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Dear friends,

The International Visegrad Fund celebrates its fifth year of existence. It was at Štířín castle in June 2000 at the summit of Prime Ministers of „Visegrad Four“, where an idea to establish the Fund was concretised. The Fund was set up to support the best Visegrad projects in the fields of culture, science, education, promotion of tourism as well as cross-border cooperation and youth exchange. The Fund's five years' experience has shown that it was a very fortunate idea, which perfectly responded to interest on the side of civil society.

Since its establishment, the International Visegrad Fund supported more than 700 projects and granted more than 60 scholarships in total amount over 8.5 million Euro. I dare to say that if it was not for our support, majority of these project would not be realized at all or in a very limited scale. There were some grand events as well as small happenings among the supported projects. However, we appreciate all of them as each such event brings more cooperation among Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia and at the same time contributes to civil society development in our countries. I believe that the major contribution of the Fund is this building of new networks of institutions and individuals from V4 countries - they get to know each other, communicate regularly and work on their projects together. Promoting this trend is our main goal for the following years and I assure you that we will continue in our effort.

The quality and number of submitted as well as supported projects has been increasing every year since the Fund's establishment. We are delighted with raising interest in the Fund's programmes as well as with understanding on the side of the V4 governments. As a result of positive development and growing significance of the Fund's activities, the V4 governments' contributions tripled since the Fund's establishment - from 1 million Euro in the year 2000 to 3 million Euro in 2005.

Regardless of its regional character, the Fund's activities outreach the V4 countries. Since 2003 we have been granting scholarships to postgraduate students coming from neighbouring non-EU states (Belarus, Croatia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Yugoslavia). After the Visegrad countries joined EU, first applications from other European countries started to arrive. We see this trend as a great opportunity as well as a challenge for the Fund.

Last but not least, I would like to thank to all of our applicants for your great interest and variety of inventive proposals, which we receive... We are sorry that financial limits prevent us from being able to fully support all of your projects. Nevertheless, we would like to ask you to stay with us and pass information about the Fund's programmes also to your colleagues and partners. We will always welcome your ideas, suggestions and proposals, which would lead to even better cooperation between you and the Fund.

Yours,

Andrzej Jagodziński, IVF's Executive Director

In the year 2004 the IVF continued in its mission to promote regional cooperation among the Visegrad countries and to support joint projects in the fields of **culture, education, science, youth exchange, promotion of tourism and cross-border cooperation**. The total budget of the Fund in 2004 was 2.4 million Euro.

The **Standard and Small grants programmes**, as well as Visegrad scholarship programme continued successfully in 2004. The Fund received 645 applications (which is increase for 34% compared with year before) and the quality of submitted projects was higher than in any of the previous years. The Fund eventually supported 272 projects - 139 Standard and 133 Small ones. The total amount spent on the projects was 2.090.168 Euro: 1.623.000 Euro on Standard and 467.168 on Small grants.

In 2004 the Fund introduced already third type of **scholarship programmes**. So called In-coming scholarships are focused on post-graduate students from six non-EU countries neighbouring the Visegrad region (Belarus, Croatia, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Ukraine). Altogether as many as 100 students applied for academic year 2004/2005, out of which 35 were granted scholarships - 16 "Out-going", 11 "Intra-Visegrad" and 8 "In-coming". The Fund allocated on its 2004/05 scholarship programmes 372.000 Euro. Apart from that, in 2005 the Fund launches a special scholarship programme focused on Ukraine, reflecting recent positive developments in the country.

In December 2004 the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of V4 approved launching of another IVF Programme - **Visegrad Strategic Programme**. This grant programme is designed for particularly important long-term projects (12-36 month) organised by representatives of all four Visegrad countries. The programme with a budget of 200.000 Euro will be launched in 2005.

The following pages will guide you through the Fund's activities in 2004...

Trends of IVF Selection Process (2000 – 2004)						
Deadline	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
Indicator						
Standard Grants						
Number Of Applications	236	469	251	267	309	1532
Number Of Grants	26	89	91	110	139	455
In %	11 %	19 %	36 %	41 %	45 %	30 %
Requested Amount in €	8.677.583	12.122.881	7.053.490	8.469.735	8.256.799	44.580.488
Amount Available in €	406.317	1.523.019	1.723.700	1.749.693	1.623.000	7.025.729
In %	5 %	13 %	24 %	21 %	20 %	16 %
Small Grants						
Number Of Applications	N / A	N / A	224	372	336	932
Number Of Grants	N / A	N / A	53	93	133	279
In %	N / A	N / A	24 %	25 %	40 %	30 %
Requested Amount in €	N / A	N / A	785.837	1.230.207	1.207.156	3.223.200
Amount Available in €	N / A	N / A	200.894	332.224	467.168	1.000.286
In %	N / A	N / A	26 %	27 %	39 %	31 %
Visegrad Scholarships						
Number Of Applications	N / A	N / A	N / A	61	100	161
Number Of Scholarships	N / A	N / A	N / A	27	35	62
In %	N / A	N / A	N / A	44 %	35 %	39 %
Amount Available in €	N / A	N / A	N / A	246.000	260.000	506.000

IVF Programmes

Standard Grants

International Visegrad Fund supports projects of cooperation in the fields of cultural cooperation, scientific exchanges and research, education, youth exchange, cross-border cooperation and promotion of tourism.

The amount of Standard Grant provided for a project is higher than 4 000 EUR. Total budget allocated for the Standard Grants in the year 2005 is 1 690 000 EUR. The financial contribution of the Fund can not exceed 50% of the total project costs including own "in kind" contribution of applicant, or "in kind" contributions of other co-financing subjects. The maximum time frame of the proposed budget is 12 months, even if the project is envisaged to last longer.

Deadlines for applications are March 15 and September 15.

Small Grants

The field of activities supported within the Small Grant Programme is identical with the Standard Grant Programme. However, the maximum contribution of IVF allocated to one Small Grant Project is EUR 4.000.

The financial contribution of IVF can not exceed 50% of the total project costs including own "in kind" contribution of applicant, or "in kind" contributions of other co-financing subjects. The maximum time frame of the proposed budget is 6 months, even if the project is envisaged to last longer.

Total budget allocated for the Small Grant Programme in the year 2005 is EUR 450.000. Deadlines for applications are March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Visegrad Scholarship Programme

International Visegrad Fund is supporting doctoral and other post-master studies covering the Visegrad / European region.

Intra-Visegrad scholarships are for citizens of Visegrad countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovak Republic), to carry on with study/research projects during the period of one or two semesters at the public universities in the Visegrad countries. IVF supports scholars with the amount of 2.000 EUR per semester, and hosting universities with the lump sum of 1.500 EUR per semester.

Out-going scholarships can cover studies of Visegrad citizens outside the Visegrad region. Amount and priorities of the Out-going scholarships are set by the national Ministries of Education.

In-coming scholarships cover studies of non-EU member states neighbouring Visegrad region. IVF is supporting In-coming scholars with the amount of 2.500 EUR per semester, and hosting universities with the lump sum of 1.500 EUR per semester.

Total budget allocated for the Visegrad Scholarship Programme in the year 2005 is 387.300 EUR, thus enabling to award more than 50 scholarships.

Visegrad Strategic Programme

The Visegrad Strategic Programme (VStP) is created to support:

- strategic, long-term, four-country Visegrad projects,
- common presentations of the Visegrad Countries outside the V4 Region,
- exchange and co-operation between Visegrad Countries and their neighbours

in all fields of activities of the International Visegrad Fund. Priority branch orientation for the VStP projects is defined by the Conference of Ministers on annual basis for the following year.

Deadline for applications is January 31. The maximum time limit for implementation of the Visegrad Strategic Program Grants is 3 years.

The financial contribution of IVF can not exceed 50% of the total project costs including own in kind contribution of applicant, or in kind contributions of other co-financing subjects.

Total budget allocated for the VStP in the year 2005 is EUR 200.000.

IVF Budget 2005

Incomes

Contributions of Member Countries	
Czech Republic	€ 750.000
Republic of Hungary	€ 750.000
Republic of Poland	€ 750.000
Slovak Republic	€ 750.000
Total	€ 3.000.000

Outlays

Standard Grants	€ 1.690.000
Small Grands	€ 448.000
Visegrad Scholarship Programme	€ 387.300
Visegrad Strategic Programme	€ 200.000
Visegrad Cultural Price	€ 20.000
Secretariat (8,49 %)	€ 254.700
Total	€ 3.000.000

IVF Secretariat Budget Drawing 2004

Personal costs	€ 117.941
Investment property	€ 5.261
Consumption material	€ 5.943
Services	€ 63.931
Total	€ 193.076

Approved Standard Grants		March 2004
Name of the Project	Applicant	Amount in €
International Visegrad Cycling Championship 2004	Association of Sports Clubs Inter Slovnaft Bratislava, SK	8.000
ART EX 2004 Králiky – Łądek Zdrój	Town Museum Králiky, CZ	4.500
Common Traditions in Husbandry, Economical Cooperation in European Union	Kapos Expo Fair Office Ltd., Kaposvár, HU	17.000
Bábkarská Bystrica 2004 - Puppetry Festival	The Puppet Theatre at the Crossroads, Banská Bystrica, SK	10.000
Summer Dance Workshop 2004	Dance Centre Praha - Conservatoire, Praha 6, CZ	8.000
Poetry Without Borders	Petrov Publishers, Brno, CZ	10.000
Tërlicko Film Summer	Culture Club Public Utility, Trinec, CZ	10.000
The Scientific Research for Severe Myopia (Nearsight) Stabilisation in Children by Means Reinforcement Scleral Wall of the Eye	University Children Hospital of Medical Faculty, Bratislava, SK	17.000
Visegrad Dialogue (Translating and Publishing Contemporary Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak Literature)	Hungarian Diary Ltd., Budapest, HU	8.000
1st International Conference on Basic and Clinical Immunogenomics	Hungarian Society for Immunology, Budapest, HU	9.000
ALT+SPACE 2005 (Festival of Art, Performance, and New Media)	CIANT - International Centre for Art and New Technologies, Praha, CZ	9.000
The Memorial Days of Alexander Dubček in Uhrovec	Village of Uhrovec, SK	9.000
Presentation of the Folk Culture of the Visegrad Countries at the International Danube Carnival	General Kht of the Interior - BM Duna Art Ensemble, Budapest, HU	10.000
II. International Guitar Festival "VISEGRAD - 2004"	Culture Initiative Support Association "Our City Wrocław", Wrocław, PL	13.000
SHALOM - Meetings with Jewish Culture in Sopot	The Art 2000 Foundation in Sopot, PL	6.000
The Days of Traditional Culture	The Folklore Association of the Czech Republic, Praha, CZ	16.000
Central European Jamboree TATRACOR 2004	Scouting Slovakia, Bratislava, SK	11.000
5th International Festival of Theatre and Artistic Activities – ZDARZENIA - Tczew - Europe	Po-most The Humane Integration Society In Tczew, PL	8.000
Building the Bridges Between Glass Science and Glass Technology /3BGSGT/	Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Trenčín Regional Chamber, Trenčín, SK	10.000
Sculpture Grande 04, June - September 2004	Art Factory, s.r.o., Praha, CZ	13.000
The Visegrad Conference "Dynamical Systems, Praha 2005"	Czech Technical University in Praha, CZ	4.500
720. Years of the City of Martin	The City of Martin, SK	5.500
3rd Visegrad Festival 4+	Visegrad Festival Association, Wrocław, PL	52.000
5 Minutes after the Accession. The 2nd Edition: Our Dowry for Europe. The Visegrad Group - Carpathian Countries.	Malopolska Province Center of Culture "Sokol" ("Hawk") in Nowy Sacz, PL	8.000
The Day of Partner Cities	City of Opava, CZ	4.500
The Visegrad Theatre at the Threshold of the European Union	International Festival Theatre Plzeň, CZ	19.000
Multicultural Festival "GALICJA" - 2nd Edition	Heritage Foundation, Warszawa, PL	18.000
Launching the Central European e-journal of Social Sciences and Humanities	Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, PL	10.000
"rEUnion" - 8th International Culture Week in Pécs	Student International Exchange Network (SIEN) Foundation, Pécs, HU	10.000
11th International Film Festival ETIUDA '2004	Center of the Culture "Rotunda" Association, Kraków, PL	8.000
Balassi Bálint Memorial Feasts	Balassi Bálint Institute for Hungarian Studies, Budapest, HU	20.000
Human Rights and Education - The Visegrad Perspective	Slovak National Centre for Human Rights, Bratislava, SK	6.000
Jihlava 2004. 8th International Documentary Film Festival	Jihlava Amateur Film-makers Company, Jihlava, CZ	17.000
Culture, Art And V4 Countries (Tempus Art, Macbeth and other Activities)	ACTORES Town Theatre Rožňava, Rožňava, SK	14.000
Workshop on Film Education	Municipal Cinemas of Uherské Hradiště, Uherské Hradiště, CZ	9.000
EMAS Workshops in Visegrad Countries	Association for Environmentally Aware Management, Budapest, HU	14.000
Juggling Conference and Cooperation	Hungarian Juggling Association, Budapest, HU	11.000
Our Cultural Heritage in Europe - String Quartet Dialogue in the Nature	Sonare Youth Chamber Music Foundation, Budapest, HU	5.000
Our Music Heritage in Europe	Municipality of Törökszentmiklós, Törökszentmiklós, HU	8.000
3rd International Liszt Festival in Gödöllő	Jakobi Concert Ltd, Budapest, HU	12.000
Old Music Festival and Summer Course in Tokaj	YAWU Art Workshop Cultural Association, Budapest, HU	7.000
Cultural Days in Mezőtúr – in the Cooperation of the Visegrad Countries	Móricz Zsigmond Library and Community House, Mezőtúr, HU	11.000
Baroque Opera Festivals	Budapest Chamber Opera Foundation, Budapest, HU	23.000
Bridge-Building Days 2004	"Euroregion Danube" Developing Non-Profit Organisation, Neszsmély, HU	30.000
City of Writers Literary Festival (8th edition): Whose Europe? Collective History and Individual Memories	Foundation for International Initiative, Warszawa, PL	18.000

Name of the Project	Applicant	Amount in €
11th International Folklore Festival "Klatovy 2004"	Folklore Association Šumava from Klatovy, Klatovy, CZ	4.500
Neurology of the New Millennium – Textbook	Bartko D., Bratislava, SK	13.000
Visegrad Days 2004	Association FORSA, Košice, SK	8.000
Jazz Prešov 2004 – International Musical Festival	J. P. Art , Artistic Agency, Prešov, SK	4.500
Hontianska Parada 2004 – Festival of V4 Countries	Village Of Hrušov, Hrušov, SK	5.500
1st International Chopin Piano Competition in Budapest	Ferenczy György Foundation, Budapest, HU	8.000
Quartet TV Workshop	Czech Television (CT) – Regional Station Ostrava, CZ	19.000
International Bilingual Grammar School for the Visegrad Countries	Foundation at Gymnazium J. M. Hurban, Čadca, SK	7.000
Films Under Special Control	Foundation PRO ART-TECH, Warszawa, PL	10.000
Cancer and Fibrinolytic Therapy	3rd Faculty of Medicine Charles University Praha, CZ	9.000
Visegrad Group – Special Guest of the 8th Book Fair in Krakow	Trade Fairs in Kraków Co., Kraków, PL	6.000
The 2nd International Review of Folk Musicians and Instrumentalists, Żywiec, June 2004	The Administrative District Starosty, Żywiec, PL	4.500
Touching The Antique II – Summerschool	Institute of Archaeology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Nitra, SK	5.000
Visegrad Documentary Library	People in Need – One World International Documentary Human Rights Film Festival, Praha, CZ	11.000
Visegrad Handcraftsmen's Courtyard	KREA Ltd., Banská Bystrica, SK	13.000
Istropolitana Project 2004, International Festival of Higher Education School	Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, Bratislava, SK	13.000
Moving Closer European Art Festival	Makata Artistic Association, Warszawa, PL	7.000
Central European Conference about Cultural and National Relations in Border Regions	Krzyzowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe, Grodziszczę, PL	10.000
Summer Film Academy	CinēEuropa Film Association, Lublin, PL	9.000
The Visegrad Dictionary of Dissidents	KARTA Center Foundation, Warszawa, PL	10.000
Kratochvílení 2004	Continuo Theatre, Netolice, CZ	5.000
Three Days of the Documentary Film	Center for the Documentary Film, Bratislava, SK	4.000
Representation of the Czech, Slovak and Polish Film Industry at the IFF and Market in Cannes 2004	Czech Film Chamber, Praha, CZ	12.000
Neighbours Who Disappeared	Project of the Jewish Museum in Praha, CZ	9.000
Central European Seminar Project 2004-2005	CES-Central European Seminar, Praha, CZ	5.000
Central European Library (Edition Series of Books – Works of Literature by Contemporary Writers of V4 Countries)	Kalligram Ltd., Bratislava, SK	10.000
The Visegrad Countries in the Face of Europe's Consolidation. The Shades of Identity: Erasing, Saving, Transforming.	The NEW HORIZONS Association, Warszawa, PL	18.500
V4 Stage; Music of the V4 Countries at Pohoda Festival 2004	Pohoda Agency Ltd, Bratislava, SK	9.500
Visegrad Cultural Ship	Teatron Ltd., Bratislava, SK	6.000
ZLÍN 2004 – 44th International Film Festival for Children and Youth, Competition of Feature Films of Visegrad Countries	Filmfest, s. r. o., Zlín, CZ	10.000
Gajdovacka 2004 - 5. International Pipers Festival and 3. International Contest for Young Pipers	The Orava Culture Centre, Dolný Kubín, SK	4.000
Presentation of V4 Countries in Divadelná Nitra 2004 International Theatre Festival	Divadelna Nitra Association, Nitra, SK	16.000
II. International September Feast	Company of Microregion Medvesalja, Cered, HU	6.000
Total		843.000



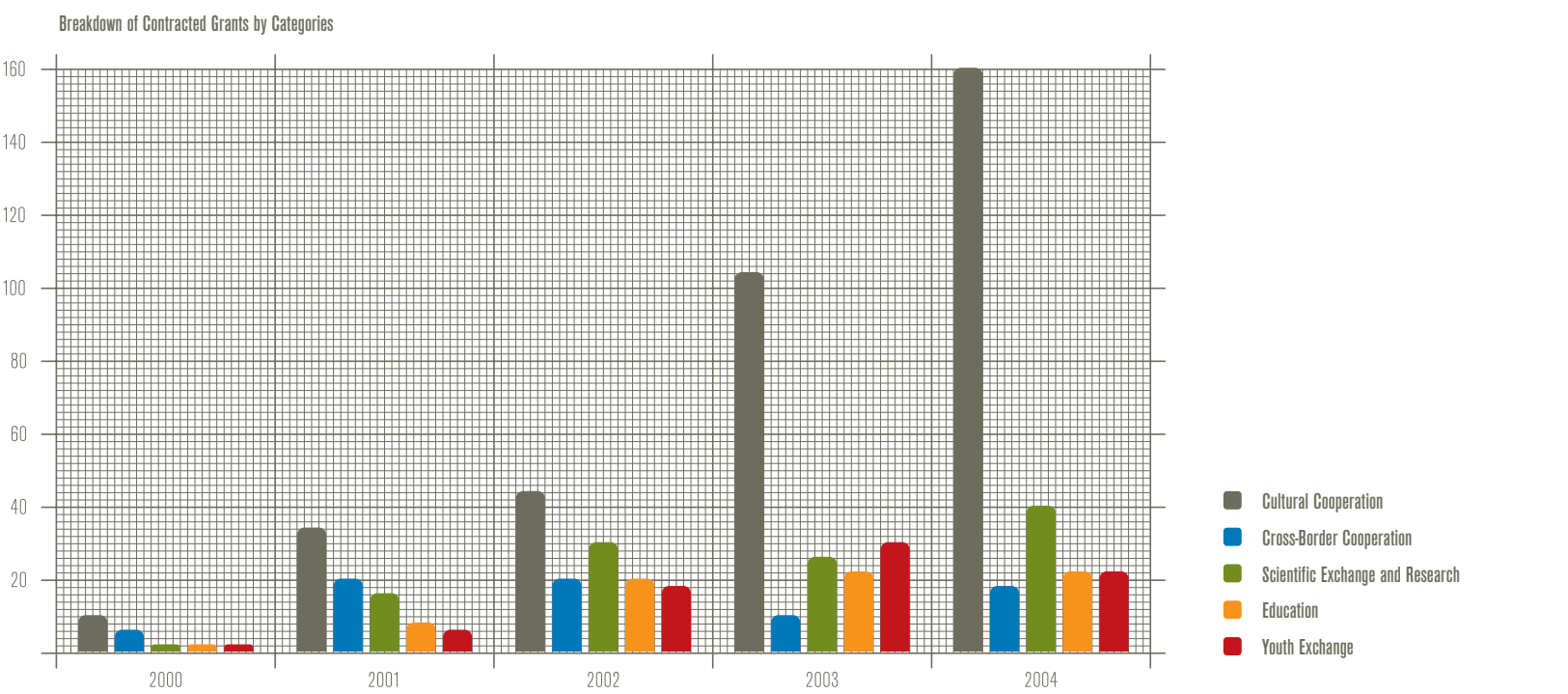


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The City of Brno Cup – Handball Tournament	Handball Brno, CZ	5.000
AEJ 42. Congress Košice 2004	Association of European Journalists – Slovak section, Bratislava, SK	9.000
3. Biennial – Technical Sights. "Possibilities, Meaning and Difficulties of the Conversion of Industrial Buildings".	The Czech Chamber of Authorised Engineers and Technicians, Praha, CZ	10.000
Publication for the General Public: "Hazards of Human Infection in Central Europe – Prevention and Control of Trichinellosis and Echinococcosis".	University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, CZ	8.000
Festival Meeting of European Theatres and Culture	Association Old Down Town Theatre, Košice, SK	20.000
ETHNO FEST Banská Bystrica	Aty Art agency, s. r. o., Banská Bystrica, SK	9.000
Mini V4 – Miniuni	Abateo Ostrava Co Ltd. , CZ	7.000
Euro Art Zone Festival	Polish-Hungarian Friendship Society, Kraków, PL	19.000
Insight Central Europe	Czech Radio, Praha, CZ	20.000
IV. Intergömör Cultural Days	Euroregion Slana-Rimava, HU	11.000
Buildings of the Europe Village 2005	Euroregion Danube Neszmély, HU	43.000
E-Non-Profit-Learning	Forum Information Centre, Šamorín, SK	9.000
Increase of Security on Communal Level	Association of Communal and Town Police Chiefs of the Slovak Republic, Liptovský Mikuláš, SK	7.000
International Seminar – Training "Region – Build" (How Does EU Funds Work for Region? Challenges and Opportunities for V4 Countries. Experience of Austria and Germany)	The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia, Bratislava, SK	14.000
Central European Public Participation Forum	Center for Community Organizing, Přerov, CZ	10.000
Football as a Mean for Promoting Cultural Exchanges and Youth Education	The City of Vác Sport Association, Vác, HU	35.000
4. Water Polo Visegrad Cup WPVC – 2005	Slávia UK Bratislava – Water Polo, Bratislava, SK	20.000
PERMEA 2005, the Second Visegrad Countries Conference on Membrane Science and Technology in the Development of Green Technologies	Wrocław University of Technology, Chemistry Department, PL	8.000
Strengthening the Regional Partnership	Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation, Brno, CZ	5.000
Cooperation of Musicians from Visegrad Countries at OSTRAVA DAYS 2005 – New Music Institute and Festival	Ostrava Center for New Music, CZ	20.000
Visegrad Christmas	Friends of Orava, Dolný Kubín, SK	5.000

Name of the Project	Applicant	Amount in €
Support of Competency in Visegrad Countries	Silesian Diacony, Český Těšín, CZ	13.000
SETKÁNÍ 2005, The 10th International Theatre Festival	Zlín City Theatre, CZ	16.000
Cinema On The Border – 7th Film Review	Centre of Culture and Social Life “Střelnice”, Český Těšín, CZ	10.000
ARCHFILM – Crossroads of Architectures of Central and East European Countries	Atarax s. r. o., Košice, SK	11.000
Prix of Alexander Dubček 2004	Karloves Dance Center, Bratislava, SK	14.000
JAZZFESTBRNO 2005	JazzFuzz, Brno, CZ	10.000
Common and Different Features of Using Young People Potential at Labour Market (Comparative Study at Silesian, Karviná, Banská Bystrica and Békéscsaba Region)	Matej Bel University, Faculty of Economics, Banská Bystrica, SK	5.000
Visegrad Countries Literary Presentation – a Major Focus on Young Literary Talent	Foreign Trade Enterprise Ars Polonia, Warszawa, PL	14.000
Reporting on Local Television in V4 Countries after the Enlargement of EU	City TV Foundation, Košice, SK	17.000
Theatre Performance “Ilya The Prophet”	Teatro Tatro, Nitra, SK	15.000
Christmas of the Punch	Griff Puppet Theatre, Zalaegerszeg, HU	5.000
Visegrad Blues Band – Development and Strengthen Cultural Cooperation between Nations	F & F Plusz Commercial and Servicing Limited Partnership, Budapest, HU	8.000
Conference on the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Central Europe	The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Szentendre, HU	15.000
„The Communist Security Apparatus in East Central Europe 1944-45 To 1989” International Scientific Conference	Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, PL	20.000
DIS-V4 2005: The Role of Municipalities and Regions in the Process of Development of e-government services, e-culture and other Web Applications for Citizens in V4 Countries	Association of Czech At, Praha, CZ	16.000
PUTTO – Vibrations	Dance Praha, CZ	10.000
5th Visegrad Youth Conference	Young Diplomats' Center Association, Warszawa, PL	9.000
The Helsinki Process and the Demise of Communism	Czechoslovak Documentation Centre, Praha, CZ	18.000
The Hungarian Stage of an International Chess Championship Series Hosted in Visegrad.	Barcza Gedeon Chess Club, Budapest, HU	10.000
The 3rd International Review of Carolling and Ceremonial Ensembles in the Framework of the 36th Review “Żywieckie Gody (Żywiec Festivities) 2005”	The Culture Centre of Region (CCR), Bielsko-Biała, PL	7.000
International Health Tourism Conference	Hungarian Health Tourism Marketing Association, Budapest, HU	3.000
International Festival of the Theatre School Setkání/Encounter 05	Theatre Faculty of Janacek Academy of Music and Performing Arts, Brno, CZ	6.000
Promoting of the Economical Cross-border Co-operation of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises of the Visegrad Fours	ICCard-System Marketing Dc., Nyíregyháza, HU	12.000
Towards Carefree Cities V – Budapest 2005	Clean Air Action Group (CAAG), Budapest, HU	8.000
„Ripples on the Water” – Docudrama	Eureka Media, Jozefów, PL	9.000
Ex Oriente Film – 2005	Institute of Documentary Film (IDF), Praha, CZ	9.000
Innovation and Utility in the Visegrad Fours - Knowledge Based Agriculture, Research and Development - International Scientific Conference	CONTINENT-PH. LTD., Nyíregyháza, HU	20.000
The Central Europe Dance Theatre Festival	The Contemporary Theatre Foundation at the Stara Prochownia Theatre, Warszawa, PL	14.000
Immigration as a Development Strategy of New Europe; that is, the Presence of Immigrants in the Labour Market in Poland after EU Enlargement	“Civic Club” Foundation, Warszawa, PL	5.000
Ballet des Nations – Dances of Baroque Europe	Ardente Sole Foundation, Kraków, PL	24.000
Rozstaje 2005 / Crossroads 2005 - Festival of Traditional Music	CROSSROADS of culture and tradition. Association, Liszki, PL	26.000
Dragon's Track / Development of the „Week of the Winged Dragon” International Street Theatre Festival	“Winged Dragon” Private Company, Nyírbátor, HU	18.000
Visegrad Summer School 2005 in Villa Decius in Kraków	The Villa Decius Association, Kraków, PL	17.000
United Islands of Prague	Moveable Club, Praha, CZ	8.000
15th Central European Music Festival	Music Centre Slovakia, Bratislava, SK	16.000
Zblížme sa športom 2005 - International Winter Youth Camp	Town of Šafa, SK	6.000
Autism In Real Life	The Autistic centre Andreas, Bratislava, SK	5.000
WILSONIC.V4, [V4 Showcases at Wilsonic Festival 2005]	Holoda & Hvorecky Ltd., Bratislava, SK	15.000
The 16th Without Borders International Theatre Festival	Association of Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity, Cieszyn, PL	19.000
Drummer's Carnival International Gathering in the Spirit of V4	Dozsa Cultural Centre, Budapest, HU	3.000
Total 61 Projects		780.000

Breakdown of IVF Grants by Categories and Countries						
Round	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
Country						
CZ	5	23	38	50	72	188
HU	6	15	30	48	59	158
PL	5	17	29	42	67	160
SK	10	34	47	63	74	228
Total	26	89	144	203	272	734

Category	Cultural Cooperation	Cross-Border Cooperation	Scientific Exchange and Research	Education	Youth Exchange	Total
Round						
2000	11	6	3	3	3	26
2001	36	22	16	8	7	89
2002	47	22	32	22	21	144
2003	107	11	28	24	33	203
2004	163	19	42	24	24	272
Total	364	80	121	81	88	734
In %	49.59 %	10.90 %	16.49 %	11.04 %	11.99 %	



Approved Small Grands		March 2004
Name Of The Project	Applicant	Amount in €
Artistic "Plane-Air" Symposium Poľana 2004	Artistic Colony of Detva, Detva, SK	4.000
Young musicians V4-bridge to Europe	The Jozef Kresánek Basic Art School, Bratislava, SK	4.000
"Trnava Gate 2004" International Folklore Festival	The City of Trnava, SK	4.000
Organizing of the International Seminar "Integration of EU Technical and Environmental Policy into Cleaner Technologies"	ZTS – MATEC, a.s., Dubnica nad Váhom, SK	2.551
Education for Security in the Visegrad Countries	National In-service Teacher Training Centre, Warszawa, PL	3.923
Intercultural Easter Cooking Traditions Presentation and Experience Exchange	Secondary and Vocational School of Economy and Gastronomy, Rybník, PL	1.100
Fragaria Cup 2004	4 SPORT Ltd., Prešov, SK	4.000
Building of the New Structure of the Central Europe (Integration and Disintegration Phenomenon in Middle Europe in 20. Century)	Centre for European Policy, Bratislava, SK	4.000
"V4 Agricultural Farmers on the Unified Market of the European Union"	LATORICA Commercial and Supplying Ltd., Sárospatak, HU	3.920
Lighting Island - Hungary	Hungarian University of Crafts and Design / HUCD, Budapest, HU	2.000
The Youngest Dancer of Trinec - International Dance Competition in Standard & Latin	"Ebullience Trinec, CZ"	2.075
Bambiríáda 2004	"Children and Youth Centre "Vila Doris", Šumperk, CZ"	4.000
Intellectual Links between Central and East Europe / Central European Yearbook, 2004	Prolegomena Inc., Budapest, HU	4.000
3rd Sport Youth Meeting of Twin Towns and Guests	Municipality Šternberk, CZ	4.000
Visegrad Clubs Reunion at Visegrad Bridge	The Society of Friends of Muszyna, PL	4.000
The Second Pulling at the Odra River in Dziergowice within the Float of Self-made Boats "The Odra River - the River of Integration"	Commune Office in Bierawa, PL	1.550
International Folk Festival "Bukovina Meetings"	Piła Arts Centre, Piła, PL	4.000
The Children's Book Days - Opportunity for Knowing New Friends	The Orava Library in Dolný Kubín, SK	1.480
III. International Biennale of the Lemkos' Culture	Lemko's Society, Legnica, PL	2.000
Student's Magazines	Secondary School Cubs Association of the Czech Republic, Brno, CZ	3.945
Music Bridge Three Nations – One Song	Society of Hellikon Choir and its Friends, Keszthely, HU	3.793
European Triangle and Cultural Integration	The Secondary School in the Educational Centre "Radosna Nowina 2000" , Liszki, PL	2.418
Visegrád Friendship	Civic Association Czech-Slovak BRIDGES - Brno, CZ	4.000
Linum Junior – Inventing the future	Linum Foundation, Nagykovácsi, HU	4.000
V4 Encounter of Young Ecologists	Vydra - Civic Association, Gabčíkovo, SK	3.900
GLOBAL BEAT 2004, Central European Festival of Alternative Music	LouCookie Promotion, Krotoszyn, PL	4.000
United Europe Jazz Festival	Municipality of Zakopane, PL	4.000
Meeting – Conference "Dr. Jan Malík, Personality and Creator and his Significance for Present" (In occasion of 100th anniversary of birth)	Association for Editing of Magazine Loutkar / Puppeteer, Praha, CZ	1.500
A Conference "Does a Documentary Disclose Reality? (in Central and East Europe, at the Turn of the Century)"	International Association for the Future of the Media, Warszawa, PL	4.000
Central European Studies (Four Semesters University Studies Program)	Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities, Piliscsaba, HU	4.000
"Fellowship of Young Visegrad Polonists" (First Stage: Establishment of an International Network of Cooperation and Organization of the First Youth Polonistic Workshop)	Palacký University Olomouc, CZ	2.000
"We Learn Together" - Participation in Sports Games (HU) and Arts Workshop (CZ)	The Center of Continuing Education im. Stanisława Staszia, III Secondary School, Grudziadz, PL	542
Foundation of the Consultative Council of the Euroregions of the Visegrád Countries	Vag-Danube-Ipel Euroregion Development Non-profit Company, Tatabánya, HU	4.000
Visegrad Blues Band	"Midi-max" Leszek Ciojowski Music Agency, Wrocław, PL	4.000
Total		110.697

Approved Small Grants		Jun 2004
Name Of The Project	Applicant	Amount in €
Future of the "bEUgró" - Building the International e-cultural Society	Merlin International Theatre (English Language Theatre Public Utility Foundation, Budapest, HU	4.000
Autumn in the Kitchen – Presentation and Experience Exchange	Secondary and Vocational School, Bohumín, CZ	875
„Four Roses"	Arsenal Gallery, Białystok, PL	4.000
13th Etnofilm Čadca 2004	Kysucké museum, Čadca, SK	3.994
Student Summer Camp "Integration 2004 – the Position of Students from the Visegrad Group Countries in the European Integration Process"	Warszawa University Found "Universitatis Varsoviensis", Warszawa, PL	4.000
International Poetry Festival Ars Poetica 2004	Ars Poetica, Bratislava, SK	4.000
"Crossborder security relationships from the perspective of Central European space"[V4 SUMMER UNIVERSITY OF FRIENDSHIP N. 8]	Civic-Democratic Youth, Bratislava, SK	3.800
"Exhibition of Painting Members of University of III-rd Age and Photography Promoting Zakopane Region"	University of III-rd Age, Zakopane, PL	2.200
The 1st FEZA School on Zeolites, Prague, 20-21 August 2005	Czech Chemical Society, Czech Zeolite Association, Praha, CZ	4.000
The 19th Eurofest – the Meeting of Youth of Countries of Visegrad	District Association of Physical Culture, Lučenec, SK	2.000
Marie Montessori Pedagogy Method Teachers Education	Society Montessori, Praha, CZ	2.500
Central European NGOs Contributing to the European Constitution Debate	EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Praha, CZ	4.000
Plural Cities and Civic Ethnography: Teaching High-school Anthropology in Interactive Research Settings	University of Lower Silesia AAE in Wrocław, PL	4.000
The Meaning and Using - the Toxic Mushrooms, Including the Hallucinogenic Mushrooms Growing in the Polish Territory and Bordering Countries	Institute of Vegetable Crops, Skierniewice, PL	4.000
Publication of the Book Named "Excursion on the Two Banks of the Danube"	Vag-Danube-Ipel Euroregion Development Non-profit Company, Tatabánya, HU	4.000
International Festival "Gospel Days – Kysuce 2004"	Association of Citizens Culture Source, Krásno nad Kysucou, SK	2.250
International Conference on Prison Conditions in V4 Countries	Slovak Helsinki Committee, Bratislava, SK	3.025
„A New Europe – Exchanging Articles between Central European Periodicals on Problems of V4 Countries as New Members of the European Union".	KALLIGRAM Ltd., Bratislava, SK	4.000
2nd Historical Film Festival Kraków 25–27 October 2004	Multimedia Institute Association, Kraków, PL	4.000
Visegrad Countries Film Survey. Discussion : „Small Versus Cinemas Multiplexes – do they have a chance?"	TRAFFIC Films, Wrocław, PL	4.000
"Security in a Global World" The Visegrad Group in the New European-Transatlantic Framework	"Europe House" Regional European Information and Education Centre PBC, Pécs, HU	4.000
Other Photographs	Civic Association Photographic, Fiducia Gallery, Ostrava, CZ	4.000
The Days of Traditional Culture, 9th Nógrád International Folklore Festival	Nógrád County Institution of Culture and Tourism, Salgótarján, HU	4.000
Local Government and Safety	The Commune Council of Miłówka, PL	4.000
Babylon	Babylon, Student Society and Magazine, Praha, CZ	4.000
III. International Guitar Festival Encs	Cultural Centre of Encs Town, Encs, HU	4.000
Social and Cultural Diversity in Central and Eastern Europe	Multicultural Center Praha, CZ	4.000
II. Under 30 - International Youth and Students Film-, Video Festival, Demonstration & Congress	Polifilm Workshop Foundation, Budapest, HU	4.000
"Border in the Life of Man in the Middle ages" conference	KLÁŠTORISKO non-profit organisation, Levoča, SK	4.000
XXXV. Liptal's Events	The Folklore Association Lipta Liptal, CZ	4.000
Opera of the Visegrad	Theatre Company.cz, Praha, CZ	3.880
Energetical Innovations in the Visegrád Member States – Properties, Issues, Possibilities for Joint Solutions in the Field of Renewable Energy Sources	V-Trade Exhibitions LTD., Debrecen, HU	4.000
Total		116.524

Approved Small Grands		September 2004
Name Of The Project	Applicant	Amount in €
Movement - Central Europe Film & Theatre Festival	Truc Sphérique, Žilina, SK	4.000
V4 Encounter of Young Artists	Vydra, Gabčíkovo, SK	3.950
Christmas through Children's Eyes	ANIMFILM – Jarmila Rusinková, Bratislava, SK	4.000
The 2nd International Workshops of Folk Craft and Folklore	District Council – Żywiec, PL	4.000
"Equal Chances or Equal Discrimination?", Student Seminar on Equality of Chances in Central Europe	"Oikumene – Academic YMCA, Praha,CZ"	3.982
1st Conference with International Participation "Management of Manufacturing Systems"	"Technical University of Košice, Faculty of Manufacturing Technologies in Prešov, SK"	4.000
Snow Kingdom 2005	"Art Centrum DAGI, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, CZ"	4.000
Participation of Young Scientists in 13th Workshop '3in1' Graphs 2004	"AGH University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Applied Mathematics, Kraków, PL"	1.630
Visegrad Hockey Tournament – Bratislava 2004	ŠHT Bratislava, Bratislava, SK	4.000
The Conference of Agricultural Chambers Top Representatives form the V-4 Countries	The National Council of Agricultural Chambers, Warszawa, PL	2.500
Visegrad Computer Graphics Festival '05	Faculty of Computer Science and Information Systems, Technical University of Szczecin, PL	3.990
On the Carpathian Slopes	HPZ Talizmán Ltd., Budapest, HU	4.000
"Four Sides of Folk"	The Association of Folk Culture Animators, Lublin, PL	4.000
"Bałtyk, Tatry, Balaton"	Radio Plus, Warszawa, PL	3.900
Electronica Nova - V4 DJ Meating	SUBTECH, s. r. o., Bratislava, SK	2.100
"The Prague's Spring and Autumn in South Slovakia" (research and study)	Union Training Foundation, Budapest, HU	3.600
Outsider – Pan European Art Laboratory	Villa Decius Association, Kraków, PL	4.000
The Role of Magic in the Past	Pro Historia Association, Bratislava, SK	4.000
The Catalogue of Exhibition of Desing Jewellery and New Media	Art Factory, Ltd., Praha, CZ	4.000
Keeping our Values of Culture and Sport in the EU in the Reflection of Identification of the V4, Youth Meeting	"Weightlifting and Free-time Sport Club of Soroksar, Budapest, HU"	4.000
Total		73.652

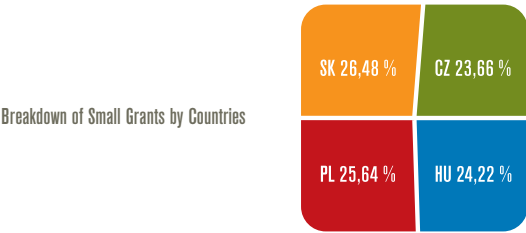
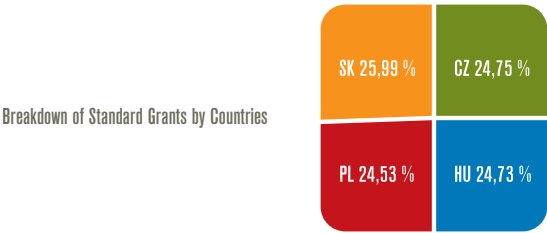


Approved Small Grants		December 2004
Name Of The Project	Applicant	Amount in €
„Through Music towards Joy and Friendship- II.“, Visegrad Countries - European Music Conference - European Student Forum in Prague	Charles University Pedagogical Faculty, Praha, CZ	3.800
Beyond the South Border	RDN Małopolska, Tarnów, PL	4.000
Information Society without Borders: Re-Establishing and Development of the Cross-Border Cooperation within the Information Studies and Librarianship	Ikaros, o. s., Praha, CZ	4.000
Music to Understanding among Teachers V4	The Basic Art School Trinec, Trinec, CZ	4.000
IV. International Sports Meeting of the Youth	Commune Kobiór, Kobiór, PL	3.993
Music In Distorting Mirror - (Visegrad Smiles)	Deja vu - club, Bratislava, SK	1.200
Dance Festival 2005 – 8th International Dance Competition in Standard & Latin	Dance Centre FORTUNA Poprad, SK	3.500
GLOBE Games 2005, International Environmental Meeting of Students and Teachers	"TEREZA Association, Praha, CZ"	4.000
ART EX 2005 Králiky	"Town Museum Králiky, CZ"	4.000
Festival of Solo Performance for Children3rd year, 18-27 February 2005, Prague	Xaver, Praha, CZ	1.500
"Fun and Games at the Sports Lice land"	"Association of Technical Schools, Wodzisław Śląski, PL"	825
'The Significance of Small Languages in a New Europe – the Central European Section of the Conference '10 years of Dutch Studies at Karoli University'	"Department of Dutch Studies, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Faculty of Arts, Budapest, HU"	4.000
Small Homelands in Europe without Borders	Primary School No 5, Łódź, PL	4.000
Religious Freedom and its Aspects (Islam in Europe)	Centre for European Policy, Bratislava, SK	4.000
5th National Competition and 2nd International competition Svetozár Stračina Grand Prix	Svetozár Stračina Society, Bratislava, SK	4.000
CIRCUS FRANKENSTEIN	Griff Puppet theatre, Zalaegerszeg, HU	4.000
Enforcement of EU Environmental Law in Central Europe	EMLA - Environmental Management and Law Association, Budapest, HU	2.950
European Neighbourhood Policy – Old Challenges, New Chances?	Association for International Affairs, Praha,CZ	4.000
Bambiriáda 2005	Children and Youth Centre, Šumperk, CZ	4.000
Festival of Choir Music Hradec Králové	Festival of Choir Music Hradec Králové, CZ	4.000
PANIC BUTTON magazine	Fly United, Žilina, SK	4.000
To Build, to Live, to Think. Architecture Between the Two Wars in Visegrad Countries	Małopolska Culture Institute, Kraków, PL	4.000
"Puppetry- Animation, Communication, Self-development" Workshop for Young People and Youth Workers	Csuhajda Cultural Association, Debrecen, HU	1.520
Grand Prix TYRNAVIA 2005, the 7th year of the International dance festival in ballroom dances for dance couples	Trnava Dance Centre, Trnava, SK	4.000
V4 Festival of Mountain Film and Adventure	Mountains and City, Bratislava, SK	4.000
International Musical Picnic	The House of Culture, Rybnik, PL	3.750
"The Myth of Independency", Student Seminar on Social Transformation in Central Europe	EKUNET, Trnava, SK	3.995
Change of Functions	Slovak Architect's Society (SAS), Bratislava, SK	4.000
Let's Do it Together – Journeys to the World of Legends	Middle School No. 15, Bytom, PL	4.000
"The Future of Intergovernmental Regional Co-operation in the Enlarged EU" 1st Regional Winter Seminar of Young Social Scientists in Pécs	SIEN Foundation, Pécs, HU	3.800
On the International Children's Day Art Meeting of Children, Balatonfüred 2005	Füred Dráma Fund, Balatonfüred, HU	4.000
Sing, Dance and Play at Miłówka in the Mountaineers' Mood	The Community Culture Centre in Miłówka, PL	4.000
Painted Cultural Heritage of Towns	Town Centre of Culture in Żywiec, PL	4.000
IV. International Conference Devoted to Architecture and Sacral Art "Which Churches – Sacral Unit in Town"	SARP Association of Polish Architects, Department in Kielce, PL	3.910
TŘINEC CUP 2005, International Hockey Tournament of Pupils	Hockey Club Oceláři Trinec, CZ	3.500
Improvement of the Structure, Function and Regional Collaboration of National Bone Marrow Donor Registries of Central-East European Countries as Added Value from Newly Associates States to the European Community.	National Medical Centre, Dept. Immunogenetics, Budapest, HU	4.000
Publishing of "Beginning of Modernism in the Architecture of Middle-Europe"	Ernst Museum, Budapest, HU	4.000
Outdoor Experiential Education – V4 International Workshop	Project Outdoor, Olomouc, CZ	3.500
Through Common Partnership to Common Life	City Jeseník, CZ	1.784
VISEGRAD 4 HARPS	"Branislav Tedla – Blue Time Production, Bratislava, SK"	4.000
The First Czech National Competition "Odyssey of the Mind"	Odyssey of the Mind CZ, Praha, CZ	941

Name Of The Project			Applicant			Amount in €		
Appeal of the Historical BACH for the Modern Central Europe			"AP Project Agency, Bratislava, SK"			4.000		
Let's Go in for Sports Together			Slovak Kindergarten, Basic, Secondary Grammar and Specialized School & Youth Hostel, Budapest, HU			4.000		
Vitéz Lázsló and Others - International Fair Puppeteers' Days			"Vojtina Puppet Theatre, Debrecen, HU"			4.000		
"International with Disability in Primary School by Teaching Cycling" - 1 Day Training Seminar			Parabike Association, Budapest, HU			2.845		
Central-European and Meeting of Theatre Professionals			CREATIVE MEDIA Literary and Cultural Services Partnership Co., Budapest, HU			4.000		
Child in her Mind			Archa Theatre, Praha, CZ			2.862		
Total						166.175		

Breakdown of Contracted Grants and Scholarships by Coutries														
Year	2000	2001	2002		2003			2004			Total			Total budget
Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Small	Standard	Small	VSP*	Standard	Small	VSP*	Standard	Small	VSP*	
CZ	65.425	410.134	429.000	49.075	424.600	80.790	63.000	410.000	106.764	54.000	€ 1.739.159	€ 236.629	€ 117.000	€ 2.092.788
HU	132.387	335.255	394.700	48.232	475.000	85.626	56.000	400.000	108.428	49.000	€ 1.737.342	€ 242.286	€ 105.000	€ 2.084.628
PL	61.800	412.580	410.800	47.950	431.000	78.288	63.000	407.000	130.231	53.000	€ 1.723.180	€ 256.469	€ 116.000	€ 2.095.649
SK	146.705	365.050	489.200	55.637	419.093	87.520	64.000	406.000	121.745	64.000	€ 1.826.048	€ 264.902	€ 128.000	€ 2.218.950
YU										10.000			€ 10.000	€ 10.000
UA										0			€ 0	€ 0
HR										0			€ 0	€ 0
BY										20.000			€ 20.000	€ 20.000
RO										5.000			€ 5.000	€ 5.000
RU										5.000			€ 5.000	€ 5.000
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* Visegrad Scholarship Programme



Approved Visegrad Scholarships (February 2004 Deadline)

Intra-Visegrad Scholarship

Name	Citizenship	Hosting Country	Amount in €
Grešner Peter	SK	PL	4.000 + 3.000
Dúbravská Regina	SK	CZ	4.000 + 3.000
Segeš Dušan	SK	PL	4.000 + 3.000
Tanski Tomasz Arkadiusz	PL	CZ	4.000 + 3.000
Mikula Jarek	PL	CZ	4.000 + 3.000
Malovecká Milotaa	SK	HU	4.000 + 3.000
Kocsisné Barna Otília	HU	CZ	4.000 + 3.000
Beňová Katarína	SK	HU	4.000 + 3.000
Bodnárová Zuzana	SK	CZ	4.000 + 3.000
Komanická Ivana	SK	CZ	4.000 + 3.000
Békéssy Gábor	HU	PL	4.000 + 3.000
Total	11		77.000

Out-Going Scholarships

Jirásková Lucie	CZ	D	5.000
Włodarczyk Anna	PL	CH	10.000
Chvojka Michal	SK	A	5.000
Bobek Michal	CZ	UK	8.500
Fabiánová Hana	CZ	F	4.000
Rovný Juraj	SK	B	8.000
Vondracek Ondrej	CZ	B	8.500
Hollá Jana	SK	Egypt	8.000
Skopal Pavel	CZ	UK	4.000
Widerak Magdalena	PL	F	10.000
Nagy Benedek	HU	ES	10.000
Herczenik Eszter	HU	NL	5.000
Topolčanská Mária	SK	ES	4.000
Barta Peter	SK	D	5.000
Brytan Zbigniew	PL	I	10.000
Kajtar Edit Gitta	HU	UK	14.000
Total	16		119.000

In-Coming Scholarships

Injac Goran	YU	PL	5.000 + 3.000
Luzgina Anastasiya Nikolaevna	BY	CZ	5.000 + 3.000
Balashchenko Tatiana	BY	CZ	5.000 + 3.000
Onel Lavinia Constantina	RO	HU	5.000 + 3.000
Joukovskii Igor	RU	PL	5.000 + 3.000
Henechka Natallia	BY	SK	5.000 + 3.000
Rudaya Svetlana	BY	SK	5.000 + 3.000
Gaudenyi Tivadar	YU	HU	5.000 + 3.000
Total	8		64.000

From	To
Pižeň, Czech Republic	Dresden, Germany
Gliwice, Poland	Zurich, Switzerland
Opava, Czech Republic	Wien, Austria
Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro	Opole, Poland
Praha, Czech Republic	London, United Kingdom
Praha, Czech Republic	Toulouse, France
Praha, Czech Republic	Leuven, Belgium
Minsk, Belarus	Praha, Czech Republic
Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Lodz, Poland
Nitra, Slovak Republic	Praha, Czech Republic
Praha, Czech Republic	Brugge, Belgium
Praha, Czech Republic	Cairo, Egypt
Minsk, Belarus	Praha, Czech Republic
Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Warszawa, Poland
Gliwice, Poland	Ostrava, Czech Republic
Bucarest, Romania	Budapest, Hungary
Kaliningrad, Russia	Warszawa, Poland
Gliwice, Poland	Pižeň, Czech Republic
Brno, Czech Republic	Norwich, United Kingdom
Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Budapest, Hungary
Poznan, Poland	Paris, France
Minsk, Belarus	Košice, Slovak Republic
Debrecen, Hungary	Tarragona, Spain
Budapest, Hungary	Utrecht, Nederland
Budapest, Hungary	Praha, Czech Republic
Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Catalunya, Spain
Minsk, Belarus	Košice, Slovak Republic
Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Budapest, Hungary
Nitra, Slovak Republic	Berlin, Germany
Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Praha, Czech Republic
Gliwice, Poland	Torino, Italy
Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro	Szeged, Hungary
Budapest, Hungary	Praha, Czech Republic
Pécs, Hungary	Birmingham, United Kingdom
Pécs, Hungary	Krakov, Poland

Scholarships Map



V4 Countries



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Intra-Visegrad & Out-going



In-coming



Zora Hlavičková

Charles University, Czech Republic > University College London, United Kingdom

"Summarizing the whole concept of the Visegrad Scholarship, I admire the idea of building stronger academic cooperation within the Visegrad countries on one hand and giving a chance to the PhD-candidates to view the Central Europe from outside on the other. I have a personal experience with studying in all the Central-Eupean countries and I am glad for a possibility to start to understand Central Europe as a whole."

Anna Włodarczyk

Silesian University of Technology, Poland > Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Switzerland

"The Visegrad Scholarship Program helped me to realize in Switzerland (Zurich) the very important in my science life part of the doctoral research plan. It considered the analysis of the contemporary methods of revitalization processes in this country basing on the example of the post-industrial districts` transformation in Zurich. The financial support of the VSP, but also the formal science requirements of the IVF (applications, final reports, research summaries, etc.) were and still are here the very positive accelerating factors for the development and improvement of my investigation work (the Doctoral Dissertation). The science and research experiences in Zurich as well as in every-day living in the Swiss reality are shaping my life now and will be very useful in my further investigation, science and professional activity in the future."

Zuzana Benková

Comenius University, Slovak Republic > Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun, Poland

„My stay in Torun financed by Visegrad scholarship meant great contribution for my education. My supervisor was really very good specialist and nice person as well as all people in his team. I have learnt lots of new from my branch and I find this knowledge very helpful for my thesis. I have performed calculations based on various methods. The results from these studies have been collected and published in four articles and there are next two articles in preparation. One project will be continued in Bratislava. I have attended also three lessons and helped one student with her bachelor thesis. Me and professor are still in contact and we would like to cooperate together in the future."

Iwona Dabkowska

University of Gdańsk, Poland > Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

"I had a great time in Prague. City is fascinating, people friendly, my research group from the Academy of the Sciences of the Czech Republic inspiring and enhancing my scientific qualities. But the best what I got thanks to International Visegrad Fund was my mentor, Prof. Pavel Hobza. If I were asked whom to clone I would point Him as the first one. He is a role model of both a scientist and a leader of the extended international group. I am happy I could obtain such a great lesson of how to operate in the modern world of science."

Balázs Trencsényi

Central European University, Hungary > Research Center for the History of Sciences and Humanities, Czech Republic

"The Research Centre for the History of Sciences and Humanities in Prague proved an exceptional host throughout the ten months of my research. Apart from providing me with research infrastructure, I received help in using various libraries and also in finding accommodation, and I had the opportunity of profiting from the presence of a great number of researchers affiliated with the Centre. The workshops organized with the other members of our research group, Árpád Welker, Michal Kopeček, and Doubravka Olišáková, also provided splendid opportunities for academic interchange. Our final workshop, held in Budapest, was a great success and opened up the possibility of further research involving scholars from the Visegrad countries."

Juraj Sevela

University, Poland > Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations, Poland

"I feel that the Visegrad Scholarship provides excellent opportunity for young scholars from Central Europe to proceed with their research and studies in the region. Thanks to this scholarship I was able to continue in my doctoral studies at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. The value of this opportunity and experience is unquestionable. As a student, I greatly appreciated the quality of the academic assistance I have received at the Jagiellonian University for my research and studies. I can heartily recommend the Visegrad Scholarship to anyone who seeks an opportunity to study or conduct research in Central Europe!"

Adriána Gregorová

Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic > Technical University of Szczecin, Poland

"Visegrad scholarship allowed me to work at Institute of materials engineering, Technical University of Szczecin in Poland. The obtained results are contribution to preparation of innovative materials on the base of modified wood fibre and recycling polyolefins for engineering industry. I appreciate the possibility to visit new country and to meet interesting, kind and helpful people at my hosting university."

Martin Panigaj

University of P. J. Šafárik, Slovak Republik > Institute of Immunology and Microbiology, 1st Medical Faculty, Charles University, Czech Republic

"I appreciate that I could attend VSF scholarship program. It significantly helped me to focus on my research into Prion diseases and their link to blood at new based Prion laboratory, Institute of Immunology and Microbiology, 1st Medical Faculty, Charles University. It is very positive that IVF recognizes cooperation in Life sciences like equally important together with cooperation in political and economic studies and moreover it supports it. Thanks you very much IVF staff."

Peter Pecho

Robert Schuman University, France > College of Europe, Brugge, Belgium

As a graduate at the Law Faculty of the Robert Schuman University in Strasbourg, I was naturally interested the most by continuing my legal studies at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium), one of the most prestigious centres of the Community Law. Unfortunately, the studies at College of Europe are very expensive, and as a student with only very modest resources, I would be unable to raise the necessary amount of money. It is thanks to the International Visegrad Fund, its transparent and flexible procedure that granted me a generous scholarship, that I was able to follow the courses in this law school. These studies allowed me afterwards to obtain the position of "legal secretary" of the Slovak judge at the European Court of Justice.

Doubravka Olišáková

Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Republic > University of Debrecen, Hungary

"My stay in Budapest supported by Visegrad Scholarship Fund helped me to enrich my thesis on the Central European painters in the 19th Century with the hungarian case. During my stay in Budapest I had problems neither with accommodation nor the possibility of research in the Hungarian National Gallery. I also appreciate the cooperation with Hungarian Academy of Sciences."

Árpád Welker

Central European University, Hungary > Research Center for the History of Sciences and Humanities, Czech Republic

"The Visegrad scholarship offered me a wonderful possibility to pursue research in Prague. Despite the fact that Prague is one of the most beautiful cities of Europe, the opportunity to study the fate and position of local Jewry - probably the most prominent and remarkable of its kind in Central Europe - was of great importance from the point of view of my research."

Jana Bejvlová

Janacek Academy of Performing Arts, Czech Republic > Utrecht Graduate School of Art and Economics, Netherlands

"Thank to the IVF scholarship, I successfully graduated from the Master of Arts in Art and Media Management in a European Context in Utrecht, the Netherlands in academic year 2003/2004. This study meant a major shift in my personal as well as professional development. The benefits are far-reaching and positively reflected in my current work for an international non-profit organisation."

Martin Šugár

Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic > Institute of History of Art, the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

"The IVF Scholarship Program brought a break to my project. Thanks to it I could travel also to foreigner countries to study works of medieval art and make an exhaustive visual documentation of many of them. I bought a lot of expert books that are very important for my study."

Pavel Paleček

Masaryk University, Czech Republic > University of Minnesota, USA

"The IVF scholarship enabled me to conduct research within various US libraries and archives. The most contributive for the project was utilization of the archival materials located in these institutions: Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, National Archives, Library of Congress, New York Public Library and American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees Archives. All these institutions have a brilliant series of materials which is not accessible in Europe."

Katarzyna Styczkiewicz

Jagiellonian University, Poland > Istituto Auxologico Italiano, Ospedale San Luca, Italy

"The project was focused on the role of autonomic dysfunction in predicting the atrial fibrillation recurrence. The results will have an important influence on clinical assessment of the patients with atrial fibrillation episodes. That scholarship it was a great opportunity for professional training in the field of research cardiology and I am still continuing the collaboration with hosting institute."

Gabor Bekessy

University of Pécs, Hungary > Jagiellonian University, Poland

"The IVF scholarship provided me an ideal environment for carrying out my study for the parts of the "Polish chapter" in my prospected comparative PhD thesis. Unfortunately, the information on the Visegrad Scholarships are still rarely known in the academic world of the CEE region, though the IVF grant is absolutely sufficient for creating an optimal scientific independence for any researcher of the V4 region."



Informace o Mezinárodním visegrádském fondu

Vlády zemí Visegrádské čtyřky (Česká republika, Maďarská republika, Polská republika a Slovenská republika), řídíce se ustanoveními Společného prohlášení visegrádské čtyřky (podepsaného 14. května 1999 v Bratislavě), se 9. června 2000 dohodly na zřízení Mezinárodního visegrádského fondu se sídlem v Bratislavě.

Účelem Fondu je rozvoj užší spolupráce mezi zeměmi Visegrádské čtyřky prostřednictvím podpory společných kulturních, vědeckých a vzdělávacích projektů, výměn mládeže a přeshraniční spolupráce.

Řídícími orgány Fondu jsou Konference ministrů zahraničních věcí a Rada velvyslanců. Výkonnými orgány Fondu jsou výkonný ředitel a zástupce výkonného ředitele, administrativním orgánem Fondu je Sekretariát. Jednotlivé visegrádské země se v předsednictví střídají podle anglického abecedního pořádku. Úředním jazykem Fondu je angličtina.

Mezinárodní visegrádský fond spravuje své zdroje v souladu s rozpočtem schváleným Konferencí ministrů zahraničních věcí visegrádských zemí. Celý rozpočet sestává ze dvou částí, jimiž jsou financování projektů a vnitřní chod Sekretariátu Fondu.

Tájékoztató a Nemzetközi Visegrádi Alapról

A Visegrádi Négyek országainak (a Cseh Köztársaság, Magyar Köztársaság, Lengyel Köztársaság, és a Szlovák Köztársaság) kormánya 1999. május 14-én Pozsonyban aláírt Visegrádi Közös Nyilatkozat szerint közösen megegyeztek, hogy 2000. június 9-én létrehozzák a Nemzetközi Visegrádi Alapot Pozsony székhellyel.

Az Alap célja a szerződő felek közti szorosabb együttműködés kialakításának előmozdítása, kapcsolatok megerősítése, a visegrádi országok között közös kulturális, tudományos, oktatási és turizmusi pályázatok, a fiatalok csereprogramjai és a határon átnyúló együttműködések kialakítása révén.

Az Alap irányító szervei: a Külügyminiszterek Konferenciája és a Nagykövetek Tanácsa. Az Alap végrehajtó szerve: az ügyvezető igazgató és az ügyvezető igazgató helyettes. Adminisztratív szerve pedig a Titkárság. Az elnökséget minden évben más visegrádi ország tölti be, az angol ABC szabályai szerint. Az Alap hivatalos nyelve az angol.

A Nemzetközi Visegrádi Alap forrásait a visegrádi országok külügyminisztereinek konferenciája által jóváhagyott költségvetésnek megfelelően kezelik. Az egész költségvetés két részből áll: projekt-finanszírozó tevékenységek és az Alap Titkárságának belső működése.



Informacja o Międzynarodowym Funduszu Wyszehradzkim

Rządy krajów Grupy Wyszehradzkiej (Republika Czeska, Polska, Słowacja i Węgry), kierując się postanowieniami Deklaracji Wyszehradzkiej (podpisanej 14 maja 1999 roku w Bratysławie), na szczycie Premierów w Štúrovcach 9 czerwca 2000 roku podjęły decyzję o utworzeniu Międzynarodowego Funduszu Wyszehradzkiego z siedzibą w Bratysławie.

Celem Funduszu jest zacieśnianie współpracy pomiędzy krajami Grupy Wyszehradzkiej poprzez wspieranie wspólnych projektów z dziedziny kultury, nauki, edukacji i wymiany młodzieży oraz współpracy transgranicznej i promocji turystyki.

Organami kierowniczymi Funduszu są Konferencja Ministrów Spraw Zagranicznych i Rada Ambasadorów. Organem wykonawczym jest Dyrektor Wykonawczy i jego Zastępca, a organem administracyjnym - Sekretariat Funduszu. Poszczególne kraje Grupy wymieniają się co roku w przewodniczeniu Funduszem według porządku alfabetycznego ich angielskich nazw. Językiem urzędowym Funduszu jest angielski.

Międzynarodowy Fundusz Wyszehradzki pracuje na podstawie budżetu, zatwierdzonego co roku przez Konferencję Ministrów Spraw Zagranicznych. W ramach budżetu finansowane są projekty oraz koszty administracyjne Sekretariatu.

Informácie o Medzinárodnom višegrádskom fondie

Vlády krajín višegrádskej skupiny (Českej republiky, Maďarskej republiky, Poľskej republiky a Slovenskej republiky) sa v zmysle ustanovení višegrádskeho dohovoru uzatvoreného 14. mája 1999 v Bratislave dohodli dňa 9. júna 2000 na založení Medzinárodného višegrádskeho fondu so sídlom v Bratislave.

Cieľom fondu je podporovanie rozvoja bližšej spolupráce medzi zmluvnými stranami, posilňovanie vzájomných väzieb medzi štátmi zmluvných strán a integrácia štátov zmluvných strán do Európskej únie. Inými slovami, podporovanie regionálnej spolupráce medzi višegrádskými krajinami rozvíjaním bežných kultúrnych, vedeckých, výskumných, vzdelávacích projektov, výmeny mladých ľudí, cezhraničnej spolupráce a podpory turizmu.

Riadiacimi orgánmi fondu sú konferencia ministrov zahraničných vecí a rada veľvyslancov. Výkonnými orgánmi fondu sú výkonný riaditeľ a zástupca výkonného riaditeľa, administratívnym orgánom fondu je sekretariát. Predsedníctvo rotuje medzi všetkými štyrmi krajinami podľa abecedy. Oficiálnym jazykom fondu je angličtina.

Medzinárodný višegrádsky fond spravuje svoje finančné prostriedky podľa rozpočtu odsúhlaseného Konferenciou ministrov zahraničných vecí višegrádskeho krajín. Celkový rozpočet fondu pozostáva z dvoch častí, čo sú finančné podporovanie projektov a vnútorná prevádzka sekretariátu.



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