

Third Annual EF Day Celebrations

The Eisenhower Day of Fellowship (EF Day) was initiated in 2008 as an occasion for Fellows to renew the fellowship experience of exchanging international perspectives, increase the impact and visibility of Eisenhower Fellowships, and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of Eisenhower Fellowships and the birthday of President Eisenhower.

EF Day celebrations continue to grow each year and this past year hundreds of Fellows celebrated EF Day in 29 countries with events that took place on or around October 14, 2010.

Here are some highlights:

AFRICA

Kenya: Fellows gathered to discuss the Kenyan economy within the context of the recently promulgated Kenyan constitution.

ASIA

China: Fellows from Northeast Asia gathered in Beijing to celebrate an Eisenhower Day of Fellowship by discussing regional economic development and next steps in strengthening this regional network. Sixteen Fellows from China, China (Taiwan), Japan, and South Korea came together for an event hosted by the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE).



Vice President Vincent Siew speaks to the Fellows at the EF Day gathering

China (Taiwan) (pictured above): The Eisenhower Fellowships Association of China (Taiwan) celebrated Eisenhower Day of Fellowship by sponsoring a debate team for the Shanghai World Exhibition. They also organized a 40-student Cross Strait Leadership Camp for three weeks in August for students from Taipei and mainland China. Additionally, a formal celebration of EF Day featured keynote speaker Vice President **Vincent Siew**, '85.

Japan: Fellows gathered to introduce **Shunsuke Niwa**, '11, to the network, and to discuss future opportunities for the Japan network in Asia and around the globe.



L-R: Somkiat Tangkitvanitch, '08; Sriprapha Petcharamesree, '04; Methee Payomyong, '07; Vitit Muntarbhorn, '02; Amara Pongsapich, Chairperson, Thai National Human Rights Commission; Kittipong Kittayarak, '01; Amornwich Nakornthap, '02; Sanitsuda Ekchai, '95

Sri Lanka: The Eisenhower Fellowship Association of Sri Lanka (EFASL) collaborated with the American Center and U.S. Embassy in Colombo on a national essay contest for school children ages 12 to 18. Questions focused on leadership characteristics, the importance of international dialogue, and making a difference.

Thailand (pictured above): More than 90 people gathered to celebrate the official launch of the Eisenhower Fellowships Alumni Thailand and participate in a public seminar on the issue of "Human Rights Institutions in ASEAN Countries". Media coverage included two TV channels: TNN (the news channel of the largest cable operator) and ASEAN TV.

EUROPE

Finland: U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Oreck celebrated the 3rd Annual Eisenhower Day of Fellowship together with Finnish Eisenhower Fellows. In his speech delivered at Hanaaari, the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Ambassador Oreck engaged the Fellows in a conversation about the Obama administration's energy and climate policy, promoting clean energy investments and innovations.

France (pictured right): Fellows enjoyed a small celebration of EF Day and elected **Etienne Drouard**, '06, the new chairman of the French Alumni Association.

Germany: U.S. Ambassador Murphy and EF President John Wolf joined the Fellows for a reception at the U.S. Embassy at Pariser Platz in Berlin. German-U.S. relations were discussed, followed by a networking dinner.

Hungary: Fellows celebrated their first EF Day with an event at Obuda University in Budapest, "Changes and Relationships - Eisenhower Day of Fellowship in Budapest." The event included a video welcome by EF President John Wolf and talks by Alumni Fellows including 1999 USA Fellow to Hungary, Marge Kilkelly. The first part of the event was broadcast live on the university's website. At the end of the day, the 2011 MNP Fellow, **Dr. Tünde Tátrai**, was introduced.

Italy: EF Day was celebrated with an interactive conference: "Is the Internet Changing People's Engagement in Democracy?" The conference had 150 attendees, with another 400 people streaming the conference live. The event was publicized via the U.S. Embassy's website, and covered in *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's largest daily newspaper, as well as two Italian magazines (*7* and *L'espresso*).

Russia: Fellows gathered for a small dinner in Moscow.



Seated L-R: Michel Le Gouis, '61; Frederic Mauro, '01; Maurice Trocme, '62; Hedwige Pasquet, '00; Dominique Larre, '72; Benoit Aubenas, '72, EC
Standing L-R: Francois Dufour, '98; Claude Henrion, '68; Etienne Drouard, '06

EF Day, cont'd

Spain: The Spanish Eisenhower Fellows Association celebrated EF Day with a lunch featuring talks by Javier Solana, former Secretary General of NATO and the EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy regarding his experience in foreign policy and by the U.S. Ambassador to Spain, Alan D. Solomont, who spoke about bilateral relations.

Turkey: Approximately two dozen Fellows from Turkey and Fellow guests from Egypt, India, Jordan and Nigeria joined EF President John Wolf and EF trustee Edgar Cullman, Jr. to celebrate and renew their pledge for support for EF, international dialogue and cooperation.

LATIN AMERICA



Marita Carballo and Enrique Zuleta Puciero, '87

Argentina (pictured above): At the Daniel Maman Art Gallery in Buenos Aires, more than 120 alumni Fellows, spouses, and representatives from NGO's, the public, and private sector joined to celebrate EF Day. **Marita Carballo**, '88, ICANA president, spoke about the mission and vision of the fellowships. General **Julio Hang**, '88, gave remarks on General Eisenhower's vision.

Brazil: Leaders from Brazil joined the second ABEFELLOWS Forum: "The Role of Science and Culture in the Social and Environmental Development" to commemorate the vision of Dwight Eisenhower and the principles of Eisenhower Fellowships. It was hosted by Prof. Jose Israel Vargas, chairman of the Nominating Committee in Brazil, and consisted of several Fellows, as well as Professor Mario Neto Borges, president of Fapemig; Roseni Sena, director of Citizenship and Inclusion of Inhotim Institute, Olavo Machado Jr., president of Fiemg,

Chile: EF Day was celebrated in Chile with a dinner that also welcomed three 2010 USA Women's Leadership Program Fellows. **Cynthia Figueroa**, **Giovanna Negretti**, and **Cherelle Parker** were greeted by 20 alumni Fellows and representatives from the U.S. Embassy and the Chilean Minister of Women's Affairs, Carolina Schmidt. The event



EF Day Mexico: Standing L-R: Alfonso André P., '70, Timothy Heyman (Nominating Committee member), Alejandro Alfonso, '10, Fausto Cantú Peña, '67, Ing. Jesús Alfonso Marín Jiménez, '96, Araceli Partearroyo (Nominating Committee member), Mrs. Fausto Cantú, and Elda Marín. **Seated L-R:** Esther André, María Elena Juárez de Beristain (Javier Beristain's ('86) widow), Dr. Matilde Eva Espinosa, '73, Dr. Martha Rivera Pesquera, '10, and Gema Moreno Vega, '08.

was featured in *QUE PASA*, a popular business magazine in Chile.

Mexico: Fellows gathered at ABC Hospital complex in the Susan Lowell Auditorium within the Cancer Research Center to listen to the fellowship experiences of **Alejandro Alfonso**, '09, and wish **Martha Rivera**, '10, well on her WLP fellowship.

MIDDLE EAST

Saudi Arabia: Alumni discussed the way forward after the launch of a new EF alumni association and plans to play a positive role in facilitating exchange among Saudi Fellows and international colleagues.

OCEANIA

Australia: Australia celebrated EF Day by gathering approximately 20 public and private sector leaders and journalists with alumni Fellows at a lunch hosted by **Jerry**

Ellis, '93. Australian Fellows in attendance included **Annabel Crabb**, Australia's 2011 MNP Fellow; **Paul Espie**, '00; **Rosemary Howard**, '91; and **Jennifer McAllister**, '09.

New Zealand: The first EF Day celebration in New Zealand began with a business meeting, followed by a dinner chaired by **Susan Baragwanath**, '94, and was continued the next day with a visit to Matiu/Somes Island, a historic nature conservation area. During the events, the group selected **Bernardine Vester**, '02, as their new alumni chairperson. The event provided the alumni Fellows with an opportunity to meet each other, form an association, and discuss international relations.

USA

Agriculture: Five Eisenhower Agriculture Fellows joined over 70 individuals from around the globe at the 2010 Nuffield Contemporary Scholars Conference held in Washington, DC, Harrisburg and Gettysburg, PA.

Philadelphia: Fellows gathered at **Diane Dalto**'s, '00, home to welcome international Fellows to the Leadership & Innovation Conference.



L-R: Kathy Higgins, '05; Nina Szlosberg, '03; James Rosen, '10; Robert Burns, '10; Jean Davis, '04; Joan Myers, '05

Research Triangle (pictured above): Fellows celebrated in downtown Raleigh at a leadership seminar hosted by BlueCross-BlueShield NC.

St. Louis (pictured below): Alumni Fellows celebrated EF Day with a Night at the Ballgame, attending a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.



Back Row L-R: Michael Moehn, '09; Kelly Gast, '11; Rob Freund, '08; Clint Zwiefel, '09; Robert Shanklin, '11. **Front Row L-R:** Rachel Storch, '08; Steve Pelch, '09; Michelle Sherod, '09; EF trustee, Ed Monser