

## Editorial

*Liebe Absolventinnen und Absolventen!*

Mit dieser Ausgabe der DA news möchten wir wie immer Information über interessante Entwicklungen und Aktivitäten in der Akademie und ihrem Absolventenclub bieten.

Eine neue Generation von StudentInnen stellt sich vor und unser Dank geht an alle AutorInnen sowie an das Redaktionsteam, das diese Ausgabe gestaltet hat.

Mit der Organisation einer Absolventen-Party haben die StudentInnen an der DA auch ihr großes Interesse bekundet, möglichst viele ihrer VorgängerInnen persönlich kennenzulernen. Seitens des ClubDA möchten wir diese und ähnliche studentische Initiativen aus Kräften unterstützen und alle Freundinnen und Freunde zum Mitmachen einladen.

Damit bin ich bei meinem üblichen „*ceterum censeo*“: So wichtig für den ClubDA die Förderung gesellschaftlicher Aktivitäten zur Kontaktpflege unter den DA AbsolventInnen ist, so geht der Zweck unserer Arbeit doch darüber hinaus. Wesentliches Ziel des ClubDA ist auch die Förderung der Lehre an der DA und die Unterstützung ihrer StudentInnen.

Unser wichtigstes Projekt in diesem Zusammenhang ist die jährliche Vergabe eines Stipendiums. Heuer wurde dieses von Dr. Lilly Sucharipa mitfinanziert und als „*Ernst Sucharipa-Stipendium*“ vergeben. Aus dem AbsolventInnen-Kreis gingen dafür Spenden in der Höhe von 2.000 Euro ein. Allen SpenderInnen gilt unsere herzlichster Dank. Für die Fortsetzung unserer Stipendienaktion und anderer Club-Aktivitäten ist der finanzielle Beitrag unserer AbsolventInnen im Wege des Mitgliedsbeitrags für den ClubDA essentiell und wir freuen uns über jedes neue Mitglied.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,  
Gerhard Reiweger, 20. DLG  
Präsident des Club DA



## Turkey – EU Relations: Current and Future Prospects



DA students once again proved their interest for topical issues and with great enthusiasm organised a conference entitled “*Turkey-EU relations: Current and future prospects*” on December 1, 2006. The panel included Prof. Hubert Isak from Karl-Franzens University in Graz; Ambassador Martin Sajdik, Director General for EU Affairs in the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Suman Jain, student at the DA and moderator of the panel, Ambassador Selim Yenel, Ambassador of Turkey to Austria and Ambassador Emil Brix, Director General for Foreign Cultural Policy in the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (from left to right) The panelists discussed the various legal, political and cultural aspects of the Turkey-EU relationship and presented their respective positions. Interest in the conference was overwhelming and the students actively engaged in the discussion. The event was followed by a reception at the Bar sponsored by the Turkish Embassy.

Ömür Budak (Turkey), 43<sup>th</sup> DLG

## Die DA Wien in Kooperation mit Montenegro

Die Diplomatische Akademie Wien zeigte dieses Jahr einmal mehr, dass sie als Elite-Bildungseinrichtung rasch auf die politischen Entwicklungen innerhalb Europas reagiert und diese äußerst erfolgreich nützt. Ende September 2006 unterzeichnete die Akademie mit Montenegro ein „*Memorandum of Understanding*“. Im Vordergrund dieser im Jahr 2007 beginnenden Zusammenarbeit steht vor allem die Implementierung eines Programms zur Aus-, beziehungsweise Weiterbildung von Staatsbeamten Montenegros, welche sich sowohl in der Diplomatischen Akademie in Wien, als auch in Brüssel mit Integrationsthemen auseinandersetzen werden. Im Hinblick auf die anstehende Kooperation wurde der Außenminister der Republik Montenegro, Miodrag Vlahovic, am 23. Oktober 2006 an die DA eingeladen. Aus seinem Vortrag zum Thema „*Europe and the Balkans*“ ging deutlich hervor, dass der Partner Montenegro mit Hilfe der DA die vorhandene starke Bildungskultur zusätzlich ausbauen und sein volles Potenzial auch für die Diplomatie ausschöpfen will. In Anbetracht dessen steht einer erfolgreichen „*Integration*“ der Republik Montenegro – zumindest mit Hinblick auf die Zusammenarbeit mit der Diplomatischen Akademie Wien – nichts mehr im Wege.

Anita Kocic (Serbien), 7<sup>th</sup> SPIS



Bot. Grusa (links) und AM Vlahovic

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### Wichtige Termine 2007

- ▶ 5. Mai 2007  
Ball der Diplomatischen Akademie Wien
- ▶ 29. und 30. Juni 2007  
Absolvententreffen und Sommerfest

## 7<sup>th</sup> SPIS

On Friday, September 29, 2006, the 43 members of the seventh class of the Special Program in International Studies “*Dag Hammarskjöld*” gathered as one for the first time for orientation. Hailing from three continents and twenty countries, we soon learned that we had among us scientists and musicians, actors and footballers, humanists and economists, mountain climbers and producers united by a common interest in diplomacy and international studies.

Elizabeth Groch (USA), 7<sup>th</sup> SPIS



## 43. Diplomlehrgang



Selon M. Levy-Strauss, „*la diversité culturelle est derrière nous, autour de nous et devant nous*” Cette citation représente peut-être le mieux ce qu’est l’Académie Diplomatique et donc aussi ce qu’est le 43e Diplomlehrgang qui s’est donné le nom de „*Hannah Arendt*”. Ainsi, la promotion 2006 – 2007 est composée de 36 jeunes venant de 14 pays reliant la totalité de tous les continents du monde. Faudrait-il plutôt mentionner le Burkina Faso ou la Chine ? Le Canada, les Etats-Unis ou l’Equateur ? La Turquie ou le Luxembourg ? Ou même l’Autriche ?! „*Très bien*”, pourrait-on me répliquer, „*mais traditionnellement le corps des étudiants est composé de juristes, d’économistes ou de politologues*” ? Eh non, c’est ici que la diversité est soulignée d’avantage. Bien sûr, nous n’avons pas oubliés nos juristes et économistes, mais parmi nous il y en a également ayant fait de la chimie, de la biologie ou de la géographie. Ainsi, le 43e Diplomlehrgang, étant composé d’une collection tellement impressionnante d’expérience et d’arrière-fonds comme cette année, ne fait que continuer une longue tradition de l’Académie Diplomatique à Vienne, capitale de la diversité, de la tolérance et mais aussi de l’échange.

Philippe Mores (Luxemburg), 43. DLG

## Does Central Europe Still Exist?

*History, Economy, Identity*

In an influential article published in 1986, Timothy Garton Ash posed the question: “*Does Central Europe Exist?*” Writing at that particular historical moment, he was able to dissect the myths and realities of Central Europe with a remark that “*Central Europe is back.*” Since that time, however, much water has passed under the bridge – the Cold War has ended and the EU has expanded. In early November 2006, the DA held a major international conference to discuss the question “*Does Central Europe Still Exist?*”. The discussions and debates showed that Central Europe defies precise definition either geographically, historically or culturally. In the end, the general consensus was perhaps best expressed by Otto Pick, Director of the Diplomatic Academy, Prague, who noted that “*The idea of a politically, strategically and economically coherent region had some use in the past, but at the present it lacks meaning, purpose and validity.*” “*The region*”, he argued “*is now part of Western Europe and of a wider Euro-Atlantic community. The cultural growing together in the region was localized and relatively brief. It represents an interesting, though heavily idealized, phenomenon which cannot be resurrected.*”

Marko Emeršic (Slovenia), 10<sup>th</sup> M.A.I.S.

## Prime Minister Nogatideli



Bernadett Marton (left) and PM Nogatideli

*Speaking for Georgia in Vienna*

“*Our commitment to change is not based on the goal of satisfying the demands of international institutions or other external actors. Rather – it is based on the core values and principles that nurture our people’s democratic aspirations.*” said Zurab Nogatideli, Prime Minister of Georgia when he visited the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna before his speech at the OSCE on October 27, 2006. Mr. Nogatideli underlined that the very essence of the transformation now underway in Georgia is that institutions and not individuals are driving and sustaining the reform process. He clearly stated the need for replacement of the frozen conflicts in South Ossetia and Abkhazia

with solutions that produce lasting peace through opening these regions economically and politically. After the speech – thanks to the Georgian Embassy – we had the chance to taste delicious Georgian wines. This gave me a good opportunity to hold an interview with Mr. Nogatideli about the education system in Georgia. He mentioned that recently there was a national educational reform, which is based on the US education structure and turned the system into a success story, free of corruption. He pointed out the importance of languages and emphasised that besides English – without any special preference - many other languages of both regional and worldwide importance are learnt by Georgian students. In connection with diplomatic training Mr. Nogatideli said that at present there was no diplomatic academy or similar institution for young diplomats in the country. Students with an ambition for a career at the Georgian Foreign Ministry are encouraged, and supported, to complete special studies abroad, with the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna being one of the preferred institutions with a very good reputation in Georgia.

Bernadett Marton (Hungary), 10<sup>th</sup> M.A.I.S.

## 10<sup>th</sup> M.A.I.S.



*M.A.I.S. Jour Fixe December 2006*

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, members of the tenth class of the

Masters of Advanced International Studies, “*Wangari Muta Maathai*” gathered for the monthly Jour Fixe. This was an opportunity for the majority of the class to unwind, enjoy some wine and hors d’oeuvres after a long and challenging week of exams. On behalf of the tenth MAIS class, Sarah Jackson and Tobias Metzner presented Professor Neudeck with a gift for his newborn son Clemens. This year’s M.A.I.S. class is made up 38 students representing 16 countries and includes 28 students from last year’s SPIS class.

Paul Matino (USA), 10<sup>th</sup> M.A.I.S.





In this academic year we have three Hungarian students studying at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (Márton Kerkápoly, Márton Kovács enrolled in SPIS, Bernadett Valéria Marton in M.A.I.S.). Due to the fact that they already belong to a new generation, we would presume that for them the historic events of 1956 were either only a chapter in the history book or an anecdote told by elder family members. Yet we see the fire burning in their eyes when they talk about the history and culture of their country and their goal of introducing a relatively small but unique nation of the world to their fellow students and everyone who is interested, and we realize that they want to do something for their country. This attitude must have been the motivation for setting up a small exhibition in the "bar" of the Diplomatic Academy (carried out by Bernadett Valéria Marton) in commemoration of the events of 1956 and the spirit of student colleagues of that time. The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 began as a student demonstration that turned into a spontaneous nationwide revolt against the Communist government and the Soviet occupation, lasting from October 23<sup>th</sup> until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1956. Across Hungary, thousands organized into militias, battling the State Security Police (ÁVH) and Soviet troops. Impromptu councils wrested municipal control from the communist party, and demanded political changes. The new government of Imre Nagy declared its intention to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact, declared neutrality and pledged to re-establish free elections and the multi-party system. In spite of an initial promising success, by November 4<sup>th</sup> the Soviet Politburo was ready to quash the revolution. A huge Soviet force invaded Budapest, killing thousands of civilians. Organized resistance ceased by November 10<sup>th</sup>, and retaliation begun. An estimated 200.000 Hungarians fled as refugees. Over 400 people were executed and more than 23.000 were imprisoned in work camps.

Márton Kerkápoly (Hungary), 7<sup>th</sup> SPIS

This year's Diplomatic Academy Student Initiative (DASI) is highly active and one may expect the realisation of many promising projects. Although choosing the topic for the annual conference and this year's charity project was not easy, now that the decision has been made, great enthusiasm can be noticed throughout the DA. In a vote that was marked by an astonishing high participation the "Burkina Faso – Hilfe Direkt" charity project and the "Can the Millenium Development Goals still be reached" conference have been chosen to be the main focus of this year's DASI. The conference is planned for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Students are hoping for great success in raising funds, as 20.000 Euro would allow a shared contribution to "Burkina Faso – Hilfe Direkt" and a scholarship for a student from a developing country. A second charity project – Akshaya Patra Initiative in India – would be the beneficiary of potential funds beyond 20.000 Euro. Other events being planned are: The DA Students Ball (this year's Ball Committee is planning a traditional Viennese Ball with international elements to take place at the DA on May 5, 2007); Bar & Events (including a number of theme parties - Halloween, Thanksgiving and Carnival) and DA/SAIS Bologna Conference (A joint initiative of the DA and Johns Hopkins University, Bologna to organise a conference, probably here at the DA). It is a year full of events! Some students are enthusiastic about being part of the supply curve and some others would like to shift the demand curve to the right, despite the supply of exams being inelastic. Looking forward to the equilibrium....

*Suman Jain (India), 10<sup>th</sup> M.A.I.S*



Oliva Rouamba (Burkina Faso, left) and Roland Linzatt (Austria), 43<sup>rd</sup> DLG

## Hernstein



### Das Wort der Profis im Ohr der Delegation der Diplomatischen Akademie

Traditionen sind da, um gepflegt zu werden. Denn der Vergangenheit gebührt Ehre, der Gegenwart schuldet man die Mitverantwortlichkeit und in der Zukunft verbergen sich unsere Interessen. Das Traditionsdreieck Hernstein-ÖGA-DAK war sich am 13. und 14. Oktober 2006 seiner wichtigen Aufgaben wieder einmal bewusst: Das XXXVI. Außenpolitische Gespräch in Hernstein hat durch den Titel „Kurswechsel auf dem Balken? Eine Bestandaufnahme“ mehr als eine regionalpolitische Frage aufgeworfen. Diskutiert wurde in diesem Zusammenhang nichts weniger als die Zukunft Europas. Der humorvollen Begrüßung des Präsidenten der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik und Internationale Beziehungen, Bot. i.R. Dr. Wolfgang Schallenberg, folgte eine kompetente Analyse der politischen Weichenstellung im ehemaligen Jugoslawien; dazu äußerten sich erstrangige Diplomaten wie Bot. i. R. Dr. Albert Rohan oder Bot. Dr. Wolfgang Petritsch. Während allzu technischen wirtschaftlichen Vorträgen konnten Wirtschaftslaien ausspannen und manch einen unglaublichen Lebenslauf der Konferenzmappe entnehmen und bewundern. Für die Delegation der DA war der zweite Tag bestimmt der spannendste: auf der Tagesordnung stand die europäische und internationale Perspektive zum Balkan und die Möglichkeit, auf eine Frage eine Antwort von Staatssekretär Dr. Hans Winkler oder von Dr. Stefan Lehne, dem EU Vertreter in den Kosovo-Statusverhandlungen, bekommen zu dürfen, war für uns sehr interessant.

Traian Moga (Rumänien), 7<sup>th</sup> SPIS

### Clubaktivitäten 2006

- ▶ **18. November 2006**  
Führung durch die Ausstellung „Chagall- Meisterwerke 1907-1922“ im Kunsforum der Bank Austria
- ▶ **1. Dezember 2006**  
Absolventenabend organisiert von den StudentInnen der DA Internationale Konferenz "Turkey – EU relations: current and future prospects" Anschl. Party in der Bar der DA

### Clubaktivitäten 2007

- ▶ **3. und 4. März 2007**  
Gemeinsamer Skiausflug mit dem BmaA nach Lackenhof am Ötscher mit DA Schimeisterschaft
- ▶ **5. Mai 2007**  
Ball der Diplomatischen Akademie Wien
- ▶ **11. Mai 2007**  
Konferenz der DA Student Initiative "Can the Millenium Development Goals still be reached?"
- ▶ **29. und 30. Juni 2007**  
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## Mission: be introduced to "Heuriger"



Prof. and Mrs. Neudeck (left) with students

Following tradition, on 8<sup>th</sup> October, students of the DA with Mrs. Hofer and Professors Neudeck and Row strolled through the vineyards from Baden bei Wien to Gumpoldskirchen. The scenery wonderful and the weather perfect, it was a good first opportunity for everyone to bond during the hour or so walk, whose highlights included the Teutonic Order's Gumpoldskirchen Castle. The main attraction, however, was the real mission of the walk: to experience the homemade wine, cuisine, and Gemütlichkeit of an Austrian Heuriger. Of the many in Gumpoldskirchen, we satisfied ourselves at the Krug family's Heuriger Altes Zechhaus, sampling Most, Sturm and Staubiger. Brings new meaning to wine tasting - for those unfamiliar to the Heuriger tradition, that is.

Glen Covert (USA/Germany), 7<sup>th</sup> SPIS

## Thanksgiving at the DA

Three hundred-eighty five years after the first Thanksgiving feast, 20 DA students celebrated with their American peers the American holiday, Thanksgiving, traditionally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November. A nearly traditional dinner was had, with turkey and gravy, rice, mashed yams, baked potatoes, and mixed vegetables. Missing was only stuffing (!), squash, cornbread, cranberry sauce (!), and the typical dessert - pumpkin pie (!). In lieu of pumpkin pie, there was an abundance of wines. The great feast harks back to the first year of Plymouth Colony. In 1621 the surviving half of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower sat down in peace with their neighbors, the Wampanoag Native Americans, to feast on duck, geese, clams, eel, venison and wild vegetables. The motivation for the three-day feast was actually not for everyone to get fat and happy - hardly a Puritan quality, but rather to give "thanks" to God and particularly to the Native Americans, who had helped the Pilgrims immeasurably to survive the harsh winter and to have a good harvest. Today, in the US getting fat (market inefficiency) and happy (demand equilibrium) has definitely surpassed the importance of giving "thanks" (private subsidies). So, go ahead and eat to your heart's desire, good luck with the wishbone (congratulations and good luck Marcela Rodriguez!), and only if ambitious, give "thanks", even if to the sacrificed turkey.

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## DA at the UNIDO



Pictured, from left to right, with UNIDO Director-General Kandeh K. Yumkella are Diplomatic Academy students Andrea Bucur (Romania), Eva Russek (Austria), Scott Knackstedt (USA), Traian Moga (Romania), and Anita Kocic (Serbia)

Recently students of the Diplomatic Academy were invited to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNIDO at the UN headquarters in Vienna. Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, the current Director-General, presided over the ceremony which included speeches from several high-ranking Austrian dignitaries, musical performances, and a message by Kofi Annan read by Under-Secretary-General Antonio Maria Costa. Several panel discussions addressed the topics of poverty, trade, development, energy, and the environment in the afternoon. In the evening a reception followed that incorporated traditional dances from Bolivia and the Philippines amongst several speeches of appreciation.

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## The Bar



Halloween Party October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Just after sundown on any night of the week they come: muttering newly-acquired foreign languages, emerging from the depths of the Reading Room, DA students swarm the Bar. As ever, the Bar is a cozy place for classmates to have a beer, shoot pool and discuss everything from ball-season to EU-expansion to football results. Decked out in new red couches, the Bar attracts a healthy clientele every night it's open. The frequent weekday parties are especially popular. Planned events include a number of theme parties celebrating, for example, Halloween or Carnival. This year, the Bar is non-smoking downstairs and the drinks are cheap all over. Even better, all proceeds go to charity (last year's bar-management was able to raise around 7.500 Euro through its various fund raising events for two charity projects). A social hang-out with a social conscience - what could be more diplomatic?

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## La longue nuit des musées

Cette année encore les passionnés d'art vont visiter les musées pour faire des expériences et la connaissance avec l'art contemporain. La lune peut se lever et la nuit commencer, tous les étudiants de l'Académie diplomatique sont curieux de ce que la soirée promet. Tous sont intéressés par l'art et marchent de musée en musée. C'est une nuit que personne n'oubliera parce qu'elle est riche d'inspiration créative. La nuit apparaît sans fin, l'atmosphère des musées est apaisante et tous les visiteurs sont super branchés devant tous les tableaux et les jolies sculptures, c'est incroyable. La longue nuit des musées, c'est une opération collective des musées et une institution culturelle. En 1997, la longue nuit des musées a eu lieu pour la première fois à Berlin. Depuis 1997, le nombre des musées qui participent à ce type d'événement s'élève à 125 dans plus de 120 cités. On veut motiver les gens pour réfléchir à un programme culturel. C'est génial, parce qu'il y a des bus, qui relient les musées entre eux, qui sont en service jusqu'à une heure du matin. Et malgré tout, la nuit sera trop courte pour regarder toutes les expositions intéressantes!

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