



Alumni Newsletter — Summer 2015



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All U.S. government-exchange alumni are invited to attend an International Fulbright conference in Paris November 19-21, 2015 to discuss the impact of climate change on water resources.

This event is organized by the French Fulbright Alumni Association, with the support of the US Embassy in France, the Franco-

American Fulbright Commission, the Youth Ambassadors Alumni Association, and the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Expert panels will explore the mechanisms of mitigation and adaptation necessary to limit the impact of climate change on the well-being and livelihood of society.

Who are alumni?

1. Slovenians who went on a US government-sponsored program like the **Fulbright**, **Ron Brown Fellowship Program**, **Ben Franklin**, or **IVLP** or who participated in the **Summer Economics Institute** are automatically our alumni and members of **USAlumni**, our umbrella alumni association.

2. Slovenians who completed their **university degree** (B.A./B.S., M.A./M.S., PhD, M.D., J.D., etc.) at a US university in the USA and/or **worked in a company in the US** in a management position for 1 year or more may also contact me to become a member of **USAlumni**.

Why am I getting this newsletter?

The goal of our US Embassy Alumni Outreach Program is to stay in contact with you:

- ◆ to hear what you have to say about your experience in the USA & build upon that into the future
- ◆ to include you in some of our Embassy events & programs
- ◆ to inform you of upcoming alumni events, programs, grants, educational opportunities, etc.
- ◆ to organize activities that are of mutual benefit to the US and Slovenia

Where are Alumni within the Embassy?

- ◆ The Alumni Outreach Program is in the **Public Affairs Section (PAS)** of the Embassy.

Your emails and phone calls are **always** welcome, so please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Kind regards,

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Fulbright Water Act Conference, Paris, Nov 19-21, 2015

Registration:

- ◆ France Fulbright Alumni will accept registration until **Sept. 30, 2015**.
- ◆ Attendance is **free**, but participants are expected to organize and pay their own travel, lodging and visa expenses.

- ◆ Register by sending an email to water-act.symposium@gmail.com with the information requested in the **attached document**.

If you have any questions, please contact: water-act.symposium@gmail.com

France Fulbright Alumni look forward to welcoming you to Paris!

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Aug 1 Deadline: US Embassy Small Grants—Alumni

The Embassy Public Affairs Section (PAS) gives out a number of small grants each year for various projects.

These consist of **cultural grants**, **NGO grants**, and now **alumni grants**.

We welcome proposals from alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs and encourage you to apply!

Priority consideration will be given to alumni who:

- Share with a wider community the knowledge or skills gained in the exchange program or training
- Cooperate with other alumni to implement the grant
- Explain how the project will enhance alumni professional development

Grants are typically between **\$3000-\$10,000** per project.

Thematic areas are detailed on the below website.

Deadline for the next round of project submissions is **August 1, 2015**.

To find out more: http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/grant_opportunities.html

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International Exchange Alumni website—updated!

The International Exchange alumni website is a place where past and present U.S. government-sponsored exchange program participants find tools to advance their communities and our world.

Members Benefits

- ◆ **Job Center**
- ◆ **Grants**
- ◆ **Events**
- ◆ **Research Tools**
- ◆ **Alumni Directory**

Membership to this exclusive online community grants access to:

- ◆ \$33 billion worth of grant opportunities
- ◆ Professional development resources
- ◆ Exclusive video webchats with VIPs
- ◆ 20,000 online magazines and newspapers.

Recently back from your exchange?

You will receive an email with a “click to join” button!

Want to sign up now?

Register at alumni.state.gov to access these great opportunities!

Got questions?

Give me a call or email to taftccw@state.gov.



Photos from USG Alumni Reception & July 4th celebration

Many of you have asked about photographs from our events. Here is where to find a selection of them.

MAY 27 ALUMNI RECEPTION:

A selection of photos from the 50 years of the Fulbright and 75 Years of International Exchanges reception with Ambassador Hartley are available at:

US EMBASSY FACEBOOK ALBUM LINK:

- ◆ <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153326153268088.1073742112.53039228087&type=1>

FREELANCE JOURNALIST MR. JANEZ PLATISE:

- ◆ <https://flic.kr/s/aHskdekCE7>

- ◆ <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153107186516977.1073741955.233924856976&type=1>

JULY 4 CELEBRATION:

- ◆ <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153426222803088.1073742127.53039228087&type=3>

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Alumni, let us know your news and if we can help you in any way!

- ◆ **Awards:** Let us know if you have gotten an award or other recognition (Presernova, Zoisova, etc.)
- ◆ **Updates:** Have you changed jobs, started a new company, left/returned to Slovenia, gotten your PhD, got a new email, etc.
- ◆ **USA & English Language:** Anything you do connected to the USA or the English language is also most welcome!
- ◆ **Projects:** Any ideas you have for alumni projects, events or ways we can work together to mutual benefit are welcome!
- ◆ We would also be happy to **publicize your news & your successes on the US Embassy Facebook page**, if desired and where appropriate.

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Twitter: <https://mobile.twitter.com/USEmbassySLO>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USEmbassyLjubljana>

Cultural and NGO grants:

<http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/grants.html> **Also open to Alumni!**

Fulbright Program: http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/fulbright_scholarship.html

Studying in the USA: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/studyusa.html>

J1 Visa Summer Work Travel Program: (ages 18-29)
<http://www.staljubljana.com/delo-v-tujini/poletno-delo-zda>

Business:

US Embassy Ljubljana Business info: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/business.html>

American Chamber of Commerce of Slovenia (AmCham Slovenia): <http://www.amcham.si/en/Default.aspx>

Visas:

Consular Section: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/visas.html>