

FULBRIGHT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

The Government of the United States of America (hereinafter, "the USG") and the Government of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter, "the GOC") agree to the following terms for the exchange of graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and lecturers under the auspices of the Fulbright Program. It is the intent of both governments that this mechanism be considered an interim, ad hoc solution, designed to sustain academic exchanges between the United States and Croatia until new negotiations lead to its extension or replacement. Amendments may be executed, however, at any time with the express agreement of both governments.

Item I: An ad hoc bilateral committee (hereinafter, "the Committee") shall be created to recommend action to the GOC and the USG on all matters pertaining to the proposed exchange program.

Item II: The Committee shall consist of eight persons, four of whom shall be United States citizens appointed by the U.S. Embassy (hereinafter, the Embassy) in Zagreb,

whom shall be citizens of Croatia, appointed by the Ministry of Science (hereinafter "the Ministry"). The Committee shall be chaired by the Public Affairs Officer of the Embassy. To assure that the Committee members bring a diversity of experience to their deliberations, one member from each side shall represent the university and scholarly community and one member from each side shall represent the private, non-governmental sector. In addition, the Ambassador and the Minister shall be honorary co-chairs.

Item III: The program shall be bilateral, providing for the exchange of an approximately equal number of grantees each year, equality to be determined on a grantee-month basis.

Item IV: The Committee shall recommend action that will provide for and guarantee the following:

- A. The development of a comprehensive proposal detailing the scope of programs for the following fiscal year, the academic areas of concentration, the types of grants and similar general guidelines for approval by the respective governments.
- B. The establishment of a mechanism for the annual announcement of the request for applications for Fulbright grants from citizens of Croatia.
- C. The establishment of a mechanism for the receipt of applications from citizens of Croatia that will assure that the competition is entirely open and that anyone can apply and compete on an equal footing.
- D. The establishment of a process to determine the eligibility of submitted applications through non-partisan technical review.
- E. The establishment of academic review panels for the purpose of evaluating the merits of each study, research and lecturing proposal for further consideration by interview panels and by the Committee.
- F. The establishment of panels to interview all persons whose applications have passed technical review, interview panels should consist of four persons, representing the USG, the GOC, and the U.S. and Croatian university and scholarly communities. The panel each year shall establish a rating system for the interviews (for evaluation of candidates on criteria including English language ability, quality and feasibility of proposed programs, applicability of each candidate's field to the needs of each country, and academic credentials/letters of reference of each candidate).
- G. The presentation of a roster of rank-ordered principal and alternate candidates, based on the results of the interviews, for the approval of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

- H. The review of applications from U.S. students, scholars and researchers seeking placement in Croatia.
- I. The placement in Croatian universities and academic research institutes of U.S. applicants for grants.

Item V: The financial obligations for the funding of exchange program are agreed to be as follow:

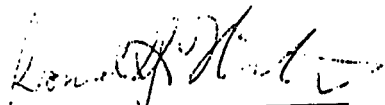
- A. Each government shall be responsible for in-country, local currency expenses including publicity, committee, academic review panel meetings, interview panel meetings, grantee orientation programs, and other local expenses.
- B. The sending side shall cover travel costs for its grantees from their homes to the host institution in the host country.
- C. The receiving side shall provide grantees with housing, local currency stipends, and medical insurance.

Item VI: The immediate steps to be taken to support the grant competition for academic year 1993-94 will be as follows:

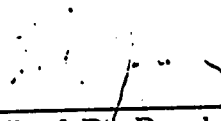
- A. November 2, 1992 - Appointment of Committee members
- B. November 2, 1992 - Appointment of Academic Review Panels
- C. November 5-16, 1992 - Academic Review Panels evaluate applications
- D. November 12, 1992 - Appointment of interview panels
- E. November 19-30, 1992 - Interview panels interview all eligible applicants
- F. Week of November 30, 1992 - The Committee meets to:
 - 1) Review the ranking of applicants by the interview panels.
 - 2) Prepare a slate of nominees to be forwarded to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
 - 3) Prepare the comprehensive proposal for the 1994/95 academic year for submission to the GOC and the USG for approval.
- G. December 14, 1992 - A list of principal and alternate Croatian candidates for the 1993-94 academic year is cabled to Washington, and full sets of application forms

are forwarded to the Institute of International Education (IIE) and to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

- H. January-February 1993 - Following approval by the GOC and the USG of the comprehensive plan for the 1994-95 academic year, publish the announcement of the competition for Croatian candidates for the 1994-95 academic year. The Ministry and the Embassy will publish an announcement in Croatia that applications for grants for the 1994-95 academic year will be accepted from citizens of Croatia, that forms may be requested from either the Embassy or the Ministry, and that completed applications may be returned either to the Ministry or the Embassy.



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