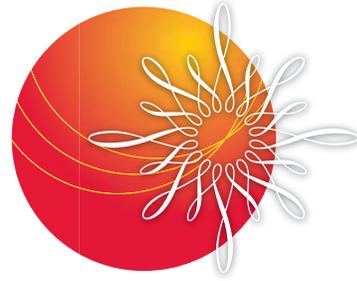




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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Welcome to our 2nd Annual Global Conference! On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Global Conference Planning Committee, and everyone associated with the important work of the United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD), we wish to thank you for joining us in Toronto – home to the largest population of Macedonians in North America.

*This conference is a celebration of a path travelled and the promise of the journey ahead
as we build partnerships together.*

Last October marked the 5th Anniversary of UMD's founding. In just five years, UMD has become a leading and well-respected voice for the Macedonian Diaspora and has worked tirelessly to promote unity amongst Macedonians. In addition to educating governmental officials on Macedonian issues, since its founding, UMD has granted scholarships to Macedonian students, sponsored events promoting Macedonia's rich heritage, honored those who support Macedonia, and undertaken substantial charitable activity in Macedonia. These achievements represent the varied activities that UMD undertakes and the many opportunities that it affords its members to advance the interests and meet the needs of Macedonians around the world. UMD's success over the past six years is the mutual success of all UMD Members, whose generous support of UMD makes all of its work possible.

This year marks the 19th Anniversary of independence for the Republic of Macedonia. Our forefathers fought for a sovereign, independent, and democratic Republic of Macedonia and their dream was realized in 1991. The road to independence was not easy and the road ahead promises more difficulties. Today, Macedonia and the Macedonian people face many challenges, including the right to its own identity, together with the unfettered right to civil and human rights, and greater economic stability.

UMD was founded on the universal ideals of peace, freedom, self-determination, and equality. UMD views the Republic of Macedonia, its people, and the Diaspora as partners working together to strengthen Macedonia to meet the challenges of the 21st century. For this purpose, we have chosen the theme of our conference to be *Building Partnerships*, which highlights the underlying topic, *The Global Macedonian – United, We Can Make a Difference!* With this theme in mind, Macedonians and friends from throughout the world have converged in Toronto to discuss issues affecting our community, to educate the public about Macedonia, and to develop new strategies, and skills to increase our effectiveness as advocates for Macedonia.

Organizing this conference - an event of such magnitude for the second time – has been both challenging and enjoyable. We have worked very hard and invited many other organizations in an effort to conduct a conference that fulfills the expectations of all participants. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Global Conference Planning Committee, please accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your support of and participation in our 2nd Annual Global Conference. **We hope you will join us again next year at the 3rd Annual UMD Global Conference on June 23-25, 2011 at the JW Marriott in Washington, D.C.**

Respectfully yours,

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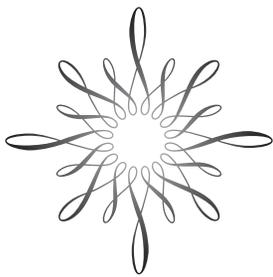
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UMD President

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Julianna Atanasovski
Chair, UMD Global Conference
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Mission

United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD) is a leading international non-governmental organization addressing the interests and needs of Macedonians and Macedonian communities throughout the world.

Our purpose is to give Macedonians everywhere a voice by educating the public and public officials on Macedonian issues; to further the educational advancement of Macedonians; to advance the social and economic development of Macedonians; to promote Macedonian culture, history, and language; and, to undertake charitable activity in Macedonia and in the Macedonian Diaspora.

UMD's headquarters are located in Washington, D.C., and it has representatives serving Macedonian communities around the world, including Brussels, Canberra, Chicago, Detroit, Kiev, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, St. Petersburg, Stuttgart, Sydney, Toronto, and Vienna.

Objectives

- Educate the public, government officials, international bodies on Macedonian issues;
- Strengthen the unity of the Macedonian Diaspora;
- Promote universal concepts of peace, freedom, self-determination, and equality;
- Further the educational advancement of Macedonians in the Diaspora;
- Advance the Social and Economic Development of Macedonians around the world;
- Promote Macedonian Culture, History and Language; and;
- Serve those in need in Macedonia and the Diaspora through Charitable Activities and Initiatives

UMD recognizes that the success and well-being of Macedonians and Macedonian communities worldwide is a key guarantor of the well-being of Macedonia.

UMD is a non-profit organization under title 501 (c)(3) of the IRS code; charitable contributions may therefore be deductible. UMD is a registered non-profit organization in Australia and Canada.

Our Vision

Amongst the best ambassadors for the Republic of Macedonia is the Macedonian Diaspora. By working together, the Macedonian Diaspora can present the best of Macedonia and Macedonians to the rest of the world and can be and should be a vital partner to the Republic of Macedonia.

UMD looks forward to the day when Macedonia takes its rightful and well-earned place within the EU and NATO and when Macedonia's name and Macedonian ethnic identity are not questioned or attacked.

UMD also looks forward to continuing its work to promote the educational advancement of Macedonians and to preserving Macedonian culture, history, and language, to advancing the social and economic advancement of Macedonians and to undertaking charitable activities in Macedonia and in the Diaspora.

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UMD Public Policy Issues

One of UMD's objectives is to educate the public, governmental officials, international bodies, and all those willing to learn about Macedonian issues. Accordingly, UMD will address issues of importance to all Macedonians and in so doing:

- UMD Supports the Republic of Macedonia's one and only constitutional and rightful name and rejects calls to change it;
- UMD Defends Macedonian ethnic identity and Macedonian heritage from attack, revisionism, and defamation;
- UMD Believes that the Civil and Human Rights of Macedonian Minorities in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Bulgaria, Kosovo, and Serbia must be Respected and Protected by such nations and the rule of international law; and;
- UMD Supports the Republic of Macedonia's integration into the EU and NATO and supports strengthening the already strong relations amongst Macedonia and Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, Russia, and the United States.

For more information on UMD Public Policy Issues, please contact Boban Jovanovski at (202) 756-2244 or e-mail: bjovanovski@umdiaspora.org.

UMD Macedonian Heritage Scholarships

The UMD Macedonian Heritage Scholarship Program was established to assist Macedonians pursuing undergraduate degrees in Australia, Canada, Europe, and the United States. The purpose of the UMD Macedonian Heritage Scholarship Program is to advance the education of Macedonians who are guided by the values of their Macedonian upbringing and heritage.

Recipients for the UMD Macedonian Heritage Scholarships are selected on the basis of academic achievement, commitment to civic leadership, and involvement in their Macedonian community. Recipients have to submit an essay on the importance and role of their Macedonian heritage.

For more information about the UMD Macedonian Heritage Scholarships, please contact us at (202) 756-2244 or e-mail: info@umdiaspora.org.

The Fund for Macedonian Cultural Awareness and Promotion

Macedonia's rich heritage is one of the country's best Ambassadors to the world. With this in mind, UMD undertakes numerous projects to spread awareness and promote Macedonia's rich heritage. UMD has participated in international cultural festivals at American University, Georgetown University and George Washington University, displaying information about Macedonian culture, art works, and musical expressions. In addition to these festivals, UMD has helped sponsor the 1st Macedonian Festival in New Jersey in 2008, the 4th Annual Macedonian Film Festival in Toronto in 2009, and the 1st Macedonian Film Festival in London.

In November 2009, UMD helped sponsor the 7th Macedonian-North American Conference of Macedonian Studies at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The Macedonian-North American Conference on Macedonian Studies is a bilateral scholarly event that has taken place every three years since 1991 with the participation of North American and Macedonian scholars. The conference brings together both established and younger scholars to discuss issues of import to the study of Macedonia and Macedonian.

During 2010, UMD organized and/or is organizing the Chicago, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New York City, and Washington, D.C. premieres of the documentary A Name is A Name. The documentary takes viewers through the Republic of Macedonia through the eyes of a Scandinavian traveler who speaks with Macedonians from various backgrounds that tell the traveler what it means for them to be Macedonians. In October 2009, UMD initiated the screening of Next Year in Lerin, a film that portrays the story of Nikola and Vasil, ethnic Macedonians in their 60s who wish to visit their birthplace in Aegean Macedonia,

now northern Greece, during the 18th Annual Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival. UMD funded the travel of the film's director Jill Daniels from London to be present during the Festival to answer questions about the film.

UMD organizes cross-cultural events so its members and friends can learn about other cultures, while at the same time others to learn about Macedonian culture. To date, UMD has organized several Macedonian-Turkish cross-cultural events with the Assembly of Turkish American Associations and the Istanbul University Alumni Association of the United States, and in October 2009, UMD sponsored the trip of the Macedonian Folk Dance Ensemble "Aleksandrija" to participate at the Annual Turkish Festival in Washington, D.C. before an audience of 10,000 people.

To learn more about supporting The Fund for Macedonian Cultural Awareness and Promotion, please call (202) 756-2244 or e-mail: info@umdiaspora.org.

The Fund for Macedonian Children

In 2008, UMD, together with its partners Splash of Hope and the Macedonian Mission for Humanity established The Fund for Macedonian Children. The Fund's goal is to invest in the creation of effective humanitarian programs designed to benefit the youth of Macedonia and thereby forge a better future for the entire Balkan region.

The first signature project of the Fund will be a project entitled Building a Future, Today (BFT). The project aims to foster a positive development for children and youth in Macedonia based upon the principles that all 180,000 primary school students in Macedonia deserve:

- A safe environment that encourages personal growth;
- Hygienic supplies necessary for healthy development;
- Freedom and resources to utilize and apply individual talents, ingenuity, and resourcefulness;
- A strong sense of personal dignity and self worth based on strong Macedonian traditions and cultural values;
- Access to world-class education in order to prepare for the growing demands of a global economy.

Upcoming plans of the project are to:

- Provide educational supplies on an ongoing basis to schools and foster homes in need;
- Provide clothing, shoes, and other necessities to orphans throughout the country;
- Foster a partnership with USAID's Primary Education Project in Macedonia to improve the quality of primary education by developing extracurricular academic activities for children; and;
- Establish a scholarship program for Macedonian youth to help them pursue higher education.

To learn more about supporting The Fund for Macedonian Children, please call (202) 756-2244 or e-mail: charity@umdiaspora.org.

UMD Voice

UMD Voice is UMD's quarterly magazine and the premier publication for the Macedonian Diaspora. UMD Voice is distributed to UMD members in a printed edition; it can also be downloaded from the UMD website. Each issue of UMD Voice is generally downloaded approximately 25,000 times from the UMD website in the first month.

The magazine reaches out to a very wide range of people, of all ages and professions, from all over the world. Aside from stories about Macedonia itself, UMD Voice is also your source of news about UMD events and global activism, as well as feature interviews with prominent Macedonians in the Diaspora, and features about politics related to Macedonia and the Balkans, including human rights, economic development, tourism, culture and many other topics of interest.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call (202) 756-2244 or e-mail: umdvoice@umdiaspora.org

The UMD Board of Directors would like to thank this remarkable Global Conference 2010 Planning Committee for their dedication and team work. They have accomplished the arduous task of planning and organizing the Second Annual UMD Global Conference as flawlessly as possible.

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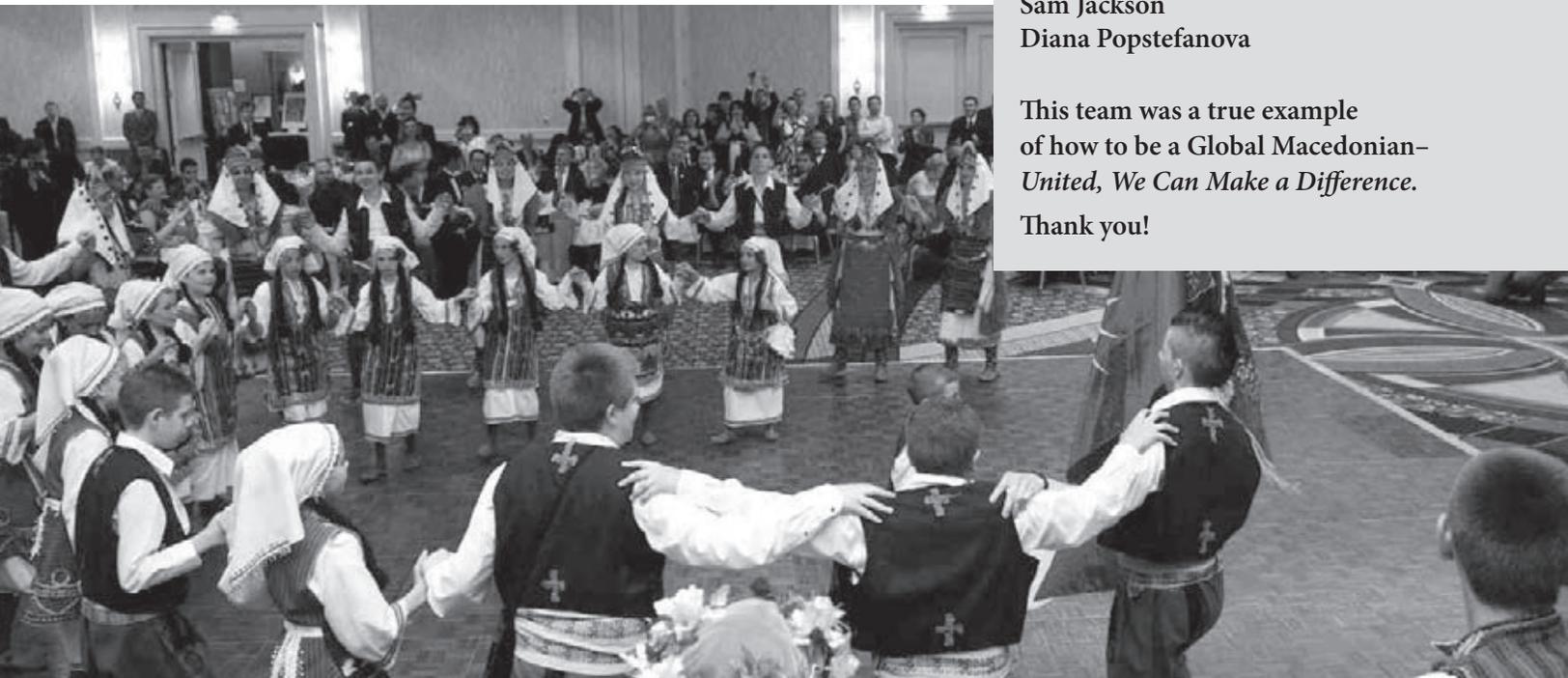
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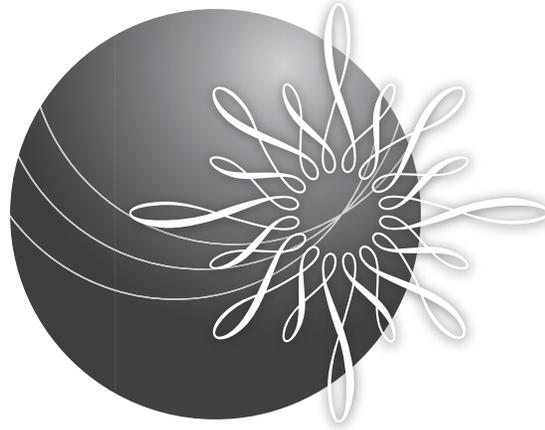
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This team was a true example
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United, We Can Make a Difference.

Thank you!

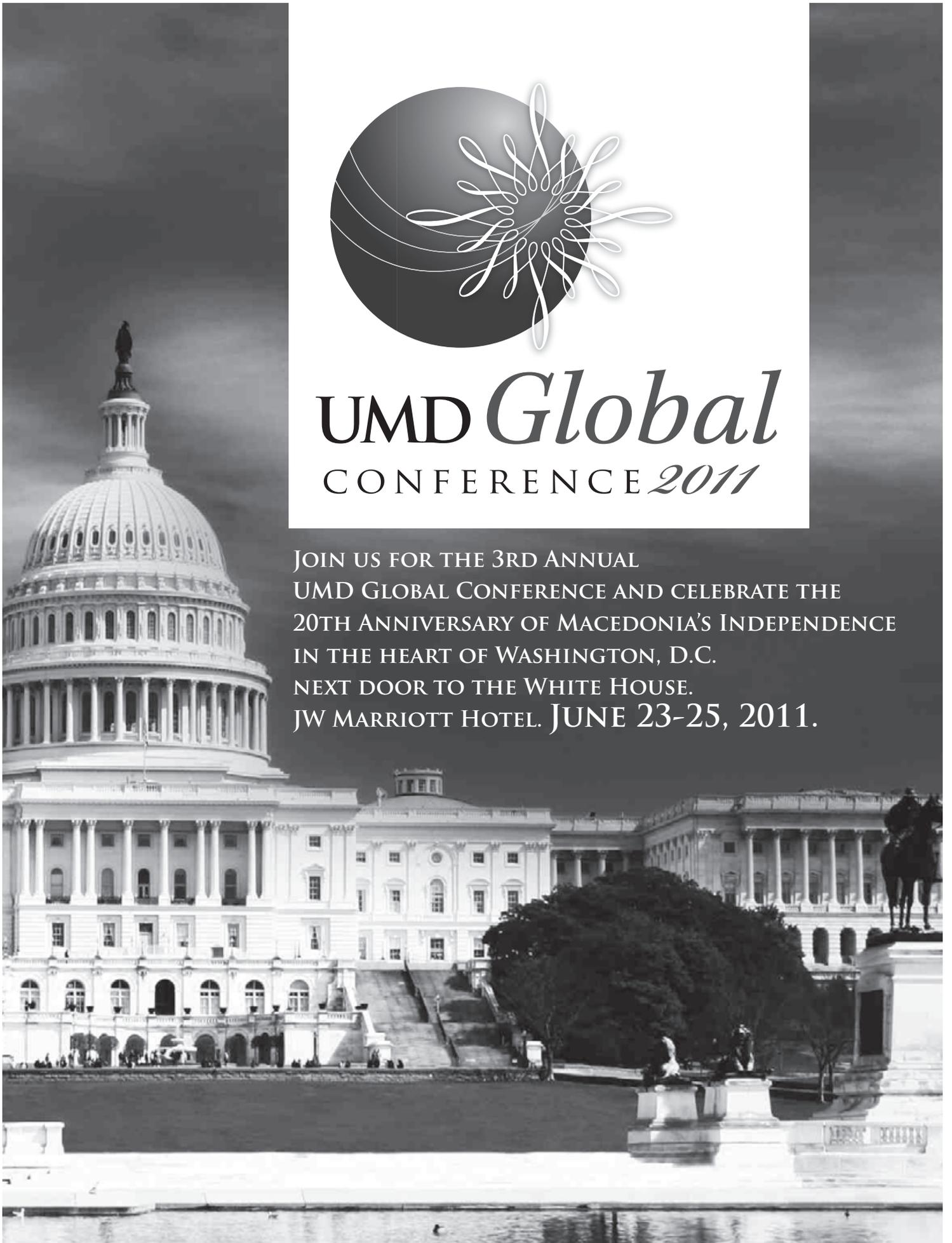


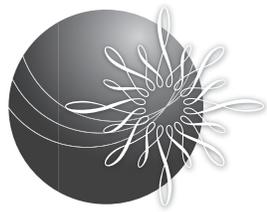


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PROGRAM

UMD Global Conference Program

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Registration Opens.....	10:00 AM
Meet & Greet.....	2:00 PM
Opening Plenary.....	2:30 - 3:30 PM
Doing Business in Macedonia - A Unique Business Gateway to Southeast Europe.....	3:30 - 4:30 PM
Coffee Break & Networking.....	4:30 - 5:30 PM
Success Stories and Building Partnerships.....	5:30 - 6:30 PM
Ambassador's Reception.....	6:30 - 8:00 PM
Movie Screening: A Name is A Name followed by Q&A with Director & Producer.....	8:00 - 10:00 PM

Friday, June 4, 2010

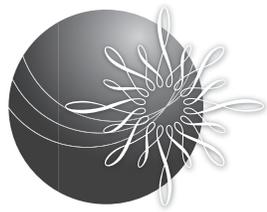
Registration Opens.....	8:00 AM
Coffee.....	8:30 - 9:00 AM
Welcome.....	9:00 - 9:15 AM
Tourism: The Undiscovered Macedonia.....	9:15 - 10:45 AM
Coffee Break & Networking.....	10:45 - 11:15 AM
Macedonia in a Globalized World.....	11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch: Canadian-Macedonian Relations.....	12:30 - 2:00 PM
Coffee Break & Networking.....	2:00 - 2:30 PM
A History of Macedonian Emigration.....	2:30 - 3:30 PM
Preservation of the Macedonian Identity & Language in Today's Global Community	3:30 - 4:30 PM
Coffee Break & Networking.....	4:30 - 5:00 PM
Macedonian Archaeology.....	5:00 - 6:00 PM
<i>aLIVE</i> - A Macedonian Cultural Celebration.....	8:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Registration Opens.....	8:00 AM
Coffee.....	8:30 - 9:00 AM
The Global Macedonian - UMD Highlights, Achievements & Moving Forward.....	9:00 - 10:30 AM
Coffee Break & Networking.....	10:30 - 11:00 AM
Edge of Extinction to the Brink of Hope - The Current Status of Macedonian Human Rights in Southeast Europe	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Canadian Macedonian Health Professionals Association Annual Meeting (<i>Invitation only</i>).....	12:30 - 2:00 PM
Macedonian Medical Professionals Roundtable "Healthcare in Macedonia" (<i>Invitation only</i>).....	2:00 - 3:00 PM
Generation "M" - Young Leaders Speak.....	2:00 - 3:00 PM
Coffee Break & Networking.....	3:00 - 3:30 PM
Macedonians Making a Difference.....	3:30 - 4:30 PM
Reception & Networking.....	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Gala Dinner.....	8:00 - 10:00 PM
Dancing.....	10:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Sunday, June 6, 2010

Macedonian Organizations: Working Together.....	9:30 - 10:30 AM
Closing Plenary.....	10:30 - 11:30 AM



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GALA PROGRAM

Grand Ballroom

UMD Global Conference GALA Program

The UMD Global Conference Gala will take place in the Grand Ballroom. We are thrilled to present Mr. John L.M. Bitove C.M. with the UMD Lifetime Achievement Award. As a prominent businessman, member of the Order of Canada, and staunch philanthropist, John Bitove is a long time supporter, activist and pillar within the Macedonian Community.

Gala proceeds will help establish the John L.N. Bitove Macedonian Heritage Scholarship Fund, which will benefit Canadian and international students based on need and merit.

Evening's Program

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| 7:00pm | Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
Silent Auction opens
Raffle sales begin |
| 7:15pm | Special presentation in VIP Reception to John L.N. Bitove, C.M. |
| 7:45pm | First call to dinner - Guests take their seats |
| 8:00pm | National Anthems
Guests remain standing for Grace |
| 8:10pm | Dinner service and formal program begin |
| 10:30pm | Dancing begins |
| 10:40pm | Silent Auction closes |
| 12:30am | Event ends |

Special Thanks

No event can be a success without the tireless efforts of its volunteers. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for their dedication and commitment throughout the entire Conference. With all sincerity and much appreciation – *thank you!*



PRIME MINISTER . PREMIER MINISTRE

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the second annual United Macedonian Global Conference and Gala.

This year's event offers an opportunity to discuss issues of importance to Macedonians around the world and to build upon the unity and mutual support already present among members of the community.

Of special significance will be the presentation of the United Macedonian Diaspora Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. John L.N. Bitove. Mr. Bitove's passion, ambition and forward-thinking approach to business has helped him achieve incredible success in various markets. He has, in turn, demonstrated great generosity toward charitable and community causes. I am certain that he is very proud to know that proceeds of this year's conference will help establish the John L.N. Bitove Macedonian Heritage Scholarship Fund.

I would also like to offer my humble thanks to the members of the United Macedonian Diaspora for naming me the first recipient of the UMD Goco Delchev Award. This award reflects the great pride felt by individuals of Macedonian descent both here in Canada and throughout the world, and I am honoured to accept it.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

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The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
President

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to send my greetings to the participants of the Second Global Conference of the United Macedonian Diaspora. I applaud the efforts to bring together Macedonians from over 20 countries of all walks of life to Toronto.

By bringing together the best of both cultures, the Macedonian community in Canada has the role of a vibrant link between the two countries. With its inherited diligence and openness, the members of the Macedonian community significantly contribute to the well-being and richness of Canadian society. However, they do not forget their homeland, Macedonia. In doing so, they further promote the excellent bilateral relations between these two nations.

Macedonia and Canada have much in common. We share the same values. Both democracies have the same model of integration without assimilation - a model cherishing cultural, ethnic and religious diversity. The two nations promote tolerance and dialogue among their own citizens and among other nations.

At the United Nations, Macedonia and Canada strive towards an effective multilateralism that implies further development and affirmation of the primary goals – peace, democracy and human freedoms and rights, respect of international law and principles. By promoting regional and global peace and security, we stand together, shoulder to shoulder, in peace missions worldwide.

The Macedonians in Canada have always shown readiness to help their homeland, the Republic of Macedonia. We openheartedly welcome this willingness to actively participate in the process that promotes Macedonia's development. This strong will of the Macedonians from Canada and the rest of the world should be transformed into energy that would intensify the cooperation and prosperity of both societies in both countries.

I congratulate the Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable Stephen Harper and Mr. John L. N. Bitove, C.M. for the well earned awards, which they will receive from the United Macedonian Diaspora.

I wish the United Macedonian Diaspora and all friends present at the Global Conference much success in your work.

Dr. Gjorge Ivanov

Second Global Conference of the United Macedonian Diaspora
Toronto

Ministre
de la Citoyennete
et de l'Immigration



Minister
of Citizenship
and Immigration

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Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Second Annual United Macedonian Diaspora Global Conference and Gala. The UMD demonstrates how effectively a community can work together to promote and develop commerce, art and cultural exchanges between Canada and the Republic of Macedonia. The UMD also builds bridges that link together all Macedonian Diasporas on five continents. These bridges of culture and entrepreneurship contribute to the advancement of our pluralistic society. Successful businesses foster a thriving Canada – an open, democratic and vibrant country.

Macedonian Canadians have long dedicated their skills and knowledge, as well as their entrepreneurial talent, to the success of multicultural Canada and its prosperity – a fact we all proudly celebrate this evening. As Prime Minister Stephen Harper stated: "Canadians can be proud to live in a society where we can celebrate our tremendous diversity while, at the same time, always taking pride in our country's unique heritage."

As Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, I would like to thank you for building bridges of friendship and cooperation between Canada and Macedonia and convey my very best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism



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June 3 – 6, 2010

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Second Annual UMD Global Conference.

Ontario's strength lies in its diversity. We are a proud collection of different ancestries, histories, languages and beliefs. That is why I am very pleased to recognize the contributions of Macedonian Canadians to the social, cultural and economic life of our province.

This conference gives participants from around the globe the opportunity to network and to explore a wide range of issues — from business opportunities to cultural heritage. In doing so, this event not only provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, but also helps to foster a sense of solidarity and pride among members of the Macedonian diaspora.

To first-time and returning visitors to Toronto: welcome to the provincial capital. I hope you will have the time to enjoy some of the outstanding sites and attractions the city has to offer. I would like to thank the hard-working organizers and volunteers for making this event possible.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable conference.

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Dalton McGuinty
Premier



Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia

Ottawa

Ambassador

Dear Macedonians,

During these days Toronto is a center and vibrant nucleus of the Macedonian united mind and soul from around the world. Macedonians from over 20 countries and from different continents have gathered in friendly and democratic Canada to share opinions and ideas, to talk about Macedonian matters, and to send once again the messages of cooperation and understanding to the world.

The Second Global Conference of the United Macedonian Diaspora has united people of Macedonian origin that belong to the academic, business and political elite of the Canadian, American and international societies. It has gathered, as well, a lot of good friends and partners that work and have a strong affinity to Macedonia and the Macedonians. Therefore, this gathering represents the maturity, awareness and commitment of the Macedonian nation in the creative competition of the globalized world.

I am proud, as Ambassador of Macedonia to Canada, and as a Macedonian, with the wise decision to organize this great Macedonian gathering in Toronto. For hundreds and thousands of Macedonians, Toronto and Canada represent a symbol of friendship, acceptance, democracy and integration. In the twentieth century, democratic Canada has transformed into a sanctuary and second home for many hardworking, honest and freedom-loving Macedonians.

These known and unknown heroes of the Macedonian heavy road to freedom and democracy have opened their hearts for this beautiful country. They have worked hard and implied their creativity and knowledge in the building and development of contemporary Canada.

At the same time, they have never forgotten their ancestral homeland Macedonia. The Macedonians in Canada, as well as the Macedonians on other lands represented and still represent the avant-garde ideals of the Macedonian national cause and political thought. The connection and bond between the Macedonian people and Macedonia is unbreakable.

You, dear Macedonians from around the globe, represent a living example of our cosmopolitan values, our cultural richness and the numerous virtues of our nation. You are the asset that will transform our sovereign nation into glorious personification of the great ideals of our civilization – peace, prosperity, human rights, freedoms, and well-being.

I wish the United Macedonian Diaspora every success with the Global Conference and I am especially pleased to serve as Honorary Chairman.

Sincerely,

Ljuben Tsvetovski

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Mayor
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A Message from the Mayor

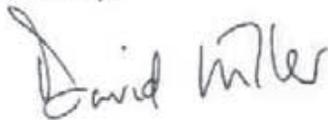
As Mayor of the City of Toronto, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone attending the United Macedonian Diaspora Global Conference to Toronto - June 3rd to 6th, 2010.

Toronto's cultural experience is enhanced by traditions, passions and ways of looking at life from the perspective of the more than 100 nations found in this city. Cultural influences from all around the globe converge in Toronto providing unparalleled arts, events, festivals, restaurants and attractions, and every year brings exciting, new experiences. And you can reach these destinations with the peace of mind that you are traveling in one of the safest and cleanest cities in the world with an easily accessible public transit system.

Toronto is home to the largest concentration of Macedonians outside of the Balkans. I am confident that Toronto's Macedonian community looks forward to hosting you and takes great pride in showcasing the city that they have contributed so much towards.

On behalf of City Council, I welcome you to Toronto and hope your time spent here provides you with many positive memories to take home with you.

Sincerely,



David Miller
Mayor
City of Toronto



UMD Goce Delchev Award Recipient

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper *Prime Minister of Canada*

The Canadian-Macedonian community is extremely grateful for Prime Minister Harper's bold and honourable leadership in international affairs. The high values and integrity of his policies are evident in Canada's recognition of Macedonia's constitutional name, the Republic of Macedonia on September 19, 2007, and have solidified the relationship between Canada and Macedonia.

The first Macedonians immigrated to Canada over 100 years ago. They enriched Canada's cultural mosaic with their hard work and their cultural legacy. Prime Minister Harper's recognition of this history has earned our notice and commanded our respect. It is our community's solemn wish to honour his accomplishments on June 5, 2010 as a token of our esteem and appreciation for his great contributions.

The Goce Delchev Award is UMD's highest honor and the recipient of this award is selected based on the impact that they have had on Macedonians around the world, their record of public service, and their advancement of justice, peace, democracy, personal freedom and economic opportunity. The Goce Delchev Award is named after the famous 19th century Macedonian leader Goce Delchev who fought for Macedonian independence from the Ottoman Empire. Goce Delchev held views that are epitomized by his well-known quote, "I understand the world solely as a field for cultural competition among the peoples." The UMD Board of Directors unanimously nominated Prime Minister Harper as the first recipient of this award for his impact on Macedonia and Macedonians globally.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Biography

Stephen Harper was sworn in as Canada's 22nd Prime Minister on February 6, 2006.

Mr. Harper was first elected to the House of Commons in the 1993 federal election as the Reform Party's candidate in Calgary West. He left Parliament in 1997 to become Vice President (and later President) of the National Citizens Coalition, a prominent Canadian advocacy organization. In 2002, he became Leader of the Opposition after winning the leadership of the Canadian Alliance and a subsequent by-election in Calgary Southwest.

In 2003, Mr. Harper co-founded the Conservative Party of Canada and went on to win the new party's leadership.

As Conservative leader in the 2004 federal election, Mr. Harper increased the Conservatives' standing in the House of Commons by 25 seats, including an important breakthrough in Ontario.

In the 2006 federal election, and for the first time in 13 years, the Conservatives were given a mandate to form government by the Canadian electorate. Under Stephen Harper's leadership the Conservative Party made important inroads and breakthroughs across the country.

Canadians once again confirmed their trust in the Harper government when they went to the polls in 2008. They voted to return the Conservatives with a strengthened mandate, confident in the government's ability to lead Canada through unstable economic times.

As Prime Minister, Mr. Harper is committed to building a Canada that remains strong, united, independent and free. He is committed to enacting accountability measures for government, lowering taxes for working families, helping parents cope with the costs of child care, reforming the criminal justice system and rebuilding the Canadian Forces.



Stephen Harper was born on April 30, 1959, in Toronto, Ontario. He moved to Alberta in 1978 to work in the petroleum industry and went on to obtain both a bachelor's and a master's degree in economics from the University of Calgary. Mr. Harper and his wife Laureen have two children, Benjamin and Rachel, and maintain a permanent home in Calgary.

UMD Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

John L. N. Bitove, C.M.



In 1919, Nicholas and Vana Bitove immigrated to Canada from Gashresh, Kostursko, Aegean Macedonia, and John was born in 1928. As a young man growing up in Toronto's East End, John's parents instilled in him the work ethic that would serve him well throughout his life. From an early age, John displayed a special energy and charisma, actively involved in a wide variety of community activities and sporting events. He married his wife Dotsa in 1949 at Toronto's St. George Macedonian Orthodox Church, and they went on to have five children, Vonna, Tom, Nick, John Jr. and Jordan, and they were later graced with fifteen grandchildren.

John first entered the business world as an apprentice to his father, who ran a small butcher shop on Queen Street East. In 1949, at the age of 21, John opened his first restaurant called The Java Shoppe, on Avenue Road. He quickly expanded it into a chain of five family-oriented restaurants under the same name. In the early 60s, Bitove entered a restaurant fixtures business, while also developing and financing a number of restaurants in Toronto and across Canada, including familiar names like the Gaslight Tavern and Mr. Tony's in Yorkville, Cava Bob on Yonge Street, the Mississippi Belle in Don Mills and Diamond Jim's in Hamilton. In 1969, John sold the fixtures business and acquired the Canadian franchise rights to Big Boy Family Restaurants, developing it into 32 restaurants over 10 years. In 1968, Mr. Bitove joined the Board of Goldale Developments Ltd., a large developer of subdivisions and catalyst for the City of Brampton's impressive growth.

In the 80s, Bitove diversified into various areas, including oil and gas properties in southern Texas. In 1983, John and his children founded York County Quality Foods Ltd., which acquired the food and beverage concessions at Lester B. Pearson International Airport in Toronto, North America's fourth-busiest airport. In 1986, Bitove formed CitiDome Corp, which acquired vending rights to the Skydome (Rogers Centre), the world's largest retractable roof stadium. One year later, York County Quality Foods and CitiDome Corp were amalgamated to form The Bitove Corporation. In 1991, Bitove founded Great Moments in Catering, which specialized in large, outdoor sporting events like Polo For Heart, the Sun Life National Tennis Championships, and the Toronto Molson Indy. GMIC's client list includes blue chip companies like Coca Cola, Labatt, IBM, Sony, Seagram, Xerox and Cadillac Fairview. In 1992, the Bitove family and Canadian hockey superstar Wayne Gretzky teamed up to open Wayne Gretzky's Restaurant on Blue Jays Way, a Toronto landmark. In 1993, Bitove and partners were awarded an NBA franchise for Toronto, the first ever NBA team outside of the U.S., and, in 1995, the Toronto Raptors were born.

Bitove Corporation always found ways to innovate and push into new areas. With Public Health Care food services, Bitove Corp allowed hospitals to become "kitchen-less", receiving patient and non-patient food services directly from a remote location. The first hospitals to take advantage of this approach were Toronto General and Toronto Western, with a total of over 1,000 beds. Bitove also obtained the contract to provide passenger meals to first-class VIA passenger trains, originating out of Toronto's Union Station.

Today, John Bitove is Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer of The Bitove Corporation, with operations including catering, restaurants and other hospitality services, and employing over 1,200 people. Despite the demands of a business empire and commitment to family, John Bitove has always managed to find time to give something back to the greater community in his beloved Toronto. Former Mayor June Rowlands described him as, "extremely generous and very civic minded, a businessman with heart."

Some of his philanthropic achievements include:

- Honorable Citizen of Metropolitan Toronto (1979);
- Ontario chairman of the British Commonwealth Games (1986);
- Member of the Order of Canada (1989);
- Chairman of the ProAction Cops and Kids Program (1990), named Honorary Police Chief for his efforts;
- Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation (1992);
- Distinguished member of the Toronto General Hospital, chairman of a fundraising dinner for their Cardiac Care Unit, and Companion of St. Michael's Hospital, funding an important kidney dialysis program;
- Distinguished member of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, University of Western Ontario, Weizmann Institute of Science, and former director of the Royal Ontario Museum;
- Mason of King Solomon's Lodge and a founder of the Armour Heights Rotary Club
- Sponsored and assisted several organ recipients to Canada for successful transplants;
- With Dennis Timbrell and the Salvation Army, provided over 50,000 Christmas baskets to the needy

A proud Canadian, Bitove never forgot his Macedonian heritage. As a respected leader of the Canadian Macedonian community in Toronto, he furthered humanitarian causes in the Republic of Macedonia, in Aegean Macedonia and around the globe. As past chairman of the Canadian Macedonian Federation and the Macedonian World Congress, Bitove worked relentlessly behind the scenes, devoting countless hours lobbying the Canadian and U.S. governments as well as other countries to recognize the fledgling Republic of Macedonia.

Notably, Bitove took an active role in assisting the citizens of Skopje after the massive 1963 earthquake (the first foreigner to visit Skopje after the earthquake). In 1993, he organized the SkyDome Medicine for Macedonian campaign, which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the purchase of much-needed medical equipment and medicine in the Republic of Macedonia. Over the years, he has sponsored more than 150 displaced persons from the Balkans, making it possible for them to immigrate to Canada. He arranged food, clothing and shelter until they could become self-sufficient contributing members of their new country. Bitove is a founder and Chairman of the Board at Canadian Macedonian Place, a well-known senior citizen's complex that takes care of the elderly of Toronto's Macedonian community. Bitove provided founding support of the Macedonian Language Program at the University of Toronto, and is a long-time supporter of building Macedonian Orthodox Churches, recently helping to establish St. Mary's in Cambridge and St. Ilija in Mississauga.



UMD Macedonian Heritage Public Service Award Recipient

Lui Temelkovski
1st Canadian MP of Macedonian Heritage

Prime Minister Harper's bold and Born in Brajcino, Resensko, Macedonia, Temelkovski immigrated to Canada in 1968, at the age of 13. His parents became hard working Canadians whose sole aim was to give their children a chance to succeed, and Lui made the most of the opportunities afforded to him by his adoptive country.

Graduating from McMaster University in 1981, Temelkovski went on to build a successful business career in Markham, Ontario, working over 20 years in the insurance industry. He became very active in community activities, first serving as chairman to the Toronto Caravan Festivals, celebrating Canada's rich multicultural heritage, and later serving on the Ontario Government's advisory council on multiculturalism and citizenship. He also received various awards for his significant contributions, including the 2002 Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for excellence in public service.

In 2004, Temelkovski was elected federal Member of Parliament for Oak Ridges Markham, the first MP of Macedonian heritage in Canadian history. He established the first Canada Macedonia Parliamentary Friendship Group, and served on a variety of powerful governmental committees in Ottawa including the Immigration Committee and the International Trade Committee. Re-elected in 2006, Temelkovski was narrowly defeated in the 2008 by a few hundred votes. He is running for re-election.

"Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to rise today to ask the government to recognize the Republic of Macedonia under its constitutional name, which is the Republic of Macedonia and no other."

- MP Lui Temelkovski, Oak Ridges Markham, introducing Private Member Bill C-443 An Act to recognize the Republic of Macedonia, in Canada's federal parliament, May 6, 2007

Canada recognized Macedonia by her constitutional name in September 2007.



UMD Macedonia Friendship Award Recipient

Minister Jason Kenney

Minister Kenney has been a close friend to the Canadian-Macedonian community, and thus a friend of Macedonia, and has attended numerous functions held by the community in Toronto and Mississauga. UMD is honoured Minister Kenney has accepted to receive this award and speak at our conference.

Jason Kenney was appointed Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism on October 30, 2008.

Jason Kenney was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997 and has been re-elected four times, most recently with 73 percent of the vote. He was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister in 2006, and Secretary of State (Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity) in 2007.

Mr. Kenney was born in Ontario and raised in Saskatchewan, where he graduated from Notre Dame College. He did undergraduate studies in philosophy at the St. Ignatius Institute of the University of San Francisco.

Mr. Kenney is a former Chair of the House of Commons Subcommittee on International Human Rights. He served in a variety of positions in Opposition, including Finance Critic and Deputy House Leader.

Prior to seeking election, Mr. Kenney served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

UMD Religious Freedom Award Recipient



Archimandrite Nikodim Tsarknias

UMD is pleased to honor Archimandrite Nikodim Tsarknias at a human rights panel for his long struggle and pursuit of advocating religious freedom for the Macedonian Orthodox faith in Greece, which today continues to be denied by the Government of Greece and the Greek Orthodox Church.

Archimandrite Nikodim Tsarknias is a monk of the Orthodox Christian faith. He is a citizen of the Republic of Greece and is a member of the ethnic Macedonian national minority in that country. He was an ordained member of the Orthodox Church in Greece (the only legal Orthodox Church in Greece) from 1973 until 1991. Archimandrite Tsarknias served as a personal secretary to the Florina/Lerin diocese's bishop, Augustine. Archimandrite Tsarknias opposed bishop Augustine's attempt to eradicate Macedonian religious customs, which have been suppressed by the Greek Government since the end of the Second Balkan Wars in 1913.

After openly declaring his ethnic Macedonian identity in 1991, and having communicated with parishioners in the Macedonian language, he was dismissed from his ecclesiastical post in the diocese of Florina/Lerin. He assumed the same post in Edessa/Voden but was subsequently dismissed there also. On March 11, 1992, he was expelled from the Orthodox Church in Greece altogether. Archimandrite Tsarknias became an ordained member of the Macedonian Orthodox Church following his expulsion from the Orthodox Church in Greece.

Archimandrite Tsarknias continues to experience difficulties in his spiritual duties to the ethnic Macedonian minority, a result of longstanding Greek Government policy towards minorities.

UMD Human Rights Award Recipient

Hristo Ivanovski



Hristo Ivanovski is a Macedonian journalist with extensive experience, particularly with regard to the international arena. After earning his degree in Journalism from the University "St. Kiril and Metodij" in Skopje, Ivanovski began working for Nova Makedonija, which was at the time the largest newspaper in Macedonia. He also lived in Australia where he worked with ethnic Macedonian newspapers in Melbourne. By 1998, Ivanovski had become the editor of Dnevnik. He also served as a monitor for general elections in

Slovakia for the International Republican Institute, participated in the International Visitors Program for print journalism in the United States, was a Fulbright scholar at Duke University, lectured at Harvard University, and is a member of the Board of Macedonian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights. In addition to these accomplishments, Ivanovski is a published poet whose poems have been translated into English, German, and Romanian. His poetry was included in Einstein

Complex anthology and the World Healing anthology dedicated to the terror attacks of 2001 in the United States.

Ivanovski has traveled extensively, reporting from Taiwan, Japan, United States, and many countries in Europe. He has also reported from big events such as Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Summit in Istanbul, NATO Summit in Prague. Moreover, he is very familiar with the structure of the Council of Europe, PACE, and European Court of Human Rights. During his trips to Strasbourg, Ivanovski has interviewed the General Secretary of the Council of Europe H.E. Terry Davis, Thorborn Jagland, and the President of the European Court of Human Rights, Mr. Jean Paul Costa.

Ivanovski's specialty is human rights issues, specifically the situation of the Macedonian minorities and the Macedonian Diaspora. Currently, he is the diplomatic editor of the newspaper Dnevnik, a political analyst, and political commentator.



UMD Outstanding Achievement Award in the Arts

Olga Veloff Sandolowich

Olga Veloff's mother and father emigrated from Leskovets and Dolno Kotori in the Lerinsko area of Macedonia. Her feet were always moving when she started dancing at the age of five. In her late teens, she joined the choir at 386 Ontario Street, known as "Klubo," a labour progressive Macedonian cultural organization. Chris Dafeff, the music director at Ontario St, was an important influence on her cultural perspective. In 1951, she began her life-long passion, and occupation, by forming a folk dance group with children at the "Club." She also joined a modern amateur ballet company, which presented innovative ballet pieces that included anti-war and youth pieces. Olga has been a social justice and peace activist since the early fifties.

She taught folk dancing at both Sts. Cyril & Methody Church for many years as well as at St. George's, while helping to form the Macedonian folklore group Selyani in 1969. She was a participant in the seminar sponsored by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in "Women from Canada's Ethnic Groups," and established family folk dancing at the University Settlement House in Toronto. Sandolowich has taught international folk dance throughout Canada and the USA. Boat cruises, dance camps, Balkan folk arts festivals, and various universities and colleges throughout Ontario

in Balkan music and dance have had the benefit of her expertise.

In 1977, she was selected to represent Ontario along with artists such as Veronica Tennant, Margaret Atwood, Yousuf Karsh and Mavor Moore in *We Among Others* – an exhibition of 21 Ontario artists. This exhibition toured Europe, Mexico, USA & Canada. Her folk dance teaching career spans 59 years which has included many accolades, too numerous to list. She has brought international folk dancing, and in particular Macedonian culture, to the world-- literally.

Olga celebrated her 80th birthday last year, but has not slowed down. She volunteers at the Canadian Macedonian Place with the seniors and still teaches folk dance classes around Toronto. Macedonians play an important role for the future of Macedonia in educating non-Macedonians and by including Macedonian dance and music in her classes, she has brought Macedonia's rich culture to a broad spectrum of the community. One of her students said that "Olga honours Macedonia every time she dances."



UMD Human Rights Award Recipient

Macedonian Alliance for European Integration Received by Edmond Temelko, Mayor of Liqenas (Pustec), Albania

Edmond Temelko has been a long-time activist for the rights of the Macedonian minority in Albania. In 2000, he became the chairman of the Association for Protection of the Rights of the Macedonian Minority in Albania "Prespa." From 2003-2007, he was a member of the Council of the town of Liqenas (Pustec in Macedonian), and in 2007, became Mayor of the town and currently holds this position. Since 2009, he has been the President of the Macedonian Alliance for European Integration, a political party in Albania advocating for greater engagement by the Macedonian minority in Albania's institutions.

In March 2009, the Commission for Minority Issues of the Foreign Ministry of Albania announced the results of its study about the national minorities in the country. According to the study, there are 4,148 Macedonians (0.14% of the total population) living in the country. Temelko criticized the report and said that "this number once again proves that the Albanian Government denies the existence of the Macedonian minority." He stated that the population of Liqenas, which is mainly populated by ethnic Macedonians, is close to 5,300 and that the Macedonian minority in Albania is close to 150,000.

Temelko earned his BA in Veterinary from the University of Tirana, Albania. He is fluent in both Albanian and Macedonian.

UMD Human Rights Award Recipient

Liana Dumitrescu



Liana Dumitrescu was born and raised in Romania. Her ancestors arrived in Romania from Macedonia in the 17th and 18th centuries. Liana is a lawyer by trade having earned her law degree from the University of Bucharest in 1996. She has attended both the Romanian National Institute of Administration and the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, taking courses related to development and project management and international relations and European integration respectively. She is currently working on her doctorate degree from the University of Bucharest in history.

Dumitrescu's involvement in the Macedonian community in Romania has been extensive. In 2000, she helped found the Macedonian Association of Romania, of which she serves as its Vice President since 2004, and helped initiate the state processes for the state to recognize the Macedonian community as an official minority of Romania, which was successful. Romania is currently the only European Union and NATO member, which recognizes an official Macedonian minority. In 2002, Liana succeeded in placing Macedonian on the official Romanian census, and in 2008, succeeded in getting state funds for the education of the Macedonian language in primary schools throughout Romania. She has the co-author of the book History of the Macedonian Minority in Romania and is the current director of the monthly newsletter Mace-doneanul.

From 1996 to 1997, Dumitrescu had her private legal practice. She moved on to work as a legal adviser in the Romanian Parliament to the Chamber of Deputies (one of Romanian Parliament's highest bodies) till 2004. Then from 2004 to 2006, she worked as the Secretary of the Parliamentary Group of National Minorities. Since 2004, she has been a member of Parliament elected as the representative of the Macedonian community of Romania, and has been elected for two consecutive terms as a member of the Chamber of Deputies. Since 2008, Liana has been a lecturer at the University Mihai Viteazu's Law School in Commercial and Roman Law.

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Andrew Ananievski

Andrew (Ananija) Ananievski is the President of the Australian Macedonian Student Association of Victoria Inc. AMSAV, based in Melbourne, Australia, is a not-for-profit student association founded in 2009 by a group of eager and determined section of Victoria's student body, comprising of the Australian Macedonian students within Victoria's multicultural society.

Andrew is also Head of the Macedonian Youth Program on SBS Radio Australia. He has also been involved in Australian Indigenous Affairs since 2005. Andrew has been to numerous visits to remote Indigenous communities and has been an active voice and a promoter for equality between Indigenous Australians and Settler Australians.

Andrew graduated from Trinity Grammar School, Kew in 2009, graduating in Australian History, Chemistry, English, Geography, Macedonian and Mathematics. He was awarded as School Vice – Captain and won the 2009 Trinity Prize for Excellence and the Victorian Premiers Prize of Excellence. Andrew is attending the University of Melbourne and is an undergraduate student studying Medicine.



John I. Bitove

John I. Bitove has a distinguished record of accomplishment in the corporate and sports endeavours as well as community service in Canada. He is the principal shareholder of Obelysk, which controls several businesses in Canada.

Notable companies controlled by Obelysk include Mobilicity; Canadian Satellite Radio Holdings (CSR) Inc. (TSX: XSR); Prizm Income Fund (TSX: QSR.UN); Scott's Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX: SRQ.UN).

Mobilicity is planning to launch wireless services in 10 of Canada's 13 largest metropolitan markets covering over half of Canada's total population with voice, data and text offerings on a state-of-the-art 3G network.

Canadian Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. operates as XM Canada, broadcasting across Canada and programming 13 Canadian channels that are carried in the USA. With over 400,000 subscribers, XM Canada is one of Canada's fastest growing media companies.

Prizm is the largest operator of restaurants in Canada. Currently Prizm owns and operates over 400 KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut restaurants in seven provinces across Canada, serving more than 1 million customers a week and employing approximately 7,400 people.

Scott's REIT is Canada's premier "small-box" retail property owner and currently owns and leases 207 commercial properties and over 900,000 square feet of property across Canada.

A passionate Canadian, Mr. Bitove was the volunteer President and Chief Executive Officer of Toronto's Bid for the 2008 Olympic Games (awarded to Beijing, China). He was the head of the organizing committees that brought the successful World Indoor Athletics (Track & Field) Championships and World Championships of Basketball to Canada in 1993 and 1994 respectively.

In 1993, he founded the Toronto Raptors Basketball Club. He led the NBA franchise-bid process, launched the team and created the Air Canada Centre, Toronto's major sports and entertainment venue. Mr. Bitove sold his interests in the Raptors and the Air Canada Centre in 1997.

A recipient of many awards, Mr. Bitove was recognized with Canada Basketball's inaugural Dr. James Naismith Award of Excellence for his successes and contributions to amateur and professional basketball in Canada.

A strong believer of giving back to the community, Mr. Bitove founded S'Cool Life Fund, to support public elementary schools across Canada in the areas of DREAMS - Drama, Recreation, Extra-Curricular, Arts, Music, or Sports. Since the launch in 2005, S'Cool Life Fund has raised over \$2 million helping to make school life more enjoyable for thousands of public elementary school kids.

Among his numerous charity and volunteer activities, Mr. Bitove was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Wake Forest University, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. Bitove graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Business (Marketing) and is a member of the Law Society of Ontario after graduating from the Law School at the University of Windsor. He is married to Randi Bitove and they have three children.



Filip Blazeski

Filip Blazeski is Head of Invest Macedonia's US Office in New York, where he covers Macedonia's investment, trade and tourism promotion on the East Coast. Prior to Invest Macedonia, he worked for Booz Allen Hamilton, Planet Ernst & Young, PricewaterhouseCoopers and a number of other companies and organizations.

He advised these companies and institutions on strategy, finance and investment issues. He holds a Master's degree in Management from the Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.



Sofi Blazeski

Sofi Blazeski graduated from Queen's University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology (Honours in environmental toxicology) and a Bachelor's degree in Physical and Health Education. In 2002, she began working at Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) - Toronto as a Research Technologist where she has worked on multiple experiments involving human performance research.

Between July - October 2009, she completed a three month assignment as a Policy Officer at the Directorate of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Policy at National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) in Ottawa.



Thomas S. Caldwell

Thomas S. Caldwell graduated from McGill University in 1965, and has been actively involved in the investment industry since that time.

Mr. Caldwell is Chairman of Caldwell Financial Ltd., an organization founded in 1980. Caldwell Financial Ltd. is a diversified investment company with subsidiary organizations providing investment management, brokerage and insurance services to a broad spectrum of investors throughout North America and around the world.

Mr. Caldwell is also President and a Director of Urbana Corporation, a Member of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute, and is on the Board of Associates of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT.

Mr. Caldwell is a past Governor of the Toronto Stock Exchange and one of the leading experts in capital markets, particularly in trading environments. He is recognized as one of the world's foremost investors in securities exchanges. Caldwell Financial Ltd. and its affiliates were the second-largest owners of the New York Stock Exchange prior to the NYSE's demutualization.

The company, through various Limited Partnerships, currently has investments in most major securities exchanges around the world.

Mr. Caldwell has, through his career, been actively involved in addressing social and community needs. He was awarded Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 for his activities on behalf of Canadian Veterans. In 2003 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada for his work in assisting those in need as well as contributing to institutions working to better the lives of others.



Zlatka Cokov

Zlatka is the Administrator of Canadian Macedonian Place since 1987. Canadian Macedonian Place is an ideal place for seniors (55 years), providing residents with an independent lifestyle. At CMP Zlatka is in charge of the day to day operations, manages staff as well as provides vital support to residents. For better understand the needs of the residents, works closely

with families and outside groups to bring adequate support through variety of community agencies. She works closely with the Board of Directors by providing feedback, makes suggestions and recommendations about day to day operations and preservation of the home. Beside the management aspect of the home, Zlatka is involved in various fundraising activities such as Fashion Shows, Gala's and the very popular Annual Macedonian Open Golf Tournament (Wednesday, July 7, 2010). Canadian Macedonian Place is a shining accomplishment of the Macedonian community in Toronto and it is only with the generous support of the community members that can continue to stay up-to-date and provide great services.

She served on the board of directors of the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society. Working with the community has been very rewarding: "I have met wonderful people and learned so much...open-minded, positive and an excellent listener. My parents use to tell me "only those who listen will learn." Always ready to support and take part in Macedonian community events... proud Macedonian!

Born in 1961 in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, Zlatka (nee Kajcevska) is the daughter of Todor (from German - Lerinsko) and Dinka (from Gabresh - Kostursko), Aegean Macedonia. Zlatka studied at Ss. Cyril & Methodius University of Skopje – Faculty of Law.



Belinda D'Angelo

Belinda D'Angelo is a PhD candidate from the Archaeology Program in the School of European and Historical Studies at La Trobe University, Melbourne. Her specialist area is the funerary architecture and burial practices of Ancient Macedonia. In 2005 Belinda completed her Honours degree research thesis entitled The Evolution of the Macedonian Tomb: the façade treatment of the fourth and third centuries BCE.

The thesis argued that the Macedonian tomb type was incorporated into the funerary rituals of the ancient kingdom as a result of Eastern influences from the campaigns of Alexander the Great. The thesis also examined a number of tombs and recognised a distinguishable decline in the ornamentation of the facades in the twilight years of ancient Macedonian power. Her PhD dissertation is an extension of this research with a primary focus on the Pelagonia Valley in the Republic of Macedonia. Belinda will be analysing the relationship of the outer Macedonian kingdom with the Macedonian capitals of Aegiae and Pella by a stylistic examination of funerary architecture.

Belinda D'Angelo has presented papers at the Archaeology Institute of Australia and La Trobe University and has recently submitted an article to the Macedonian archaeological journal *Patrimonium* (in print). She has extensive archaeological experience both in Australia and Europe. Her doctorate supervisors are Dr Phillip Edwards, Senior Lecturer at La Trobe University, and Dr Jennifer Webb, Honorary President of the Classical Association of Victoria and Editor in Chief of *Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology*.

Belinda will be delivering a presentation titled *The Evolution of the Macedonian Tomb: funerary architecture revisited*, outlining her past and future research on Friday the 4th of June at 5pm.



Goce Dimitrioski

Goce Dimitrioski is a third year student at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He is currently enrolled in a Combined Honours programme in Communication Studies and Political Science. Some of his interests include public relations, political and not-for-profit campaigning, and international politics. Dimitrioski also proudly serves as the current Co-Chair of

the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC). As part of HYAC he advises the Mayor, City Councillors, and City staff by providing a youth perspective on municipal issues.



Renato Discenza Biography

Renato Discenza is the President and CEO of Invest Toronto, Toronto's foreign direct investment marketing and sales agency. In this role, Renato Discenza continually strives to build relationships with international partners, businesses and stakeholders in order to ensure that Toronto remains the premiere business destination for companies to invest and locate.

Discenza background both in the private and the public sectors as a senior executive and leader, has allowed him to gain valuable experience in economic development, public-private partnerships, sales, corporate functions, technology and operations. He was educated at the University of Toronto as an electrical engineer and received his MBA from York University.

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Prior to joining Invest Toronto, Discenza was the Senior Vice President of Technology and IT Projects at Infrastructure Ontario and was involved in creating public-private technology deals to enhance delivery of large public sector projects leveraging the skills and resources of the private sector. He worked extensively and successfully in bringing together government and the private sector to deliver projects that would benefit all Ontarians. He has served in an advisory capacity for initiatives at Metrolinx as well.

Discenza brings extensive private sector corporate experience from Bell Canada and AT&T Canada where he held several senior officer level functions in Business Sales, Wholesale, Operations, Customer Service, Capital Management, Engineering, Procurement and Supply Chain and Business Transformation. Discenza has contributed extensively to both the business and broader communities, serving on the Board of Directors at Change Foundation and as Vice-Chair at the Windsor Airport (YQG Inc). He has previously served on the boards of Waterfront Toronto, the Credit Valley Board of Governors, Amtelecom Income Trust, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement of Central Ontario and other advisory boards. Discenza was also a board member and eventually Chairman at the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance. He has also been on the cabinet for United Way Toronto. Discenza was recognized for his significant contribution to work and the community by receiving the Top 40 Under 40 Award.

Discenza has also been very active in the Toronto community through his work at Bell Canada as Ontarios Executive Sponsor, personally engaging in supporting initiatives such as the Mayors Community Safety Awards, the Bell Urban Art Award, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto Sledge Hockey for Bloorview Kids, ProAction Cops and Kids, the Canadian Paralympics, Kids Help Phone, United Way Toronto and many other community-based projects in Toronto and across Ontario.



Tim DiScipio

Tim DiScipio is the Founder of ePals (www.epals.com). Created in 1996, ePals is the Internet's largest and fastest-growing community of connected global classrooms, and provides schools with email, blogs, eMentoring tools, literacy skill building solutions and a collaborative virtual learning space technology designed specifically for the K-12 market. Recognized as one of the Internet's first social networks, ePals now reaches over 20 million teachers and students in 200 countries. Tim's leadership helped set the company's corporate growth and partnership strategy, as well as build the company into a global brand and one of the K-12 education industry's most important and useful learning resources for teachers to bring into their schoolrooms. ePals brings real world experience and meaningful learning into classrooms by enabling them to connect across the globe for project sharing, cross-cultural exchanges, literacy and foreign language practice.

A true pioneer and industry leader in Internet media, social networking and K-12 education technology, Tim has visited hundreds of schools worldwide, is a frequent keynote speaker at international conferences and has given invited presentations and speeches to the Ministries of Education in China, Singapore and Kenya on education technology. Additionally, he has interviewed with major publications such as the *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and leading education trade magazines.

Before ePals, Tim founded several early Internet advertising and public relations agencies helping to launch Fortune 500 company websites and placing some of the first media on the Web. He spent seven years as Director of New Business Development for TMP Worldwide (parent of Monster.com), where he led TMP's early interest and focused TMP founder and key management on us-

ing the Internet and interactive media in the agency's business model.

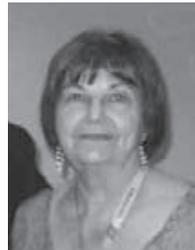
Tim recently briefed US House and Senate members on the impact and challenges of broadband technology to in 21st Century education, and contributed to a key 2009 FCC report on "Barriers To Broadband Adoption". He serves on several industry and education advisory boards including the National Middle Schools Association 21st Century Classroom Project. A former top collegiate NCAA Track and Field Championship participant, he is still a competitive runner and triathlete, as well as an active musician and collector of vintage guitars.



Virginia Dubiel

Virginia was born and raised in Toronto's west end. She graduated from the University of Toronto where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and later her Bachelor of Education. Virginia has been an educator for several years in various capacities including classroom teacher, guidance counsellor, and president of the Toronto Teachers' Federation.

Active in the Macedonian community, she has served as a board member of the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society and has worked extensively over the past five years as the Director of Communications and Website Co-ordinator for the Macedonian Film Festival. She has been a regular contributor to several Macedonian publications.



Virginia Andreoff Evans

Canadian by birth and Macedonian at heart, Virginia Andreoff Evans resides in Toronto. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2001 in the field of Liberal Arts from York University. Previously, she attained a Law Clerk Diploma, Real Estate License and has taken many theatre Courses, when she was the President of Theatre Five, a local community theatre group in Toronto.

Evans' volunteer involvement in her local community included President of the North York Arts Council, and board member of multiple organizations. She has been very active with the Macedonian community in the past number of years such as the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society for many years, and recently as Co-President. Evans is Treasurer of the D'mbeni Benevolent Society (her father's village) as well as acting as recording secretary for the Macedonian Health Professionals Association. She has contributed over forty articles and reports of events to the three Macedonian newspapers, as well as initiating the sale and distribution of English language Macedonian books by authors worldwide under the auspices of the Historical Society. And her most recent accomplishment has been as Founder (2006) and Executive Director of the Macedonian Film Festival, the first of its kind worldwide.



Viktorija Gierer

Born in Struga, Macedonia, Viktorija Gierer completed her university education at Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty, in Skopje, Macedonia, where she graduated summa cum laude in 2001. That same year she attended an extensive research study program "Human Rights for Future Decision Makers" at the University of Dubrovnik's Institute of Human Rights in Croatia.

In 2003, Gierer was invited by Dr. Volker Rittberger to join the elite University Eberhard Karls in Tübingen – Germany at the Institute for Political Sciences to

study the United Nations System - Economy and Politics. Through this program, she ended up in New York for an internship program with the United Nations in 2004. She was ranked in the top 10% best students in Germany by a survey conducted by Der Spiegel and McKinsey & Company in 2004.

After completing a Master of Science at the Faculty of Law in Skopje in the field of international law and politics with her thesis *The Influence of the Documents of the Council of Europe on the Position of Minorities in Romania, Slovakia and Italy and How They Correlate to the Macedonian Case*, which was published as a book in 2008, Gierer enrolled as a visiting researcher at the University of Stuttgart's Institute of Political Sciences. She will earn her doctorate this year from the University of Tübingen Law School in Germany. Her dissertation is on the topic of *The Role of the Politics in the Reconstitution of the European Court of Human Rights - a Challenge for the European Integration*.

Gierer has held numerous positions in the German and Macedonian governments. In 1997, she was the Personal Assistant to a Council Member in the Municipality of Struga, Macedonia. Under a joint program between the National Democratic Institute based out of Washington, D.C. and the Macedonian Parliament, from 2000-2002, Gierer worked in the Parliament as a Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Commission for International Affairs. She also worked as a Professional Assistant at the Parliament's Law Department. Additionally, Gierer has worked as a Personal Assistant to Andrea Krueger, Member of Parliament of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg in Germany. From December 2007 until March 2010, she worked as a Professional Advisor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. Gierer is currently Deputy-Head of the International Law Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia.

Fluent in English and German, Gierer has participated in an extensive number of international and domestic conferences, seminars, and symposiums. In addition to being a published author on human rights, she has written two poetry books, published by the Macedonian Ministry of Culture in 1995 and 1997, and has written articles for international publications on minorities in Southeast Europe, and the role of international organizations.

Ivona M. Grimberg – UMD Board Member & Director of Economic Development



Ivona M. Grimberg is the President of IMG Consulting, LLC, which provides corporate finance and consulting services. Prior to starting IMG Consulting, Ms. Grimberg held numerous positions with global professional services firms throughout the United States. She served as an Account Director at a best practices research firm, where she was responsible for business development and retention of consulting projects with Fortune

500 companies. In this position, she managed a portfolio of over 100 accounts and frequently interacted with senior executives for the purpose of negotiating contracts and developing strategic business projects. From 2000-2004, Ms. Grimberg worked as a Senior Tax Consultant with Ernst & Young, LLP in Atlanta, Georgia, performing strategic inter-company business planning and financial analyses.

Prior to attending University in the United States, Ms. Grimberg competed on the professional women's tennis tour and represented Macedonia in numerous international competitions. Ms. Grimberg earned a Masters of Business Administration from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University and a Bachelor in Business Administration from University of Mississippi. While at the University of Mississippi, she was nationally ranked among the Top 25 college tennis

singles players. Ms. Grimberg was born and raised in Skopje, Macedonia with origins from Shtip.



Harry Vjekoslav Herman, Ph.D.

Born in Zagreb, Croatia, Dr. Herman studied Ethnology and Anthropology at Universities of Zagreb, Munich, and Toronto. He obtained Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Toronto in 1978 on the doctoral dissertation topic of "Ethnicity and Occupation: Comparative Analysis of Occupational Choices of Croatian and Macedonian Immigrants to Ontario (Canada). In

1978, he published his book "MEN IN WHITE APRONS: Study of Ethnicity and Occupation." He has taught anthropology at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. Later on, Herman was a Post Doctoral Reorientation Fellow in Organizational Behavior at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Management Studies on a project: *Cultural Congruence and Organizational Effectiveness*.

Dr. Herman worked briefly in the Industrial organizational environment and was appointed two terms to the Immigration and Refugee Board 1988. As there were no jobs in Anthropology, he reoriented himself to Computer sciences. Herman taught Application Software to corporate clients and at the DeVry College of technology to his retirement.



Alexander Karapancev

Born in Toronto, Canada, Alexander is a young Macedonian-Canadian proud of his ethnic roots. Currently studying Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, Alexander is a member of the Pre-Law Society and has aspirations to continue his studies in Law School upon finishing his undergraduate degree. At Western, Alexander is a member of various clubs and

associations including the: UWO Conservatives, the Campus Coalition for Democracy and is a proud member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Outside of university Alexander is a member of the Fraser Institute – Research Circle and the Canadian International Council (Canadian equivalent to the Council on Foreign Relations). His interest in politics has extended to working on political campaigns for the Conservative Party.

Although Alexander is quite immersed in Canadian broader society, he is also quite involved in the Macedonian community. Alexander has appeared numerous times on the Macedonian Heritage Hour TV Program, appeared on Obedineta Makedonija radio, and has had an article published in the Makedonija Newspaper. Alexander firmly believes that it is duty of every Macedonian to help the Macedonian cause in any way that they can.



Vesna Karapetrova

Born in Prilep, Macedonia, Vesna Karapetrova immigrated to Canada with her parents in 1970. With roots from Aegean Macedonia, she has had an interest in human rights issues throughout the years and was a member of the Canadian Macedonian Human Rights Committee when it was first formed in the late 1980's.

Karapetrova has been active in the Macedonian community and has worked on the community's TV programs as a co-host and reporter. She has also written articles in Macedonian newspapers in Toronto. Presently, she is secretary of the Macedonian Children Relief Fund, which is a charity organization that helps to

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raise funds for orphaned children in Macedonia.

Karapetrova graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the field of Political Science and French from York University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto. Having taught children of different grades for many years, Vesna is currently a Principal at a school in Toronto.



Amanda Kostoff

Amanda Kostoff is currently a junior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn pursuing a dual degree in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. Amanda is a Co-founder of the university's Macedonian-American Student Association (MASA) and is currently serving as President. She is also involved with many other organizations on campus, including the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), and Institute of Industrial Engineers. Amanda will be working as an engineering intern for Dexter Fastener Technologies this summer.



Steve Kostoff

Born in Australia of Macedonian parentage, Steve Kostoff has been active with local and national Macedonian issues for most of his life. A President of the Macedonian Youth Group in Adelaide, South Australia in the late '70s, to becoming the first Macedonian Community Worker in 1980-84, years of committee work, and now a delegate to the Australian Macedonian Parliamentary Friendship Group, Steve strives for putting the Macedonian agenda firmly before state and national interests.

Steve is CEO of a Vocational Training company, and has held numerous management and business development positions. He has worked in both the private and public sectors. Steve has a strong focus on ethical commercial outcomes and how they affect the community. With extensive experience in small business development, mentoring, and education, and a passionate Environmental trainer, he provides solutions for growing in a profitable and sustainable manner. In addition, Steve actively consults and facilitates workshops in business management, environmental education and sustainable commercial practices. He has travelled the world extensively and lived in Boston and London. Steve is fluent in the Macedonian language and has a strong cultural and social conscience. More than anything, he is concerned about what shape we'll leave this place for our kids!

Steve is also working to connect consultants in Macedonia with current business and environmental strategies to assist in meeting EU standards of operation. Steve is a registered presenter with Australia's 'Al Gore Climate Change Project'.



Christina E. Kramer

Christina E. Kramer was born in West Hartford, Connecticut. She received her B.A. (1975) from Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin with a triple major in Russian, Comparative Literature, and Modern Languages, and her M.A. (1979) and Ph.D. (1983) in Slavic Linguistics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. After completing her Ph.D., Professor Kramer taught Russian, Linguistics, and Spanish at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky.

Dr. Kramer moved to the University of Toronto in 1986 where she is now a professor of Slavic and Balkan linguistics and Chair of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Her research has focused on two diverse areas of enquiry, one on verbal categories and modality, the other on Macedonian language, language politics, and language and education. She is an External Member of the Macedonian Academy of Arts and Sciences, her textbook *Macedonian: A Course for Beginning and Intermediate Students* was awarded the AATSEEL book prize for Best Contribution to Language Pedagogy, 2006. Dr. Kramer is the author of several books, and numerous articles on various aspects of Balkan languages.



Julie A. Lindhout President, Atlantic Council of Canada

Julie Lindhout Graduated from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, with a B.A. in Honours English Language and Literature, with minors in French and History, and started on a Master's in English, which she interrupted to take a Bachelor of Education degree and begin a teaching career. She completed both her M.A. in English, as well as a Master of Education in Curriculum Studies - Modern Languages.

After 16 years of teaching at the secondary school level in the London, Ontario area, Julie Lindhout joined the Ontario Ministry of Education in the Southwestern Ontario Regional Office in London, Ontario, as Education Officer and then Regional Superintendent of Curriculum. In 1986, she was transferred to Queen's Park, Toronto, where she held progressively senior positions with responsibilities at various times for Teacher Education, Native Education, Special Education, National and International Liaison, Legislation, and Policy Analysis and Research. From 1993-1995 she was Executive Coordinator of Policy and Research for a Royal Commission on Learning in Ontario. She returned to Queen's Park and was Director of Policy when she retired from the Ontario Ministry of Education in 1998.

After her retirement she established Lindhout Associates Education Consulting. Her clients have included the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Ontario College of Teachers, the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario, The Learning Partnership, various Ontario school boards, and private schools. She was appointed to the Ontario Special Education Tribunal in 2005.

She has been a director of the Atlantic Council of Canada (ACC) since 1992. She was appointed Vice-President, Education in 1992, became Senior Vice-President in 2001, and President in 2002. She continues to participate in the education activities of the ACC, and worked closely with the Education Committee to finalize a Teacher's Handbook and other promotional materials for a Model NATO for Secondary Schools program successfully piloted in Waterloo County in 2003 and in Peel Region in 2004.

She has also been active in the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA), the umbrella organization of which the Atlantic Council of Canada is a member. She was a member of the Executive of the ATA's Education Committee from 1997 to 2001, and is currently a Vice-President and the Education Coordinator for the ATA. She was Rapporteur for the Education Committee at the ATA Assembly in Strasbourg, chaired panels at several Assemblies and presented papers in Budapest, Bled, Brussels, and at the Danish Atlantic Youth Seminar in Aalborg, Denmark, and spoke at a Town Hall meeting organized by the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria in Veliko Turnovo.

In 2007, she headed the team that organized the Atlantic Council of Canada's

very successful hosting of the 53rd Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association in Ottawa. In 2009, she provided assistance to the Ukraine Atlantic Council to organize the 55th ATA Assembly in Kyiv, and was the Rapporteur for the Assembly.

In 2009, she also organized a NATO Economy Forum in Toronto which brought together representatives from Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Romania, and Serbia to meet with Canadian government representatives and members of the business community to increase business networking among these countries.



Robert J. Lomauro

Robert J. Lomauro is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Somerset Hills YMCA in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, one of the premier YMCAs in the United States. He began his tenure there in 1994 but has had a distinguished career in the YMCA Movement for over 38 years. His earlier assignments included positions in Passaic-Clifton-Garfield, Randolph Township, and Mountain Lakes in New Jersey as well as Poughkeepsie, New York.

His leadership and vision has taken the Somerset Hills YMCA to new heights with more than 450 staff members and 500 volunteers. His encouragement of innovative programs, community outreach and collaborations with other mission compatible organizations has enabled the Somerset Hills YMCA to grow from 4,500 members in 1994 to over 22,000 today. A recent expansion of its flagship facility from 40,000 to 85,000 square feet, as well as the opening of additional satellite facilities in neighboring communities has been the primary catalyst for this impressive growth.

Mr. Lomauro holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Rider University in Business Management. He has been actively involved in many community service organizations and has received honors including: The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Business Person in the Not-for-Profit Division; the Spirit of Somerset Award for Civic Improvement and Community Development; the Somerset/Hunterdon Business Education Partnership Award; the Association of YMCA Director's Service Award; and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife, Lisa, live in Clinton, New Jersey. Their daughter Lauren will be entering a masters program in the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University this fall. Their son Nicholas is a junior at Lycoming College majoring in digital communications.



Kristopher Maslardziewski

Kristopher Spiro Maslardziewski was born June 6, 1986 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Carolyn (Arczynski), an administrative of Radiology to Henry Ford Hospital, and Spiro Maslardziewski, a Chrysler worker (Chrysler Corporation) whom came to live in Windsor, Ontario in 1969 from Macedonia. Kristopher has two older siblings, Natalie and John. The family is Orthodox and

part of Ukrainian-Macedonian ancestry, his mother was born in Hamtramck, Michigan and his father was born in Ljubojino, Macedonia.

Maslardziewski grew up in Warren, Michigan and was a happy and loud child; Kristopher knew from a young age that acting was his calling. Though he was shy child at first he would perform skits to entertain his family and friends.

With influences such as Jim Carrey, Leonardo DiCaprio, and other young actors his age; he was inspired to begin taking professional acting classes in his early teens.

Michigan did not offer much more than acting classes, so his acting teacher Cathy Odisho encouraged him to send out audition tapes and headshots to agencies in Chicago where not much longer his talent got him noticed, and he soon found representation with the McBlaine & Associates Talent Agency.

Kristopher started working on industrials, commercials and music videos and would make the commute from Michigan to Chicago a five hour drive back and fourth even for auditions and truly following his dream. Sadly, in April of 2004 the agency had to close its doors but Kristopher was referred to another established agency in Chicago. Maslardziewski denied the offer and set his sights on moving to California. After a couple of months, and after graduating from high school, Kristopher decided to continue pursuing his acting career and re-located to Los Angeles, California. Not too long after settling in Los Angeles, he first found 15 seconds of fame came by appearing in E! Entertainment's TV show –"My Crazy Life" where celebrities tell their stories in their own words of how they got started in the entertainment business. Kristopher played Alex a teenager on a business trip ironically coming to California.

In 2005, he was prolific in getting a part that he was cast in TLC's Untold stories of the ER and the Director Jim Edwards was so impressed with his talents that Kristopher was asked back to the show to portray different characters for different episodes; shortly after a year the show was cancelled due to unknown reason. Kristopher's associates were involved in some theatre projects at the Glendale Theatre, which then Kristopher starred in shows like the outsiders and stand and deliver.

Also, in 2005 Kristopher started Splash of Hope a non-profit organization to help kids at the Kovenian family foster home in Carson, Ca. In 2008, he teamed up with the United Macedonian Diaspora and has been working on charity projects with the UMD team.

Kristopher started making cameo appearances in TV series such as Boston Legal, E.R., Young Presidents and Comedy Central's Not another High School show. As time progressed Kristopher was selected to be apart of Director Kirstie Palmer's short film Love which has be nominated and won many awards at the Sundance Film Festival and other Festivals across the United States. Lastly, Kristopher got a lucky strike when he was casted as ReRun in the up-coming comedy film Rock, Paper, Scissors with Director Jayme Laforest, which is due in theaters at the end of 2010.

Kristopher was honored in early 2010 by FIN (Film Industry Network) as best Up-coming actor for his generation, Kristopher is a hardworking professional who sees no boundaries and is exemplary in his craft, and he has a real world approach to the industry and he still manage to accomplish each project with an engaging and refreshingly intelligent sense of humor. And he will be one actor you should keep your eye on.

Jason Miko - Producer of A Name is A Name



Jason Miko, born and raised in Arizona, graduated from the University of Arizona in 1988. Upon graduation Jason worked in several fields including public relations, lobbying, and economic development. In 1996, it was one of these professions that brought him to Skopje, Macedonia. Jason lived in Macedonia for several years exploring all that Macedonia has to offer. His journey in Macedonia, in time, led him to cross paths with Icelandic filmmaker Sigurjon Einarsson and Nor-

wegian musician Morten Harket. Eventually, in 2008, inspired by Macedonia and the objection Greece has with it to its name, these men began the production of the film A Name is a Name with Sigurjon Einarsson as the director and Jason Miko as the producer.



Viktor Mizo

Viktor Mizo has been the Chief Executive Officer of InvestMacedonia, since January 2007. Prior to this position, he co-founded a technology company that specialized in digital file distribution for 3G mobile phones produced in Japan. He also participated in the founding and the management of an internet start-up in media and entertainment, and later served as manager and agent to a number of major international artists in the music industry.

From 1999 to 2002, he worked as a consultant at McKinsey and Co. and concentrated on technology and financial services. Mizo was a design engineer and a member of the Technical Leadership Program at General Electric from 1995 to 1998 where he specifically worked on locomotive designs that culminated in a Black Belt position in the Six Sigma quality initiative.

Mizo graduated summa cum laude in Mechanical Engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology where he also received his Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard Business School.



Dr. Douglas F. Munch

Dr. Douglas F. Munch is the founder and owner of DFM, Ltd, a strategic management consulting firm specializing in corporate and business development. Since 1993, DFM, Ltd. has assisted large and small biotech, pharmaceutical and medical products companies with the creation and implementation of their growth strategies and technology assessment in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical products.

Dr. Munch has had a wide range of responsibilities covering medical research, product development, business development, strategic planning, and general management in health care businesses. He has held corporate positions which include Vice-President Development - Pharmaceuticals (Ortho-McNeill Pharmaceutical Corporation - Advanced Care Products); President, CEO and Director (Sphinx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.); and Director Business Development (Kimberly Clark Corporation). He has developed and directed the introduction of new businesses and products, which exceed \$1B in sales.

He has served on several Boards of Directors including Ortho-McNeill Pharmaceutical Corporation - Advanced Care Products; The Johns Hopkins Medical School, Whitaker Institute for Biomedical Engineering and the Department of Biomedical Engineering; The Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey (now The Discovery Orchestra); and the Medical Advisory Board of his local YMCA.

Doug has worked extensively in many medical fields including anesthesiology, cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, endocrinology, immunology and autoimmune disease, organ transplantation, blood banking, oncology therapy and supportive care, dermatology, molecular biology, genetic engineering and gene therapy, regenerative medicine, wound management, trauma and burns, orthopedic surgery, drug delivery systems, and women's & reproductive health.

Recently, Dr. Munch has been involved with his local YMCA and its partnering program with the Y programs in Skopje, Macedonia. During the summer of

2009, he traveled to Macedonia to explore photographic possibilities for the purpose of organizing a Photographic Expedition to the country in May 2011. A portion of the profits will benefit the Skopje YMCA programs.

He has published more than 16 business and technical articles in various journals, books and industry publications and has won numerous awards, including NASA's prestigious Apollo Achievement Award for his work on the Lunar Module program during the first lunar landing missions beginning in 1969. Dr. Munch holds a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine in the fields of Medicine and Biomedical Engineering. Additionally, his training includes degrees and graduate studies in Chemical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering (Villanova University) and Mechanical Engineering and Biochemistry (University of California, Santa Barbara).

He and his wife, Jean, live in Morristown, New Jersey.



Vladimir Naumovski

American of proud Macedonian decent, Vladimir Naumovski currently resides in New York City. Naumovski graduated Cum Laude from Henderson State University with a Bachelors of Business Administration. Immediately following, Naumovski worked as a sales representative to promote that national automated learning company Education Aids Publishing. By 1997, he had

ascended to Office Manager of Bergen Sport Cycles in New Jersey where he developed marketing strategies and created advertisements. Additionally, at Bergen, Naumovski honed his accounting and managerial skills. In 2000, Naumovski moved to the prestigious Forbes Magazine where he was a researcher and a journalist. In 2003, he left Forbes for Ohrid Travel Agency, which specializes in travel to Europe and particularly Macedonia. He is currently co-owner and managing partner of Ohrid Travel Agency where he utilizes his skills in Macedonian and German among other languages to serve as interpreter and translator. Naumovski is also the producer and host of the weekly radio show "Macedonian Radio Hour."



Aleksandar Nikoloski

Macedonian Member of Parliament (MP) Aleksandar Nikoloski is a member of the VMRO-Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity Party (VMRO-DPMNE) and is in his second term as MP. Nikoloski has been highly involved in politics from his youth. From 2004-2008, he was president of the Union of Youth Forces of VMRO-DPMNE and has been a member of the Executive Committee of VMRO-DPMNE since 2004.

Nikoloski is president of numerous Macedonian delegations to the international community. To mention a few, he is president of the Delegation of the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Mandatory and Immunity Issues, and Head of the Delegation of the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia to the Parliament of the Western European Union. Additionally, Nikoloski is also a member of the National Council for European Integration, the Inquiry Committee on Identification of Circumstances that resulted in the tragic death of the late President of the Republic of Macedonia, Boris Trajkovski, and the Committee on Foreign Policy, among others. Nikoloski is also a deputy-member of the Committee on the Political System and Inter-Ethnic Relations, the Committee of European Issues, and the Committee on Election and Appointment Issues. Nikoloski is responsible for communications with Canada on behalf of the Parliament.



Alexander Nitsis

Alexander Nitsis is a teacher with 25 years of service at the high school level in the city of Mississauga, Canada. He is currently the department head of social sciences (Geography, History and Family Studies). Born in the village of Zelenic in the Lerin region he came to Toronto, Canada at the age of four. He became involved in Macedonian organizations in the late 1980's with

the former Canadian Macedonian Place Historical Society, which became the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society. As one of the founding members, past president and current board member of the society, he was instrumental in bringing the society into the modern age of the internet over ten years ago, of which he also administers today. He is also on the board of directors at the Canadian Macedonian Place.



Dr. Vladimir Ortakovski

Dr. Vladimir Ortakovski was born in Skopje, Macedonia. He did his Postgraduate Studies in International Law on Armed Conflicts and Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law at the University of Belgrade's Faculty of Law in 1986. In 1983, Dr. Ortakovski received a Law Degree in International Law and International Relations from the University of Belgrade. He

completed a B.A. in Political Science and International Politics from the same University in 1974. In 1995, he did a postdoctoral stay at the University of Chicago Law School working on a project on human rights and national minorities.

- Ortakovski has a prestigious career in academia and is one of Macedonia's leading experts on human rights and international law.
- Member of Senatus of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in Bitola (2008 to present);
- Member of the Rector's Board at the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (2004-2008);
- President of the Committee on Foreign Diploma Recognition at the Ministry of Education and Science (2002-2006);
- Member of the Committee on Draft Law on Higher Education (in 2000) and of the Committee on amending the Law on Higher Education (in 2003);
- Member of the Council of Centre for Strategic Research, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts (MASA) (2000 to present);
- Member of Senatus of the University "Sts. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje (1996-2000).

He lectures or has lectured at the following institutions:

- Faculty of Law in Kicevo and Bitola, University "St. Kliment Ohridski" Bitola, in Public International Law (2009 to present);
- Faculty of Law Postgraduate studies, University "Goce Delcev" Stip, in Diplomatic and Consular Law (2009 to present)
- Faculty of Law in Kocani, University "Goce Delcev" Stip, in Public International Law (2008 to present);
- Military Academy in Skopje, in International Military Law and in International Humanitarian Law (2005 to present);
- Faculty of Philosophy Postgraduate studies - Balkan Centre for Peace and Development, in Conflict Resolution and Conflict Transformation, Constitutions and Peace, International Position of Minorities (1997 to present);
- Faculty of Law Postgraduate studies, University "St. Cyril and Methodius" in Diplomatic and Consular Law and International Organizations (in 1996/1997);
- Faculty of Economy, in Contemporary Diplomatic Relations (1995-2003).

From 2004-2008, Dr. Ortakovski was the Dean at the Police Academy and was the head of Postgraduate Studies in the field of security from 2006-2008. He is currently President of the State Council of Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in Macedonia. He was the undersecretary and later Assistant to the Minister at the Macedonian Ministry of Education and Science. He has participated in research projects such as the project of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC): Implementation of the International Humanitarian Law in the Republic of Macedonia. Ortakovski is a member of the academy of Political Sciences (APS) in New York and the Association of Genocide Scholars (AGS), University of Montreal and the International Scientific Conference of Minorities for Europe of Tomorrow (ISCOMET).

Dr. Ortakovski has written extensively on diplomacy, constitutional law, democracy and national minorities. He is the author of Minorities in the Balkans published in 2000. Dr. Ortakovski has participated in around sixty international conferences, round tables, symposiums, presenting his papers (in Europe, USA, Canada).



Lillian Petroff

Lillian Petroff is currently Coordinator, Community Relations and Educational Programs at the Multicultural History Society of Ontario. As well, she also serves as an English Language Commentator on OMNI-TV in Toronto.

A historian and educator, Lillian has sought to create a more harmonious Ontario by increasing public appreciation of the contributions made by first- and second-generation Canadians to our country's culture and economic vitality.

She has published extensively in the field of immigration history and ethnic studies, including *Sojourners and Settlers: The Macedonian Community in Toronto to 1940*, for which she received one of the Toronto Historical Board's (now Heritage Toronto) 1996 Awards of Merit.

Lillian received her doctorate (1983) at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in the University of Toronto. Born and raised in Toronto, she graduated from Victoria College, University of Toronto in 1974. She also completed her bachelor of education (1975) and master's (1976) at the University of Toronto.



Helen Rentis

Helen is a native of Toronto and has always cherished her Macedonian heritage. Her parents, Chris and Milka Stasoff, came to Canada in the early 1900's from the villages of Statitsa and Zagorichene respectively, and they met and married in Toronto. Throughout her career, Helen has been closely involved working with the legal profession, and was one of the Charter members

of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario. Changing careers, she spent 20 years as a Sales Representative for an International Legal Publisher, and for the last 15 years has operated her own business, Helaine Distributors Inc., acting as an Agent for several Canadian and foreign Legal Publishers and organizations doing business across Canada and overseas in the sale of Legal publications in all formats. Just recently, Helen had the honor of receiving a special Award from the Canadian Association of Law Libraries in recognition of her contribution to the development of law library collections in Canada and abroad.



Joco Sami

Joco Sami is a Senior Mechanical Analyst working for Hatch Ltd, a renowned company in the field of Engineering Consulting.

He is one of the founders and a member of the Management Board of the Macedonian Centre for Cultural and Social Integration (MCCSI) established in 2002 in Toronto, Ontario committed to fostering communication, cooperation and collaboration within the Macedonian community in Canada and providing cultural, social, and educational services to help Macedonians living in Canada attain self-sufficiency and achieve a smoother transition and cultural and social integration within the Canadian society.

In Macedonia, he was also a registered translator and interpreter for the English language. He worked as a freelance simultaneous and consecutive interpreter as well as a translator of text and books.

Born and raised in Skopje, Macedonia, he studied and graduated Mechanical Engineering at the University St. Cyril and Methodius.



Goran Saveski

Goran Saveski is the Director of Operations at Delo Logic Arts, a web application development company that produces web software for the healthcare and hospitality industry. Goran has been working in IT for the past 12 years, having worked in both Canada and Macedonia.

Goran was born in Toronto, Canada where he attended York University, but has a strong connection to Macedonia, his parents' native land. From 1999 to 2004, Goran lived and worked in Macedonia as the head of IT development for an internationally funded finance project creating credit unions throughout the country.

As a volunteer member of UMD, Goran works as a Liaison Officer in UMD's Canadian branch, working with Canadian policy makers, public and private institutions, and the general community to create awareness of Macedonia and Macedonian issues.



Joseph Schallert

Professor Joseph Schallert has been a member since 1993 of the faculty of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Toronto, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Old Church Slavonic, Comparative Slavic Linguistics, the History of the Russian Language, and Slavic Folklore.

His primary areas of research are Macedonian and Bulgarian dialectology, as well as the comparative accentuation of Slavic languages and dialects. His research stays in the Balkans include a year in the Republic of Macedonia as a Fulbright Scholar in 1982-1983, during which he conducted archival work on materials for the Macedonian Dialect Atlas in Skopje as well as fieldwork in eastern Macedonia under the guidance of Bozhidar Vidoeski and Kosta Peev. The materials gathered in Macedonia served as the basis for Schallert's doctoral dissertation on "Accentual Systems in Eastern Macedonian Dialects", which he defended at the University of California, Berkeley in 1984. This fundamental research was followed in December 1990 by a solo expedition to Maleshevo in eastern Macedonia and in July 2000 by a joint expedition with Professor Christina Kramer to the Macedonian village of Vrbnik in Albania.

Professor Schallert has published more than a dozen articles in the field of Balkan Slavic dialectology (including several devoted exclusively to Macedonian) on a variety of topics including accentuation, phonology, and the lexicon. During the 1990's, as a specialist in the accentuation of Balkan Slavic dialects he was a contributor to the Foundations of Slavic Accentology project, which was directed by Vladimir Dybó of the Institute for Slavic and Balkan Studies in Moscow. Currently, Professor Schallert is at work on an accentual dictionary and atlas of masculine nouns in Balkan Slavic dialects.



Donna Scotland

Donna Scotland immigrated to Canada in 1951 from Bitola Macedonia. Originally her parents Kosta and Linka Skendov came from Nevoliany, Lerin. She resides in Toronto with her husband Blair Scotland, two daughters and six grandsons. Her work with the Macedonian community is extraordinary. Currently, she is the president of the Macedonian Children Relief Fund. She is also a member of the Literary Association, "Brakja Miladinovci," St. Clement of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral Ladies Auxiliary, United Macedonian Organization, Canadian Macedonian Place Association, and the Nevoliany Benevolent Association/Ladies Association. Her past memberships included the Daughters of Macedonia (held various offices), Singing Group "Lastovici", provided secretarial assistance to "Medicine for Macedonia, past member, Junior Auxiliary of the Canadian Cancer Society and the Ontario Medical Secretaries Association. In 1993, she was awarded the "Volunteer Service Award," by the Ministry of Citizenship of Canada for her service with the Canadian Macedonian Place. She also published "The Sands of Time," Roots (Koreni), Literaturna Mislja. Her philosophy is, "What I believe in my heart and my faith in God: to live life with humility, love and with a great respect for mankind and life itself."



Diana Sterjovska

Diana Sterjovska was born in Melbourne, however from the age of 4 to age 26 lived in Bitola, before moving back with her family to Melbourne. Since 1999, she has been the Manager of the Macedonian Community Welfare Association, a not-for-profit organization, which was pioneered in 1983 by Mr George Kostrevski who remained actively involved with the organization until his sudden passing in 2002. The organization is a state wide organization based in Melbourne, Australia.

Diana has extensive involvement with Macedonian community and with the Australian society through numerous positions such as current Secretary of the Macedonian Community Council of Victoria, Treasurer of the Macedonian National Council of Australia, community advisory committee member of Northern Health, Deputy Chairperson of the Ethno-specific Network.

Diana holds a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Nursing Studies Sv Kliment Ohridski, Macedonia, graduating in Midwifery and Diploma in Business (Community Services and Health Management).



Chris Temovsky

Chris Temovsky is President of Ddrops Company, an innovative Canadian manufacturer and distributor of vitamin D products under the Ddrops brand.

Chris Temovsky has an over 20-year career within the pharmaceutical business having worked in Canada, the

United States as well as holding commercial responsibilities in Asia/Pacific.

His past responsibilities have included several senior level appointments within Canada and abroad for Solvay Pharma Inc, Hoffmann-La Roche Limited and Syntex Inc. At Roche, Temovsky and his U.S. based commercial team were responsible for leading the introduction of a newly formed Hepatitis franchise among global affiliates.

In Canada, Temovsky has maintained a long and active presence with Canada's Research Based Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (Rx&D) where he continues to serve on the Industry Practices Review Committee (IPRC). He has also served as a member of the Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board (PAAB) as well as being a past President of the Ontario Pharmaceutical Marketing Association (OPMA). Having completed his undergraduate studies in Physiology at the University of Toronto, Temovsky rounded out studies with an MBA from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.



His Excellency Ljuben Tevdovski, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Canada

H.E. Ljuben Tevdovski is the Republic of Macedonia's Ambassador to Canada.

Prior to his posting to Canada, Ambassador Tevdovski was the Advisor for Public Diplomacy to the President of the Republic of Macedonia, Dr. Gorge Ivanov. He has also served as the Director of the Sector for National Priorities at the Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While at the Ministry, Ambassador Tevdovski was a Public and Cultural Diplomacy Lecturer at the Ministry's Diplomatic Academy. He is a member of the Editorial Board of Crossroads – Macedonia's foreign policy journal published by the Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Tevdovski has an extensive background in the field of international relations working for more than 11 years for different governmental institutions, educational, and civic organizations. He was the Deputy Director of the Holocaust Fund of Jews from Macedonia, where he assisted in the development and gathering of historical information for the first Holocaust Museum and Cultural Educational Center in Skopje, Macedonia. Ambassador Tevdovski has published articles in various Macedonian publications, and is the author of a book titled Cultural Diplomacy – An Essential and Creative Component in the Toolkit of Contemporary Diplomacy.

Born and raised in Skopje, Macedonia, Ambassador Tevdovski completed a Bachelor of Arts in History of Art and Archaeology from the University of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. He received his Master of Arts in Contemporary Diplomacy from the University of Malta.



Lubi Uzunovski

Lubi Uzunovski is a chemical engineer from Toronto, Canada, who has worked on projects for the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Uzunovski was born in the Pelagonian village of Lazhets and has roots in Aegean Macedonia, namely Bouf and Sveta Petka. Though he was born in Macedonia, he spent his childhood in Australia, living

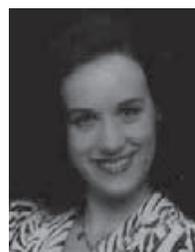
in Port Kembla, Geelong and Melbourne before coming to Canada, where his grandmother's family had settled in the 1920s. Uzunovski has been helpful in setting up an Internet presence for a number of Macedonian groups, including Vinozhito, in Lerin, the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society, in Toronto,

and Pollitecon Publications, in Sydney. He is probably most well known as the administrator of Maknews.com.



Justin Vasilevski

Justin Vasilevski is the Vice President and Co-founder of the Macedonian-American Student Association (MASA) at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Justin is currently a junior at the University studying Accounting and Finance. He is also the captain of the University's soccer team, and is very involved with many organizations on campus including Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) of which he was just named CFO. This summer Justin will be working as a tax intern at Federal Mogul in their international tax department.



Biljana Belamaric Wilsey

Biljana Belamaric Wilsey is the founder and executive director of the Macedonian Language E-Learning Center (<http://macedonianlanguage.org>), a non-profit organization that uses the internet for teaching the Macedonian language and about Macedonian culture. Born and raised in Skopje, Macedonia, Mrs. Belamaric Wilsey immigrated to the United States in 1995. In

2000, she received her Bachelor's degree in music at the University of Memphis in Memphis, TN, where she also ran the university's jazz radio station. She earned her first M.A. in English as a Second Language at the University of Memphis in 2001, and her second M.A. in Slavic Languages and Linguistics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003. Her Master's thesis work presented a sociolinguistic look at the Constitutional changes in Macedonia after the Framework Agreement. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in Instructional Design and Technology from North Carolina State University with a focus on harnessing the power of multimedia and internet technologies for teaching Macedonian and other less commonly taught languages effectively.

Prior to founding the Macedonian Language E-Learning Center, Mrs. Belamaric Wilsey developed the only multimedia tutorial for teaching the Macedonian alphabet, writing, and pronunciation and developed and taught an advanced seminar in Macedonian language and culture for linguists working for the U.S. government. She has also developed and assisted in the development of multimedia and language games for Serbian, Croatian, Czech, and Russian. Additionally, she has eight years of experience teaching language, culture, and pedagogy in a distance education and on-site environment at the university-level and in the community, in the U.S. and abroad, in addition to three years of experience developing multimedia materials in a business training setting. While teaching English as a Second and Foreign Language, Mrs. Belamaric Wilsey found an abundance of online materials for every audience and level. When she later taught the Slavic languages, Macedonian in particular, she discovered a scarcity of available online materials. With a goal to improve this situation, she founded the Macedonian Language E-Learning Center as a non-profit organization in 2007. The Macedonian Language E-Learning Center promotes foreign language learning and cultural understanding world-wide and builds an international awareness of the Macedonian language and culture by producing online resources for learning the Macedonian language and learning about Macedonian culture.

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Mike S. Zafirovski



Mike Zafirovski is a 35-year business veteran who served as President and CEO of Nortel, a global communications technology company; President and COO of Motorola and its six separate multi-billion dollar technology and communications businesses; and within a 25 year career at GE, he served as the President and CEO of five GE businesses in the consumer, industrial and financial services arenas. He is known for his operational execution, vision, and passionate, principled

leadership of companies renowned for game-changing innovation, intense customer focus and leadership development.

In 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Zafirovski to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC). NSTAC provides analytics and recommendations to the President on a wide range of policy and technical issues related to telecommunications, information systems, information assurance, infrastructure protection, and other national security and emergency preparedness concerns.

Zafirovski holds a B.A. in mathematics from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania where he also captained the intercollegiate soccer and swimming teams. In 2002, Edinboro University awarded him an honorary doctorate degree. A native of Macedonia, he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2004.

Zafirovski serves on the board of directors of Boeing. He is involved in civic and business communities and is active in several professional, educational and non-profit business organizations, including The Economic Club of Chicago and Macedonia 2025. He and his wife Robin are co-chairs and past national chairs for Duke University's Parents' Committee. They have three sons.

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Ema Nikolovska

16-year-old Ema Nikolovska was born in Skopje, Macedonia and started playing the violin at the age of 4. She has been awarded numerous scholarships and music awards, and has been runner-up in the Canadian Music Competition National Finals for 2006, 2007 and 2008. Ema has performed with Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra, Toronto Sinfonietta, and NYCO Symphony Orchestra, Academy Symphony Orchestra and Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra as a winner of their concerto competitions. In the coming 2010/2011 season, Ema will be performing as a soloist with the NYCO Symphony Orchestra and Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Ema is an active chamber musician and a member of the Academy Symphony Orchestra and Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra. She has performed in a number of master classes for renowned artists such as: Paul Kantor, Mauricio Fuks, Andres Cardenes, Federico Agostini, Miriam Fried, Jacques Israelievitch, James Ehnes, Mimi Zweig, Christian Tetzlaff.

Ema is a scholarship student at the Young Artists Performance Academy of the Glenn Gould School and has been studying violin with Kelly Parkins-Lindstrom for the last six years, and with Paul Kantor for the last year. She is currently preparing for the ARCT Performance Exam, and looking forward to spend the summer in the renowned music camps in Orford, Quebec, and Aspen, Colorado, as a recipient of a considerable scholarship.



Selyani Macedonian Folklore Group

This year (2010) Selyani Macedonian Folklore Group of Toronto, Canada is celebrating forty-one years since its founding. The group was originally formed to participate in the first International Caravan which took place in Toronto in 1969. Through the years, Selyani has continued sharing Macedonian folk culture with their fellow Canadians at various festivals and special presentations in and around Toronto as well as periodic visits to our American neighbours to the south and to Europe.

Selyani is well known from its performances at the Mariposa Folk Festivals, the

University of Toronto, York University, The Stratford Festival, Festival for Women and the Arts, Harbourfront, the Ontario Science Centre, In Praise of Hands, the Royal Ontario Museum, WOMAD, FolkFest International and Christmas and Easter Around the World. Selyani was one of the ten groups chosen to represent the Province of Ontario at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. In 1977, Selyani journeyed to the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales and won a second prize in folk singing, a third prize for folk music and placed fifth in folk dancing. After the festival Selyani visited the Republic of Macedonia in Yugoslavia where they were treated to a tour of the country. In 1977 the group also released a long play record album of Macedonian Folk Songs some of which were researched in the Macedonian Community in Toronto and were from the Aegean part of Macedonia and never recorded before. In 1980 the group toured the Republic of Macedonia for three weeks and performed in many parts of the country including the Ilindenski Denovi Folklore Festival in Bitola where they were acclaimed by the organizers for keeping the original style of the dances and songs they presented. In 1982 and 1983 Selyani organized a Macedonian Festival at Harbourfront in downtown Toronto. The second festival included over 250 performers and volunteers, and singing and dance groups from all the sectors of Toronto's Macedonian Community were invited to participate. In addition to music, dance and food there was an extensive exhibit of folk costumes, folk instruments, old community photographs and books about Macedonia. More than 10,000 people visited the festival in 1983 (according to Harbourfront's figures) and it was a great cultural success.

In 1991 and 1992 Selyani brought the renowned Macedonian folklorist, dance instructor and gaida (bagpipe) player, Pece Atanasovski, from Macedonia to work with the group for two weeks and also held open dance workshops for the general public. These were very well received by Toronto's international folk dance community. In July 1992 Selyani travelled to the Cleveland International Eisteddfod in Middlesbrough, England where they participated in the Folk Song, as well as three Folk Dance competitions. The group placed fifth in the women's dance competition and eighth in the other three competitions. In the autumn of 1992 Selyani gave a special presentation of Macedonian wedding customs at the "Put on your Dancing Shoes" festival in Buffalo, New York. In November 1994, Selyani celebrated their 25th anniversary with a Macedonian Festival of song, dance, food and displays at Harbourfront. The day included workshops in Macedonian folk songs and dances and performances by Staro Selo Folk Instrument Ensemble, Zornitsa Singing Group, and dance presentations by Toronto groups Makedonka, Solunski Biseri, Ilinden and Selyani. In October 1995 Selyani performed for 4 days at The Epcot Center, Disney World, in Orlando, Florida. During 1995 members of the group participated in the committee for the exhibit of Macedonian textiles at the Museum for Textiles and the group performed at several functions at the Museum showing wedding customs and dances. In 1998 Selyani participated in Weddings Around the World, a 2 day event at the Scarboro Town Centre, showing several bridal costumes, customs and dances. In 1999, Selyani also took part in Weddings Around the World. In 2000 Selyani performed at the 30th anniversary of the CHIN Macedonian Radio Programme at Minkler Auditorium. In 2002 Selyani participated in the opening of the Bata Shoe Museum exhibit of wedding shoes and customs and some members loaned textiles for the exhibit. Annually, Selyani decorates a Macedonian Christmas tree at Toronto Police Headquarters. In 2009, Stefan Nicoloff represented Selyani in Macedonia at the Dolneni Festival of folk instruments and songs playing the gaida. He was awarded the "Golden Bagpipe" award.

Over the years many of the members have honed their teaching skills and taught groups of children at various churches and clubs. Members have also developed interest in collecting and preserving Macedonian artifacts, costumes and instruments. The members of Selyani have never been only Macedonian in heritage and many past members have been from diverse backgrounds. The group's aim has always been to preserve and share Macedonian Folk Culture and also to have an enjoyable time while doing it.

LIST OF ARTISTS AND CULTURAL PERFORMERS



Miki Petkovski

Miki Petkovski has been a professional musician, composer, producer, performer and teacher for over 30 years. After obtaining his Bachelor of Music in Europe, he attended York University to pursue Jazz Studies under John Gittens, Frank Falco and Don Thompson. Versatile in all musical styles, Miki Petkovski has performed on hundreds of recordings and live venues.

His European experience includes several albums and CDs involving working with Grammy Award Winner Martin Levan, Brand X Percussionist Morris Pert, Smak & Leb i Sol (2 undoubtedly best fusion/rock bands from former Yugoslavia) and many more. Miki Petkovski was an early front-runner in World Ethno and Jazz Fusion. His North American experience includes touring, performing and recording with many renowned artists including Grammy Award Winner Allannah Myles, Jeff Healy Band Bassist Joe Rockman etc. He has toured throughout Canada and the USA, performing at venues such as Roy Thompson Hall, Canada's Wonderland and on CBC & TVO. Miki Petkovski's compositions and productions include contemporary, fusion, jazz and short film scores and jingles.

In recent years, Miki Petkovski has devoted his efforts to developing the talent and ability of young artists, recording, producing and teaching. His publications include a selection of original jazz piano compositions for the serious student. In his state-of-the-art studio, he has produced CDs by young musicians in a variety of styles including classical, Broadway, pop, jazz and ethno. His ability to put young artists at ease enables them to perform at their peak, producing the highest quality finished product for their CD projects

As the former head of the Section for the Jazz Piano Category of the Peel Music Festival, one of the oldest and largest competitive music festivals in Canada, Miki Petkovski is working hard to elevate an appreciation and awareness of jazz among today's young musicians. Through his efforts, Oscar Peterson is now Honorary Patron to the Festival.



Ensemble Makedonka

Makedonka, Canada's first organized Macedonian dance group, was formed in Toronto in 1959. One year later, they joined the United Macedonians organization and spent the next decade performing at various fundraisers and cultural functions.

In 1969, the group became affiliated with St. Clement of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral, and was later renamed "Ensemble Makedonka".

Alex Petlichkov, founding member and current choreographer, has devoted the last 46 years to the preservation and growth of Macedonian folk dancing and heritage. Throughout the 1970's, 80's and 90's, and to the present, Ensemble Makedonka has represented the Macedonian community at various cultural festivals, both locally and abroad, winning countless awards and respect within the ethnic community of Toronto, including the CHIN International Folklore Competition where they have placed first several times.



Dimce Isailovski

Dimce Isailovski was born in Skopje, Macedonia. In 1985, he graduated at the University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje at the Faculty for Arts in Painting with highest marks. Throughout his career, Isailovski has had seventeen

one-man exhibitions and produced seven individual installations and multi-media projects. He has participated at over 50 group exhibitions. Since 1985, he has been a member of the Macedonian National Association of Fine Artists. Isailovski on several occasions has visited Frankfurt, Germany, Bologna and Venice, Italy, Paris, France, and Ankara, Turkey to improve his art activities skills. Since moving to Canada in 2006, he has realized three one-man exhibits in Ottawa. He has also had exhibits in Hamburg, New York, and in Washington, D.C. He has donated numerous works to charities in Ottawa and Toronto.

Critic would say: ...his paintings, drawings, collages are full of emotions and expressions, full with warm colors and looks on Macedonian traditions in very modern contemporary style. In the last decade his impressions are found in portraits of women, musicians (music like a primary inspiration) in development to create a base for the art and theoretical endurance of his works. Parallel to his fine art production, from 1987-2006, he worked as a graphic designer in "Detska Radost" at "Prosvetno Delo" AD Publishing House, Skopje, Macedonia. During this period, he worked as a graphic designer, illustrator, art-graphic editor, executive editor, Art Editor-in-Chief and Chief Designer of all editions in "Detska Radost" Publishing House, which publishes more than 100 books per year, as well as for weekly and monthly magazines.

To date, Isailovski has created the design for more than 500 books, as well as many catalogues and different types of publications for his and for various companies in Macedonia and abroad. He speaks English fluently and works actively on desk-publishing design in all referent programs such as: Adobe Photoshop; Corel Draw; QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator and in all applications for Word for Windows. Isailovski has prepared many advertising designs for media promotions and for several projects in the field of publishing and arts in Macedonia. He created designs for several TV and radio advertising programs as well as for the presentation of the Macedonian Union of Publishers at International Book Fairs in Frankfurt, Germany, Istanbul, Turkey, and Bologna, Italy where the books from the Macedonian publishing houses were exhibited.

Currently, he lives in Ottawa with his wife Slavica who works for the Embassy of Macedonia.



Zdravec

Members of Zdravec have danced together for many years in Canada and abroad. They took a 'sabbatical' to develop their family life, careers and travel and realized how much they loved and missed their camaraderie and dancing – It's in their hearts and souls!

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Boys from Bouf

The Boys were likely formed in the early 1980's in response to the lack of home-grown Macedonian bands. Over the years, the boys have cultivated a cult like following with their melodic harmonies on keyboard, synth, clarinet, and accordion, as well as the tapan. The Boys can be seen at your local Macedonian wedding, shower, funeral, or village dance where scores of men and women, young and old, from far and wide, come to see them perform their unique brand of traditional music.

Members include: Chris Klashoff, Chris Todorovski, John Todorovski, and Nikola Hulev



Elizabeth Naumovski

Elizabeth Naumovski is Vice President of Marketing at Caldwell Securities Ltd.

Elizabeth has been a part of the firm since 1997. During this time she has been responsible for marketing, corporate communications and public relations.

Caldwell Securities Ltd., established in 1981, provides Investment Management and Brokerage Services and is a Member of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada and the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.

Elizabeth is on the marketing committee of the Investment Industry Association of Canada, she's on the Board of the Macedonian Film Festival, a former Board member of the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame and for many years has raised money for the Princess Margaret Hospital, Campbell Family Institute for Breast Cancer Research. She has also hosted and guest hosted on Money Line, a live hour call-in show on Rogers television and most recently filled in for Dale Goldhawk on Goldhawk Live.

In 2009, she climbed Stromboli, an active volcano, north of Sicily, in the Aolian Islands.



Ken Shaw, *National Editor and Anchor Weekdays, CTV News Toronto*

News anchor Ken Shaw brings not only a wealth of journalistic experience to his role at CTV Toronto, but also an exceptional record of community service. Since April 2001, he has been the co-anchor for Canada's most-watched local newscast CTV News Toronto at 6PM. Shaw is a 2010 recipient of the Order Of Ontario for his track record of excellence in volunteer service in the Greater Toronto Area he serves.

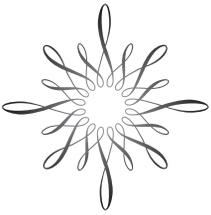
Shaw joined CTV Toronto as a reporter in 1979, while at the same time reporting on major Canadian news stories for American network news programs including ABC's Good Morning America, Nightline, and NBC's The Today Show. He started anchoring the 11:30 p.m. news at CTV in 1981, and was named the National Editor in 1998. From 1999 to 2001, Ken Shaw became familiar to viewers across Canada as weekday anchor for CTV News Channel.

Shaw devotes a great deal of his time and energy to various local charities and community events. Ken is a director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Canada and ProAction Cops & Kids. He is past director of The Duke of Edinburgh Awards and The Hinks Dellcrest Centre just to name a few. Ken is also the chair of the Abilities Centre, which seeks to build a 90 thousand square foot "Centre of Excellence" in Whitby, and to develop a series of programming centres across Canada to assist people of all ages with special needs. An avid golfer, for 15 years Ken hosted his own golf tournaments to raise money for various local children's charities.

For over 25 years, Toronto viewers have grown to rely on Ken Shaw to deliver a clear and comprehensive report on the news of the day. He's one of the main reasons why CTV News is Toronto's number one newscast.

Television Credits

- CTV News Toronto at 6 p.m.; National Editor and Anchor, 2001
- CTV News Toronto; Weekday Anchor CTV News Channel, 1999 - 2001
- Good Morning America, Nightline, Today, CNN; Toronto Correspondent, 1978
- CTV News Toronto; Reporter, 1979
- Shh! It's the News; co-writer, 1979
- CTV News Toronto; Technical Trainee, 1972



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