

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Spring Annual Meeting ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association & Guest Speaker Dr. Donald Rice

Date: April 4

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm Annual Spring Meeting

7:00 - 8:30 pm Guest Speaker Dr. Ronald Rice

Location: Fulbright Center, Kaisaniemenkatu 3 B, 5. flr, Helsinki

The Board will introduce the activities planned for the year and explain in more detail its goals for the year. Also, we will elect a new board member to replace a departing member. Your input is very welcomed, and the board looks forward to hearing any comments suggestions or questions you may have.

Watch the Associations Website and your email on the following events:

May Event – Panel discussion on a topical subject

4th Annual Buddy Event – Late August

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Do we have your address and Fulbright grant details?

We're updating our alumni database and ask you to email us following information (postmaster@fulbright-alumni.net)

- Name and address
- Year, place, topic, type of your Fulbright Grant
- Current positions

The information will help us all utilize our Association network more effectively!



Dear ASLA-Fulbright Alumni,

The well-known New York Times columnist Thomas L. Friedman has in his new book "The World is Flat" described how the world in the year 2000 entered a new phase of globalization, globalization 3.0, shrinking the world from size small to size tiny. It will be the era of newfound power for individuals to collaborate and compete globally. According to Friedman, contrary to globalization phases 1.0 and 2.0, Globalization 3.0 focuses on the individual. The ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association serves as a perfect example of a platform where individuals can collaborate and network with likeminded individuals with similar backgrounds and common interests.

This year the Board of the Association is very committed to providing the foundation for enabling a lively interaction among the Finnish Fulbright community. It is very important to activate especially the younger Fulbright Alumni in order to provide succession for the Association and its goals. Many organizations have recently been suffering from the lack of younger members; in the promised land of associations, as Finland is sometimes called, there are just too many alternatives available amidst the busy lifestyles of the alumni.

Someone has compared the list of Finnish Fulbright alumni to the list of "who is who in Finland" – it is very true that many influential people in the Finnish government, economy and arts have been Fulbright Scholars. In order for this trend to persist also in the future, we encourage you all to get active in the Association and promote our common interests and the recognition of the Fulbright program in Finland. Even though the number of extremely competitive applicants for the Fulbright Scholarship has increased continuously, it is important that this trend continues also in the future. Here the alumni can play a role.

This news letter provides you with information about the past and forthcoming events of the Association. Hopefully you will find an activity you can attend and join us in making the world smaller and advancing Globalization 3.0. The Board is here to act as a coordinator and should you have any ideas about the Association, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the Board. The contact details are in this news letter.

Ilkka Perheentupa and Tommi Juusela, Co-Chairmen of the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association

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TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Association held the traditional pikkujoulu party at the Katajanokka Elementary School on 9 December. The party was attended by approximately 40 members of the Association, current U.S. grantees in Finland and representatives of the U.S. Embassy. After a welcome speech given by Tommi Juusela and Ilkka Perheentupa on behalf of the Board of the Association, the guests were treated to some lovely, traditional Finnish Christmas food,



followed by a festive and beautiful choir performance of Christmas carols and other presentations by the guests. The evening was concluded by a gift exchange. Once again this traditional event was very festive and the Participants truly gained the real Christmas spirit!!! Ismo Lehtikainen, the Principal of the Katajanokka Elementary School and a member of the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Board, served as Host.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MID-TERM BUDDY EVENT

The first Mid-term Buddy Event was held on Tuesday, January 31 at the Caisa Centre in Helsinki. About 25 people attended including current, former and future grantees, Fulbright Center staff, ASLA Board and Association members. Marlene Broemer served as Hostess and introduced the ALSA Fulbright-Alumni Association to the visitors. Current grantees were asked to introduce themselves and their project in Finland: Dr. Ronald Rice, UC, Santa Barbara to the University of Helsinki; Dr. Kent Sandoe, California State University, Chico to the University of Turku; Mr. Sverre Pedersen, Alaska Department of Fish and Game to the University of Lapland, Arctic Center. More details on their projects can be found on <http://www.fulbright.fi>. Then Tomi Rewell led the new grantees in a Quiz of Facts about Finland. The lively game included such questions as Who was President in 1962 and Who was Alvar Aalto? Annie McKenzie, exchange Principal at Kauniainen School, was the winner. Current grantees received small gift bags with Fazer chocolate, Lakka liqueur and Finnish calendars and candles. The many guests enjoyed meeting each other over sandwiches, chips and soft drinks.

FALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

The Association held its annual fall meeting on November 15 elected its new board. Those present discussed the Association's accomplishments for 2005, the membership fee for 2006, and the proposed budget and events for 2006. It was agreed that the membership fee for the year 2006 would be increased to 15 euros. This is mainly due to cover the costs of the intended project to investigate and later on launch a new website for the Association. The board members for the year 2006 are as follows:

Tommi Juusela - Co-Chairman
Ilkka Perheentupa - Co-Chairman
Hilkka Asteljoki - Member
Marlene Broemer - Treasurer
Ahti Kurkela - Member
Ismo Lehtikainen - Member
Katja Pätiälä - PR and membership director
Tomi Rewell - Exchange Coordinator

After the meeting Dr. Landau gave a very interesting speech on intellectual property rights issues arising from globalization and the Internet, especially as they affect the EU, which raised a lively discussion among the audience.

THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MIXER

The Association organized together with AmCham Finland a networking event for young professionals. The event was a great success with over 80 people from different companies and interest group participating. Natasha Seeley, the Managing Director of AmCham Finland and a Fulbright Alumni, opened the event, followed up by short welcome speeches by Teppo Rantanen, Chairman of AmCham Finland and Ilkka Perheentupa and Tommi Juusela of the Association. The key note address was given by Tero Ojanperä, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Nokia and a member of the World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders Forum. All the guests also actively participated in a fun networking game which helped to "break the ice" and lead into interesting conversations. Thank you AmCham Finland for your great cooperation in organizing the event!!!

IT IS TIME TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006!!!!

Amount: EUR 15.00

Bank account: Nordea 132350-126448

Recipient: ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association r.y.

Please state in the payee field your name, address and email address!

Please pay by April 4th, 2006

THANK YOU!!!!

**BE A BUDDY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR AN
AMERICAN FULBRIGHTER ADJUSTING TO FINLAND.**

Each year in August the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association provides 15 “buddies” to the American Fulbright scholars coming to Finland. The buddies act as initial contacts for the Fulbrighters in getting them to accustomed to living in Finland.

If you want to be a Fulbright buddy, please contact Tomi Rewell at rewelltomi@hotmail.com

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