INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
VISITOR ARRIVAL LIST
Institute of International Education San Francisco

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DATE	COUNTRIES	VISITOR PROJECT OVERVIEW
05/01/2013	**Serbia**	**U. S. LIBRARIES & MODERN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** Individual Visitor; This IVLP project is designed for the Director of the Cultural Center of Novi Sad, the host of the American Corner and an Embassy partner institution on cultural programming in the second largest city of Serbia, Vojvodina. As the newly elected director (since December 2012) of the cultural center, the participant has a twofold-mission: updating his knowledge of information technology for use by libraries; and preparation for an upcoming cultural heritage digitization project.
05/01/2013	**Taiwan**	**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY TO INFLUENCE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR** Individual Visitor; This project will help our guest gain insights into current environmental protection issues, priorities and trends among policy makers, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. In particular, advocacy efforts and influencing the Public and Private Sector.
05/05/2013	**France**	**REINFORCING TIES WITH THE BASQUE DIASPORA IN THE U.S.** Voluntary Visitor; The goal of this project is to reinforce ties with the Basque Cultural Diaspora in the United States; examine how cultural organizations and cultural activities are organized and funded in the U.S; and explore how private and public entities in the United States support creative projects,

		artistic training, and cultural awareness.
05/11/2013	**Morocco**	**WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT** Single Country Project for 4 participants; Introduce the political, economic and social factors that influence and encourage the development of private enterprise in the U.S.; Examine the legal framework and government policy affecting small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), especially for women-owned businesses, such as micro-financing or other government assistance programs for women entrepreneurs; Position of SMEs in larger U.S. economy; Highlight the contributions of women to local and national economies; share best practices for how women and other marginalized groups have overcome societal barriers, raised capital, and developed sound business plans that result in successful entrepreneurship. In addition, illustrate the essential role of non-governmental and grassroots organizations in supporting women's professional development and empowerment.
05/15/2013	**Palestinian Territories/West Bank**	**THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM IN AMERICA** Single Country Project for 5 Participants; This program has been designed for the participation of civilian and military judicial officials from the West Bank. Specific objectives for their program include: Observation and discussion of the roles of judges, magistrates, prosecutors, defense attorneys, military and law enforcement agencies and how thy operate within the legal system at the local, state, and federal levels; Exploration of the principles of the U.S. legal system and the importance of transparency, ethics, and judicial independence in a democracy; Consideration of the judiciary's role in preserving democratic practices such as due process, trial by jury, the right to legal representation and a fair trial, the appeal process, judicial appointments, and government accountability; and an examination in the contrasts between the civilian and military systems of justice, including rules of evidence and procedures.
05/15/2013	**United Kingdom**	**EXPLORE HOW THE MEDIA AFFECTS FOREIGN POLICY CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN AMERICA** Individual Visitor; Gain insight into American political, judicial, and social structures that affect the foreign policy decision-making process; Discuss foreign policy issues of concern to the United Kingdom, European Union, and the United States, including the U.S.-UK extradition treaty and legal/judicial cooperation, events in the Middle East and North Africa,

		relations with Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and South Asia, and the U.S. strategic course in Asia and the Pacific; and explore U.S. media operational practices, standards, and institutions and its role in shaping policy decisions.
05/16/2013	**Indonesia**	**FOOD SAFETY: FROM PRODUCTION TO DISTRIBUTION** Individuals Travelling Together, 3 participants; This project for three professionals in the National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM) focuses on building common markets that promote the maximum safety of food supplies and resources. The project will examine sustainable agricultural and industrial practices necessary to ensure consumer safety and economic stability.
05/19/2013	**Mexico**	**DISABILITY RIGHTS** Single Country Project for 10 participants; This project will help build the capacity of the participants to understand and implement programs to protect the rights of persons with disabilities (primarily focusing on the rights of persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities). Additionally, it will provide the participants with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the current political and social environment in the U.S as they relate to rights enforcement and advocacy on behalf of disabled persons.
05/22/2013	**Europe**	**CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLEAN ENERGY** Europe Regional Project for 8 Participants; This project is designed for environmental leaders, government officials, policymakers, academics, journalists, and energy experts .It is designed to expose participants to the players in U.S. energy policy formulation at all levels and to a range of views in the public, academic, and private sectors; Demonstrate effective actions taken against climate change by the private sector and U.S. federal, state, and local government authorities; Facilitate discussion about energy policy issues of concern to Europe and the U.S., including energy security, development of alternative sources, efforts to promote efficiency, energy conservation, and industry best practices; Showcase state and local energy initiatives that currently incorporate or plan to incorporate the use of alternative energy sources, including support to develop new technologies for clean energy; and Highlight initiatives to create centers of economic activity around green technology and products across a variety of areas such as computer technology, agriculture, green building, green nanotechnology, energy usage, and electric mobility.
05/22/2013	**China**	**INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE U.S.**

		Individuals Travelling Together, 2 Participants; The goal of this project is to review the U.S. economic system and forces which influence U.S. trade policy and the policy-making process; examine current federal, state and local initiatives in international trade and export promotion, and innovative strategies for regional economic development and competitiveness in the global marketplace; discover how the U.S. government provides opportunity for public input into new rules and regulations; examine how public participation in the regulatory process contributes to rule-making and smooth compliance; gain exposure to and increased understanding of the U.S. labor force's working culture (e.g., flex time, telecommuting) and its fast-paced standards; and learn about the economic impact of the world financial crisis on the growth and development of industry.
05/25/202013	**Bulgaria**	**BULGARIAN YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM** Project for 16 Participants; The Bulgarian Young Leaders Program (BYLP), which is sponsored by the America for Bulgaria Foundation (ABF), aims to identify Bulgarian students of exceptional caliber as well as promising civil service professionals and provide them with unique scholarship, entrepreneurship and leadership training in the United States. ABF believes that the Bulgarian Young Leaders Program will not only train individuals to become catalysts for Bulgaria's continuous civil society development and economic growth, but that it will also increase mutual understanding and ongoing collaboration between young and aspiring leaders in the U.S. and Bulgaria.
05/29/2013	**Kyrgyzstan**	**READING/LITERACY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS** Individuals Travelling Together. This project will provide an overview of primary and secondary education in the U.S. and the policies and techniques used to address literacy and primary school education at the federal, state, local and grassroots levels; To examine best practices in primary school reading programs, including curricula, teaching strategies, instructor education, professional development, testing, libraries, student choices in the education process, extra-curricular programs and parental involvement; and To assess policies, tools and programs designed to support literacy and reading among citizens.
05/30/2013	**Indonesia**	**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS** (Cultural Only)

		Single Country Project for 7 Participants; The purpose of this project is to examine concepts of democracy, government and citizenship, and the importance of pluralism, tolerance, and volunteerism as components of civic life in the U.S.; Identify the skills necessary to foster leadership among today's future leaders, including critical thinking, decision-making, and building leadership capacity, and explore methods used to apply these skills to politics and community development; Observe model programs that promote civic awareness, youth leadership and life skills in a variety of contexts including political advocacy, schools, and interfaith-initiatives; Explore community development initiatives that engage and empower communities, particularly in rural settings; and emphasize civil rights case studies, including progress made and challenges faced by women and minorities in the U.S.
05/30/202013	**Australia, Austria, Canada, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zimbabwe**	**U.S. TRADE POLICY: INCREASING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS** Multi-Regional Project for 22 participants; This Multi-Regional Project, designed for economic and trade specialists, policy formulators, entrepreneurs and business leaders, academics, and journalists reporting on financial issues, will examine U.S. trade interests, policy and institutions, and the political, economic, social and cultural factors that affect U.S. trade policy. The project will focus on efforts at the federal, state, local and private industry levels to increase American competitiveness in the global marketplace and the role of the U.S. in international trade agreements.
05/31/202013	**Switzerland**	**NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES** Voluntary Visitor; High-level official working as Chief of Staff for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Swiss Confederation. While in the U.S. this visitor will meet with major social media and e-diplomacy specialists, think tanks, religious leaders, and private sector social media representatives to gain deeper insights into: The use of e-diplomacy tools and the role of social media in US foreign policy and political campaigning; The role and influence of think tanks in policy formulation, particularly in the area of new information technologies; Future trends in social media; and The role of religion in U.S. politics and society.

Community Engagement Opportunities at IIESF

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Professional Appointments
Do you work in the same field as one of our Visitors? Spend one hour of your time with an International Visitor sharing about your respective professional experiences and discussing opportunities, trends and challenges affecting your industry here and abroad. Please contact Katka Letzing for more information or to volunteer.

Local Hospitality
You can travel the world without leaving home by being a hospitality host: invite International Visitors into your home for dinner, take them out to a restaurant, organize a picnic for them with your friends, or bring them along to a sporting event. How? Become a Host and send us a completed form with your interests. Please contact Cortney Grekin for more information.

Cultural Tours
Share San Francisco with International Visitors by taking them around the city on an informal walking or driving tour. You can also join larger delegations on their bus as a city guide. Become a Host and send us a completed form with your interests. Please contact Cortney Grekin for more information.

Global Voices - School Visits
Are you an educator who would like to have one of these visitors or delegations come to your classroom? Become a part of our Global Voices Program which brings international leaders into the classroom to interact with students and teach the students about their respective country and position. Please contact Korin Hoffman for more information.

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