

# United States Embassy Macedonia

## Presents Newsletter *C O L L A G E*



*Global articles for your interest  
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#### **1. Clinton Sees World in a New Era: The Age of Participation**

At a time when mobile phones and text messages have become the tools of political change, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the world has entered a new era: the age of participation.

#### **2. U.S. Economy Improves in the April-to-June Quarter**

The U.S. economy showed modest improvement in the April-to-June quarter mostly on increased consumer spending and a modest improvement in trade.

#### **3. Obama Helps Launch Open Government Partnership**

President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton took part in the formal launch of the Open Government Partnership in New York, which brings together heads of state and senior officials from 46 nations committed to increasing openness and accountability in their own governments and around the world

#### **4. Women Still Have Limited Role in News Media**

Washington — A worldwide study finds that the hands that shape news coverage are overwhelmingly male. ...

#### **5. National Book Festival Highlights Diverse Authors**

The Library of Congress hosted the 11th annual National Book Festival September 24–25, bringing more than 100 authors, poets and illustrators to the National Mall for two days of events.

#### **6. U.S. Children, Adults Celebrate Halloween**

While not an official holiday, the traditional October 31 Halloween celebration is much beloved by children in the United States, for whom the day is a chance to don costumes and to collect candy and other treats from adults. Many adults also celebrate the occasion by attending costume parties.

## **In case you missed it:**

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### **U.S. Embassy hosts seminar on Role of Judges**

On October 3, Ambassador Wohlers delivered remarks at the official opening of a four-day seminar entitled "The Role of the Judge in Adversarial System". The seminar was hosted by the U.S. Department of Justice/OPDAT, in partnership with ...

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### **Ambassador Thanks Army Veterans**

Ambassador Wohlers hosted a barbeque in his home to honor the Macedonian Army Veterans who have taken part in the international missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Among the guests at this informal event were Minister Besimi, and the Commander of the NGV, MG Dubie.



### **Embassy hosts Donors and MK Basketball team**

On 21st Sept, the Embassy held a lively reception in honor of our July 4 donors and the MN Basketball team. In his remarks Ambassador Wohlers highlighted the tremendous impact of team work can have on a nation, whether in sports, diplomacy or economic development.

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## Ambassador Wohlers meets DUI leader Ahmeti

On Sept 19, 2011, Ambassador Wohlers received DUI leader Ahmeti in a meeting to renew their acquaintance and discuss future cooperation on major issues facing Macedonia. The two interlocutors are looking forward to great success in working together to move Macedonia towards its Euro-Atlantic integration.



## U.S. Sponsored Conference Addresses Combating Terrorism and Cyber Crime

On September 26th-27th, the U.S. Embassy facilitated a conference on "The Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism and Cyber Crime" at Lake Ohrid. Five US subject matter experts sponsored by the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies discussed the complexities of law enforcement in cyberspace, and examined case studies of notable terrorist acts. Civilian and military officials from several nations attended to build trust, mutual understanding, and relationships for future cooperation. Participants examined the effectiveness of their national laws, with an aim to develop basic capabilities in combating cyber crime, and to foster interagency cooperation within their governments. Thirty participants from Macedonia included representatives from the Army of the Republic of Macedonia; the Ministries of Defense, Interior, and Justice; and the Intelligence Agency. Also, fourteen participants attended from Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, and Slovenia.

## [2013 Diversity Visa Program Registration](#)

The 2013 Diversity Visa Program (DV-2013) will open on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, and will close on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

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