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# September 2014 Newsletter



## HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

### International Visitor Leadership Program

ICCR hosted an IVLP Delegation in August from Mongolia who were in the Capital Region under the project title of "National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey." Thank you to all those in the community who assisted with their program including: Shao Lin, MD, PhD, Patrick Parsons, Ph.D., Kurunthachalam Kannan, Ph.D., Julie Reuther, MPH, Kamalnain Sig, MBBS, MPH, Kenneth Bogdan, Ph.D., Gregg Recer, Ph.D., Nicholas Pavelchak,, Jun Gu, Ph.D. and Qing-Yu Zhang, Ph.D. from the NYS DOH, Carol Whittaker, John Justino, David Carpenter, M.D., and Louise-Anne McNutt, Ph.D. from University of Albany, State University of New York

### UPCOMING EVENTS



September 17<sup>th</sup> - September 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Author Sherry Mueller coming  
 to the Capital Region  
 for Several Speaking Engagements

**International Center of the Capital  
 Region Members will receive a 20%  
 discount off the purchase of Working  
 World  
 when pre-ordered from ICCR  
 Call to reserve your copy - (518) 708-  
 7608**

Please join us on Wednesday,  
 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM when she  
 presents  
 at  
 The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza  
 1475 Western Avenue,  
 Albany, NY 12203  
 (518) 489-4761



Dr David Carpenter (2nd from left) and Louise Anne McNutt, Ph. D. (far right) with two of the Mongolian visitors



Group at SUNY's School for Public Health (East Campus) - Former ICCR Board Member Carol Whittaker is pictured 5th from the right.

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**ICCR assists with USCRI at a Local Farmers Market**



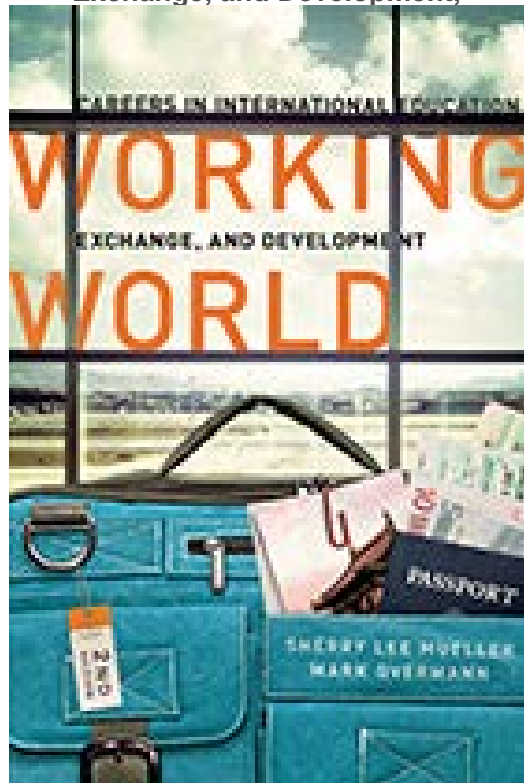
For two weekends in August, ICCR assisted a group of immigrants from Afghanistan with the setting up of a booth at the Waterford Farmers' Market in collaboration with the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). A variety of wonderful baked goods were prepared and sold. Kudos to Mary at the Waterford Farmers Market for allowing this wonderful opportunity! Thank you to Frannie for the transport, setup and takedown of the booth each week!

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**The following international delegations (IVLP) are coming to the Capital Region in September - October:**

**September 1 - 4**



Sherry Mueller, the co-author of the book "Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development,"



is coming to the Capital Region. Sherry L. Mueller was the President of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) from 2001- 2013 (now called Global Ties). Global Ties is the private sector partner of the U.S. Department of State in the implementation of the International Visitor Leadership program (IVLP) – one of the programs through which the International Center of the Capital Region receives its visitors. Before coming to NCIV, she worked for the Institute of International Education (IIE), served as an Experiment Leader to the former Soviet Union, an English Language Officer for the U.S. Department of State, and a lecturer at the University of Rhode Island. Ms.

**Turkmenistan - NGO Management**

**September 10 - 13**

**Poland - Community Engagement & Neighborhood Initiative Support**

**September 15 – 26**

**Japan - Improvements in the reliability of the electricity supply, demand, transmission, and distribution**

**September 20 – 24**

**European Regional – Global Energy Security**

**September 24 - 27**

**Kenya – Government Strategic Communications**

**September 26 – 30**

**Bulgaria – Culinary Diplomacy**

**October 5 – 9**

**Uzbekistan – Emergency Medicine**

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**ICCR is Seeking  
Local Host Families for  
FLEX Students  
*Beginning In September***

Created in 1992 by the US Department of State, the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) is a scholarship exchange program for high school students (ages 15-17) from Eurasia (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine). The program's goal is to provide an opportunity for the students to spend an academic year in the United States, living with a host family and attending an American high school, while engaging in activities to learn about American society and values to experience

Mueller is an active volunteer and has served on the boards of various nonprofit organizations including World Learning (Vice Chair), the Public Diplomacy Council, Friendship Force International, Business for Diplomatic Action, and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. She serves on the American University School of International Service Dean's Advisory Council and the Advisory Council of the International Student House in Washington, DC.



**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM  
Registration, 6:00 PM Competition**

**Second Annual WorldQuest  
International Global Trivia  
Challenge for Adults**

**Think Globally, Quiz Locally!**

**Start recruiting your brainiest and best-informed friends and co-workers now!**

Why not join the fun? Come test your knowledge of worldiness and the world around you! The event will provide a great, exciting, high-voltage evening of competition for adult teams of up to eight participants competing for trophies and other prizes (including bragging rights) against other area teams. Categories will include: flags and capitals, geography, people in the news, current events, international food and international music.

All proceeds from the competition will go towards the International Center's K-12 educational initiatives.

**Cost: \$35 per person**

**OR**

**\$250 per team of eight.**

**Call (518) 708-7608**

**to make reservation.**

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life in a democratic society. The program places special emphasis on leadership skills and seeks ways for participants to develop these skills during the school year. As former Senator Bill Bradley stated, "the best way to ensure long-lasting peace and understanding between the U.S. and Eurasia is to enable young people to learn about democracy firsthand through experiencing it". The International Center is hoping to place three students within the Capital Region this coming academic year. If you would possibly consider hosting a student for part of or for the full school year, we would like to hear from you.

**For further information, please call (518) 708-7608.**

**Incredible Cultural Exchange to Turkey Provided to ICCR Executive Director in August**

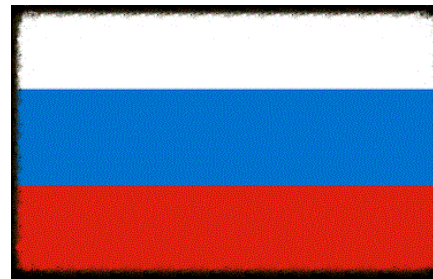
Thank you to the Turkish Cultural Center Albany (TCCA)! [www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany](http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany)



The group standing in front of the Library of Celsus in Ephesus, an ancient Greek city located in Izmir Providence, Turkey



The group visiting the Topkapi Palace, in Istanbul Turkey, which was the primary



**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Russian Cooking Class  
with Russian Chef Regina Maksutova**

Trained in Russia under the guidance of her grandfather, Chef and Author Regina Maksutova will be traveling to the Capital Region to share her expertise in preparing Russian cuisine. This is an event not to be missed.

Cost: \$50 per person. Call (518) 708-7608 to make your reservation.

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**43rd Annual  
FESTIVAL of NATIONS**  
Celebrating art and culture in the Capital District since 1972

The Festival is presented by ethnic groups from Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Burma, China, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Korea, Liberia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Scotland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine

**Come and Be Part of a Celebration  
Of Cultural Diversity!**

Parade of Nations  
Crowning of Miss  
Festival of Nations



Native Dances/Music,  
Tasty Ethnic Foods,  
Unique Crafts and  
Entertainment from  
Around the World

General Admission  
Adults \$5.00; Children (3-12) \$2.00  
For further information call - (518) 371-3737  
or visit <http://www.festivalofnations.net>



Sunday, October 26, 2014  
12 Noon - 5:00PM

Empire State Plaza Convention Center  
Albany, New York

*Please join us...*  
**Take a Trip Around the World for \$5.**  
ICCR will be a part of 43rd annual Festival of Nations which is taking place on October 26th. Thousands people attend the Festival every year. Our very own ICCR Board member Manoj Ajmera is the Chairman of the Festival (his 28th year). Please call (518) 371-3737 for additional information.  
[www.festivalofnations.net](http://www.festivalofnations.net)

residence of the Ottoman sultans for approximately 400 years (1465–1856) of their 624-year reign

Located in Menands, the Turkish Cultural Center Albany (TCCA) is a non-profit, non-governmental, charitable organization devoted to the promotion of understanding and appreciation among people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

One of the various activities annually organized by TCCA is an Intercultural Trip to Turkey specifically planned for academics, legislators, religious leaders, community service providers, businessmen and other related professionals to enhance their multicultural experience as well as intercultural relations between the American and Turkish societies. This year Diane Conroy-LaCivita was invited to attend.

Under the leadership of TCCA Director Veysel Ucan, the trip provided eight participants with an original intercultural experience at the meeting place of the West and the East. The trip included: stops in four different cities, visits to historic sites that have significance in Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions, interactions with the local people, and meetings with academics, local officials and business leaders.

[Turkish University Mevlana, Turkey - LINK.....](#)



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**Welcome  
New Members to ICCR**

**Organizational Level**

**Hampton Inn of Clifton Park  
Rotary Club of Albany**

**Household Level**

**Jyothi and Dr. Govind Rao,  
Amsterdam**



**Community Events**

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**Check out the upcoming happenings  
of the  
US-China Peoples  
Friendship Association  
at [www.uscpfany.org](http://www.uscpfany.org)**

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**Italian American Heritage Museum  
On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to  
4 p.m., Italian American Heritage  
Museum will host a  
fall dinner on the lawn.  
<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>**

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**[Italian American Community Center](#)**

**Fabulous Fall Festival  
Sunday, September 21, 2014  
10:00am - 4:00pm**



World Affairs Councils of America  
Engaging Americans in Global Affairs

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



The National Council for International Visitors (NCIV)

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



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The Women's League of the IACC Presents our Annual

## FABULOUS FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 21  
10 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
Free Admission

**Farmers' Market & Craft Fair**

Lunch and Snack Bar  
Italian Specialties  
Pumpkin Painting  
Face Painting

The lawn and Pavilion at the Italian American Community Center  
257 Washington Ave Extension, Albany  
Call 456-IACC (4222) for details  
[italianamerican.com](http://italianamerican.com)

### Italian Language Classes



Monday Nights, 7 P.M.

September 15, 22, 29  
October 6, 13, 20, 27  
November 3

**Elementary Italian:** A course for beginners and those who wish to refresh their skills. Learn the basics: the Italian alphabet and the rules of pronunciation, numbers, telling time, conjugating verbs in the present tense, vocabulary, and basic conversations.

\$75 Members • \$85 Non-Members  
Additional fee will be collected on the first night for textbook and other necessary materials

Call the IACC Office at 456-4222 to register  
Class size will be limited  
Write checks payable to: IACC Foundation  
257 Washington Ave Extension, Albany NY 12205



Check out our website!

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



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VOLUNTEERS!!!!**  
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