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From the Founder of the CEELI Institute, Homer E. Moyer, Jr.

Against a backdrop of plaster dust, scaffolding, and artisans hard at work, the Institute is both continuing its training program and preparing for the Villa's formal dedication in June 2007. The end of the ongoing restoration process will satisfy the Institute's lease obligations and will secure Villa Gröbovka as the Institute's permanent home until the middle of the 21st century.

Next June's dedication will mark the culmination of years of tireless effort to establish the CEELI Institute as a premier international institution dedicated to advancing the rule of law. The work of the Institute has been made possible through the efforts of many: major benefactors such as the Starr Foundation, Boyden Gray, Mary and David Boies; the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Dwight D. Opperman Foundation; corporate supporters such as Microsoft Corporation, ExxonMobil, Česká Spořitelna, Pfizer Corporation, PhRMA, Baker Hughes, and others; public and international agencies such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC), the World Bank, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE); and individual judges, lawyers, volunteers, trainers, and others, many of whom have given time and money to support the Institute's pioneering work.

With additional funding needed only for interior finishing work for the Landhaus and the residential build-out and upper floors of the Villa, we hope the work on the Institute's impressive physical facility will be completed by the formal dedication.

Following the celebration and dedication, the Institute will become fully operational. The fully renovated Institute will have the capacity to house up to 50 participants and faculty for intensive training and scholarship on a broad range of issues relating to the rule of law. The Institute will then be a uniquely cost-effective platform, offering the practical training, innovative programming, and scholarship for which it is already known in more than twenty-nine different countries.

With the able assistance of dedicated governing and advisory boards, committed supporters, and an outstanding staff, the challenge before the Institute will be to provide training, leadership, support, and creativity in strengthening the rule of law in a manner that will make a real difference in our world. In that sense, the important work of the Institute is continuing, but also just beginning.

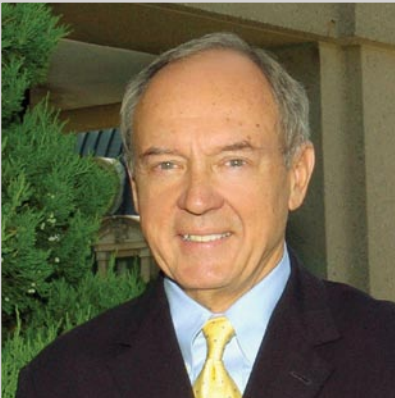


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From the Executive Director of the CEELI Institute, Michael Diedring

2006 has been filled with exciting challenges and successes at the Institute. The recent unrest in Hungary has underscored the challenges still faced in the region, and the need to continue the promotion of the development of the rule of law to support the creation of stable democracies, open and transparent free market economies, and respect for internationally recognized human rights.

With the assistance of senior international experts, we have continued offering regional training and hosting activities for legal professionals at Villa Gröbovka in matters such as the enforcement of intellectual property rights, the use of international norms in administering criminal justice, and the promotion of the use of European case law throughout the new member states of the European Union.

Our regional World Bank funded court administration project brought groups from ten countries to Prague to share experiences and insight in developing model court administration programs in select national courts. A particularly memorable group of Kyrgyz judges from the southwestern city of Osh, with the support of the OSCE Field Office, exchanged views during one of the Institute's signature courses, *Judging in a Democratic Society*. The Institute-supported Language4Law Legal English project went "live" online (www.language4law.org), and trained a regional cross-section of private sector lawyers at the Institute, while the Institute's Annual International Advisory Board Seminar again challenged leading legal reformers with a collection of intriguing sessions and discussions.

While the Villa was being renovated and its residential facilities constructed, the Institute, through the leadership of its first Executive Director, Bill Meyer, and the assistance of expert Working Groups of professional volunteers, developed two additional anti-corruption courses to be launched in Prague in early 2007: *Judicial Integrity* and *Anti-Corruption in Public Contracting*. Both these courses will take a multi-disciplinary, country team approach to developing pragmatic and sustainable country-specific "Action Plans" in the on-going fight against corruption.

While continuing its activities in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, the internationally supported work of the Institute is also expanding, with projects under consideration to assist legal reformers from the Middle East, Asia and Africa. When the renovation of Villa Gröbovka is completed, the Institute will be ready to welcome to Prague an ever-expanding collection of leading international experts and recognized legal reformers to fulfill its mission to strengthen the rule of law around the world.





The History of Villa Gröbovka

Villa Gröbovka was the summer residence of Maurice Gröbe, a noted Czech industrialist with business interests in mining and railroads. With debris taken from his company’s excavation of the Nusle valley railway tunnel, Mr. Gröbe built the Villa’s foundation at the top of one of Prague’s historic royal vineyards. The foundation stone for the Villa was laid in 1871, and the building was completed late in the 1890s. All of the lands of Havlíčkovy sady, the public park in which the Villa is located, were once the grounds of Mr. Gröbe’s private estate.

Mr. Gröbe and his family enjoyed the completed Villa for only a few years. In 1905, shortly after his death, the family sold the Villa and estate to the local municipality. The park opened to the public in 1906, and the Villa has been used as a public building ever since. During communist times, the Villa was used as the Palace of Young Pioneers.

In the early 1990’s, the City of Prague issued a public tender asking for proposals for renovating and utilizing the Villa. The city received three proposals: one to develop the Villa into a discotheque; the second to renovate the Villa into a casino; and the third, offered by a group of Czech reformers and American lawyers, to renovate and utilize the Villa as the global headquarters of the Czech not-for-profit entity, the CEELI Institut, o.p.s.

With a long-term lease of up to fifty years for the use of Villa Gröbovka , the CEELI Institute is a public commitment to post-graduate training and activities supporting the development of the rule of law throughout the world. With international support from both private and public sources and distinguished visiting professional faculty who donate their time and talent, the Institute brings together leading legal professionals and reformers to share experiences and expertise, exchange ideas, and learn skills to help develop law-based societies in which democratic institutions can operate, free markets can function predictably, and individual and human rights are respected.



Photographs by J. Martin

Villa Gröbovka – A Dream is Realized

When the Villa was first turned over, it had been virtually empty since the late 1980s. It suffered from the ravages of time, its use as a youth center and its neglect during the waning years of communism and the early years of the transition to democracy.



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Villa Gröbovka – A Dream is Realized



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Renovation of the Villa began with an important seed grant provided by the US Agency for International Development (USAID). With these funds, the Institute was able to renovate the ground floor of the Villa and begin its programming.

The enormous challenge of raising the substantial funds necessary to renovate these historic premises required that the Institute renovate in phases. With the expert assistance of the husband/wife team of Michal Hron and Henreta Hronová as Architect and Project Manager, and through the skill and patience of the General Contractor, SKANSKA Czech Republic, the public areas of the Villa were returned to their original splendor.



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The final phase of renovation of the Villa includes the transformation of the lower level of the Villa into a residential facility that will house up to thirty-four participants on-site, and provide facilities for meals and relaxation while participants attend events at the Institute. The upper floors of the Villa will comprise office and administrative space, as well as living quarters for visiting faculty.

An additional historic house belonging to the original Gröbe estate, the Landhaus, is also being renovated into separate flats that will house up to ten participants.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

In spite of the commencement of extensive Villa renovation activities in 2006, the Institute continued to offer a robust schedule of events and activities. Since beginning its operations, the Institute has provided training and hosted activities for nearly 1,000 lawyers, judges and other professional reformers from twenty-nine countries. Those who have come to the Institute for intensive training in various areas of law reform include: judges from the Central Asian Republics; the Supreme Court of Afghanistan; human rights activists from Kosovo and the Ferghana Valley of Central Asia; more than 140 Iraqi judges; and court administrators, judges and lawyers from countries seeking accession into the European Union. Descriptions of the most significant programs and activities conducted at the Institute over the last 12 months are included on the next three pages.

World Bank Regional Project on Building Capacity in Justice Sector Management

Phase II of the World Bank funded Regional Justice Sector Capacity Building Project continued, with judicial leaders from ten countries (Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania and Serbia and Montenegro) convening at the Institute. Twenty-one participants made up management teams from national trial courts. Interactive discussions during Phase II concentrated on improving the internal management and administration of the courts.



Regional Course on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights Launched

The Institute, in cooperation with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), launched a new course entitled **Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights** by inviting twenty-four judges from twelve countries to Prague. The course included participants from Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Working Group Meeting, European Case Law Project

The Institute hosted a prestigious group of international experts for the initial Working Group Meeting of the European Case Law Project. The Project will develop and support a database, virtual workshops, and convene symposia to provide knowledge, information and support activities to encourage the growth and use of European case law.

Training for Kyrgyz Judges

With the support of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Centre in Bishkek/Field Office in Osh, the Institute offered its signature course, **Judging in a Democratic Society**, to a group of eight judges, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Director of the Kyrgyz Judiciary Training Center. Topics included: The Role of a Judge in a Democratic Society; Judicial Independence; Threats to Independent Decision Making; Judicial Ethics; Leadership Skills; and International Human Rights.



Training of Central Asian & Russian Judges

The Institute, in cooperation with the US Justice Department's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) and the ABA/CEELI Moscow Office, invited a regional group of over forty policymakers to Prague for a course entitled, ***International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR): A Foundation for Administering Criminal Justice***. Countries represented included: Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Russia; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; and Uzbekistan.

Institute Supports Language4Law

Language4Law, a not-for-profit entity founded by CEELI Institute Research Fellow Debra Lee, is a project to upgrade legal and legal English education to meet a growing need for linguistically competent professionals in Central and Southeast Europe by providing cutting edge multimedia materials for use by educators, administrators, governments, and business lawyers. Professor Lee is physically located at the Institute, and the Villa has hosted several Language4Law regional Working Group meetings.

New Institute Offerings

In 2007, the Institute will launch two new regional courses in anti-corruption:

Judicial Integrity – Taking a multi-disciplinary approach to the challenge of corruption in judicial systems, this two week Institute course will bring together teams of reformers to work on national action plans to enhance judicial integrity in their home countries. Topics to be covered include: judicial independence; access to courts; sources and causes of corruption; public trust in the judiciary; judicial discipline; and ethics.

Anti-Corruption in Public Contracting – This regional course will bring together a wide variety of procurement officials, including government representatives, judges and prosecutors, to discuss existing models of public procurement, create a best-practices model to effectively target issues within their respective sectors/countries, and address the role corruption plays in the various stages of the procurement process.

Through interactive teaching methods, case studies and intensive group work, participants will discuss issues such as: international trends; existing international and regional legal frameworks; procurement methods; actors and stakeholders within the procurement system; the purchase of commodities; contracts used in public procurement; and opportunities and challenges associated with new technologies such as e-procurement.

THE ANNUAL MEETING SEMINAR

C. Boyden Gray, U.S. Ambassador to the EU, introduced by William J. Cabaniss, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, delivered the Keynote Address, entitled: *The Role of EU Accession in Advancing the Rule of Law in the New Member States*. The keynote was followed by commentary by Professor William B. Simons, Professor of East European Law, University of Trento, and a lively discussion by seminar participants.

As in previous years, the annual meeting seminar included a rich variety of topics presented by distinguished guests and debated by all participants.

A Case Study: Frustrations in Advancing the Rule of Law in Belarus, featuring: H.E. Vladimír Ruml, the Czech Republic's highest ranking diplomat in Minsk; Anatoly Lebedko, Chairman of the United Civic Party and Head of the National Committee of Democratic Forces of Belarus; and Ales Mikhelevich, Deputy Chairman, Belarusian People's Front

Recent Experiences with International War Crimes Trials: From the ICTY to the Iraqi War Crimes Tribunal, featuring David Tolbert, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Mark Ellis, Executive Director, International Bar Association & CNN Commentator, Saddam Hussein Trial

The Continuing Need for Professional Development: A Demonstration of the Internet-based Language4Law Legal English On-line Program, with Dr. Charles Hall, Co-Founder, Language4Law and Květoslav Krejčí, Partner, White & Case, Prague

Anti-corruption Training: Issues & Challenges in Achieving Integrity in the Judiciary and in Public Contracting, moderated by Bill Meyer, initial Executive Director, CEELI Institute, and featuring: Thimjo Kondi, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Albania; Konstantin Kublashvili, Chairman, Supreme Court of Georgia; John Walker, Chief Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and Mary Noel Pepys, Anti-corruption consultant



Homer E. Moyer, Jr., Founder, CEELI Institute



Jiřina Nováková, Supervisory Board Member, Justice Konstantin Kublashvili, Chairman, Supreme Court of Georgia, Judge Thomas Griffith, US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit



Professor William Simons, Justice Vojtěch Cegl, Former Justice, Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

Roundtable Discussion: Best Practice in Supporting Legal Development throughout the World, moderated by Betsy Andersen, Executive Director, ABA/CEELI, and featuring: Markus Zimmer, World Bank consultant; Marek Toman, Office of Transition Promotion, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Scott Carlson, Director, Europe & Eurasia, Chemonics & UN Rule of Law Advisor

ANNUAL MEETING OF INSTITUTE GOVERNING BOARDS



Anatoly Lebedko, Head, National Committee of Democratic Forces of Belarus

From 12-14 July in Prague, members of the Boards of the CEELI Institute – the CEELI Institut, o.p.s. Management and Supervisory Boards, the Board of the Friends of the CEELI Institute, and the Institute’s International Advisory Board met for their annual joint meeting. In addition to business meetings, the governing boards participated in The Annual Meeting Seminar, socialized, and enjoyed the magic of Prague. Undeterred by the summer heat wave that gripped Prague, and Europe, in the summer of 2006, Ambassador and Mrs. Cabaniss hosted the members of the Institute Boards and Institute guests at a reception at their Residence.



Judge John M. Walker, Jr., Chief Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Karen Mathis, President, American Bar Association, Justice Konstantin Kublashvili, Chairman, Supreme Court of Georgia

Other Institute Activities

IBA Annual Meeting Receptions. During the IBA Annual Conference, attended by almost 4,000 international lawyers, the Institute welcomed to the Villa Francis Neate, Former IBA President and Fernando Pombo, IBA President, together with other leaders of the Association.



*Michael Diedring, Homer Moyer,
Fernando Pombo, IBA President,
Francis Neate, Former IBA President*



John Mullen, Supervisory Board Member, Justice Thimio Kondi, Chief Justice of Albania, Gwen Mullen, Professor Jiří Musil, Supervisory Board Member, at the Annual Meeting Seminar

During the IBA Annual Conference, the Institute hosted evening receptions at the Villa for LexisNexis, attended by Andy Prozes, CEO, LexisNexis Group, Friends of the CEELI Institute Board Member, Henry Horbaczewski, Senior Vice President & General Counsel, Reed Elsevier, Inc., Judy Vezmar, Chief Executive Officer, LexisNexis Europe and Africa, and almost 400 invited guests. The Institute also hosted a reception by the leadership of the American Bar Association, led by ABA President Michael Greco.



Professor Ernest Gellner Memorial Seminar

La Strada International (anti-trafficking)

- Regional Working Group Meeting
- Roundtable on Trafficking in Human Beings and Exploitation for the Purposes of Forced Labor in the Czech Republic
- Briefing for Consular Officers on Trafficking in Human Beings and Exploitation for the Purposes of Forced Labor in the Czech Republic

US Embassy

- Legal Aspects of Anti-Terrorism symposium
- Human Trafficking for Forced Labor symposium for Czech Prosecutors

Training for Belarusian reformers

League of Human Rights (Czech Republic), *Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in the EU-10: Expectations vs. Reality*

Burma Evening: The Current Status of Human Rights in Burma

Expat Business Association

- Business Seminar
- Seminar, *Business Ethics in the Czech Republic*

Business Briefing, Doing Business with South Africa, Embassy of the Republic of South Africa

Prague Community Events

- Thirteen free-of-charge evening concerts for local residents
- 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Park to the General Public
- 2005 Annual Vinohrady Wine Festival
- First Day of School Celebration on the Villa terrace

Special Thanks to US Ambassador William Cabaniss and Prague 2 Mayor Michal Basch

It is a pleasure for the CEELI Institute to recognize the outstanding support and contributions of two particular individuals in Prague.



Ambassador William Cabaniss has been one of those rare individuals who willingly steps forward to pitch in when crises loom. Upon his arrival in Prague, Ambassador Cabaniss quickly understood the importance of the Institute in promoting the development of the rule of law from its headquarters in Prague. In too many ways to catalogue in this Annual Report, Ambassador Cabaniss provided extraordinary official support and showed an unwavering personal commitment to the Institute far beyond the call of duty. As Bill Cabaniss returns to private life, we are grateful for the contributions he has made to the development of the Institute, for his strong support, and for his wise counsel.

Prague 2 Mayor Michal Basch has been the Institute's "landlord" for the past five years, but also very much more. With a common goal to restore Villa Gröbovka to its original splendor, the Institute and the Mayor have worked hand-in-hand to ensure that the renovation could proceed, sometimes under challenging conditions. Mayor Basch has been an enthusiastic supporter of the work of the Institute, a regular visitor to the Villa for public concerts and other events, and a dedicated public servant who has ensured through his stewardship that Prague 2 and the public will be able to enjoy the renovated park and Villa. As he retires from public life, we thank Michal Basch for his patience, good humor, and human touch, and look forward to seeing more of him in Havličovy sady and Villa Gröbovka in the future.



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Special Thanks to Three of the Institute's Major Supporters

In exchange for the long-term occupancy of Villa Gröbovka, the Institute has obligated itself to restore, renovate and maintain this historic building. These renovations have been made possible by the generous support of numerous individuals, corporations, and institutions. Among them are three supporters whose generosity in the last 24 months deserves special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude. Without their extraordinary actions, the progress described in this report would not have been possible, and the work that will follow over the next decades would not occur.

The Starr Foundation Donates \$5 Million for Villa Renovation

The Starr Foundation's \$5 million donation, made possible by efforts of Starr Foundation Chairman Maurice R. Greenberg, is supporting the on-going renovation of the historic Villa Gröbovka, resulting in modern accommodation for participants and legal experts from around the globe who come to Prague to participate in the Institute's rule of law trainings and events.

The Starr Foundation is an independent foundation established in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, Mr. Greenberg's predecessor at AIG and the founder of the American International family of insurance and financial services companies, now known as AIG. The foundation makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and healthcare, public policy, human needs, culture and the environment. Mr. Greenberg has served as Chairman of The Starr Foundation since 1981.

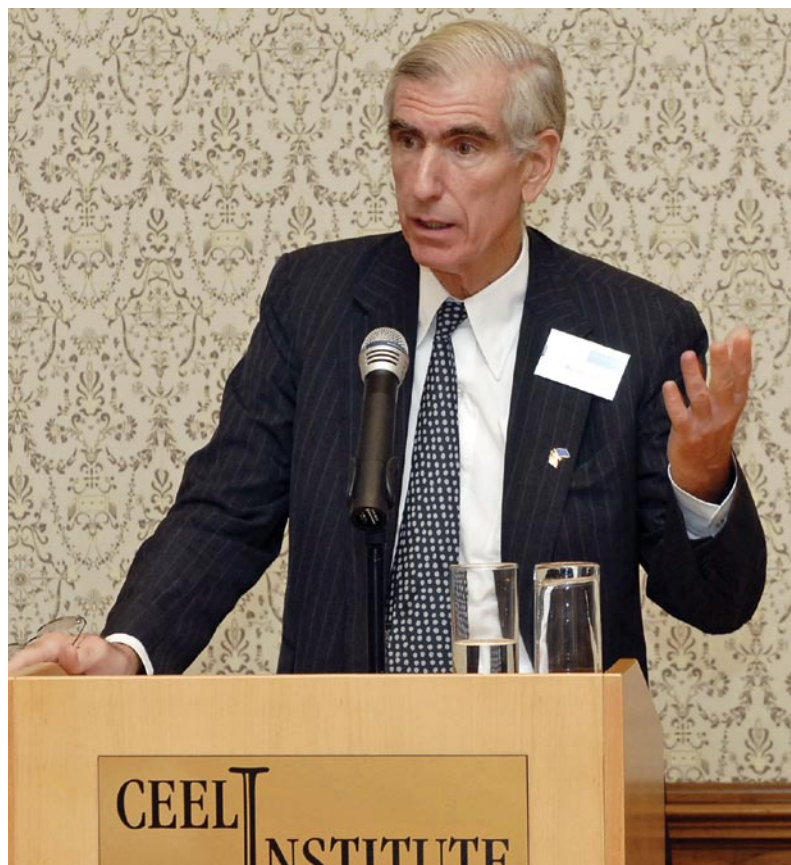
Mary & David Boies Provide a \$500,000 Gift

In late 2005, Mary & David Boies provided to the Institute a critically important personal gift of \$500,000. This generous contribution allowed for the completion of the second phase of the renovation of the Villa. In addition, Mary Boies agreed to join the Board of the Friends of the CEELI Institute, and has shown leadership as one of its most active members.

Mary is founding partner of Boies & McInnis, a law firm specializing in general corporate, securities and antitrust litigation. She currently is a member of the Dean's Council of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and is a member of the Board of Business Executives for National Security (BENS). Her husband, David, is Chairman of the law firm of Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP, and is best known for serving as Special Trial Counsel for the United States Department of Justice in its antitrust suit against Microsoft, leading special investigations for Tyco and WorldCom, and in serving as the lead counsel for former Vice-President Al Gore in connection with litigation relating to the Florida vote count in the 2000 US Presidential election.

Ambassador C. Boyden Gray Provides a \$500,000 Follow-on Gift

As a follow-on to a series of continuing financial contributions to the Institute, Ambassador C. Boyden Gray provided a gift of \$500,000 to assist in the renovation of Villa Gröbovka. Ambassador Gray has been a long and committed supporter of the Institute, serving on the Board of the Friends of the CEELI Institute for several years before resigning to take up his post at the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels.



H.E. C. Boyden Gray, Representative of the US to the European Union

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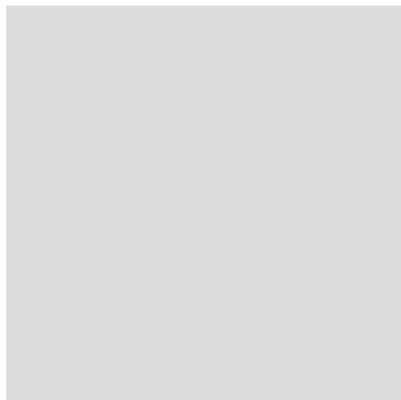
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