

# RUSLEF Newsletter

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## **RUSLEF Thanks its Donors ! And Seeks Further Donations in 2004 and 2005**

RUSLEF began public fundraising in 2000 and since then has received gifts in cash, in services, and in goods, from a variety of individuals. All donations come from the private sector.

Contributions have come in the United States from donors in California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Washington, and Washington, D.C. Within Russia, RUSLEF has received donations from individuals (primarily Russian citizens) in Moscow, Novgorod, and St. Petersburg.

RUSLEF's cash donations totaled \$5,300 in 2000, and \$29,017 in 2001. Nationwide, philanthropy saw a downturn in 2002 and RUSLEF was no exception: Cash contributions totaled \$23,475 that year, down 19% from 2001, Cash gifts in 2003 totaled \$20,225. To date in 2004, \$19,869.85 has been received. American law schools hosting RUSLEF scholarship students also waive full tuition, a dollar amount that averages in excess of \$20,000 per student per year. Tax advice, fundraising expenses, and administrative and secretarial services have all been donated to the organization by its friends and Trustees. This has enabled RUSLEF to use its cash donations solely for program expenses.

It costs RUSLEF approximately \$14,000 to provide travel, insurance, housing, food, and books for a Russian student to spend an academic year at an American law school. To date RUSLEF has more offers of tuition waivers from law schools than it has funds available to provide scholarships. Please send donations to Joel Levin or the Pickers (see addresses on page 2 of this Newsletter).

## **RUSLEF Announces Scholarship Award for the 2004-2005 Academic Year**

### **Student Selected to Attend U. of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law**



### *Congratulations, Arthur*

Thanks to a full tuition waiver offered by the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Arthur Oganesyanyan is spending the 2004-2005 academic year in Sacramento, California. A RUSLEF grant is providing travel and all non-tuition expenses for Arthur's nine months' stay in the United States.

Arthur has completed his fourth year of undergraduate law study in Novgorod State University's law faculty, and will return home after his year in the United States to complete the fifth and final year of his undergraduate Russian law degree program.

In 2003 and 2004, Arthur attended the St. Petersburg Summer Law Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia, a summer school program sponsored by

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## **Novgorod State University Receives**

### **Small Grant to Field Jessup Team**

During the spring of 2005, Russian law schools will participate in a regional competition in Moscow of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. A RUSLEF grant once again will enable Novgorod State University's law school to field a team.

### **Who Are RUSLEF's Trustees?**

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Both Pickers now reside in Florida.

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## **Russian Law Student Studies at McGeorge School of Law . . .**

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Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and the University of Arkansas's Leflar School of Law. Arthur is planning to participate in Novgorod's Jessup International Moot Court Competition after he returns to Russia next year. Arthur was selected to receive a RUSLEF scholarship after testing of candidates' TOEFL English language abilities, a review of academic records and interviews in St. Petersburg by a panel of three RUSLEF Trustees.

## **News of RUSLEF's 2002 – 2003**

### **Scholarship Recipients**

Oleg Zadubrovsky and Irina Timonina returned home in May 2003 to complete their final year in law school at Novgorod State University from which both graduated with honors in June 2004. Based on their work at the University of the Pacific in 2003-2004, the McGeorge School of Law has now also awarded both students LL.M. degrees. Irina is now employed at Finvest in Moscow, while Oleg is working at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in its St. Petersburg office.

After returning home, Oleg and Irina competed in Russia's regional Jessup International Moot Court Competition, as did Arthur Oganessian, this year's RUSLEF scholar. Their team placed second among the 21 Russian law schools competing, winning them a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Jessup world finals. Oleg and Irina are now coaching Novgorod's 2005 Jessup team. One of the 2005 team members, Sergey Lomakin, spent the 2003-2004 academic year at Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law with a RUSLEF scholarship.