

# Fulbright Association 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

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The Conference Program can be found at [www.fulbright.org/conference/2002/confsched.htm](http://www.fulbright.org/conference/2002/confsched.htm)  
 The list of Fulbright Alumni organizations worldwide: [www.fulbright.org/associations.htm](http://www.fulbright.org/associations.htm)



Congratulations and many thanks for the organization to  
**Jane L. Anderson**, Executive Director of the Fulbright Association (right), and  
**Alison Gardy**, Membership Chair, Fulbright Association Board of Directors (left)  
 ... and all their colleagues, e.g. Marshall Ellis, Vanessa Lee, ...

## 1 Fulbright “Family Pictures” from October 2002

A few snapshots from a very busy and effective week in Washington. There are more pictures throughout the text ...



H.E. **Colin Powell**, U.S. Secretary of State, welcomes **Harriet Mayor Fulbright** at the reception in the State Dept. celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German-American Fulbright Program



**Anna Tilley**, Great Britain's Alumni-President  
**Birgit Klocke**, German Alumni VP for International Relations  
**Michael Schefczyk**, German Alumni President.



**Dilli Devi Shakya**,  
Nepal Alumni President



**Michèle van de Roer**,  
French Alumni President



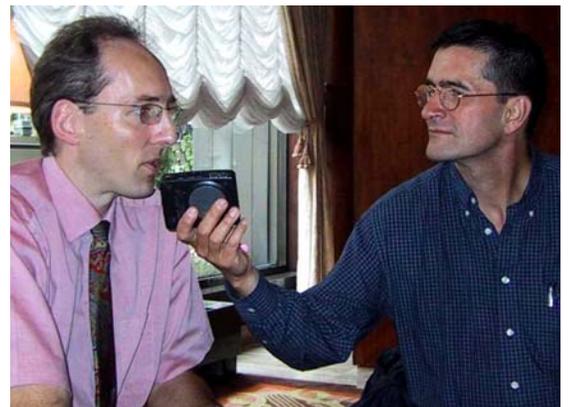
**Wiltrud Hammelstein**, past President and traditional “chief photographer” of the German Alumni, with **Petra Steinmetz**



**Suzanne D. Gyeszly** (Hungary 1995),  
**Hind Rassam Culhane**, (Syria 2001), born in Iraq



The first German Alumni board meeting over the Atlantic! **Michael Schefczyk**, **Dagmar Schreiber**, **Birgit Klocke**, **Petra Steinmetz**



**Oliver Steinmetz** with **Gil Carbayal** (Spanish Alumni) in an interview about the German PowWow 2002 in Berlin

## 2 Friday, October 11, 2002

### 2.1 Post-Conflict Transitions



2:00 - 3:30 pm. Left to right:

- **Amy Hawthorne** (Egypt 1991) – Associate, Democracy and Rule of Law Project, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC
- **Dr. Harriet Hentges** (Africa 1967) – Executive VP and COO, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington DC
- **Dr. Julie Mertus** (Romania 1995) – Professor, School of International Service, American U, Washington DC; “Kosovo: How Myths and Truths Started a War”
- **Dr. Allen Weinstein** (Australia 1969 & 1972) – President & CEO, The Center for Democracy, Washington DC

### 2.2 Banquet & Keynote Address: Linda Vester

Linda Vester delivered a riveting description of her experiences as a young reporter during the Gulf War. Sometimes the descriptions became quite graphical. We owe thanks to Linda for her courage to disclose such details to an audience for the first time – and over dinner. She delivered hardly any analysis or recommendations on how to deal with Saddam Hussein now, but after all that’s not her job. Up to us to draw conclusions ...



**Linda Vester** (Egypt 1989) – Anchor. Fox News Live

## 3 Saturday, October 12, 2002

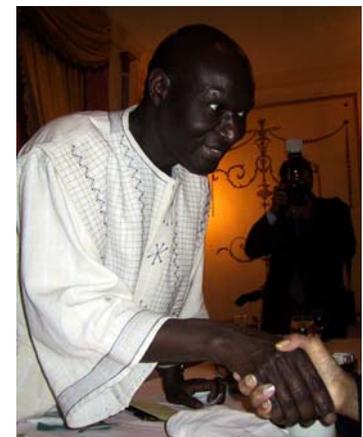
### 3.1 Media & Foreign Affairs

Left to right (sorry, no pictures):

- Doyle McManus (Belgium 1975) - Washington Bureau Chief, The Los Angeles Times
- Bay Fang (Hong Kong 1995) - National Correspondent, US News & World Report
- Chris Satullo (France 1975) - Editorial Page Editor, The Philadelphia Inquirer

### 3.2 Plenary Luncheon & Address: Olara Otunnu

Olara Otunnu (USA 1974) – United Nations Under Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. A great speaker!



**Olara Otunnu** (USA 1974) – U.N. Under Secretary-General

### 3.3 Fulbright Alumni Initiatives



left to right:

**Richard O. Lundquist** (Zimbabwe 1985, Sri Lanka 1989, Latvia 1994) – President, Fulbright Association (U.S.)

**Thomas A. Farrell** (Pakistan 1976) - Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, U.S. Department of State

**Leslie B. Anderson** – external relations of the Fulbright Program

**Jochen Hoffmann** – Chief, Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, U.S. Department of State

**Judy L. Pehrson** (China 1996) – Director of External Relations, Council for International Exchange of Scholars

#### 3.3.1 Thomas A. Farrell: Main goals for the next years for the Fulbright Program

(Notes taken by Oliver Steinmetz; [comments / questions in blue](#))

- We need your (the association's) assistance in **mentoring Fulbrighters** – to create mutual understanding, to connect to their native community. E.g. difficult to recruit pre-doctoral students in Pakistan because they're afraid they would be radicalised – only radical groups take care of the students arriving in the U.S.!
- Advocacy on behalf of the Fulbright Program, influence your Congressmen – [is it that necessary, more needed than it used to be?](#) Congress is not coming our way. Not enough people in the Congress who have had Fulbrights. You need to tell them as their constituency. Bring them the message: "We're not a 'best & brightest' program, we're a program that makes leaders". – [But why, then, are there so few Fulbrighters in Congress?](#) A major emotional investment into people who are not at risk, have not suffered! We're a group at risk: The only group working for significant periods of their lives for peace on earth!
- Pat Harrison's ([Deputy Secretary of State? O.St.](#)) main message / "mantra": Get to wider audiences, younger audiences, such as teachers. To reach deeper into the lives of grantees.

We need your (the association's) assistance in areas where we're not getting applicants (away from the West Coasts & North-East & great lakes). – [We're here to help you! The first measure we suggest: Let the conference travel around the country, like we do in Germany! Organise Returnee Meetings every Fall to "harvest" new, young, active members!](#)

Fulbright not reaching out in the same way as some of the younger programs, e.g. the exchange programs for the newly independent states (ex USSR).



**Thomas A. Farrell** – Academic Programs, U.S. Dept. of State

#### 3.3.2 Leslie Anderson

Tom Farrell was her boss until he went to Capitol Hill ...

Fulbright is a long-term investment.

Make the program more accessible, even to people who think "I can never get a Fulbright" Questionnaire, website to help people get excited about getting a Fulbright, ...

#### 3.3.3 Judy Pehrson

The CIES commissioned the study on the impact of Fulbright Scholarships. They have a DB of the eMails of the last 5 years of Alumni. [jpehrson@cies.iie.org](mailto:jpehrson@cies.iie.org)



**Anthony Viscusi**, U.S. Fulbright Association Board Member

## 4 Sunday, Oct 13, 2002: International Fulbright Activities



**Michael Schefczyk**, President, German Fulbright Alumni,  
**John Hurley**, President, Irish Fulbright Association,  
**Michèle van de Roer**, President, France Fulbright,  
**Jane L. Anderson**

Notes by Oliver Steinmetz – see also Alison Gardy's summaries below

**Ms Gulyamova, Uzbekistan**, UC Santa Barbara: Do you also offer trainings for alumni? No, but we fund Fulbright grants. But what if we send expert alumni to e.g. Uzbekistan?

**Cecilia Vass, Romania**: Looked mostly like a very pure American meeting – but now it's finally a good international event, wonderful to see how young Wiltrud actually is – the Germans are all the generation of my daughter, who is a 33 year-old Fulbrighter! How can we help the returnees who don't find a job?

**Oliver Steinmetz, Germany**

- Yes, we do a lot for returnees, e.g. the club is a network that also helps find jobs
- Returnee meeting was started mainly because of our own reverse culture shock, to help the young ones cope ...
- BUT not mainly recruiting seminars: we don't publish our address list!

**Si Bennasseur Alaoui, Morocco** (plus Majat from Morocco) : Set up an organisation committee to take in charge the confederation idea.

**Anastasia Papaconstantinou, Greece** (was in Toledo) ... In Toledo an international committee was established, she was one of them, but it never worked. Proposal: Meet every 4 years around the Olympic Games. **Greek President: Margarita Panourgia** was in exile during the Junta. She had worked with Sen. Fulbright, organised his welcome to Greece after the Junta. 2004 International Conference in Olympia and Athens. At the end of that they hope to elect the first International Committee. Please organise a first int'l committee here as advisory committee for 2004.

**Gilberto Calvo, Chile**: They have other interests, e.g. sending people to trainings in the U.S.

**Gil Carbayal, Spain** (Alumni Spain founding member): Growing pains. It takes information. European Fulbright Alumni website? Spain is organizing a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in Palencia end of Oct 2002. How to get everyone on this list. They will put the conference participant list on their mailing list.

**Heidi La Guardia, U.S.**: Why not e.g. invite all former US Fulbrighters to Germany for a reunion!

**Alison Gardy** (Association board member). New website: Country-specific web pages with address lists (under password).

**Oliver Steinmetz, Germany** Let's not overdo it: Address lists etc. are usually only needed as a one-off action when somebody is organising an event.

**Rosemary Hoffmann**: Give international alumni associations the password for the restricted area of the website.

**Wiltrud Hammelstein, Germany**: Announce next year's US conference dates a year ahead, if possible.

**Gil Carbayal**: Why not an international (European) board member for the US association board?

Looking forward to seeing you all in **Ljubliana (Yugoslavia) in 2003** for the next European international Alumni conference!



Lola Gulyamova,  
Uzbekistan



Si Bennasseur Alaoui, Morocco



Anastasia Papaconstantinou &  
Margarita Panourgia, Greece



Mauricio Tabo, Brazil

## 5 International Workshops – by Alison Gardy

Alison Gardy, Membership Chair, Fulbright Association Board of Directors, and Fulbrighter to Mexico 1988, sent around this summary by e-mail on Oct 21, 2002. I have added a few things about the German Alumni, e-mail addresses, and otherwise re-formatted it for better readability. [O.St.]

Dear International Fulbright Representatives and Friends:

What a pleasure and an honor to meet so many of you at the annual conference of the US Fulbright Association (Oct 10-13)! Thank you to those who shared your enthusiasm, your ideas, and your vision. I particularly appreciate the opportunity we had to bring a variety of voices and perspectives to our dialogue about creating closer collaboration and communication among Fulbright alumni organizations around the world. Below, please find the following four items:

1. International Participants in the Fulbright Association Workshop and/or 25th Anniversary Conference Events
2. Five discussion group summaries from the afternoon workshop on Thursday, Oct 10.
3. Best practices and ideas shared during the conference, especially the Global Fulbright Network seminar on Sunday, Oct 13
4. Next Steps – a concrete project to work on together

If you have questions, suggestions, or additions regarding these notes, please contact me directly at [agardy@92ndsty.org](mailto:agardy@92ndsty.org).

Looking forward to our continuing communication and sharing of ideas!

### 5.1 Thursday, Oct 09, 2002: Fulbright Association Workshop

#### International Participants

- Peru, Margarita Imano, President, Friends of Fulbright Association
- Poland, Malgorzata Bonikowska, Fulbright alumna
- Romania, Cecilia Vass, President, Fulbright Association of Romania
- Thailand, Wajuppa Tossa, Fulbright alumna
- United Kingdom, Anna Tilley, Chair, British Fulbright Scholars Association
- Uzbekistan, Lola Gulyamova, Chair, Fulbright Association of Uzbekistan

#### U.S. Participants in International Fulbright Alumni Workshop

- Richard O. Lundquist, President, Fulbright Association (U.S.)
- Marilyn Berg Callander, Secretary, Fulbright Association (U.S.)
- Alison L. Gardy, Chair, Membership Committee, Fulbright Association (U.S.)
- Linda Scanlan, Chair, Chapter Development Committee (attend p.m.), Fulbright Association (U.S.)
- Niara Sudarkasa
- Anthony Viscusi

#### Staff

- Jane L. Anderson, Executive Director

#### Speakers

- Charles Dambach, Senior Consultant, Board Source
- Arthur P. Dudden, Founding President, Fulbright Association
- David N. Levin, Senior Program Manager and Fulbright Alumni Liaison, U.S. Department of State

#### Guest

- Ellen Bryson, Director, Governing Board Programs, Council on Foundation



Malgorzata Bonikowska,  
Poland



Cecilia Vass, Romania



**Birgit Wassmuth**, German Fulbrighter to the U.S. 1974. She managed to bypass the “2-year home residency requirement” – by asking the German Embassy.

### 5.2 Thursday, Oct 09, 2002: Discussion group summaries

... from the modified Open Space Technology workshop.

#### Guiding Question:

**How Can We Support Fulbright Exchanges, Serve Current Grantees, and Enhance Alumni Interaction?**

#### 5.2.1 Group A: Regional Networking and Partnerships

Participants: Margarita Amano (Peru), Bokcha Yoon (Korea); Moon Hwan Kim (Korea), Lola Gulyamova (Uzbekistan), Anna Tilley (United Kingdom), Marcos Mauricio Toba (Brazil), Onyang Kwan (Korea)

We need to:

1. Define what a regional organisation is:
  - what boundaries we should adopt
  - what size is manageable; 5 to 6 surrounding countries were suggested
  - what criteria should we use to define those regions
2. We should have a liaison officer on each board responsible for developing that connection and maintaining links with those countries, possibly using a distribution list.
3. US Association coordinating on international distribution list? Proposal: Centralising the global network – succession of regional distribution lists should be overseen / coordinated by the US Association.
4. We should promote awareness of [www.fulbright.org](http://www.fulbright.org) as an international resource for Fulbright alumni.
5. We should use the web and current distribution lists to create and generate conferences both on preparing meetings and to share information about our own events. In this way, we can promote awareness of our various Alumni Associations and the different activities that we engage in, and strengthen the links between Associations.

### 5.2.2 Group B: Regional/International Periodic Conference

Participants: Najat Sebti (Morocco), Dilli Devi Shakya (Nepal), Birgit Klocke (Germany), Anastasia Papaconstantinou (Greece), Linda Scanlan (US)

Proposal:

- Conference on an international "professional" level every four years depending on the country the Olympic games are happening at. The participants of this conference can elect the members of the board organizing and planning the following international meeting.
- Apart from that, it would be useful for structural reasons to set up a regional meeting in a not-as-well-developed area after two years. (The Olympic Games meetings could also raise money for the Fulbright meetings in not well-developed areas.)
- New Century Scholars (link to international topic). Contact CIES Judy Pehrson [jpehrson@cies.iie.org](mailto:jpehrson@cies.iie.org). When do they present? Where? Idea to bring them together at the global meetings for a presentation. The international meetings can be connected with the international topic, for example, the increase of communicable diseases and the causes of ethnic conflict. 25 people.
- Focus on a particular problem in a regional area. Regional chapters are going to be held in a "developing country" according to the need of financial and structural help. The idea is they present on an international level a helping concept and "We come in and find out."

### 5.2.3 Group C: How to Motivate Alumni Activity

Participants: Si Bennessee Alaoui (Morocco), Cecilia Vass (Romania), Dorthe Bakke (Norway), Donald McCloud (Malaysia), Oryang Kwon (Korea), Najat Sebti (Morocco)

The group focused on what makes alumni not interested or not committed to the Fulbright movement, and thought about ways to make them more involved in the future.

- Because most grantees are highly motivated and bright in their field of expertise, they are solicited and there is a high demand on them. So, either they are already busy with their jobs and/or involved in other activities.
- Within each country, alumni are spread in a large geographic area, and it is difficult to coordinate any event that would attract a large number of them.
- Within each country, Fulbrighters have different background in terms of their professional interests. It is therefore hard to gather them under a unique association.
- Some alumni had a negative experience with the Fulbright program, and they will be hard to convince and get interested in an association of Fulbrighters.
- Some former Fulbrighters still look for a job opportunity, and they have the feeling that they are left alone to deal with the problem.

In order to address all these constraints, the group proposed the following:

6. There is a need to establish a detailed database of all Fulbrighters within each country. Information regarding their area of expertise, their career and current profession should be updated annually. This will allow for facilitating contacts and seeking support when it's needed from anyone of the alumni.
7. Activities (social, cultural, or professional) should be planned in order to attract the maximum number of alumni. The subject of any activity should be broad to attract as many people as possible.
8. Because new grantees are informed several months before their departure dates, they should be informed of the existence of a Fulbright Association. By doing this, grantees become aware from the beginning of their privilege of being a Fulbrighter and help them take more advantage of the opportunity during their stay in the US.
9. There is a need to establish a mentor relationship between the new grantees and those who are already in the States.
10. There is a need to deal seriously with negative experiences in order to diagnose the source of the problems and to look for ways to address them promptly to avoid their recurrence in the future.
11. It is necessary to advise Fulbrighters who are in search for a job to make them feel they belong to the Fulbrighter community. Feelings of belonging to a community always help during difficult times.
12. It is also interesting to look for sponsors in order to succeed in the organization of any event. Sponsors could be at a national or international level.

13. There is also a need to organize Fulbrighters in regional and field-of-expertise chapters to promote more involvement from the big majority of Fulbrighters.

#### 5.2.4 Group D: Financial Support for Alumni Activity

Participants: Dilli Devi Shakya (Nepal), Rita Panourgia (Greece), Ilie Costas (Moldova), Toshio Shono (Japan)

Financial problems are different country by country, depending on the stage of development of associations. The Republic of Moldova's Fulbright Association (1st stage) will depend on funding from US government sources. Associations in the second stage can depend on US government and partner country government funding. Associations such as those of Japan and Greece (3rd stage) depend less on US government funding, and more on partner country government funding, alumni donations, and other funding sources.

#### 5.2.5 Group E: Alumni as Independent Intellectual Resource

Participants: Gilberto Calvo (Chile), Anthony Viscusi (US)

Fulbright alumni as an advocacy group for international, educational and cultural exchange whose aim is the common good. By enhancing understanding and respect for differences, this position (logic) could play a role as a reference group for decision-making in different aspects of public and private life of the countries.



Fred Stabe, Germany

### 5.3 Best practices and ideas shared during the conference

... especially the Global Fulbright Network seminar on Sunday, Oct 13:

- It is important to be sensitive to the fact that different Fulbright Associations exist in very different contexts. In Romania and Uzbekistan, for example, the top priority of an alumni association cannot be only focused on holding cultural events, but also must be focused on helping returning Fulbright alumni find employment. Contacts: Cecilia Vass (**Romania**) [cvass@fx.ro](mailto:cvass@fx.ro); Lola Gulyamova (**Uzbekistan**) [lola@freenet.uz](mailto:lola@freenet.uz).
- Bring together alumni from a number of different countries to work together on a social or sustainable development project with concrete benefits for a specific community, as has been done in **Morocco**. Contact: Si Bennasseur Alaoui, [sb.rzozi@jav.ac.ma](mailto:sb.rzozi@jav.ac.ma)
- Include activities such as Global Classroom, in which Fulbrighters do presentations about their culture (or their US experience) to school classrooms either in another country or in their home country. Contact: Marcos Mauricio Toba (**Brazil**) [mmauricio@fulbrightweb.org](mailto:mmauricio@fulbrightweb.org).
- Importance of structural organization and transparency. The Fulbright Alumni e.V. (**German** Fulbright Alumni Association), for example, which was founded in 1986, has four national events each year:
  - 1) a Welcome Meeting (~ October) for the German Fulbrighters coming back, and the new U.S. Fulbrighters
  - 2) the Annual General Meeting (~ February), combined with a ball, which improves turnout
  - 3) a Family Week of hiking in Saxonia (Summer, includes but is not limited to families with children), and
  - 4) a "PowWow" (~ June), a conference to discuss controversial matters of transatlantic importance. 2002 Program cf. [http://www.fulbright-alumni.de/national/events/2002-06\\_PowWow\\_Berlin/](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de/national/events/2002-06_PowWow_Berlin/).



Georg Schütte, Executive Director of the German Fulbright Commission and Fulbrighter to the USA 1987

Because these four events happen every year, the procedure for each event is predictable (for example, when invitations have to be sent out), though the locations change around Germany. With this kind of transparent organization, rotations of officers proceed smoothly. The German Fulbright Alumni Association has 1,000 members (most of whom are in their 30s), with a main office in Frankfurt and 13 regional chapters that have their own events. There is a president, three vice-presidents, and a treasurer. Everyone involved is a volunteer except for one student assistant who works a half-day a week on administrative matters. The purpose of the association: A network for Fulbrighters as well as a charity in terms of its donations to the German Fulbright Commission. (There are plans to merge with another non-Fulbright international exchange organization with intentions to keep the Fulbright flavor of the overall organization.) Contacts: Michael Schefczyk, President, German Fulbright Association, [president@fulbright-alumni.de](mailto:president@fulbright-alumni.de); Birgit Klocke, VP for International Relations, [international@fulbright-alumni.de](mailto:international@fulbright-alumni.de).

- Involve key government officials and top businesspeople in Fulbright Association events and fundraising. For example, the **Irish** Fulbright Association, which has 200 active members (with attendance of 80 to 100) at events, has the following four core events each year:
  - 1) An annual dinner at Dublic Castle, where Fulbright scrolls are presented as awards to Irish grantees going to the US. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and US Ambassador attend. A bronze medal of distinguished service goes to someone who has greatly helped the Irish Alumni Association.
  - 2) An event hosted by the Irish Foreign Ministry.
  - 3) Thanksgiving dinner--which rotates in different universities; and 4) an Assembly of General Membership event. One of the most successful events featured the Indonesian gamelan, a musical band. The great fundraising event is a golf tournament in which CEOs of large corporations have a round of golf with the US ambassador, and then go to the ambassador's home for dinner. CEOs pay a large amount of money for the privilege of playing golf.

Contact: John Hurley, Vice President, Irish Fulbright Association, [john.hurley@ioi.ie](mailto:john.hurley@ioi.ie).

- Link a Fulbright meeting to a huge public event. The Greek Fulbright Association is planning a meeting to coincide with the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004. Contacts: Rita Panourgia, President, Hellenic Fulbright Alumni Association, [panouria@hol.gr](mailto:panouria@hol.gr); Anastasia Papaconstantinou, Past President, [apapako@enl.uoa.gr](mailto:apapako@enl.uoa.gr).
- Send information about Fulbright alumni from your country to Rhonda Boris, the Fulbright Program Impact and Strategic Communication Officer for the US Department of State. She is trying to build a worldwide database of accomplished Fulbright alumni, not just the great Nobel Prize winners, but everyone else, too! Contacts: Jane Anderson, Executive Director, US Fulbright Association; Rhonda Boris at [rboris@pd.state.gov](mailto:rboris@pd.state.gov)
- There is interest in establishing a worldwide host program. The Europeans have started trying it on a regional level, with success in the United Kingdom. Contact: Anna Tilley, Chair, British Fulbright Scholars Association, [tilley@dial.pipex.com](mailto:tilley@dial.pipex.com)
- Many Fulbright Associations worldwide have different fees for different kinds of members (for example, regular fee, student fee, institutional fee). Contacts: Michèle Van de Roer, President, France Fulbright; Michael Schefczyk, President, German Fulbright Association; Anna Tilley, Chair, British Fulbright Scholars Association; others
- Formation of regional associations. Many European Fulbright Associations gathered at a conference in Toledo, Spain in 2000. They have begun regional communication since. The South Korean Fulbright Association has reached out to Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, and the People's Republic of China. Contacts: European and South Korean Fulbright Association representatives.
- Institutionalize the pre-conference international workshop as part of the U.S. Fulbright Association's annual conference events, preferably holding the events around the same time and organizing publicity early. Also try to widen the number of countries which are represented. Contact: Jane Anderson, Executive Director, U.S. Fulbright Association
- Need for international access to the soon-to-be-fortified US Fulbright Association website at [www.fulbright.org](http://www.fulbright.org). International access to the password-protected areas of the new US website (the online directory, job postings and job listings) is essential if a global confederation is to be formed. How to address the issue of fee-based access to the US site? One suggestion is that the president of each non-US Fulbright Association have no-fee access to password-protected areas. Another suggestion is that there be a fee sliding scale, depending on the maturity and finances of each Fulbright Association. It is important to continue this dialogue as we enter the implementation stage for the new website. Contact: Jane Anderson, Executive Director, US Fulbright Association
- Need for a comprehensive and coordinated database and for timely flow of information to international Fulbright Associations and to the chapters of the US Fulbright Association. Such information would include lists of Fulbright grantees who are going abroad before they leave their home countries and lists of returning alumni. The Fulbright universe consists of a constellation of organizations, and crystal clear communication needs to be established between them for the sake of cooperation. The same is true for the various Fulbright-related web sites. Communication must be good enough to ensure that they do not overlap and, consequently, cause confusion and frustration. Contact: Jane Anderson, Executive Director, US Fulbright Association
- Encourage close collaboration with Fulbright commissions and active involvement of alumni to provide enrichment opportunities for current Fulbright grantees from the U.S. Contact: David Levin, Senior Program Manager and Fulbright Alumni Liaison, U.S. Department of State, [dlevin@pd.state.gov](mailto:dlevin@pd.state.gov).
- How to best connect and coordinate worldwide alumni with common interests?  
Suggestions heard:
  - 1) a listserv generated by the leadership of national and chapter associations on both the US and non-US ends.
  - 2) a country-specific web page to be hosted on the [www.fulbright.org](http://www.fulbright.org) site, to be created and maintained by the leadership of national and chapter associations on both the US and non-US ends.
  - 3) access to the online directory on the new US Fulbright Association website (one can search the database by Fulbright grant country and by present-day address).

Contacts: Jane Anderson, Executive Director, US Fulbright Association; Alison Gardy, Membership Chair and Deputy Chair of Ad-Hoc International Relations Committee, Fulbright Association Board of Directors (Since Jay Khim, the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Int'l Relations Committee, could not attend the conference, Alison will share all ideas received with him.)

## 5.4 Next Steps – a concrete project to work on together

### 5.4.1 International Fulbright Alumni Conference around the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece

On Sunday, it was decided that an international Fulbright alumni conference will be held to coincide with the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece in 2004. The organizers of the conference, Rita Panourgia (President, Hellenic Fulbright Alumni Association) and Anastasia Papaconstantinou (Past President) will be assisted by a committee of other international Fulbright alumni leaders who volunteered to help at the seminar.

### 5.4.2 Listserv for Fulbright Alumni Organizations Worldwide

The US Fulbright Association is setting up a listserv that will subscribe all the international participants at the conference plus the contacts listed on our web site, with an initial message that will indicate how to un-subscribe if one wishes. Contact: Marshall Ellis, Membership Coordinator, US Fulbright Association Staff, [marshall.ellis@fulbright.org](mailto:marshall.ellis@fulbright.org)