

CEELI INSTITUTE PRAGUE

2005 Annual Report

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CEELI Institute

The CEELI Institute was founded to provide world-class post-graduate legal education and skills training for lawyers, judges and others committed to law reform in countries undergoing democratic transitions. Through its programs and events, the Institute provides those committed to legal reform with the practical skills necessary to succeed and serves as a regional locus for reform efforts. The Institute's courses and programs bring together legal professionals and judges from across the globe to exchange ideas and learn new skills that will aid them in the pursuit of democratic reform, individual rights and free market economies.

The CEELI Institute is a locally registered nonprofit organization in the Czech Republic. While continuing to draw upon the expertise and resources of its American roots, the Institute is an organization with strong European ties and draws upon best practices from both continents in its programming.

ABA/CEELI

In 1990, the American Bar Association created the Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI) (later renamed as the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative) to aid legal reform efforts in the region's newly-independent republics. Since its founding, CEELI has provided essential technical legal assistance through the efforts of volunteer lawyers, judges, and academics to Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East. CEELI takes pride in the 180 million dollars in *pro bono* legal services that CEELI volunteers have contributed. Having trained thousands of legal professionals in the region, CEELI believes that a long-term commitment is essential to sustaining requisite legal and judicial reforms.

Contributing to Change

Ukraine's historic 2004 election. Together with members of Ukraine's Supreme Court, Central Election Commission and Parliament, CEELI held judicial trainings on election law and created an election law judicial benchbook that was provided to judges, lawyers and party representatives prior to the 2004 presidential election. CEELI also assembled a nation-wide network of election legal assistance offices and hotlines, aiding over 67,000 citizens during the campaign and election periods. **Forming an independent judiciary in Iraq.** The CEELI Institute held trainings on the creation and preservation of an independent judiciary for three delegations of Iraqi judges and prosecutors. **Judicial reform in Afghanistan.** Judges from Afghanistan have come to the CEELI Institute to work toward further judicial reform in their country. Working in concert, CEELI and the CEELI Institute have used their expertise to assist over 30 countries in transition.

"The Villa Grobovka is a fitting home for a majestic project . . .

In my judgment, CEELI is the most effective voluntary legal assistance initiative in history . . .

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Former U.S.
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From the Chair of the CEELI Institut, o.p.s.,
RNDr. Jirina Novakova



Jirina Novakova

It is with enormous pleasure and pride that I witness the growth and powerful impact of this extraordinary organization. As a life-long resident of Prague, my association with the Institute is based upon my deeply held belief in its core mission and in the significant role, through the CEELI Institute, that the City of Prague, the Czech government and the Czech people can play in promoting the further development of the rule of law in this region and throughout the world.

The defense of human rights, the promotion of democratic institutions and ideas and the continued expansion of our free market economies are critical to completing the political and social transition that began in my country almost fifteen years ago. This work will yield benefits for many generations to come. Our society understands from firsthand experience the devastating effects of tyranny and the profound societal damage that is inflicted by the official repression of basic human rights and freedoms and the absolute contempt for the rule of law.

But having already traveled a significant distance down the path of transition, we also have learned lessons to be shared with other societies. We have, in the Czech Republic, had successes, and we have had failures, and we have learned a great deal about the process of democratic transition that could benefit those on this path.

It is through the work of the Institute that we encourage all members of the legal profession to grapple with these weighty matters, to meet and talk with one another, to express differences and share similarities, to open minds and share passions, to educate and to cooperate.

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



Homer E. Moyer, Jr.

This has been a landmark year for the CEELI Institute. The Institute's new Executive Director, Michael Diedring, has ably and energetically taken over the responsibilities that his predecessor, Joel Martin, so effectively discharged during his tenure. Under their leadership, the Institute has expanded programmatically, financially and physically. Thanks to the generosity of our individual and corporate supporters, this past year has seen the completion of stunning renovations to the Institute's second floor, which will house the Institute's library, reading room, computer lab, main conference room and moot court room.

With each new program, the Institute proves its value as a force for change in countries in transition. The events in Ukraine last fall, in which CEELI volunteers played a significant role, demonstrated how profound a difference a courageous, independent judiciary and a citizenry knowledgeable about its rights can make in a society. By making professional training available to the judiciary and legal profession in countries such as Serbia and Montenegro and Iraq, the Institute will continue to concentrate on the sectors of society responsible for protecting individual rights and implementing the rule of law.

The important work of the Institute is the result of the dedication, commitment and leadership of many people. Members of the Institute's two governing Boards of Directors and its distinguished International Advisory Board provide luster and professional distinction, as well as policy guidance, to the Institute. We are proud of our continuing partnership with the municipality of Prague 2 and our place in its historic community. Most important of all, given the Institute's *pro bono* charter and dependence on those committed to advancing the rule of law, we are immensely grateful to the individuals, corporations, foundations and public agencies whose generous financial support and the provision of valuable professional resources have enabled the Institute to do the work it is doing.

As we approach the final phases of renovation that will enable the Institute to operate at full capacity, we look forward to being able to realize the extraordinary potential of the Institute as a unique, and uniquely cost-effective, international institution dedicated to the rule of law.

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Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, U.S. Supreme Court, giving the opening address

Sitting and former high court justices from seven countries joined the CEELI Institute boards and distinguished guests for the Institute's Annual International Advisory Board Meeting in July 2005 at the Villa Groebovka. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court delivered the opening address and discussed the rule of law, the components on which it intangibly depends, and historical approaches to constitutional government. Justice Viktor Kryvenko, a member of the Supreme Court of Ukraine and the Head of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, gave the keynote speech, discussing the role and importance of the Supreme Court of Ukraine

in securing the rule of law and democracy after the landmark election in fall 2004.

Also in attendance were Chief Justice Madhat Al-Mahmood, Supreme Court of Iraq; Chief Justice of Canada Beverley McLachlin; Justice Morad Ali Morad, Supreme Court of Afghanistan; Justice Karim Pharaon, Court of Cassation, Jordan; Justice Eliska Wagnerova, Vice-Chairwoman, Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic; Vojtech Cegl, former Justice, Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic; and Lado Chanturia, former Chairman, Supreme Court of Georgia. Corporate representatives included Kim Gagné from Microsoft, Agnieszka Moskal from Pfizer, and Jack Stack from Ceska Sporitelna.

**2005 International Advisory Board Meeting
Distinguished Speakers and Panelists**

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CEELI Institute International Advisory Board



Justice Viktor Kryvenko, Supreme Court of Ukraine, delivering the keynote speech as Judge Thomas Griffith, Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin listen

Dedication of the Homer Moyer Entry Hall

The participants joined CEELI Institute founder Homer Moyer and Executive Director Michael Diedring in a ceremony naming the "Homer Moyer Entry Hall" and in the dedication of the newly renovated second floor of the Villa, which includes the grand staircase, a historically restored hall to be used as the library reading room, research facilities, a computer training lab, a multi-purpose skills training room/long-distance learning center and board room. The latest renovations bring the Institute closer to full operational capacity as a world-class provider of post-graduate legal education and events that promote the rule of law.



Homer Moyer and Jirina Novakova at the entry hall naming ceremony

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Historic Groebovka Villa

Renovation of Historic Groebovka Villa

The CEELI Institute has a 50-year lease on the Groebovka Villa, a historic villa set in a park in the heart of Prague. The building, owned by the city of Prague, was in a state of disrepair when the Institute took possession of it. The Institute agreed to renovate the building at its expense, in conformity with its original, historic design, in return for the use of the building.

The first phase of renovations, which included the first floor lecture hall, classrooms and office space, was completed in October 2003. In April 2005, the second floor renovations were completed, providing the Institute with a handsome reading room, library, computer center and moot court room. When the final phase of renovations is complete, the Villa will have residential space for both students and faculty in addition to complete classroom facilities, including a distance-learning center.

Dedication of Second Floor

The dedication of the second floor of the Villa was held in July 2005 during the Institute's International Advisory Board meeting. In the presence of the Advisory Board and other Institute friends and supporters, six high court justices held the ribbon in a dedication ceremony.



Jirina Novakova and Homer Moyer dedicate the renovated second floor in the presence of six high court justices

Inside the Historic Groebovka Villa

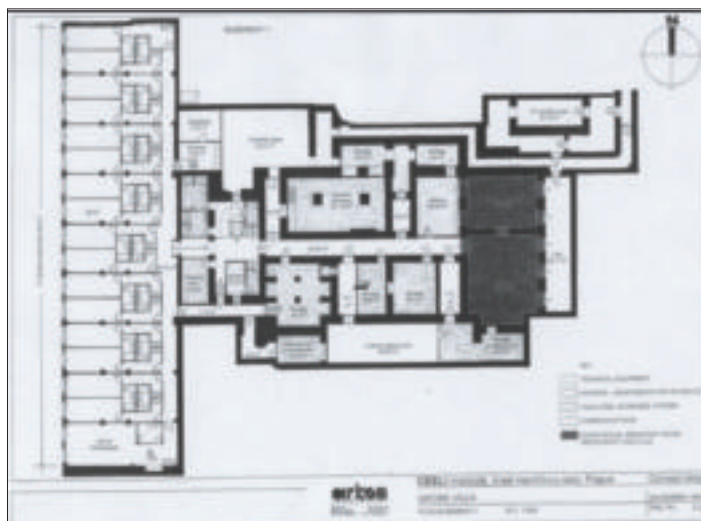
The Reading Room



The Grand Staircase



The Residential Floorplan



When the residential wings of the Villa are completed, the Institute will be able to house more than 30 students and faculty.

From the Executive Director of the CEELI Institute, Michael Diedring



Michael Diedring

The CEELI Institute is at a particularly exciting point in its development. Building upon the exceptional work of the Institute's previous Executive Directors, Board Members and professional volunteers, we are now in a position to expand our activities into all facets of the development of the rule of law.

We believe we can best support the rule of law through activities that encourage the continuing growth of free market economies and democratic institutions, as well as the protection of human rights.

By training more than 140 Iraqi judges over the past 18 months, the Institute, with financial support from the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC) through the British Department for International Development (DFID), has made a significant contribution to the development of the rule of law in a

critically important part of the world. With support from the World Bank, the Institute is working with judicial sector leaders from 10 countries in a three-year initiative to develop a regional strategy for reform. In May, the Institute hosted 20 judges from Poland for discussions on intellectual property rights. In addition, the Institute has conducted programs in commercial law, legal English, skills training in law faculties, human rights and judicial independence and effectiveness. Currently under development as well are programs addressing anti-corruption, anti-trafficking, skills training and training in commercial law.

We at the Institute see the development of the rule of law as a continuum, stretching from fundamental matters of judicial independence to sophisticated issues of commercial law. Whether in a post-conflict environment or in a legal system in the new Europe, our principal purpose remains the same – to promote the development of the rule of law around the world.

2004 – 2005 Program Highlights

Support for Free Market Economies

Workshop for Polish Judges on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights

On 9-10 May 2005, the CEELI Institute hosted 20 Polish judges for a workshop on intellectual property rights, addressing enforcement challenges faced by the Polish judiciary. The judges were drawn from courts around the country. Additionally, in October 2005, the Institute will hold a regional one-week intellectual property law course for judges from throughout Central and Eastern Europe, introducing participants to major treaties and concepts of patents, trademark, copyright and industrial design.



U.S. Regional Legal English Advisor

The U.S. Government will place its Regional Coordinator on Legal English, Debra S. Lee, at the Institute. Dr. Lee will work with English language instructors at law schools from across the region to assist in developing instructional materials in legal English and legal skills, drafting curricula, organizing “language and law” institutes and developing a textbook

for the teaching of legal writing. The Institute is donating office space for the Regional Advisor, the first Research Fellow to be based at the Institute.

Legal Writing and Drafting in English

The Institute hosted Ad Astra Global, specialists in legal communication skills, for a regional course on 26-27 May. The course was held in partnership with *The European Lawyer* and supported by the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIYA) and the Czech Bar Association. Delegates from the Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Croatia and Slovakia gained valuable skills in improving contract drafting techniques and in writing legal documents in English.

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District Court for the
District of Utah*

Roundtable on Protecting Rights and Maximizing Foreign Direct Investment

On 9-10 June, the Institute hosted a distinguished group of senior in-house and private lawyers for a roundtable discussion to identify bottlenecks impeding direct foreign investment in the region and set priorities for legal development. The event was chaired by Stephen Revell of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, and a Keynote Address was delivered by Sarah Carey, former Member of the Board of Yukos.

Support for the Protection of Human Rights



Training for Serb Judges

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), through its Mission to Serbia and Montenegro, provided support for 30 judges from Serbia and Montenegro to participate in a human rights law training at the Institute in August 2004. The Institute's course

focused on the U.N.'s International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and also incorporated the European Charter on Human Rights and some OSCE commitments.

Support for Democratic Institutions

Afghani Supreme Court Justices at the Institute

In June, the National Judicial College (NJC) brought 19 Justices and Court Administrators to Prague for an "Afghan International Comparative Appeals Systems Summit." The program focused on the purpose of courts, separation of powers, judicial independence, judicial decision-making, Native-American Tribal Court systems, comparative appeals processes and human rights law.

Countries at the CEELI Institute

140 Iraqi Judges and Prosecutors at the Institute

Under a grant from the British Department for International Development (DFID) to the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC), 140 Iraqi judges and prosecutors traveled to the Institute for three sessions of the Institute's *Judging in a Democratic Society* course. Madhat al-Mahmood, the Chief Justice of Iraq, and Abdel Hussein Shandal, the current Justice Minister, participated in the course.

During the two-week program, participants discussed the role of a judge in a democratic society, the importance of judicial independence, court and case management, sources of law (with an emphasis on international human rights law), judicial ethics, media and the courts, community outreach and skills for judicial leadership. The Institute partnered with the Czech Union of Judges to arrange a court visit and discussions between Iraqi and Czech judges on the practical challenges faced by judiciaries in transitioning societies.

World Bank Regional Project on Building Capacity in Justice Sector Management in the Region

Phase I of a World Bank-funded Regional Justice Sector Capacity Building Project was launched in late May 2005, with an interactive workshop in Prague. Discussions focused on strategic planning and goal setting, with ten countries (Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,



Iraqi judges participate in the Institute's course, "Judging in a Democratic Society"

Afghanistan

Albania

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Croatia

Czech Republic

Estonia

Georgia

Hungary

Iraq

Kazakhstan

Kosovo

Kyrgyzstan

Latvia

Lithuania

Macedonia

Moldova

Poland

Romania

Russia

Serbia and Montenegro

Slovakia

Tajikistan

Ukraine

Uzbekistan



Macedonia, Moldova, Romania and Serbia and Montenegro) represented by 17 leaders.

Among the delegates attending were Chief Justices, Supreme Court members, as well as Legal Advisors and Counselors to Ministers of Justice.

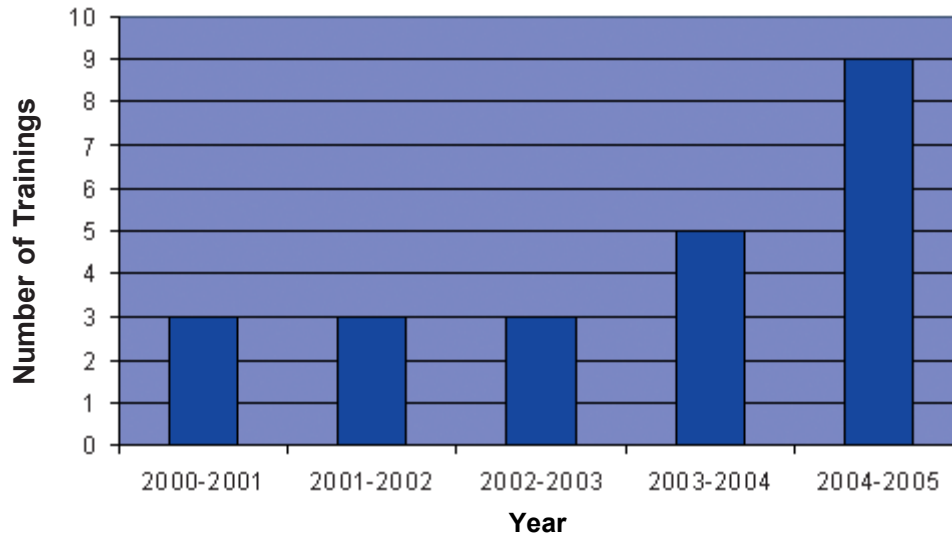
The week-long agenda incorporated thematic sessions on change-oriented government; judicial independence from the institutional and individual perspectives; judicial system governance structure models; political frameworks for institutional reform; strategic planning basics; and communication models for achieving reform, including negotiating skills.

Institute Assists Latvians with Criminal Law Benchbook

With funding from the Department of State and support from the U.S. Embassy in Riga, six senior representatives of the Latvian judiciary, representing the Ministry of Justice, the Prosecutor General's Office, the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Court, traveled to the Institute in November 2004 to undertake a Latvian Criminal Law Benchbook Drafting Project. Judge Andre Davis led the project.



CEELI Institute Trainings 2000 - 2005



Programs and Events Offered by the CEELI Institute

- Justice in a Market Economy, I-II
- Judging in a Democratic Society, I-VI
- The Protection of Human Rights in Democratic Justice Systems, I-V
- Workshop on the Practical Problems for Judges Related to the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
- CEELI Institute Roundtable
- Legal Writing and Drafting in English
- EU Law for Pre-Accession Countries
- World Bank Conference: Regional Justice Sector Management
- Afghan International Comparative Appeals System Summit, National Judicial College
- Preparing for Practice: Conference on Legal Skills Training in Central and Eastern Europe
- Criminal Law Benchbook Workshop
- Judging and the Adversarial Process in a Democratic Society
- Women and the Law
- Anti-Corruption (*under development*)
- Anti-Trafficking (*under development*)
- Environmental Enforcement (*under development*)

The Role of the Institute in the Community

Groebovka Villa has historically been a center for community activities in the Prague neighborhood of Vinohrady (Prague 2). Located in the center of a public park, the Villa has over the years served an important civic function. In keeping with that rich history, the Institute continues to serve as a location for community activities, including concerts, exhibits and special events. While the Institute's mission is to serve citizens of all countries in transition, the local Prague community remains its closest partner in experiencing and sharing the beauty of the historic Groebovka Villa.



In April, the Institute jointly coordinated and hosted a seminar by the International Women's Association of Prague (IWAP) on Women and the Law. A panel of international and local legal experts discussed issues relating to women's legal issues in the

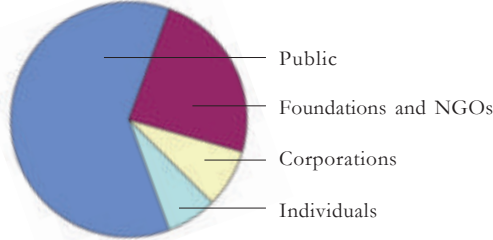
Czech Republic, including family law, property rights, kidnapping and gender discrimination. It is expected that this seminar will become an annual event.

In May, the Institute hosted an Open House for the citizens of Prague 2 to celebrate the completion of the renovation of the second floor. More than 350 Prague 2 residents attended the event.

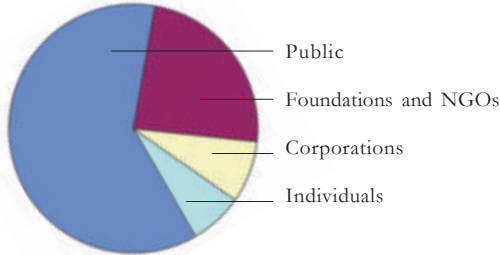
In mid-June, the Institute hosted a Council Meeting of Prague 2, followed by a public concert. This concert initiated a summer concert series at the Institute, jointly hosted by Prague 2 and the Institute. Public concerts are scheduled throughout the summer.

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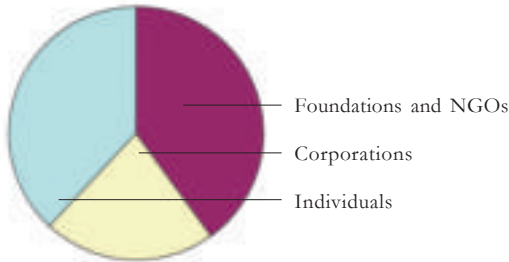
Sources of Support 1999 - 2004



Sources of Revenue 2003 - 2004



New Pledges July 2004 – June 2005



Financial Need

The financial challenge facing the Institute in 2005-2006 is continued fundraising for renovations to the Institute’s permanent facility, Groebovka Villa. The Institute is currently seeking \$5 million to complete work on the Villa. Once the entire renovation project is complete, the Institute will be able to house students and faculty on site, reducing programming costs over the longer term. Still to be completed are:

- Student residential quarters
- Faculty suites
- Restoration of the historic building exterior
- Landscaping of the surrounding public park

With a 50-year lease on the building, the Institute and its legacy will serve the Prague community for many years to come, as well as benefit the Institute’s many students.

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