

RUSLEF Newsletter

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Individuals and Universities Receive RUSLEF Small Grants During 2001 and 2002

Student Receives Grant to Participate in UN Internship

RUSLEF began its program of providing grants in 2001. The first recipient, a postgraduate student in St. Petersburg State University's faculty of Law, applied for funds to enable her to accept an internship at the United Nations Headquarters in New York,

Natalia Novikova had applied in 2000 on the Internet for a UN internship. Suddenly, a year later she was notified of the award, but to her sorrow discovered that it came without funds for a salary or even expenses. Natalia submitted a budget to RUSLEF showing the dollar amount that she would need, in addition to her own savings, in order to be able to live in New York during the period of her internship. RUSLEF provided a small grant sufficient to meet her needs. Natalia completed her internship successfully.

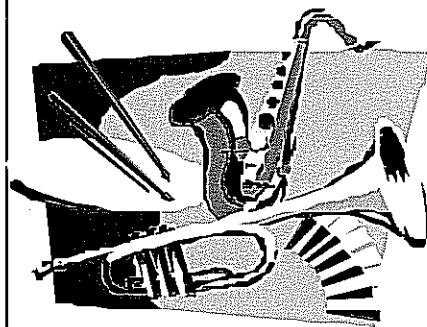
St. Petersburg State University Receives Collection of International Law Materials

The law libraries of most Russian universities lack Western collections of books and materials. For example, only a few libraries (primarily governmental rather than academic ones) have copies of materials such as the American Journal of International Law and International Legal Materials. Indeed, although the American Society of International Law has more than 3000 members outside the United States it has only 3 in the

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RUSLEF Brings Russian Law Students to the United States for the 2002-2003 Academic Year

2 Novgorod Students Selected to Attend McGeorge School of Law



Congratulations, Oleg and Irina

Thanks to full tuition waivers offered by McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Irina Timonina and Oleg Zadubrovsky, both law students in Novgorod State University, are spending the 2002-2003 academic year in Sacramento, California. RUSLEF grants will provide their travel and all non-tuition expenses of the students' nine months' stay in the United States.

Oleg and Irina have completed their fourth year of undergraduate law study in Novgorod, and will return home next summer to complete the fifth and final year of their undergraduate Russian law degree program. Both students were selected based upon their fine academic performance at Novgorod State University, their TOEFL English language scores,

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Sidney and Jane Picker have been named emeriti professors of law at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland State University respectively. In May 2002, each was awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa by St. Petersburg State University, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

RUSLEF Receives Confirmation of Public Charity Status from IRS

On September 10, 2002, the Internal Revenue Service notified RUSLEF, a §501 c 3 organization, that it is not a private foundation, thereby confirming IRS' advance ruling. This means that contributions to RUSLEF continue to be deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Russian Law Students Study at McGeorge Law School . . .

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by Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in St. Petersburg, Russia, and McGeorge's summer school in Salzburg, Austria. Irina and Oleg were able to attend the summer program in St. Petersburg thanks to a State Department sponsored University Partnerships grant. State Department funds also permitted them to attend the summer program in Salzburg.

Law School Deans Take Note!

American law schools interested in waiving tuition for Russian law students for an academic year may apply to RUSLEF for assistance in funding non-tuition expenses of the students' stay

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