

# June 2015 Newsletter



*Please Join Us....  
Mark Your Calendars...  
Upcoming ICCR  
Activities*

**A Second FREE MOVIE VIEWING  
On Thursday,  
June 11, 2015, from 6 pm – 8 pm  
William K. Sanford Town Library 629  
Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY 12211**



**Recap of International  
Visitors Leadership  
Programs  
in  
May**

**Latin America: Energy Security**

If you missed out on the first opportunity, we are now offering a second. Join the International Center of the Capital Region and the Turkish Cultural Center of Albany for a screening of award

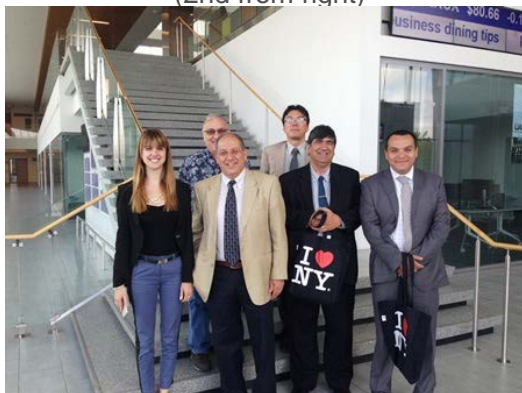
## and Renewable Energy



Visiting with Joe Altering (left) and Ross Goodman (3rd from right) at SUNY Polytechnic Institute

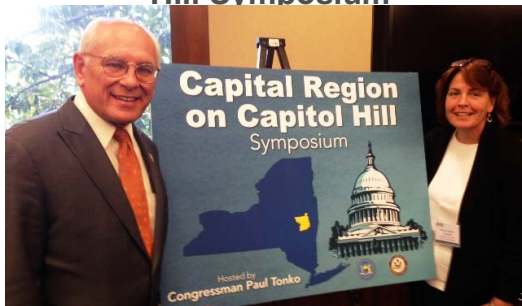


Meeting with Assemblymember Steve Englebright, District 4, Chair on Environmental Conservation Committee (2nd from right)



At University at Albany's BRAND NEW School of Business with Associate Professor Paul Miesing (back row left) and Associate Dean Hany Shawky (front row, second on left)

## May 1 Capital Region on Capitol Hill Symposium



The Symposium was hosted by Congressman Paul Tonko in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. with several dozen representatives from New York's Capital Region in attendance

winning documentary film, Love is a Verb. This film by Terry Spencer Hesser shines a spotlight on Sufi leader Fethullah Gulen and the social movement he inspired among Sunni Muslims in Turkey in the late 1960's which has since spread across the globe. The event is free and open to the public and Turkish inspired refreshments will be served.

[www.loveisavermovie.com](http://www.loveisavermovie.com)

## Tuesday, June 23, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Siena College Developing the Global Mind-set and becoming Cross-Culturally Sensitive

We live in world today where we are constantly working, living, interacting either virtually or in-person with people from cultures different from our own. Having a global mind-set and being cross culturally sensitive is now becoming a necessary competence for success. The more we are culturally aware and open to understanding why people of another culture act the way they do, the better we can build relationships, bridge gaps and be successful.

This workshop will strive to expand participants' cultural awareness and understanding of the impact of cultural differences on themselves and the people around. Through meaningful discussions, sharing of experiences, interactions with others and other creative methods, the participants will have enough food for thought and time for self-reflection to enhance their cultural sensitivity and competence.

Key areas discussed will include, but not limited to the various aspects of culture and cross culture, cultural values and belief systems, stereotyping, culture shock, effective cross cultural communication, and how to bridge cultural gaps. The workshop will draw from the rich experience of the participants, and leave room for self-reflection, developing individual cross cultural visions and goals.

Instructor Renu Ramakrishnan was born in India and has lived for more than 15 years in the US. In 2010, she moved to India with her family and resides in the New Delhi area. An avid traveler and a cross-cultural enthusiast, she still continues to visit the US each year.

Join us for two hours of sharing and growing while making new connections and tasting some multi-cultural cuisine!





Chris Jansing, Senior White House Correspondent, gave the keynote address



Hon. Carrie Woerner, Assembly District 113, was in attendance as well

**UPCOMING  
IVLP PROGRAMS  
COMING TO  
THE CAPITAL REGION**

- July 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Youth Agricultural Outreach and Extension - Russia
- July 8 – 12<sup>th</sup>**  
US Campaign Practices and Electoral Process - Bulgaria
- July 12 – 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Advocating for Human and Civil Rights for LGBT Community - Switzerland

**Cost (which includes a lite dinner) is \$10 for ICCR members and \$15 for not-yet-members.**

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**  
**Annual Indian Day Parade in NYC**



Hosted by the Federation of Indian Associations, the parade is considered the largest such event in the World. Join the International Center as we travel to Manhattan to watch the parade and take advantage of the Indian Food Court, merchandise booths and cultural performances, which last all afternoon. We will leaving from the campus of Siena College in Loudonville at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 8:30 PM. **Cost (which includes transportation and snacks on the bus) is \$69 for ICCR members and \$79 for not-yet-members.**

**Monday, July 13 –**  
**Friday, July 24, 2015**  
***DIPLOMACY STARTS HERE:***  
***Global Understanding and Citizen Diplomat Summer Camp***

The International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with Siena College has announced its first annual global understanding and citizen diplomat camp for students going into grades 10 through 12, set for July 13-24, 2015 at locations throughout the Capital Region including Siena College Campus and New York City, and covering negotiation, media analysis, foreign languages, culinary diplomacy, etiquette and communications skills. The faculty will feature instructors and guest presenters expert in their fields, including business, government and non-profit leaders, seasoned educators and diplomats. The ten-day program begins at Siena College and will conclude with a one-day excursion to New York City where students will visit the United Nations and a Consulate to learn

**July 28 - 31st**  
Journalism: Blogging and  
Social Media - Uzbekistan  
**Aug. 11 – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Advancing Youth Engagement  
and Leadership - European  
Regional  
**Aug. 13 – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Human and Civil Rights for the  
LGBT Community - Multi  
Regional

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**UPCOMING**

**Youth STEM Program**

**Coming to the Capital Region through  
the US Embassy in Pakistan**

20 High School Students  
with 6 Chaperones

**July 28 – August 6th**

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***We want to hear your story!***  
***Capital Region Immigration***  
***Oral***  
***History Project***

**We Want To Hear Your Story!**

The Capital Region Immigration Oral History Project is collecting and preserving the firsthand interviews of Capital Region immigrants. The International Center is relying on staff, interns and trained community volunteers to conduct interviews to gather first-hand stories about immigrant experiences. First-person narratives, regardless of how long ago, are enlightening and provide insight into individual immigrant stories. In addition to audio-recorded interviews, a sampling of individuals interviewed will be photographed and included in a proposed upcoming pictorial traveling exhibit. Please call if you would like to setup an interview (518) 708-7608.

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firsthand how diplomats work together. Their final day will consist of project presentations and a parent's reception. The goal of the camp is to have the participants apply their new skills to their daily lives to create a ripple effect that can impact their own communities immediately. Everyone benefits when we create a public environment where a diverse community is challenged to share ideas about international issues while considering other points of view. The commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity of thought and perspective makes us better learners, employees, leaders, and citizens.

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***Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015***  
***Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015***  
***A World Affair: International Passport  
Celebrations***



ICCR is teaming up with the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, in Albany and the Central Avenue BID to hold four events starting in September 2015 each with a distinctive theme that will highlight the history, art, food and music of a particular country/culture. The first is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th and will highlight Japan. Followed by India on December 3rd, and Brazil and Kenya in 2016. Event Passports will be distributed to those in attendance at each celebration. The small booklet will contain a page for each participating entity (artists, restaurants and organizations), with questions having to do with the evening's theme. Attendees will be able to go to the different booths where they will find the answer to the question and have their "passport" stamped. Those who answer all the questions will have their names entered into a drawing for prizes. Join us for these fun festive celebrations of the



## **The International Center of the Capital Region Needs You**

Are you interested in being a part of a movement for global citizen diplomacy, cultural and diversity education? Become a volunteer with International Center of the Capital Region and help us make a difference in our community. We work to promote international and cultural understanding and to increase global awareness of the region's assets. We are looking for committee members, interns & volunteers. If you have any of the skills listed and are interested in welcoming the World to the Capital Region, please contact us at [info@iccralbany.org](mailto:info@iccralbany.org).

CPA,  
Marketing,  
Public Relations,  
Fundraising,  
Event Planning,  
Community Relations,  
Grant Writing,  
Corporate Sponsorships,  
Social Media,  
Graphic Design,  
Finance & Accounting

world's unique and diverse cultures.  
Tickets are \$25.

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**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM –  
8:30 PM**  
**Oktoberfest in Central Park**



The German-American Steuben Parade of New York marches with German-American groups from around the country. Parade starts at noon and goes from 68th street to 86th Street. The Oktoberfest in Central Park follows the parade. We will leaving from the campus of Siena College in Loudonville at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 8:30 PM.

**Cost (which includes transportation, snacks on the bus, and ticket to Oktoberfest in Central Park) is \$85 for ICCR members and \$95 for not-yet-members.**

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### **Starting in September, 2015 Destination Dinners – Capital Region International Dining Series**

Mark your calendars – Beginning this fall, the International Center will sponsor destination dinner each month to a variety of ethnic restaurants. Choosing from a set menu, attendees will have an opportunity to try a variety of ethnic cuisine and meet the individuals/chefs behind it. Get the inside scope on our area's ethnic happenings.

Restaurants who have signed up to participate thus far include:  
Terra International Cuisine  
Salsa Latina  
Capital Thai

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### **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM The Energy Landscape: a Global Perspective with Guest Speaker the Hon. James Clad**



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Affairs Councils of America in Washington, D.C., the International Center in collaboration with School of Business at the University at Albany will be hosting a morning dialogue at the School of Business with the Hon. James Clad. James Clad is a senior adviser at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) in Arlington, and also advises IHS Jane's and Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA). During 2002-10, he was US deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asia, senior counselor & director for Middle Eastern affairs at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and a senior counselor for the US Agency for International Development. From 1995-2002 he was a faculty professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and concurrently Director/Asia-Pacific Energy at CERA. He trained originally as a New Zealand lawyer, his career shifted in the 1980s to commercial and security affairs in Asia, broadening after 2002 to include the Middle East. In the 1980-90s, he wrote for the Far Eastern Economic Review, and won fellowships from St. Antony's College, Oxford, and from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Harvard's Center for International Affairs.

He also served in the New Zealand diplomatic service. His first book, Business, Money & Power in Southeast Asia (1991) critiqued Asia's crony capitalism; his next volume, After the Crusade (1996), dealt with American foreign policy. He received the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Public Service Award in 2009 and a royal honour from HM the Queen in 2011. The event is free and open to the public. (Note: there may be a small fee for parking at the University at Albany)



**Welcome New ICCR Member!**

Rajesh Ramamurthy, Clifton Park – Well Wisher

Sponsored by Manoj Ajmera,  
Membership Chair



**Check out our website!**

[www.iccralbany.org](http://www.iccralbany.org)

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## GLOBALTIES > U.S.

AT THE CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Global Ties U.S. is a network of over 100 nonprofit organizations across 44 states and 13 countries that connect leaders in U.S. communities with leaders from all around the world.

[www.globaltiesus.org](http://www.globaltiesus.org)

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Please spread the word - feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!

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**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING  
FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

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**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you....to all those who assisted in May to host our International Visitors**

### **NYS Public Service Commission Staff**

James Denn, Director of Public Affairs  
Ashley Moreno, Admin Law Judge  
Tom Rienzo, Supervisor, Clean Energy Office  
Michael Worden, Deputy Director- Electric, Office of Electric, Gas and Water

### **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Staff**

Jonathan Binder, Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel  
Dazzle Ekblad, Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change  
Mark Lowery, Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change  
Lois New, Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change

### **SUNY Polytechnic Institute**

Krista Thompson, Assistant VP for Student Affairs and Services  
Joseph Alteri, Assistant VP, Business Development and Economic Outreach  
Ross Goodman, Associate VP, Business Development and Economic Outreach

### **New York State Assembly**

Assemblymember Steve Englebright, District 4  
Stephen Liss, Counsel

### **NYSERDA**

Don LaVada, Director of Consumer Services and Events Management  
John Williams, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs

### **University at Albany, Department of Business**

Rita Biswas, Associate Professor  
Paul Miesing, Associate Professor  
Hany Shawky, Associate Dean, Professor of Finance and Chair

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**Please Mark Your Calendar!**

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**PolishFest**



# PolishFest

June 5 - 7, 2015

June 5th Friday 4PM - 9PM  
June 6th Saturday Noon - 9PM  
June 7th Sunday 11:30AM - 6PM  
TICKET PRICE - \$3 for each day  
<http://www.polishfest-ny.org>

St. Peter Armenian Church

## ARMENIAN FESTIVAL



100 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Watervliet, NY (6 miles north of Albany)

Saturday  
JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>

Noon - 8:00 PM

Sunday  
JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>

Noon - 5:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC all weekend provided by the...

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- ❖ Cooking Demonstrations, Church Tours, St. Peter Gift Shop, Vendors
- ❖ Kids' Activities, Games & Entertainment
- ❖ Raffles



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June 5 - 7, 2015





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### **Italian Meal on the Lawn**

We will grill Italian sausages at our "Italian Meal on the Lawn" and sell other Italian food items on Wednesday, June 17th from 5 to 8 pm. This is the first of 3 that we hold. These are fundraisers.

Please come and help us get out the word about these great events.

The American Italian Heritage Museum &  
The American Italian Heritage

Association

1227 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12205  
(518) 435-1979

[www.americanitalianmuseum.org](http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org)

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### **The US-China Peoples Friendship Association**

<http://uscpfany.org>

The US-China Peoples Friendship Association (USCPFA) is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational organization. Their goal is to develop and strengthen friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and the People's Republic of China.

USCPFA's Annual June Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 – 4:30 PM at the Bethlehem Town Park.

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