

Small Places Can Change the World

Fourth Annual FAST Conference
Skopje, Macedonia: March 24-27, 2009



Hosted by

FON University, Seavus Group,
Ss Cyril & Methodius University
and University American College

Our Annual Conference:

The theme for FAST 2009 is “Small Places Can Change the World: S&T as a catalyst for economic development.” How are businesses, governments, NGOs and higher education - working individually or collaboratively - securing a better economic future for their people? How are science, technology and other innovations being used as a catalyst for economic development? Our focus is on jurisdictions with fewer than 12 million people.

FAST is expecting experts in economics, business development, engineering, natural and social sciences, technology, medicine, public policy, and individuals whose personal or business interests relate to those fields. The conference program is designed for Fulbright alumni, hosts, and friends, but registration is open to the public. The meeting is limited to 75 people, and over a dozen nationalities are expected.

Workshops on other science-related topics will also take place during the conference and be addressed during the tours and at theme-oriented tables during the meals. In addition, we have a poster session where Fulbrighters past and present may present their research.

Background on the Program:

This program is organized by the Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology (FAST) in partnership with local institutions.

FAST is a non-profit organization established by alumni of the Fulbright Exchange Program and others interested in science and technology innovation. FAST is an independently funded, membership organization. It is not affiliated with the Fulbright Association, US State Department or the entities involved in administering Fulbright exchanges.

One goal of our conference is to build ties among alumni, current grantees, Fulbright hosts, and others interested in science, innovation, and international exchange. These ties then lead to collaborative projects, research and new innovations. Worldwide, there are over 200,000 living Fulbright alumni, plus millions of others who hosted, worked with, or were taught by these Fulbrighters. FAST is represented in Macedonia by institutional members such as FON University and University Ss Cyril & Methodi, both in Skopje.

Please join us in Macedonia in March.

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Registration & Pricing Information:

Registration is \$400 (300 Euro). This covers meals, coffee breaks and selected tours, but not accommodations. **There are discounts** for employees of institutional members, students, post-docs and other groups.

An extra-reduced fee of \$75 is available to participants from Macedonia and neighboring low- and middle-income countries.

Free registrations are available for sponsors and selected Fulbright scholars from the region. Visit our website for information on institutional membership, sponsors or exhibitors. All speakers and other presenters are expected to register. FAST typically does not award grants for travel and accommodation, but we will assist you in seeking funds from employers and other sources.

We look forward to your involvement:

- As a speaker or presenter on a panel
- As a participant in the poster session
- As a discussant in one of the workshops
- As a guide for a tour or an exhibitor
- As a sponsor of a panel or tour
- As a representative of an institutional member
- As an attendee who has international experience and wants to share knowledge with Fulbright scholars.

Activities in Skopje:

As with all FAST events, there will be a strong focus on building ties between people of different nationalities and professional backgrounds. Our meetings have a mixture of government officials and administrators, business executives, non-profit leaders, academics and students.

The FAST conference will include science and technology-related tours, such as visits to leading museums, research institutions, and business parks in and around Skopje. FAST is also facilitating cultural tours to Ohrid, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Winter sports are an additional option, with ski areas less than two hours away.

Detailed Information about our program, invited speakers and tours can be found on the FAST website.

**Please visit our website for hotel recommendations.
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Skopje, Macedonia – March 24-27, 2009 (Tuesday-Friday)

REGISTRATION:

Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Other: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 Spouse/Guest: _____

Professional background (optional):	
Field:	_____
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Retirement date:	_____
Fulbright country & year:	_____/____
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Note: This information will be used to prepare name tags and the participants list. Please print it as you would like it to appear on those documents.

Registration Type:	EU / USA / HICs	Reduced rate	Extra reduced	Opening night**
	\$400 / 300 €	\$300 / 250 €	\$75 / 50 €	20 €

- Regular rate: For those in the EU, USA and high-income countries or positions.
 Reduced rate: This rate is for teachers, postdocs, and retirees from high-income countries, and also for current Fulbright scholars.
 Extra reduced: Persons living in Macedonia, Southeast Europe or other lower income countries (as defined by the United Nations). Also for current Fulbright student grantees.
 * Member discount: There is a \$50/35 € discount for employees of institutional members (see page 4).
 ** Opening Night: A small number of tickets are available for opening night (20 €person).
 Cancellation policy: See next page or the website for details on cancellation and other policies
- Registration Type:** Professional Reduced Extra Reduced Opening night only
 Registration with spouse/guest (add \$200/150 €)
 Discount for staff of current institutional members (minus \$50)
 Registration includes an institutional membership (add \$400 – a \$100 savings)

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REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Registration includes unlimited access to all FAST Conference activities (including the opening banquet, tours, meals and coffee breaks). Some special tours and activities may require additional payment.

RATE INFORMATION:

- **Free Registrations:** Because we give so many opportunities for people to speak or present at the conference, we do not offer complimentary registrations. All participants, including speakers and presenters, are expected to register for the conference.
- **Regular rate:** This rate is for "professionals" - people who work for the government, institutions of higher education, corporations, and foundations in high income countries. Individuals from low- and middle-income countries who work for entities that pay international wages should also pay this rate.
- **Reduced rate:** For current senior Fulbright scholars, teachers and postdocs are required to indicate their institution's name on the registration form. People with emeritus status are required to indicate their birth year/retirement year.
- **Extra Reduced Rate:** People from Macedonia and Southeast Europe and other low- and middle-income countries are eligible for the extra reduced rate if they work for a local employer (one that does not pay on an international wage scale). Also for current Fulbright student grantees.
- **Opening Night:** A small number of tickets are available for those who wish to only attend the opening banquet.
- **Membership Discount:** The fifty dollar (\$50) discount is available to employees of institutional members. Existing individual members register at the normal rate and receive a one-year extension on their membership.
- **Spouse/family rate:** If you are accompanied by a family member, he/she can participate in the programs and attend the meals and tours for a reduced fee.
- **Sponsored registrations / Special cases:** A small number of sponsored registrations will be available. If the regular registration rates are above your ability to pay, you may petition FAST for a discount. FAST is also willing to assist you on funding requests to employers or other entities.
- **Included/Not included:** Your registration includes the costs for several meals, coffee breaks, tours and other activities. Some tours may require an entry fee to the museum or facility.
- **Advance Registration Deadline:** The deadline for advance registrations is March 1. Rates will increase by \$25 after that date.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- **Hotel:** Your registration fee does NOT include the cost of accommodations. You must make your own hotel reservations. Please visit the FAST website for information on hotels.
- **Free Accommodations:** A small number of rooms are available at a university dormitory. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a dorm room, please send an email to Fulbright2009@gmail.com.

NOTICES / POLICIES:

- **Cancellations:** Those who cancel their conference registration on or before January 25 will be eligible for a full refund. Those who cancel on or before March 6 will be eligible for a refund minus a US\$75 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after that date. Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to the Fulbright Academy. Hotels will have their own cancellation policy for your accommodations - contact your hotel for details.
- **Accidents/Injury:** Your participation in the FAST Conference may involve travel to off-site locations, and you may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen and unforeseen. By registering for the conference, you agree to waive, discharge claims and release from liability the Fulbright Academy, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, agents and leaders from any and all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from, injuries or damages. In registering for the conference, you understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon your heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying you.
- **Documentary:** FAST will collect video footage, photographs and other material during the conference for use in a documentary and/or for other outreach efforts. In registering for the conference, you give FAST permission to use this material.
- **More Information:** See website for details.

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