

# NEWSLETTER

## Villa Gröbovka Dedicated as the Headquarters of the CEELI Institute

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Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, CEELI Institute Founder Homer Moyer, and President Václav Havel cut the ribbon to officially dedicate Villa Gröbovka as the headquarters of the CEELI Institute.

On 8 June 2007, members of the CEELI Institute Boards and guests gathered in Prague to dedicate the renovated Villa Gröbovka as the headquarters of the CEELI Institute.

In addition to members of the Institute's Boards, notable guests included: President Václav Havel; Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Ambassadors from Canada, H.E. Michael Calcott; Finland, H.E. Jorma Inki; the Netherlands, H.E. Jan Lucas van Hoorn; Pakistan, H.E. Athar Mahmood; and the United States, H.E. Richard Graber; Chief Justice Themis Konrad, Supreme Court of Albania; Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit; Colleen Graffy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs, U.S. State Department; Fernando Pombo, President, International Bar Association (IBA); Karen Mathis, President, American Bar Association (ABA); Stephen Salyer, President, Salzburg Seminar; Oldřich Černý, Executive Director, Forum 2000; Michal Basch, former Mayor, Prague 2; Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, Co-Founder of ABA/CEELI; Thomas Wells, Jr., President-Elect Designate of the ABA; Martha Barnett, Chair, ABA/CEELI Executive Board; and Dominik Dresel, Great, Great, Great-Grandson of Moritz Gröbe.

**Excerpts of Justice O'Connor's Dedication Address:**

[I] can't tell you how wonderful it is to be here for this dedication of this completed building, the CEELI Institute.... We hope to help ensure what we call the rule of law in many, many nations of the world. I'd like to say all, but that is probably beyond our capacity. But we hope in much of the world. And I believe the rule of law is our best hope for peace in the world.

[T]he rule of law requires that our legal rules be publicly available and that they be consistently enforced and even-handedly applied. Aristotle thought that the rule of law was nothing less than the rule of reason balanced by considerations of equity so that just results may be achieved in particular cases.

[O]ne thing seems clear and that is the importance of an independent judiciary in achieving and maintaining the rule of law....



And I think that we have to ask what independence means. It doesn't mean the judge is free and independent to decide any crazy thing the judge wants to decide, it's not that. It means that the judge in applying the law and deciding cases can do so without fear of sanction or retribution or punishment by the other two branches of government, by the executive or the legislature, because the judge has decided some case in a way that one of those branches doesn't like. That's what independence means. It's independence from the other two branches for the purposes of doing the job.

And we need judges who are fair and impartial and free of corruption. Judicial independence is not an end in itself, it's a means to an end; it's the mechanism to preserve the rule of law. We have to allow judges to make decisions based on the law even if those decisions are unpopular with one or both of the other branches of government.

Now, it also requires judicial integrity. Judges are entrusted with ultimate decisions on life and liberty and property and on the duties and rights of our citizens. They must be people who are free from corruption and improper influences. And judges need to be well trained and competent. They need to have some experience and training.

It's the hope of everyone in this room who's helped create this CEELI Institute that it will be a wonderful tool to help provide the essential training, the education, and the inspiration to uphold the rule of law.



**Excerpts of President Havel's Remarks:**

I have come here specifically to congratulate the CEELI Institute for the completion of this beautiful building, for this beautiful reconstruction, and for the new seat of this institution. It also seems important to me to remind all of us how difficult it is and how much time it takes to build the rule of law, especially in a country which was long ruled by a totalitarian regime.

In my opinion, the legal system is a kind of reflection or projection of a moral order. Law is to serve justice. And in a country where people were accustomed to injustice and a lack of human dignity, it is very difficult to build or revive a new system. Everyone knows and emphasizes that the judiciary is one of the three pillars of a democratic state. They say so, but it is not clear whether this is what they really believe. I very often encounter situations, as I actually did just two or three days ago, in which the administration or executive power seems to believe that the judiciary is subjected to them.



I do appreciate the CEELI Institute, which devotes energy in many countries to the education of judges so that they become really independent and just judges. Of course, there are countries that are even worse off in this respect than the Czech Republic, although this does not mean that the problem is solved in the Czech Republic. So I do wish your Institute much success in your future work.



**Excerpts of Homer Moyer's Remarks:**

It is now our pleasure to dedicate this historic and elegant building. In a city renowned for its breathtaking cityscape and stunning architecture, Villa Gröbovka stands as one of its jewels. It is a structure of which its owner, the City of Prague, and its neighbors, the residents of Prague 2, can be justly proud.... [I]n and of itself, a building, even a magnificent one, is, in part, an unrealized promise. Alone, it is a dream that is yet to be completed. A wonderful building can enable us and empower us. It can inspire us to use it well, to match its grandeur, to achieve for the human neighborhood what it already does for the physical neighborhood.

And so it is with Villa Gröbovka, a handsome building that should help remind us of the important mission of the CEELI Institute. As the home of the CEELI Institute, this building will be dedicated to improving the common good, elevating human dignity, and strengthening our social fabric by advancing the rule of law....

Indeed, in reflecting on the Institute's mission of advancing the rule of law, we are reminded that there is an abundance of unfinished business. So long as corruption among public officials is widespread, citizens and taxpayers will be cheated and denied the benefits of free market forces, and the rule of law will be compromised. So long as the independence and integrity of judges, who safeguard our liberty, are undermined, the rule of law will be at risk. So long as human trafficking in record numbers continues to mock our commitment to human rights and human dignity, the rule of law will remain unfulfilled....

We therefore gather here today to dedicate this noble building -- and to dedicate its use to an even nobler purpose. We do so on behalf of thousands of colleagues who are found in this proud city, throughout this region, and beyond, colleagues for whom the rule of law is more than an abstract institutional mission -- for whom the rule of law continues to be an elusive ideal and a daily struggle, but a vital investment for their families and a hope for the future.



## Annual Meeting of the Boards of the CEELI Institute

On 6-8 June, the Boards of the CEELI Institute met in Prague for the Institute's 2007 Annual Meeting. The business of the Institute was discussed during Committee and Board meetings, with social events allowing board members to interact with one another, the local legal community, invited speakers and guests. In the tradition of the Institute's Annual Meeting, during the Annual Meeting Seminar Board members were challenged through provocative and engaging discussions with outside experts. Over 60 Board members and guests attended the Seminar.

### Annual Meeting Attendees

Martha Barnett, Chair, ABA/CEELI Executive Board  
 Václav Bartuška, Member of the CEELI Institute Board, Ambassador for Energy Security, Czech Republic  
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 Sandy D'Alemberte, Co-Founder of ABA/CEELI  
 Michael Diedring, Executive Director, CEELI Institute  
 Gabriela Dlouhá, Head, TRANS Unit, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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 Justice Ardián Dvorani, Supreme Court of Albania  
 Mark Ellis, Board Member, Friends of the CEELI Institute  
 Pasquale Ferraro, Senior Consultant  
 Jonathan Fried, Member of the CEELI Institute International Advisory Board  
 H.E. Richard Graber, US Ambassador to the Czech Republic  
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## Opening Dinner



(Left to Right)

Jiřina Nováková, Homer Moyer and Barbara Dillon Hillas converse before dinner

Homer Moyer welcomes members of the Board and guests to dinner in the Reading Room (Left to Right) Justice O'Connor, Ambassador Richard Graber, Beret Moyer and Judge Robert Henry



(Right to Left)

Mary Boies, Ted Olson and Lady Booth Olson

**Opening Dinner**

U.S. Ambassador-Designate Cameron Munter and his wife, Marilyn Wyatt



Robert Henry and  
Judy Chirlin





**Meeting of the Boards of the Institute**



(Left to Right)

Mark Ellis, Sandy D'Alemberte  
and Jonathan Fried

(Left to Right)

Ted Olson, Tom Griffith, Karen Staff,  
Aggie Moskal, Julie Broome, Michael  
Diedring, Lado Chanturia and John  
Walker





## Annual Meeting Seminar

### ***The Fourth Estate: Its Critical Role in Societies Transitioning to Democracy & Free Market Systems***

Stephen Salyer, President & CEO, Salzburg Seminar, former President, Public Radio International; Joyce Davis, Associate Director of Broadcasting, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; Ivan Vejvoda, Executive Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy; Moderator: Edward Mortimer, Senior Vice President, Salzburg Seminar, former Director of Communications for Kofi Annan



(Left to Right)

Stephen Salyer, Joyce Davis,  
Edward Mortimer and Ivan  
Vejvoda

### ***A Case Study: Challenges in a Pre-Transition Society – Advancing the Rule of Law & Protecting Human Rights in Cuba***

Igor Blažević, Director of Human Rights and Democracy Department and One World Film Festival, People in Need; Gabriela Dlouhá, Head, TRANS Unit, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Professor Rafael Rubio, Political Consultant and Professor of Constitutional Law at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Moderator: Oldřich Černý, Executive Director, Forum 2000



Gabriela  
Dlouhá

Rafael  
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Igor Blažević



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## Annual Meeting Seminar

### *Lessons Learned and Mistakes Made: From Czech Student Dissidents to Global Reformers*

Václav Bartuška, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Czech Republic & Member of the Board of CEELI Institut, o.p.s.



Václav Bartuška



Fernando Pombo



Vladimíra Dvořáková



Vojtěch Cepl and Judy Chirlin



Fernando Pombo and Karen Mathis

**The Institute Recognizes Significant Contributions**

*The Maurice R. Greenberg / Starr Foundation Main Hall*



(Left to Right)

Michael Diedring, Judge John Walker, Homer Moyer, President Václav Havel, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Mary Boies and Judge Robert Henry

*The Mary and David Boies Reading Room*



(Left to Right)

Homer Moyer, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, President Václav Havel, Mary Boies, Ted Olson and Judge John Walker





## The Mission of the CEELI Institute

The CEELI Institute was created as an independent, not-for-profit international provider of post-graduate, professional legal education to provide high quality, significant, and innovative training and related activities to develop an international professional community of reformers committed to the rule of law. Headquartered in Prague, the Institute advances the rule of law through training and activities that support the continued development of market economies and democratic institutions, and build a respect for human rights in judges and other legal reformers in countries in transition. The visiting instructors at Institute events are international experts who volunteer their time and talent as a public service, without pay.

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