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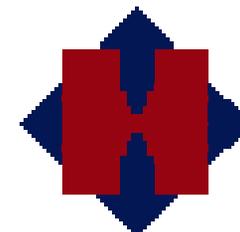
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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late senator and vice president, a long-time advocate of international cooperation and understanding. The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe, and Eurasia to the United States for one year of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experience.

Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service in both the public and private sectors. Applications are made in the applicant's country where the first-level screenings are conducted. Fellows are nominated by the United States Embassy or Fulbright Commission, based on their potential for leadership. Final selection is made in the U.S. by panels of experts, and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board makes awards.

In the last 27 years, over 3,000 professionals representing more than 120 countries have participated in the Humphrey Program. This year, 162 Humphrey Fellows from 81 different countries are spending the academic year, in groups of seven to 15, at 15 universities across the United States. UC Davis hosted the Humphrey Program from 1986 until 1996, and again since 2001. The UC Davis Humphrey Fellows will concentrate on agricultural development, environmental science, and economics. In addition to the individual coursework, research, and co-curricular activities, a series of seminars on topics of mutual interest to the participants is offered to the Fellows, providing an opportunity to share new perspectives with U.S. colleagues and specialists. With the assistance of UC Davis faculty mentors, the Fellows undertake individualized programs of academic and professional development and leadership.

The Fellows also travel throughout the U.S. to visit public and private agencies related to their professional fields, attend meetings, and network with colleagues.

By providing these future leaders with a shared experience of U.S. society and culture and of current U.S. approaches to the fields in which they work, the Humphrey Program provides a basis for lasting ties between the citizens of the U.S. and their counterparts in other countries. The Humphrey Program fosters the exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding. The U.S. joins developing countries in a significant partnership through this program.

University Outreach and International Programs

Established in 1998, the Vice-Provost Office of University Outreach and International Programs (UOIP) provides campus leadership and coordination for two increasingly important academic program areas: continuing and life-long learning, and international research and educational activities. The mission of UOIP is to facilitate, coordinate, stimulate and provide leadership for the UC Davis faculty, students, and staff to pursue educational outreach and international programs and activities. The office has primary responsibility for all international institutional cooperative agreements and official international visits, Services for International Students and Scholars (in conjunction with the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs), the Summer Sessions and University Extension International Programs. It also works collaboratively with many other international programs on campus such as the Education Abroad Center, Internships and Career Center, and the colleges' international programs. University Outreach and International Programs, International Programs Office of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and University Extension, jointly administer the Humphrey Fellowship Program.

Faculty Mentors for 2005 – 2006 Humphrey Fellows

Kimberly Beard
Sea Grant Extension Program

Professor Tom Gordon
Department of Plant Pathology

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Associate Professor Frank Hirtz
Department of Human and Community Development

Professor Miguel Marino
Department of Land, Air and Water Resources

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UC Davis Extension

Professor Richard Plant
Department of Agronomy and Range Science

Associate Adjunct Professor Minghua Zhang
Department of Land, Air and Water Resources

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows at UC Davis 2005-2006

Mr. Moez Ben Dhiab

Head of Plant Pathology Department
Ministry of Agriculture
Tunis, Tunisia



Mr. Ben Dhiab holds a diploma in Agronomic Engineering from the Mediterranean International Center of High Agronomic Study Program. He received his Master's degree in protected crops at the International Institute of Chania Greece in 1994.

For the past 10 years, he has been working with the Ministry of Agriculture, starting in southern Tunisia as the director of a local project developing sustainable agriculture farming systems (1995-2000). From 2000 until today, he has been the head of phytopathology services in the central laboratory of plant protection and production quality control in the headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture in Tunis. During the Humphrey year, Mr. Ben Dhiab plans to strengthen his knowledge and skills in the field of sustainable farming systems and integrated pest management, as well as attend seminars and workshops in the areas of plant pathology and pest and disease management. Finally he would like to establish professional contacts and partnerships with researchers, professors and international organizations.

Mr. Aung Myo Chit

Manager of Wildlife Department
National Kandawgyi Gardens
Yangon, Myanmar



Mr. Aung Myo Chit holds a degree in Computer Science from the University of Computer Studies, Yangon, Myanmar. He received a Master's degree in Physics at the University of Yangon, Myanmar. Expanding his expertise, he worked with National Geographic

Television for five years and produced two documentaries entitled "Elephant Power" and "Burma's Gypsies of Sea". He is currently working as a Manager of Wildlife Department in the National Kandawgyi Gardens where his responsibilities include capacity building, staff training, animal nutrition and care, as well as plant selection and landscaping. He also serves as the Manager for Eco-tour Programs for Woodland Travels. In this position, he designs tour programs for remote areas, forest preserves, and ecological systems. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Chit will broaden his knowledge and skill in the field of Natural Resources and Environmental Management with a focus on project evaluation, management and design. He would also like to improve his professional skills in the field of diving, ornithology and tree identification.

Mr. David Kapindula

Senior Inspector - Pesticides & Toxic Substances
Project Coordinator - Persistent Organic Pollutants
Environmental Council of Zambia
Lusaka, Zambia



Mr. Kapindula holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Zambia. He has over ten years working experience in both local and international organizations. He currently serves as a Senior Inspector – Pesticides and Toxic Substances at the

Environmental Council of Zambia as well as Project Coordinator for the Development of a National Implementation Plan (NIP) for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) under the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). He has worked closely with several international organizations dealing with chemical management and is currently on the roster of experts for the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC). During his Humphrey year, Mr. Kapindula plans to sharpen his knowledge and professional skills in pesticide management, environmental management, and toxicology. He would also like to be affiliated with organizations in the U.S. dealing with the regulation of pesticides, the protection of the environment and human health from the adverse effects of chemicals in general.

Dr. Faiza Labidi

Chief of Department
Environmental Protection Agency
Tunis, Tunisia



Dr. Labidi holds a Ph D in Chemical Engineering from the University of Technology of Compiègne, France, where she lectured and did research for two years. She currently heads a department in the Environmental Protection Agency in Tunisia. She

is responsible for the Assessment of Environmental Impact studies for industrial projects and also for project monitoring and control. Dr. Labidi is also an External Auditor and a Technical Expert with the German organization TÜV CERT in ISO 14001. The Humphrey Fellowship Program, along with work experience with American institutions or international organizations, will enable her to enhance her capacity to assess environmental issues, especially in the hazardous waste and recycling fields, and to gain insight in the application of up-to-date technologies used to solve ecological issues. She will attend seminars and workshops related to environmental management. She would like to establish professional contact with American companies to establish professional partnerships.

Dr. Liu Guozhi

Senior Programme Officer
Division of International Organizations,
Department of International Cooperation
State Environmental Protection Administration
Beijing, China



Dr. Liu Guozhi received her Ph D in International Law from the University of Politics and Law of China. She joined the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) of China in July 2002. She assists with the contact and cooperation between

China and intergovernmental environmental organizations, especially the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Her responsibilities include assisting with preparing position papers for Chinese Delegations, and going to key international environmental conferences and negotiations. She is also responsible for assisting in the establishment of research groups on some crucial issues in the field of international environmental protection and development. As a Humphrey Fellow, Dr. Liu would like to know about how the U.S. government develops its positions and policies in the field of international environmental protection and development; and also how it implements its obligations under the multilateral environmental agreements to which it is a party. She hopes to establish closer professional contact with her counterparts in the USA.

Ms. Thu Nguyen

News Assistant and Office Manager
The Asian Wall Street Journal – Hanoi Bureau
Hanoi, Vietnam



Ms. Nguyen holds a Bachelor's degree in English Language from Hanoi National University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the National Economics University in Vietnam. She has been working for Dow Jones, the publisher of the Wall

Street Journal for nine years in Vietnam. She managed the editorial section of the Hanoi Bureau of the Asian Wall Street Journal and also provided diversified coverage from Vietnam. The coverage included stories in business, politics, culture, education, health, environment and agriculture. She has also freelanced for the Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) and the International Data Group (IDG). As a Humphrey Fellow, Ms. Nguyen will refine her reporting, writing and communication skills, while learning about the nature of media science, freedom of the press and environmental management. As a Humphrey Fellow, Ms. Nguyen will further advance her qualifications and experience in print media coverage and also learn about documentary production.

Ms. Magdolna Rózs, Ph.D.

Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman
Committee of Environmental Affairs
Hungarian Parliament
Lecturer at the University of Pécs
Budapest, Hungary



Dr. Rózs received her master's degree in molecular biology and biotechnology at the Faculty of Science, University of Szeged in Hungary, and an Environmental Law degree at the Eötvös Lóránt University of Law in Hungary. She received her Ph.D. at the University

of Szeged in Hungary and University of Bologna, in Italy. Currently she is completing her MBA at the Corvinus University in Hungary. Dr. Rózs has been working for over five years in the Hungarian Parliament as a Chief of Staff in the Office of the Chairman of the Hungarian Parliamentary Committee for Environmental Affairs. She has also been working in the private sector since 1997 as the executive director of two environmental companies one, H-Gestor Ltd. in Hungary the other, Gestor d.o.o. in Serbia. She is also a university lecturer of the University of Pécs in the field of Environmental Politics and Law. Dr. Rózs will participate in university courses in the fields of environmental politics, management and economics. She will consult with national, state, county and municipal officials dealing with environmental issues, including the Environmental Protection Agency, as she is interested in politico-economics and regulatory issues.

Mr. Remigius Rushomesa

Land Use Planner/Senior Agricultural Field Officer
Division of Irrigation and Technical Services
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania



Mr. Rushomesa holds a Bachelor's degree in Land Use Planning and Environmental Studies from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He also holds a Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering (Land Use Planning) and a Professional Master's degree in

Geo-information Systems (GIS) for Rural Applications from Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro, Tanzania and Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences in Enschede, The Netherlands respectively. He currently works in the Environmental Management Unit dealing with environmental planning and management in irrigated agriculture. He has been in the public service for over 15 years. During his Humphrey year, Mr. Rushomesa plans to strengthen his knowledge and skills in the field of environmental impact assessment, disaster management in agriculture, and use of GIS in water resources development. He would also like to have professional attachment to organizations in the U.S. dealing with environmental assessments and disaster management in agriculture.

Ms. Farhana Shaon

Deputy Manager (Geophysics)
Exploration and Development Division
Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation
Dhaka, Bangladesh



Ms. Shaon received her Master's degree in Geophysics from the Moscow Geological Prospecting Institute. Upon her return home, she served Grant Geophysical Inc., a U.S.-based seismic survey company, as a technical coordinator. Presently she is

working at the Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) as a deputy manager. Her current responsibility is to monitor the exploration and production activities of the international oil companies working in Bangladesh under Production Sharing Contracts. She is also actively involved in the project for implementation of the United Nation's Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. As a Humphrey Fellow, Ms. Shaon would like to develop her knowledge in the field of natural resource management using GIS, economic and environmental impact of resource management and planning development projects. She would also like to focus on energy policies, acts and regulations in order to enhance her capacity of energy management.