROTOSOCIOLOGY, vol. 15 (2001), pp. 244-273, reprinted in Gerhard Preyer and Mathias Bös, eds., BORDERLINES IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD: NEW PERSPECTIVES IN A SOCIOLOGY OF THE WORLD SYSTEM (Dordrecht, NL: Kluwer, 2002), pp. 189-215.

Diana Nicolae is the director of a new documentary film, RED DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN, which premiered at the University of North Carolina Greensboro in April 2003. The film presents the work and some of the people and subjects involved in the Memorial Sighet. For more information, contact her at diananicolae@yahoo.com.

Elections for the **officers and board of the South East European Studies Association** were held at the end of 2002, with the following results:  
 President of SEESA: John Leafgren (University of Arizona)  
 Vice-President of SEESA: Eric Gordy (Clark University)  
 Treasurer-Secretary: James Augerot (University of Washington)  
 Executive Board: Elinor Despalatovic (Central Connecticut), Don Dyer (University of Mississippi), Robert Greeberg (University of North Carolina), and Paul Michelson (Huntington College). Their terms are for two years up to the AAASS 2004 meeting.

The **Council on International Educational Exchange** has moved its main office to 7 Custom House Street, Portland MA 04101. Their phone number is 1-800-40 STUDY. Their web site is [www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org).

The grant committee of the South East European Studies Association is pleased to announce that SEESA is awarding **2003 Harrison Small Grants** to the following individuals to support conference presentations: Irina Gigova "Artists or Shock Workers?: Intellectuals' Daily Life in Early Socialist Bulgaria"; Brian Grodsky, "Truth or Excuses: the Role of Domestic Transition and International Actors on Transitional Justice"; Anca Holden, "(Re)Creating

Memory in Ivo Andric's *THE BRIDGE ON THE DRINA*"; Vessela Warner "Postcommunist Model of Cultural Identity: Two Balkan Tales for the Theatre by Goran Stefanovski."

Steven D. Roper (Eastern Illinois University), who is our contact person with the **American Political Science Association**, reports that the SRS panel at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the APSA, 28-31 August 2003 in Philadelphia, will be "Ideas, Identity and Culture: Romania in the Broader European Context." Chair: Steven D. Roper (Eastern Illinois University), Papers: "Historical Legacies and Social Capital: Comparing Romania and Germany on a Regional Level," Gabriel Badescu (Babes-Bolyai University/Cluj) and Paul Sum (University of North Dakota); "The Politics of Identity and the Politics of Post-Communist Reform: Romania between East, and West," F. Peter Wagner (University of Giessen); "Morality and Tradition in Post-Communist Orthodox Lands: On the Universality of Human Rights with Special Reference to Romania," Silviu E. Rogobete (West University of Timisoara); "The Romanian Electoral System between Interests, Ideas and Ignorance," Marina Popescu (University of Essex); and "The Routinization of Charisma and the Disruption of Party System Development: A Comparison of Romania and Bulgaria," Henry F. Carey (Georgia State University). Discussant: Ronald F. King (Tulane University). For more information, you can contact Steve at [cfsdr@eiu.edu](mailto:cfsdr@eiu.edu).

The **United States Fulbright Commission in Romania** celebrated its tenth anniversary, May 15-16, 2003, in Bucuresti. Possibly we will carry a note on this event in a forthcoming newsletter.

A **Romanian Society** has been established at Columbia University, with a web site at [www.columbia.edu/cu/romanian/](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/romanian/). For information about joining their eMail list, contact [ng2010@columbia.edu](mailto:ng2010@columbia.edu).

Dennis Deletant (University College, London) wrote the introduction to a CD issued in Romania entitled *ROMANIA AND THE WARSAW PACT* (Bucuresti: Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History, 2002). It should be noted that Dennis is now OBE. Congratulations.

The **Center for Slavic and East European Studies at Ohio State University** held a winter symposium, 21 February 2003, on "Nationalism, Memory, and Commemoration in the Balkans," with Maria Todorova (University of Illinois), Maria Bucur (Indiana University), and Melissa Bokovoy (University of New Mexico) as speakers.

Among visitors to **Indiana University** this year were Horia Patapievici, who spoke on the psychological impact of Communism on post-communist Romanian development, filmmaker Nae Caranfil, who showed the film "Filantropica," the Romanian Consul-General in Chicaga, Sever Voinescu, and Florian Pitis, the Romanian actor, director and musician.

The **Institutul Roman de Teologie si Spiritualitate Ortodoxa** in New York carries out a very full program of seminars, gatherings, and

publications, including the *Cenaclul literar "M. Eminescu"* and the journal *LUMINA LINA/GRACIOUS LIGHT*, now in its 8th volume. For their eMail "Buletin de informatii comunitare" or other information, contact Pr. Dr. Theodor Damian at [DamianTh@aol.com](mailto:DamianTh@aol.com).

The University of Cluj has established a **Jakabffy Elemer Documentation Center for the History of Minorities** at Str. Iuliu Maniu Nr. 39. The center has a library and an archive of published and unpublished materials. The center also hosts workshops. Contact: Dr. Attila Hunyadi at [doktar.jakabffy@cluj.astral.ro](mailto:doktar.jakabffy@cluj.astral.ro) for more information.

Gabriel Tanase of Constanta is the host of an internet site dealing with contemporary **Romanian poetry**: [www.poesis.home.ro](http://www.poesis.home.ro).

**Ad Astra** is an online project devoted to the Romanian scientific community, aimed at the young generation and is exclusively run by volunteers. The idea is to bring together Romanian scientists and students working and studying all over the world. You could find more information about the Ad Astra Project at: [www.ad-astra.ro](http://www.ad-astra.ro).

Sorin Mihai Olteanu (eMail=[soltdm@hotmail.com](mailto:soltdm@hotmail.com)) is the editor of an internet site devoted to Indoeuropean linguistics: **Linguae Thraco-Daco-Moesianae**. Its URL is [soltdm.tripod.com/index.htm](http://soltdm.tripod.com/index.htm).

**REGARD SUR L'EST**, revue d'actualite sur les pays de l'Est, might be of interest. Their web site is at [www.regard-est.com](http://www.regard-est.com).

The **AMERICAN FRIENDS OF PRO PATRIMONIO** is a new organization dedicated to assisting in the rescue, restoration and maintenance of Romania's endangered buildings and lands for the benefit of all. In the process, the American Friends of Pro Patrimonio aim to contribute to the regeneration of Romanian society by promoting traditional crafts and skills, stimulating employment and restoring pride in the community.

Years of neglect, shortage of government funding, and the absence of adequate legal framework and planning provision continue to endanger Romania's natural and built heritage. While recent legal reform has begun to return some historic buildings and lands to their original owners, other historic, formerly private properties remain in the hands of the State.

Today, many owners, including the State, cannot afford the immense cost of restoration and maintenance of these historic properties. Without intervention, many outstanding examples of Romania's extraordinary cultural heritage are in the process of demolition or redevelopment. Unless urgent action to save them is taken, they will be lost, forever.

Pro Patrimonio Foundations currently exist in Bucuresti, Campulung, Brasov, London, Paris, and New York.

The president is Sherban Cantacuzino. Their web site is at [www.afpropatrimonio.org](http://www.afpropatrimonio.org). Phone=212/980-6635; FAX=212/752-9371; eMail=[usinfo@propatrimonio.org](mailto:usinfo@propatrimonio.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES AT THE WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

The Wilson Center has the following support opportunities available annually:

- **RESEARCH SCHOLAR COMPETITION** (duration: two to four months)

East European Studies has been awarded funds by the Soviet-East European Research and Training Act of 1983 (Title VIII) of the U.S. Department of State's Authorization Act for its Research Scholar grant. These scholarships are available to American citizens (or permanent residents) in the early stages of their academic careers (generally before tenure but after Ph.D.) or American scholars whose careers have been interrupted or delayed. For non-academics, an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected. Topic of research in social sciences or the humanities is limited to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states and the former Yugoslav nations, but excluding the countries of Russia, Ukraine, the NIS states or Germany except in a strictly comparative format).

Research scholarships will be awarded for two to four months of research in Washington, D.C. at a stipend of \$3,000 per month. Office space at the Wilson Center and a research assistant will be provided whenever possible. This is residential program requiring visiting scholars to remain in the Washington, D.C. area and to forego other academic and professional obligations for the duration of the grant. Access to the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and other resources of the Washington area will be facilitated.

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- **SHORT-TERM GRANTS** (duration: one month)

With funding provided by Title VIII (Soviet and East European Research and Training Act), East European Studies offers short-term grants to scholars having particular need for the library, archival, and other specialized resources of the Washington, D.C. area. This program is limited to American citizens (or permanent residents) at the advanced graduate and postdoctoral level and to an equivalent degree of professional achievement for those from other fields. Short-term grants provide a stipend of \$100 per day for one month (for a maximum of \$3,000). This program requires visiting scholars to remain in the Washington, D.C. area and to forego other academic and professional obligations for the duration of the grant. No office space, however, is provided.

Topic of research in social sciences or the humanities is limited to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states and the former Yugoslav nations, but excluding the countries of Russia, Ukraine, the NIS states or Germany except in a strictly comparative format).

The applicant must submit a concise description of his/her research project, a curriculum vita, a statement on preferred and alternate dates of residence in Washington, D.C., and two letters specifically in support of the research to be conducted at the Center. Members of the East European Academic Council review applications at regular intervals throughout the year. Closing dates are December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1. Applicants are notified approximately four weeks after the closing date.

•CONTACT INFORMATION Please direct all inquiries to East European Studies, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20004-3027 Tel: 202-691-4000; eMail=ees@wwic.si.edu Website=www.wilsoncenter.org/ees/

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---Title VIII Research Scholar Program: Provides full support for three to nine-month research trips to Russia, Central Asia, the Southern Caucasus, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova. Fellowships include round-trip international travel, housing, living stipends, visas, insurance, affiliation fees, archive access, research advising, and logistical support in the field. Total value of awards ranges from approximately \$5,000 to \$25,000. Open to graduate students, post-docs, and faculty. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States. Application deadlines: October 1 (Spring Program); January 15 (Summer, Fall and Academic Year Programs).

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---Title VIII Central Europe Research and Language Study Programs: Provides full support for three to nine months of research and/or language study in east-central Europe. Fellowships include round-trip international travel, housing, living stipends, visas, insurance, tuition, and affiliation fees. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for Research and Training

on Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States. Open to graduate students, post-docs, and faculty. Total value of awards ranges from approximately \$5,000 to \$25,000. Application deadline: October 1 (Spring Program); January 15 (Summer, Fall and Academic Year Programs).

---Title VIII Central Europe Summer Language Program: Offers international airfare, tuition, insurance, and living stipends to graduate students for up to three months of intensive language study at major universities throughout east-central Europe and the Baltic states. Open to students at the MA and Ph.D. level, as well as faculty and post-docs. Total value of awards ranges from \$3,000 to \$8,000. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States. Application deadline: January 15.

---Scholarships for language study on American Councils programs overseas: Graduate students participating in the American Councils Russian Language and Area Studies program or the NIS Regional Language program are eligible for full or partial scholarships from the U.S. Department of State Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Undergraduates who intend a career in teaching are eligible for full or partial scholarships from the U.S. Department of Education for their participation in the Russian Language and Area Studies Program or the NIS Regional Language program. The American Councils Russian Language and Area Studies Program provides intensive Russian language instruction in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladimir, Russia. The NIS Regional Language program offers instruction in virtually any of the languages of the former Soviet Union at leading institutions throughout the region. Fellowship information and applications are included in regular application materials for both programs. Application deadlines: October 15 (spring semester programs); March 1 (summer programs); April 1 (fall semester and academic year programs).

For more information, contact: Outbound Programs, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036; Phone=202/833-7522; eMail=outbound@americancouncils.org.

The **Fulbright Scholar Program News**, Spring 2002, carried a report on "The East European Connection," dealing with Lenoir-Rhyne College's efforts to work with the Moldovan and Romanian immigrants in their area of North Carolina. Igor Casu of the State University of Moldova served as a visiting professor.

**Doina Niculescu** (eMail=derex@consultant.com) is the contact person for a new company that can provide books published in Romania. You can get an eMail copy of their current catalogue by writing to them at the eMail address given above.

**Editura Stephanus** has a web site at: [www.stephanus.ro](http://www.stephanus.ro).

**HAVE REFERENCE QUESTION?** Try the Slavic Reference Service at the University of Illinois at [www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/srs.htm](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/srs.htm) or by phone=217/333.1349.

## CONFERENCES ON THE DOCKET

**21-24 August 2003:** Conference on THE CULTURES OF POST-1989 CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE in Tirgu-Mures, Romania. Contact Steven Totosy at totosy@medienkomm.uni-halle.de for information.

**28-31 August 2003:** Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia. SRS panel chaired by Steve Roper on "Ideas, Identity and Culture: Romania in the Broader European Context." For more information, contact Steve at cfsdr@eiu.edu.

**5-6 September 2003:** Conference on THE BORDERS IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE: CULTURE AND POLITICS in Portorz, Slovenia, sponsored by the Universities of Ljubljana, Zagreb, the Sorbonne, Koper, and the Ost und sudost europa Institut and the Institut fur Osteuropaische Geschichte, Vienna. Contact Dusan Necak at dusan.necak@guest.arnes.si.

**22-25 September 2003:** Symposium on THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND THE HABSBURG MONARCHY IN THE MODERN PERIOD, Vienna, Austria, sponsored by the Institute for Austrian Historical Research and the University of Vienna. Contact Martin Scheutz at martin.scheutz@univie.ac.at.

**20-23 November 2003:** AAASS 35th National Convention in Toronto CA, Fairmount Royal York Hotel. For information, contact Wendy Walker at walker@fas.harvard.edu or the AAASS web site at www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/. There will be an SRS business meeting, probably late Friday afternoon on the 21st.

**30 August-3 September 2004:** Ninth International Congress of the Association for Southeast European Studies. Those interested in participating should e-mail Victor Friedman at vfriedm@midway.uchicago.edu. Responses should contain the following information: name, affiliation, and proposed title of paper.

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**AN INQUIRY:** Ruediger Benninghaus writes "In an article of Eugene Pittard: "Les peuples que les Turcs ont amenes dans les Balkans" in LES BALKANS, I found the remark (p.199), concerning the Laz, a South-Caucasian language speaking group from the eastern Black Sea area. Pittard himself could not tell whether they still lived there at his time. Does anybody of your society knows something about these Laz or could give a hint to someone else whom I could contact?" Ruediger Benninghaus, rbenninghaus@gmx.de.

# The Society For Romanian Studies

The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) is an inter-disciplinary academic organization, founded in 1973 to promote professional study, criticism, and research on all aspects of Romanian culture and civilization. It holds annual meetings to promote Romanian studies, publishes a NEWSLETTER to keep its membership informed, and carries out other activities designed to foster advancement of the field.

The SRS is generally recognized as the major professional organization for North American scholars concerned with Romania. It is affiliated with the South East European Studies Association (SEESA), the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), the American Historical Association (AHA), and the American Political Science Association (APSA).

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