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Press freedom campaigns

“Press Freedom Days” Campaign

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova*

On the occasion of the celebration of World Press Freedom Day on 3 May, the Independent Journalism Center, in common with the Association of Independent Press, Union of Journalists of Moldova, Acces-Info Center, Association of Electronic Press APEL, Press Freedom Committee and the Association of Caricaturists of Moldova carried out a number of actions related with this event.

Press Conference

The Press Freedom Days (PFD) were launched within a press conference on 3 May, which was attended by circa 35 representatives of mass media and non-governmental organizations. The organizers acquainted the conference participants with the agenda of the events planned for the period 3-7 May, thus officially starting out the PFD.



During the discussions that followed, both the organizers and the guests established a worsening of the conditions in which the Moldovan press functions, a limitation of the freedom of speech caused by the interference of the current state authorities.

During the conference, the text of a Declaration signed by six mass media organizations on the occasion of Press Freedom Days was made public and prizes were awarded to the winners of the contest of journalistic materials on press freedom, held jointly by IJC and the National

Commission of the Republic of Moldova for UNESCO. The contest's winners were the following: Natalia Cojocaru, TIMPUL, 1st prize; Tatiana Kropanțeva, *Novoye vremea*, 2nd prize; Cornelia Cozonac, API, 3rd prize. Three special prizes were awarded to the journalists Valeriu Cațer, *BASA-press*, Oleg Cristal, *Info-Prim* and Sergiu Praporșic, *Radio Europa Liberă*.

At the conference, there were presented and distributed posters with the text of the Code of Ethical Principles of the Moldovan journalist and transfer pictures with quotations about mass media rights and excerpts from the Moldovan Constitution and Criminal Code.

Journalists Solidarity March

Over 200 people, mostly journalists, participated on 3 May in the Journalist Solidarity March, organized within the Press Freedom Days. By this action, the journalists set to raise the awareness of national and international public opinion on the abuses exerted by state authorities on independent newspapers and audio-video stations.



The column of journalists walked on the Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt Boulevard by the Government Building, the Presidency and the Parliament, then returning to the Public Garden “Ștefan cel Mare”, where a meeting took place. In front of the Parliament, the journalists made up a “live” chain, of several hundreds meters, thus expressing their disagreement with the current governors’ policy regarding the press.

The march participants shouted the slogans “Away with the censure!” and “Freedom to the press!”, also carrying placards with similar claims.

During the meeting held in the Public Garden “Ștefan cel Mare” the speakers made reference to the governors’ attacks on the independent press and to the impairments in the legislation that have a negative effect on mass media. In this regard, there was initiated an action of collection of signatures in view of amending the Civil Code to establish a “reasonable ceiling” for the punishment of the press.

Another action during the meeting held in the center of the capital was the collection of money - 1 Leu from each participant – to pay the so-called “damages” caused to “DAAC Hermes” Company by the publication *Timpul*. The collected money was sent to “DAAC Hermes”.

Cartoon exhibition-contest “Free Press – Free Society”

A cartoon exhibition with the generics “Free press – free society” was inaugurated on 4 May 2004 in the Fireplace Room of the Union of Writers’ of Moldova. The exhibition-contest was organized by IJC and the Association of Cartoonists of Moldova.



12 cartoons participated in the contest with over 70 works, which approached subjects related to the freedom of press, access to information, censorship etc. The works were evaluated by a jury made up of members of IJC Board of Experts and Isai Cîrmu, member of the Union of Plastic Artists.

Three prizes were awarded on two categories: manually produced and computer processed cartoons. The winners of the first category became Margareta Chițcatii and Victor Crudu, and the prize on the second category was awarded to Serghei Samsonov.

A part of the works submitted for the contest was subsequently included in the exhibition’s album, published in a print run of 100 copies.

Round table “Civil Code provisions on mass media and the dangers for the press”

IJC held a round table on 5 May, which debated on the Civil Code provisions related to mass media and endangering their activity. About 40 people participated in the event – attorneys-at-law, judges, journalists, NGO representatives etc. The principal topic of discussions was the lack of stipulations in the Civil Code (CC) on the size of the compensation to repair the moral damage caused by violation of the right to honor, dignity and reputation.

The round table had as guest experts Victor Pușcaș, Chairman of the Constitutional Court, with the speech “Violation of honor and dignity of public persons and freedom of speech as the foundation of a democratic society”, and Vera Macinscaia, judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, who approached important issues related with the Recommendations of the Supreme Court of Justice on the application of the legislation on the protection of honor, dignity and professional reputation of citizens and organizations. During the debates, Vlad Gribincea, attorney-at-law for the organization “Lawyers for Human Rights”, made references to the jurisprudence of the European Court for Human Rights and the amount of moral damages in defamation cases; Radu Țurcanu, Head of the Sector for Legislation Systematization and Comparative Analysis of the Moldovan Parliament, pointed out and



delimited more significantly the legislative provisions on mass media, and Olivia Pîrțac, Coordinator of IJC Legal Service, presented a speech on the topic: “New and Old Civil Code Comparatives”.

The discussions held during the round table were estimated by the participants as very useful, and state authority representatives that attended the event mentioned that they would consider the proposition of including a ceiling in the Civil Code provisions.

Exhibition-contest “Year 2003 in press photographs”

This exhibition-contest was inaugurated on 21 May at the Culture and Art Center ‘Ginta Latină’. The works of 10 photo-reporters and photographers from the country, who competed for five prizes in the amount of USD 84, were exhibited. In total, 12 photographers signed up for the contest, of which 10 were selected because their works complied with the requirements formulated and announced by the organizers.

In the contest, there were presented 240 photographs divided into 6 categories (Art and Culture, Daily/Social, Portrait/Personalities, Reportage, General News and Sports). Of those, 98 works were selected and submitted to the jury for evaluation.

The results of jury’s evaluation were made public on 21 May 2004, during the ceremony of awarding prizes to the winners.

First prize	Dumitru Doru
First prize, General news	Tudor Iovu
First prize, Reportage	Tudor Iovu
First prize, Sports	Iurie Foca
First prize, Portrait	Roman Barișev
First prize, Daily/Social	Natalia Chiosse
Honorable mention, Art and Culture	

Annual press club

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova*

The meeting of the commission for the designation of 2004 top journalists and of the most popular journalists in the past 10 years took place on 15 December 2004 at the Independent Journalism Center.

Commission’s make-up: Angela Sîrbu (Independent Journalism Center), Ion Enache (National Ethics Commission), Valeriu Saharneanu (UJM), Petru Macovei (API), Vasile Spinei (Acces-Info), Constantin Marin (Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences, Moldova State University), Veaceslav Plugaru (Professional Journalists League), Alexandru Dorogan (APEL), Vlad Bercu (Economic Journalists League), Violeta Cojocaru (Press Freedom Committee), Ala Mândăcanu (ULIM).

The criteria for the selection of 2004 top journalists were: professionalism, observance of ethical standards, impact on the audience, presence in the broadcast space. The winners were established with the majority votes of the commission members.

The 2004 top journalists included: RADIO: Lucia Culev (Antena C), Maria Trifan (Radio Moldova), **TV:** Tatiana Țibuleac (PRO TV), Silvia Hodorogea (TV Moldova 1), **NATIONAL PRINT PRESS:** Aneta Grosu (Ziarul de Gardă), Viorel Mihail (Săptămîna), Dmitrii Kalak (Logos press), Irina Astahova (Kișiniovskii obozrevateli), **LOCAL PRESS:** Vasile Sofronie (Radio Sănătatea, Edineț), **PRESS AGENCIES:** Alexandru Tanas (INFOTAG).

Top of the most popular journalists in the past ten years

The most popular journalists in the past 10 years were designated based on a survey conducted by the sociological service CAPTES, which questioned circa 100 personalities (politicians, culture people, NGO leaders), and circa 110 journalists representing most mass media institutions of Moldova.

Selection criteria: professionalism, impact on public opinion, risk level, in-depth of the approached subject etc.

According to the survey results, the ten most popular journalists of the decade are the following: Constantin Tănase (Timpul), Val Butnaru (Jurnal de Chişinău), Vasile Botnaru (Radio Europa Libera), Petru Bogatu (FLUX), Nicolae Dabija (Literatura și Arta), Dmitri Ciubaşenco (Moldavskie vedomosti), Alina Anghel (Timpul), Alexandru Cañtir (BBC), Mircea Surdu, (TV Moldova 1), Nicolae Negru (Jurnal de Chişinău). The Association of Independent Press also designated a journalist on this category: Ana Curcudel (Accent provincial, Bălți).

The traditional prize awarding ceremony within the 10th edition of 10 top journalists of the year was held on 16 December 2004 at the National Theater “Mihai Eminescu” and was attended by over 200 guests.

Project “Audit bureau of circulation: monitoring evolution”

Funding: OSI Budapest

The overall purpose of the project is to increase the transparency of Moldovan print media market by offering a toolkit on how to collect and certify information regarding their circulation. It will build on the know-how of local and international experts, and will combine different research methods and activity formats.

The major project phases are:

- a regional conference aimed to highlight the regional experience in monitoring newspaper circulation,
- study visits to two countries in order to acquaint Moldovan stakeholders with the ways Audit Bureaus of Circulation operate in the countries that have faced similar problems of post-socialist transition,
- a pilot study on how a regular and extensive monitoring is to be conducted, and
- a report with recommendations and follow-up activities to create an Audit Bureau of Circulation in Moldova.

Regional conference, meetings with stakeholders

On 8-9 July, more than 50 representatives of national and local media outlets, advertising agencies, advertisers, and media development organizations gathered at the conference in Chisinau to discuss prospects of creating an ABC in Moldova. The general conclusion was that an ABC in Moldova is necessary, and participants addressed the major challenges that would have to be met in this respect.

On 10 July, a meeting of key stakeholders was organized to discuss an action plan for the next three months. The meeting brought together: Ludmila Andronic (Voxtel mobile phone operator), Marina Balasova (Antenna v Moldove TV guide), Dmitrii Baltatu (Komsomol’skaya Pravda v Moldove), Val Butnaru (Jurnal de Chisinau newspaper), Dmitrii Kalak (Logos Press weekly), Petru Macovei (API), Victoria Miron (Soros Foundation Moldova), Elena Onica (Initiative Moldova ad agency), Sorina Stefirta (Timpul weekly), Elena Zamura (Novoe Vremya weekly), Angela Sirbu and Natalia Angheli-Zaicenco (IJC), as well as the international experts Alin Alecu and Liviu Burlacu. The discussion focussed on ways to organize effective communication among all interested parties, launching a public appeal to all interested parties to join the project task force, elaborating mechanisms to set up an ABC in Moldova. Experts from Hungary and Romania agreed to host the study visits of Moldovan stakeholders in the fall of 2004.

Following the meeting, an e-mail group was set up and a database of 75 key stakeholders was compiled. Persons from the database will be contacted in September.

Study trips to Hungary and Romania

Selection of participants in the visits was carried out taking into account the following criteria (awareness of the problem, i.e. participation in the first project stage; interest in the creation of a circulations bureau in Moldova; representation of different stakeholder types; commitment to participation in the latter stages of the project). The following persons were selected:

Hungary:

- *Baltatu Dmitrii*, advertising director, “Komsomol’skaia pravda v Moldove” newspaper, Chisinau
- *Onica Elena*, media director, Initiative-Moldova advertising agency, Chisinau
- *Perunov Slava*, managing editor, SP newspaper, Balti
- *Stefirta Sorina*, deputy editor in chief, Timpul newspaper, Chisinau
- *Ghidirim Corina*, interpreter, Chisinau

Romania:

- *Andronic Ludmila*, public relations manager, Voxtel mobile phone company, Chisinau
- *Gladun Vladimir*, director, Siesta entertainment monthly, Chisinau
- *Macovei Petru*, executive director, Association of Independent Media (API), Chisinau
- *Morari Tatiana*, advertising director, Makler advertising newspaper, Chisinau

The study trip to Hungary took place on 25-29 October, 2004. The agenda included meetings at Ringier Group, Nepszabadsag, Lapker Group, Adoc Semic Nyomida, and several briefings at Matesz.

The agenda of the visit to Romania, which took place on 1-5 November, included meetings at Ringier (headquarters + printing facilities), ArboMedia, Academia Catavencu (Mediazece), Initiative Moldova, Media Direction, Ernst and Young, and sessions with BRAT staff.

Following the visits, all participants wrote analytical reports highlighting the major conclusions of the visits, as well as prospects of starting an ABC in Moldova. The unanimous conclusion of the reports was that a circulations bureau is a “must” for Moldova, even though the present stage of media market development is likely to raise numerous challenges.

Project “Covering diversity in mass media”

Part of the program “Creation of a framework of peaceful relations in Moldova”, administered by DFID Department of the British Embassy in Chişinău and the British Government Fund for the prevention of conflicts in Russia and other ex-Soviet states

The project “Covering diversity in mass media” is intended for journalists from various regions of Moldova. Its purpose resides in the promotion of the principles of diversity, tolerance, multiculturalism in the press and strengthening of the professional cooperation among journalists.

The following activities were carried out under the project in 2004:

- Project launching conference
- Production of common materials by mixed teams of journalists
- Mass media monitoring
- Activities within a network of journalists writing about diversity

Project launching conference

The project “Covering diversity in mass media” started out with a launching conference, which was held on 5 March in Chişinău. The journalists’ increased interest in this project was shown by their massive participation in the event. The conference brought together a representative attendance – journalists from various localities from the left side of Nistru River, from TAU Gagauz Yeri, and from the northern and central regions of Moldova.

The conference aimed at informing the participants about the main project components, at acquainting the audience with details and explanations about the conditions of participation in the open competition for the awarding of grants to mixed teams for the production of common materials, as well as at discussing the possibilities of setting up a network of journalists writing about diversity.

The conference speakers were Angela Sîrbu, IJC Director, Steliana Nedera, Head of DFID Department in Moldova, Claus Neukirch, OSCE Mission, Stela Jantuan, Counselor of the Ministry of Reintegration. The speakers referred to the current coverage in mass media of the country’s integration process, of OSCE contribution to the strengthening of the relations of cooperation between mass media from Transnistria and from other regions of Moldova. Also, the project “Creation of a framework of peaceful relations in the Republic of Moldova” was introduced.

The absolute majority of the participants showed interest in the activities to be carried out within the network, and an initiative group was set up during the conference to select the three coordinators – representatives of three Moldovan regions.

Overall, 65 journalists participated in the project launching.

Production of joint materials

During the project, mixed teams of journalists from print and electronic media, press agencies from Transnistria, TAU Gagauz-Yeri and other regions of Moldova had the opportunity to participate in an open competition for the awarding of grants for the production of common materials to treat aspects of the ethnical, religious, cultural etc. diversity from our society. The contest was held in two stages. The jury was made up of one representative of IJC, one of the Contact Center, the Journalism Center's partner in this project, and an independent expert.

In total, 26 mixed journalist teams representing the print and electronic media, local and national press, signed up for the contest. There were approved 18 projects, as being well developed and in compliance with the program conditions (relevant topics, coverage of many zones of Moldova). As a result of their implementation, there were written and published over 90 articles/interviews/investigations/topical pages, produced 5 radio and 12 TV programs. Also, there were organized 2 seminars and a round table, published 2 special bulletins. Bases of cooperation were set among journalists from 37 newsrooms and radio and TV studios.

Activities within the network

An initiative group was set up during the project launching conference, made up of journalists interested in cooperating within a network. The first meeting of the initiative group members took place on 18 March, with the participation of 13 journalists, to whom the information on the activity within the network was presented. During 18 months of cooperation under the project, 6 coordinators representing the three conventional regions - Chişinău, Tiraspol, Comrat – coordinated the activity within the network. 11 miniprojects were implemented within the network, on various topics, such as: "Integration of Roma people in the society – an imperative of the beginning of third millennium", "Analysis and coverage in *Novoye Vremea* of the issues of teaching the state language in Gagauz-Yeri schools", "Problems of the monoparental family and their coverage in the press" etc.

Also, 6 quarterly informative bulletins with the generics "Diversity in the press" were published, which included materials on the common activity of the journalists, announcements and news on the topic of diversity. The bulletins were printed in a print run of 100 copies in Russian and Romanian and distributed in the three regions of Moldova, first of all, to the journalists interested in the activity within the network. Also, they were placed on IJC website.

Press monitoring

Through the press monitoring, the Journalism Center set to review how the main national and regional newspapers cover the relations among various ethnical groups as well as the relations among the three conventional regions - Chişinău, the Transnistrian region and TAU Gagauz Yeri. The purpose of the study is to establish to what extent various aspects of the interethnic relations are covered and what subjects are given priority. The following newspapers have been monitored under the project: *Adevărul nistrean*, *Pridnestrovie*, *Vesti Gagauzii*, *Moldova suverană* and *Nezavisimaya Moldova*. Planned period of monitoring: 1 March 2004 - 1 July 2005.

All materials approaching the relations among the ethnical groups within the regions and the inter-regional relations have been reviewed. The monitoring results are examined by a group of experts and published quarterly, in three languages.

TRAINING

Project “Reporter investigations on economic topics”

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova*

The project “Reporter investigations on economic topics” provided for a three-day training for 15 Moldovan journalists, a reporter investigations contest and three documentation visits to South-Eastern European countries. The program was intended for local and national print media journalists that had showed interest in economic and financial investigations.

Seminar “Reporter investigations on economic topics”

The Independent Journalism Center (IJC) organized, in the period 24-26 June 2004, a seminar with the generics “Reporter investigations on economic topics”. The training aimed at training journalists in view of subsequent production of reporter investigations on economic topics.

The training was held by Martin Mulligan, reporter for the London publication “Financial Times” and Vitalie Dogaru, IJC trainer, who also facilitated the workshops. IJC received 20 applications for participation in the training, from amongst which 15 journalists were selected. The members of the selection commission took in account such factors as length of service, work experience in the field, recommendations of editors-in-chief of the publications with which the candidates were cooperating.

The seminar agenda included aspects of the difference between the ordinary and the investigative journalism, references to the British investigative journalism on economic subjects, as well as a series of reporter investigation tools. The trainers also introduced some investigation techniques, such as direct observation, documentation, confrontation interview, as well as a number of suggestions on how to identify a subject and the sources for an investigation on economic topics, overcome the dangers of the investigative journalism, and plan a reporter investigation.

At the end of the seminar, each participant presented an outline of an investigation on economic topics of present interest. The presentations were reviewed and discussed in group. At the end, the conditions of participation in the reporter investigations contest were made known to the participants.

In their evaluations of the seminar, the participants mentioned that it was useful, interesting and up-to-date, and also offered them the possibility to learn about new sources, communicate with journalists from other publications, make use of the experience of a “Financial Times” journalist. They emphasized that both experts were well-prepared and the practical exercises they had facilitated had a significant impact on the assimilation of the production techniques of economic investigations.

Reporter investigations contest

The seminar was followed by an investigation contest, the three winners of which benefited from internships in South-Eastern European countries. The contest was open to all national and local print media journalists. 10 journalists from local and national newspapers signed up for the investigation contest and presented over 20 materials published in the period 1 July –15 September 2004.

In the selection of the winners, the commission took into account whether the approached subjects corresponded to the announced topic, the material’s objectivity and reasoning, investigative in-depth, material’s structure, utilization of

statistical data etc. The winners were nominated by a jury made up of the members of IJC Board of Experts. The following journalists were selected: Ion Preașcă, Jurnal de Chișinău, Tudor Iașcenco, Cuvântul, Rezina, and Natalia Kambur, Novoye Vremea.

These journalists, specialized in the economic area, benefited from one-week internships each with economic publications in Romania and Bulgaria.

Documentation visits

In the period 15-21 November 2004 Tudor Iașcenco and Ion Preașcă worked in the newsroom of Ziarul financiar in Bucharest, where they studied the experience of Bucharest journalists with the methods of planning and conduction of reporter investigations, work with information sources, methods of presentation of investigations in the newspaper etc.

Also, the two interns met with representatives of the Romanian Investigative Journalism Center, with reporters from the newspaper Cotidianul, which has a department specialized in writing investigations, and co-workers of newspaper Capital. At the same time, the Moldovan journalists collected the necessary information for the publication of an investigation. For this purposes, they met with representatives of the Moldovan Embassy in Bucharest and Moldovan businessmen. Their investigations were published in Jurnal de Chișinău and Cuvântul.

In the same period, the reporter Natalia Cambur, from the weekly Novoye vremea, was on an internship with the daily Trud in Sofia, Bulgaria. During six days, Natalia Cambur worked alongside her Bulgarian colleagues and produced an investigation related with the privatization of the agrarian sector. In order to obtain the necessary information, she met with representatives of the department of privatization, ministry of industry, economic agents etc. The material was published in the newspaper Novoye Vremea.

It should be mentioned that Bucharest Independent Journalism Center and Sofia Media Development Center also contributed to the organization of the two internships. These two institutions cooperated with IJC in the organization of the visits, provided consulting with the selection of the subjects for the investigations, organized the internships with the economic publications in Bucharest and Sofia, and also provided logistical assistance.

Seminar “Computer use in journalism”

Funding: *Soros Foundation - Moldova*

The Independent Journalism Center (IJC), in partnership with the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP), organized two seminars for journalists with the generics “Computer use in journalism”.

The first training course took place in the period 20-22 April 2004 and aimed at training the journalists in the use of various computer programs and the Internet. The course was held by Vitalie Chiperi, IJC trainer.

The seminar enjoyed increased interest on behalf of journalists; 21 applications were submitted from which 11 participants were selected.

The seminar agenda included topics related with the utilization of programs for file zipping and unzipping, Internet search and file importing techniques, evaluation of websites, search of specific information etc. Also, the participants learned the key-elements necessary for the utilization of Microsoft Excel.

The participants mentioned in their evaluation forms that the trainer was very well prepared, the materials were accessible and that the seminar should have lasted longer.

Seminar “New informational technologies in journalism”

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova*

The Independent Journalism Center (IJC), in partnership with the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP), organized in the period 7-9 June 2004 a seminar with the generics “New informational technologies in journalism”. The course aimed at training journalists in the use of various computer programs and the Internet. The course was held by Vlad NANU, IJC trainer. 17 persons signed up for the seminar, from which 11 were selected. The seminar agenda included topics related with Adobe Photoshop, types of images and their editing, web design, informational portals, use of HTML editor, publication and updating of web resources etc.

According to the course evaluation forms, the materials offered to the participants were of good quality, the subjects were presented clearly and accessibly, and the group discussions were useful.

Project “University course: Journalism for human development”

Funding: UNICEF Moldova

Development and teaching of the university course “Journalism for human development”

The university course “Journalism for human development” promotes success practices in the writing of social subjects in the press, having as starting point children’s and women’s rights as well as the Millennium Development Goals.

For the course’s practical component, there were used exercises and games and presented successful subjects produced in the local and foreign mass media.

During the course, each student received a copy of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and of the work “A Worthy World for Children”, which includes the Final Paper of the 2002 UN Special Session dedicated to Children and the Millennium Development Goals. During the hours dedicated to the subject of children in conflict with the law, there was distributed the report “Juvenile justice in the Republic of Moldova, 2002-2003 Evaluation Report”, and on the subject “Child and woman trafficking” – the collection “Prevention of woman trafficking. Aids for the pre-university teacher”.

The course was taught in the period January-December 2004, within the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of Moldova State University, for third-year students.

Publication of the brochure “Journalism for Human Development”

The brochure “Journalism for Human Development. Reference points of a university course”, was printed in a total of 500 copies, in Romanian and Russian. The work contains an introduction, signed by the UNICEF Representative in Moldova, Giovanna Barberis.

The main reference points of the university course:

- Journalism for Human Development. Who are the protagonists? Why children? Why young people? Why women?
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and mass-media
- Interviewing children
- Human stories
- Health and development of children and teenagers
- Children in conflict with the law. Juvenile justice
- Covering HIV/AIDS. Successful practices
- Discrimination and social exclusion of children
- Child and woman trafficking. How to write a good story?
- Ethical principles in covering children and young people
- Millennium Development Objectives in the Republic of Moldova
- Protection of children against negligence, abuse, violence and exploitation
- Media campaigns with social messages.

Good practices guide in the area of journalism for human development

The guide “Journalism for Human Development. Good practices guide” was developed by Igor Guzun, Superior Lecturer of the Chair of Journalism within the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences, MSU, with the contribution of Vsevolod Ciornei, deputy editor-in-chief of the magazine Săptămâna.

The guide’s includes:

- Main topics of the publication “Journalism for Human Development. Reference points of the university course”
- A preface signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences, Constantin Marin, PhD. The preface follows a Foreword, signed by the UNICEF Representative, Giovanna Barberis
- Case studies and examples from foreign mass media

- Relevant quotations in the context of the presented subjects
- Informal exercises and activities
- Several professional conduct codes and recommendations for the journalists writing about human development
- A list completed with new informational resources: web editions and links.

The work was published in 100 copies in Russian and 400 copies in Romanian. The entire print run was donated to the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of Moldova State University.

Mini-library donated to the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of Moldova State University

108 works for reference – 51 titles – in the field of mass media, communication and public relations were donated to the Faculty on 24 March 2004. The books and textbooks had been procured by the Independent Journalism Center from the representation office of “Polirom” Publishing House in Chişinău, according to a list agreed with the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences. The access to the library has already been made public and its functioning will be monitored.

Contest for young journalists

The contest was held in view of promoting in mass media a personalized and professional approach of some major issues of the society through human stories. The subjects had to include stories of real people and to be on public interest topics.

There signed up for the contest students of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of MSU, high school students involved in mass media projects and young journalists. There were presented 22 materials published in the newspapers Flux and “Căuşeni”, materials broadcast by the radio station Antena C, published by the Media Center and the website www.mdn.md. The materials were on topics of current interest, such as teenagers in conflict with the law, prevention of HIV/AIDS and the situation of persons infected with HIV, child and woman trafficking, abuse, negligence and exploitation of children, the effects of poverty on the family and children etc.



In the evaluation of the materials, the jury took into account many criteria, giving priority to the articles that proved a complex and human approach of the issue, observed the rights and dignity of the covered persons.

The following contest winners were designated:

Lilia Zaharia, MSU student, Newspaper FLUX, 1st prize, USD 40

Irina Tribusean, MSU student, Radio Antena C, 2nd prize, USD 30

Tatiana Potângă, newspaper “Căuşeni”, 3rd prize, USD 20

Also, 2 special prizes, of USD 15 each, were awarded to Ghenadie Mocanu, journalist for the Analysis and Strategic Monitoring Center, and to Doina Postică, high school student, reporter for the Media Center.

Training “Journalism for human development”

In the period 29-31 October 2004, a training course for students took place at Vadul-lui-Vodă in view of producing human materials.

22 people participated in the training - students of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences as well as two of the contest winners – Lilia Zaharia and Ghenadie Mocanu.

The participants were trained by Vanda Condurache, editor-in-chief of the Programs Department, TVR Iași Studio, and by the local experts - Igor Guzun and Natalia Cojocaru. Also, Mihai Guzun, Head of Chair within the Faculty of Journalism, and Georgeta Stepanov, MSU lecturer, spoke during the seminar.



The following subjects were approached during three days – covering people: fascination and responsibility; public benefit of the coverage of people’s problems and successes; human story; the right angle: small details make the big stories. Also, the participants had the possibility to talk about issues related with child and woman trafficking; the people’s right to know versus the victims’ right to confidentiality; principles of writing about children at difficulty, about young people and the HIV/AIDS danger etc.

In their evaluation questionnaires, the participants estimated the course as a very interesting and useful one, mentioning that its duration was too short. Emphasis was put on the fact that the participants had the possibility to work in groups, to do practical exercises, which allowed them to complete the theoretical knowledge they had acquired during the university courses. The course’s interactivity was highly appreciated.

Project “Creation of a Journalism School in the Republic of Moldova”

Partners: *Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of Moldova State University and Missouri School of Journalism, USA*

Financing: *U.S.State Department*

The purpose of this project is to improve the training of Moldovan journalists by setting up and strengthening a graduate-type program in journalism. With a duration of three years (2003-2006), the Project has the following objectives:

- ⇒ Identify the needs for training in the field of journalism in the Republic of Moldova and develop a strategic plan to satisfy these needs.
- ⇒ Develop a basic curriculum for a graduate-type journalism program and improve the already existing one at Moldova State University.
- ⇒ Train the trainers for teaching a training program in journalism, initiated by IJC. Train the university lecturers from the Faculty of Journalism.
- ⇒ Develop a business plan to ensure the program’s sustainability.

In 2004, two training courses for the lecturers of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences from the Moldova State University and IJC trainers were held under the project.

The first training session, a productive one, was held by Charles Davis on 1 September 2004 for trainers, practicing journalists, at the Journalism Center. The subject of that one-day session included the following: planning a class that motivates assimilation, first day in the classroom, adjusting methods to the training objectives, assessing the students’ knowledge and students’ estimations in view of improving the teaching/assimilation.



The second training session, for the university lecturers, took place on 2 September 2004. The agenda included presentation of the method of teaching journalism at Missouri School of Journalism, teaching practices, group discussions, stimulation of students’ participation and reaction, the assimilation process, evaluations and reactions at the students’ request.

Charles Davis is the Head of the Department of Journalism of Missouri School of Journalism, where he teaches mass media legislation, American journalism and news writing courses.

The second visit of an American specialist took place in November 2004. Byron Scott, an international journalism expert, visited Moldova between 7-13 November and held a course for trainers and lecturers in training techniques. The first training session took place between 9 and 11 November at the Journalism Center. 15 university lecturers and professors attended the seminar Interactive Techniques and Practical Exercises. The subject included interactive techniques, planning for the interactive training, review of the interactive training potential.

The following training session, for IJC trainers, took place on 12 November. The session took place under the generic Advanced Master-level Training Techniques and included the following subjects on the agenda: method of training at Missouri University School of Journalism and special issues of training master level students, 15 interactive training techniques, frequent problems and solutions.

During the visits of American experts, there are also organized various meetings with Moldovan journalists and university lecturers, including with students of Moldova State University.

In the period August-December 2004, four IJC trainers and university lecturers from Moldova went to the USA to attend courses of interest and exchange experience with their American colleagues.

For more information about this long-term project, visit the website <http://www.moldovajournalism.missouri.edu/>

MEDIA LAW UNIT

Partners and funders:

Article 19, Global Company for the Freedom of Speech and the Ruben and Elisabeth Rausing Trust

The main topical areas of this project were the following:

- monitoring
- legislation review
- legal consulting and representation in court
- training and pleading campaign.

Monitoring

Study of legal obstacles before journalists

A legal assistant was hired to visit mass media representatives (newspapers, radio and TV companies) and register their legal problems, starting with 1994. A study was developed to identify all legal problems with which the respective organizations and journalists working for them were confronted (starting with 1994-1995) and with which they are being confronted at present. There were visited 33 newspapers, 8 radio stations, 7 TV stations and 7 press agencies. According to the final report, libel and slander are the most widespread problems among mass media representatives. The result of this activity showed that newspapers are the most affected.

Collection of legal precedents related with limitation of freedom of speech and of information

IJC started to collect all the materials on cases related with freedom of speech and of information, existing in the archives of Moldovan courts of law, cases tried after 1998, following CEDO entering into effect on 27 September 1997. This activity was carried out by three legal assistants, who helped with the collection of statistical data on the case files existing in court archives, related with freedom of speech and of information.

Electronic bulletin

IJC launched a new electronic bulletin for journalists, containing a summary of laws and amendments to the existing laws, aimed at keeping journalists and press organizations up-to-date. The electronic bulletin is distributed by e-mail to editors-in-chief, leaders of mass media organizations and other interested journalists, in two languages: Romanian and Russian.

Legislation review

Report on the evolution of mass media legislation

The report's structure reflects the evolution of the legal aspects of mass media in the period 1994-2002. In addition, the report includes commentaries on each amendment made to mass media legislation starting with 1994 and the legal problems met by journalists in the respective period.

2003 Report: "Freedom of speech and access to information in the Republic of Moldova in 2003". This legislative report

presents the amendments to mass media legislation and the most significant incidents related with freedom of speech and of information in the Republic of Moldova, which happened during the year.

Study of the relation between bribe-taking and the journalistic activity. The Moldovan mass media covered three such cases.

Legal consulting and representation in court

Legal consulting in mass media legislation issues

The free consulting provided on any issue related with mass media legislation and informing journalists about their rights and obligations contributed to the identification and solving of the legal problems of journalists and press organizations. Consulting is provided by telephone, in person or by email. The most frequent problems are related with the access to information and protection of the honor, dignity, and legal status of publications.

Representation in courts of law

Six private mass media organizations benefited in 2004 from representation in court, in six trials related with libel.

Gheorghe Constandachi vs. private newspaper "TIMPUL info-magazin"

Ghenadie Șarafulin vs. newspaper "Acik Ghioz"

Iurie Cuprianov vs. Publishing House "Tatiana"

Gheorghe Cibotaru – Chairman of Nisporeni District Council vs. private newspaper "Gazeta de Vest"

Valeriu Efremov vs. newspaper "Capitala"

Victor Stepaniuc vs. private newspaper "Jurnal de Chisinau"

Training and awareness campaign

Awareness campaign: promotion of the idea of decriminalizing libel and slander

In September 2003, IJC launched a national campaign for the abrogation of article 170 ("libel and slander") from the new Criminal Code, which provides for deprivation of freedom for up to 5 years for libel and slander.

At the end of October 2003, on behalf of the Moldovan Mass Media Working Group, within the Mass Media Operative Group of the Stability Pact, IJC submitted to the Parliament for consideration a draft law on the removal of libel and slander from the Criminal Code. We cannot say whether this was an output of the IJC campaign, but the Moldovan Parliament voted on 22 April 2004 for the removal of Article 170 from the Criminal Code.

Seminar "Implementation of the Law on access to information in the Republic of Moldova: achievements and obstacles"

Funding: Council of Europe

On 16 and 17 June 2004, the Independent Journalism Center, in partnership with Acces-Info Center and Press Freedom Committee organized a seminar with the generics "Implementation of the Law on Access to Information in the Republic of Moldova: achievements and obstacles". The action was funded by the Council of Europe, under the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe. In total, 56 representatives of mass media, state institutions, lawyers, NGOs participated for two days in the seminar.

At the beginning of the seminar, the participants were welcomed by the Head of the Parliamentary Commission for Culture, Education, Youth and Mass Media, Vladimir Dragomir, special representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Vladimir Filipov, IJC Director, Angela Sirbu, Councilor of EC Mass Media Department. Eugen Cibotaru.

EC experts, Helean Jaderblom, Director at the Ministry of Justice of Sweden, and Ghergana Juleva, Executive Director of "Access to Information" Program from Bulgaria, spoke about the European standards on access to official information, about how the law on access to information is implemented in Bulgaria, Sweden, about the role of civil society in the process of implementation of the law on access to information etc. In their turn, the local experts – Vasile Spinei,

Leonid Antohi, Alexandru Canțir, Corneliu Rusnac, Victor Panțiru – spoke about the implementation of the law on access to information in the Republic of Moldova: legal framework and practice; limits of access to information: information with limited accessibility; the role of the civil society in the process of implementation of the law on access to information; campaigns for the monitoring of access to information: methodology and practice; suing at law as a method of obtaining information: procedure and practice.

Representatives of state institutions – parliament, government, referred to the state policies in the field of promotion and implementation of the law on access to information in the Republic of Moldova.

The final conclusion of the seminar participants was that the law on access to information, adopted in May 2000, is one of the best laws adopted since the proclamation of independence of the Republic of Moldova, however, it remains inoperative because the public institutions do not observe it, invoking various reasons. Many officers are not acquainted with this law and even more pretend not to know it and promote the same soviet mentality – of secrecy - in relations with the public, experts say.

At the end of the seminar, the participants worked in work groups and developed proposals for a plan of actions with regards to the implementation of the law on access to information in the Republic of Moldova. The set of proposals was submitted for consideration to the Parliamentary Commission for Culture, Education, Youth and Mass Media, to the State Chancery, the Government, and the special representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. Also, they were distributed to over one hundred mass media representatives, including newspaper managers and directors, editors, reporters as well as to some nongovernmental organizations.

Publications/Surveys/Resources

Media Courier Bulletin

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova*

In 2004, the informative bulletin for journalists, *Media Courier*, continued to come out on a bi-weekly basis. It covered news of most stringent interest about Moldovan mass media, latest events from the foreign press, the most important activities of IJC as well as announcements for the journalists looking for professional training.

In a print run of 200 copies, the Media Courier Bulletin was distributed to the mass media organizations from Chişinău and from the entire country. At the same time, the publication was also accessible in electronic format.

Mass media in the Republic of Moldova, analytical bulletin

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova, Press Now Foundation*

The first 2004 issue of the analytical bulletin “Mass media in the Republic of Moldova” discussed the current issues in the activity of mass media, among which the inability of Moldovan print media to become a “fourth power” in the state, the subject of public television in the service of state authorities, the values of culture and the kitsch in radio programs, cultural journalism in the periodic press, corruption in state and party mass media. The magazine also proposed to the readers an analysis of the “bribe taking” offence in the journalistic activity and the study “Journalist’s profile: socio-demographical, professional characteristics and work conditions”. Print run – 200 copies in Romanian, 100 copies in English.

The December 2004 issue of the bulletin “Mass media in the Republic of Moldova” continued the subject of political information on public radio and TV stations, also referring to the legal inadvertences and, in fact, of the transformation of “Teleradio Moldova” Company into a public broadcasting institution. The publication also set to tackle the problems related with the quality of the journalistic approach in the print media and on radio, and the economic coverage in newspapers. The annual survey “Current problems of the Moldovan mass media” revealed new data about the media framework and the labor framework of journalists, while the study “Notoriousness and audience of Moldovan mass media” updated the statistics on media consumption in the country.

Survey “Current problems of Moldovan mass media”

Funding: *Soros Foundation Moldova*

The survey “Current problems of the Moldovan mass media” was conducted by the Information, Training and Social Analysis Center from Moldova, “CAPTES”, on a sample of 110 journalists, structured into three compartments (Deontology and mass media legislation, Quality of media products and Labor framework of journalists). The research revealed, in certain numerical ratios to the entire journalist population, a series of problems related with the deontological standards, the functioning or impairment of mass media legislation, evaluation of the journalistic effort in relation with the political class and the governance, the standards of the media product and the conditions in which journalists carry out their activity.

The survey’s results were published in the December 2004 issue of the analytical bulletin “Mass media in the Republic of Moldova”.

”Familiarity with and audience of mass media”

Funding: *Press Now Foundation*

In view of the correct evaluation of the development of mass media and of the informational market in the Republic of Moldova, of the identification of the preferences and needs of the public in relation with the offers of printed and electronic press, of the level of access to the Moldovan mass media, IJC launched, in 2002, the project “Audience of Moldovan mass media”.

The study “Familiarity with and audience of Moldovan mass media”, conducted in 2004 under this project by the Marketing and Survey Institute IMAS Inc. Chişinău, covered the following aspects: access to the types of mass media in the Republic of Moldova (radio and TV stations, national, regional and local newspapers), frequency of their utilization, level of trust in mass media, days and hours of maximum audience. Both the audience of mass media with national coverage, and of regional and local ones, was measured.

The survey results were published in the analytical bulletin “Mass Media in the Republic of Moldova” in December 2004, and were also made available to the public at large through the IJC website.

Informational Portal “MOLDOVA AZI”

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova, Press Now Foundation, Canadian Embassy in Bucharest*

The informational portal “Moldova azi” proposed to the users daily political, economic and social news of present interest in the Republic of Moldova, in Romanian, English and Russian, provided to the Journalism Center by the local press agencies – Infotag, Flux, Basa-press, Info-prim, Moldpres, Infomarket. The weekly commentaries, signed by Moldovan journalists and analysts, referred to the most important events and phenomena from the immediate reality, being structured by compartments: political, economic and social. The investigations, studies and analyses published on a monthly-basis approached in detail subjects on the problems of children houses, labor force migration, Moldovan security etc. The portal communicated with its readers through interactive surveys and forms, offering them the possibility to ask questions and receive answers from personalities from the political, economic and cultural world.

Resource Center

Funding: *Soros Foundation-Moldova*

In 2004, the Resource Center coordinator permanently updated the IJC website, distributed the Media Courier Bulletin by electronic and regular mail to the Center’s subscribers. He provided consultations to IJC library visitors regarding the available resources (books, manuals, magazines) and Internet use. Also, the book fund of the Journalism Center’s library was supplemented.

SEENPM PROJECTS

Training „Impact assessment of media training – a pilot study”

Funding: *FRESTA SEE Program of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

On 27 April – 1 May 2004, the Independent Journalism Center-Moldova (IJC) hosted the first workshop in the framework of the 12-month research project “Impact Assessment of Media Training – A Pilot Study.” Participants included researchers from Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova and Serbia. The participant from Bosnia was unable to attend due to health reasons. Workshop leaders were Dr Poul Erik Nielsen of Aarhus University, Denmark, and Corina Cepoi, of the IJC.

The overall goals of the project are: to assess the impact of training activities on the society, on the media situation, on the journalism standards, and on the journalists and their managers/editors; to develop a manageable research design for impact assessment of training activities that can be developed into a tool kit for training institutions in the region and elsewhere; to provide member organizations and others with a tool for incorporation of systematic impact assessment into future training activities that subsequently will improve the impact of training programs.

The workshop agenda included discussions about the training environment, stakeholders, ways of identifying impact indicators, as well as relevant research methods, analyses, and designs. Other issues discussed included the importance of establishing the difference between investigative journalism and scientific research, and ways of overcoming personal biases.

The pilot study will be based on the analysis of the impact of two on-going and one completed training program in each of the five countries, one of which will be common for the majority of countries involved. These will include both short-term and long-term programs. The five project participants are expected to provide a description of the training environment in their countries, and jointly produce a tool kit on how to measure the impact of training programs.

he project is a follow-up of a program, which was administered by the IJC in 2003.

Training “Impact assessment on media training – a pilot study”

On 1-4 October 2004, the Independent Journalism Center-Chisinau (IJC) organized the second workshop in the framework of the project »Impact assessment on media training – a pilot study.« Researchers from SEENPM member-centers in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, and Serbia gathered at Laguna hotel in Molovata Noua to discuss preliminary results of the evaluation of training environment in their respective countries and design further strategies for impact assessment. Workshop leaders were Dr Poul Erik Nielsen of Aarhus University, Denmark, and Corina Cepoi, of the IJC.

In the period following the first workshop (April 2004) researchers carried out a pre- and post-course evaluation of three training activities in their countries (two on-going and one finalized). During the final workshop, they shared relevant experiences, and analysed methodology for further research activities. Participants had hands-on sessions on strategies for analysing interviews and questionnaires.

The final project stage will include interviews of different stakeholders in the respective countries, and the elaboration of country reports. These will form the basis of a final project report, which will also include a toolkit for those embarking on the assessment of the impact of media training. The final report will be distributed widely among the SEENPM members, and all other interested parties.

The project is part of the SEENPM activity plan, and is a follow-up of a program, which was administered by the IJC in 2003.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

SEENPM

The Independent Journalism Center is the only organization from Moldova that is member of the South-East European Network for Professionalization of Media (SEENPM) that unites 18 centers and media institutions from 11 countries. The network, which was founded in February 2000, offers trainings for journalists and media trainers and carries out journalistic exchange programs. SEENPM is financially supported by the Danish Government (through FRESTA Program), Swiss Government, and the Open Society Institute. Since 2002, IJC has been a member of the Coordinating Committee of SEENPM.

IFEX

In July 2001, IJC became a member of the International Freedom of Exchange (IFEX), an international network that unites 60 organizations aimed at monitoring the situation in the field of the freedom of expression. The most well-known product of the network is Action Alert Electronic Bulletin based on the discovered violations of the right to the freedom of expression in the areas represented by member organizations. The bulletin is distributed to a great number of interested institutions and members of the organization from all over the world. IJC is a member of IFEX Council for the period 2002-2004.

Media Work Group for Moldova

The Independent Journalism Center is a member of the Secretariat of the Media Work Group (MWG) for the Republic of Moldova. MWG, which works under the aegis of the Media Task Force of the Stability Pact, was created in April 2002 and unites 15 experts in the field, members of different press organizations, media NGOs, a representative of the Parliament and a representative of the Ministry of External Affairs. The mission of the group is to promote implementation and observance of Charter for Media Freedom, to establish relations between government and media experts and to consult Media Task Force on its assistance projects.

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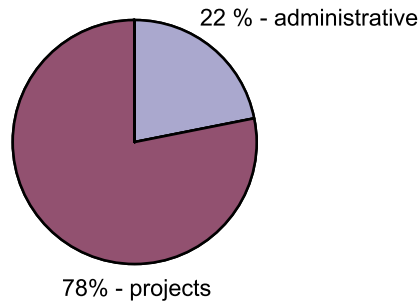
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Year 2004

Projects	Balance from 2002	Received	Spent	Admin-ist. expenses	Consoli-dated	Donors
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
University course: Mass-media Legislation		2952	2574	146	378	Soros Foundation-Moldova/ OSI
A free press - a free society	172	-172		0		Soros Foundation-Moldova
Activity of IJC in 2003	1254	1660	2914	0		Soros Foundation-Moldova
Activity of IJC in 2004		41383	41487	18506	-104	Soros Foundation-Moldova
Trafficking in human beings: from sensational materials to investigative reporting		1000	1000	0		Soros Foundation-Moldova
Tolerance and diversity in press	2481		2481	595		Soros Foundation-Moldova
Supporting the program of creating public radio stations in RM by offering consultancy	86	3799	3549	74	336	Soros Foundation-Moldova
Audit bureau of circulation: monitoring evolution		26862	22711	2775	4151	Soros Foundation-Moldova
Developing Moldova News Informational Portal	-64	6640	5411	0	1165	Soros Foundation-Moldova
Developing Moldova News Informational Portal	4210	2020	6230	587		Embassy of Canada
Legislation service in mass-media area	4422	4606	6218	1292	2810	Article XIX
Radio and TV training for the MLSPF	500		500	0		DFID
Promotion of woman's positive image in press	5291	-415	4876	1667		Embassy of Germany
Impact Indicators Project	787	37915	38702	13213		SEENPM
SEENPM activity plan. Conference. Mass-media property.		7735	7735	4870		SEENPM
Media work group for Moldova		1686	1686	0		The Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation
Monitoring of changes in radio and tv public posts.		1620	1620	0		The Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation
Press revue / Alliance for agricultural market support	468	998	1466	0		AGROinform
Increasing professionalism by informational resources	3013	11217	14230			Press Now
Developing Information Resources for Moldovan Media		24086	30100	1680	-6014	Press Now
Consolidating the school press from RM/ founding CTJM	3807		3807	519		UNICEF
Project "University course: Journalism for human development"	2343	7151	9494	1830		UNICEF
Training on agrarian journalism	1201		1201	0		PAFP
Gender equality promotion in RM by legislation		938	938	200		UNDP Moldova
Monitoring of changes in mass-media related legislation		1935			1935	IFEX
Networking for Diversity: A programme for Journalists from Gagauzia, Transnistria and other Moldavian Regions		52643	48718	6646	3925	British Embassy

Monitoring of changes in radio and TV public posts		514	514	413		British Embassy
Journalism School		7993	7993	7000		University of Missouri
Seminar on Campaigning for the Human Rights		27496	27496	3442		OSI
Seminar on Access to Information		4381	4381	612		Council of Europe
Competition for journalists		960	960	70		UNESCO
Monitoring of changes in radio and TV public posts		6464	8080	0	-1616	Embassy of Netherland
Media elections monitoring project		7000		832	7000	Eurasia Foundation
Media elections monitoring project		9999		0	9999	USA Embassy
New Perspectives for Women/Anti-Trafficking Initiative in Moldova		2058	1751	1751	307	Winrock
Philanthropic donation for participating at "WebTop 2003" contest	880				880	Awards
TOTAL	30851	305124	310823	68720	25152	



Projects	242103 \$
Administrative	68720 \$
■ Services, phone, taxes, etc.	28308 \$
■ Salaries	40412 \$
Total	310823 \$

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Financial Report
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance as of December 31 2004 and 2003

	2004		2003	
	(MDL)	(USD)	(MDL)	(USD)
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	796002	63885	424663	32123
Prepayments	58961	4732	57995	4287
	854963	68617	482658	36510
Non-current assets				
Fixed assets at Net Book Value	882340	70814	772315	58420
	882340	70814	772315	58420
Total assets	1737303	139431	1254973	94930

FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Liabilities	3709	298	6009	455
	3709	298	6009	455
Fund balance	1733594	139133	1248964	94475
Total Fund balance	1737303	139431	1254973	94930