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The first meeting of the network of the think-tank organizations was held at the OHRID Institute for Economics Strategies and International Affairs premises on 13.12.2006.

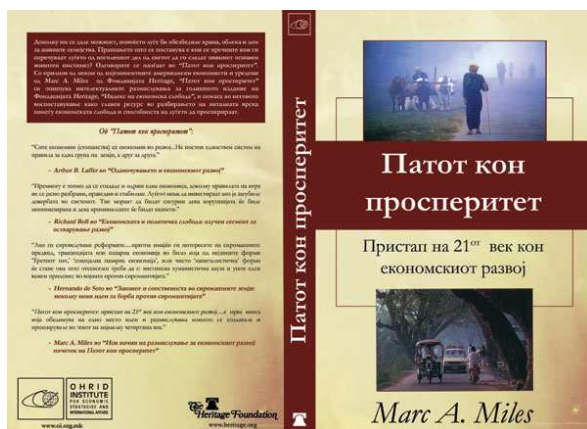
The purpose for the meeting was, common work on the following topics:

1. Defining the list of think-tank's members of the network and the conditions for accepting new members.
2. Other



“Road to Prosperity “by Marc A. Miles – translated and published in Macedonian language (soon)

Publishing of the Macedonian edition of the book “Road to Prosperity“ by Marc A. Miles, is in the agenda for the time to come.



The OHRID Institute published the Macedonian language edition of the book “Europe’s next frontiers”, by the EU Commissioner for enlargement Mr. Olli Rehn, PhD



The OHRID Institute published the Macedonian language edition of the book “Europe’s next frontiers” written by the European Commissioner for enlargement Mr. Olli Rehn, PhD. The promotion was held on 8th of February in the Holiday Inn hotel.

This event was attended by great number of government representatives including the Prime Minister Mr. Nikola Gruevski, as well as representatives from the diplomatic core, and a great number of proven academics and intellectuals. A large number of media were covering and reporting this event.

In addition to this, the Albanian translation and promotion of the book follows soon.



The OHRID Institute organized a lecture on the topic “Advocacy and Lobbying in Politics”, held by Mr. Kenneth Bricker, Country Director of IRI in Republic of Serbia

Kenneth E. Bricker is the International Republican Institute’s Resident Program Officer in Serbia, where he manages programs in political party development, Government communications, local governance and civil society development. There were a large number of members from NGOs and politicians present at the lecture. Mr. Kenneth Bricker spoke about the advocacy and lobbying in politics in USA and international terms. The topic roused many questions and discussions by the present public.

The OHRID Institute announced Call for papers for the first edition of the magazine “GLOBAL “

“GLOBAL“ is a topical quarterly for political and economic issues, published by the Ohrid Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs. The editorial board of “GLOBAL” announced an open call for papers for the first edition of the journal, on the general topics:

- Political development
- Economic perspectives

The intention of the editors of the magazine is to provide a forum for discussion, debate and the refinement of key ideas in this field.

“GLOBAL” is dedicated to publishing the highest quality research papers in any field of economics and politics, without any prejudice concerning the methodology or the analytical techniques used. The editors encourage submissions in all fields of economics and politics in order to provide practical contributions to the chosen area of research, and to the future the influence of economics and politics in the world of practical affairs.

The OHRID Institute organized a presentation on the findings of the poll conducted in March 2007

The OHRID Institute’s survey reveals a number of interesting developments among residents of Macedonia regarding their priorities in political culture and economic development. The most important findings are:

- Currently Macedonian citizens have a generally optimistic view of their current and future situation. 30% of the respondents in our sample say that Macedonia is “moving in the right direction” compared to 26% who believe it is moving in the “wrong” direction. Nearly one-fifth (18%) believe that their economic lives have improved over the past 4 years and one-seventh (14%) have an optimistic outlook of the country’s economic future.

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**The OHRID Institute organized a public lecture on the topic:
“Bulgaria, Macedonia and the EU enlargement “, held by Mr. Ivan Krastev,
President of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia**

Ivan Krastev is a political scientist and Chair of Board of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Bulgaria. Since 2004 Mr. Krastev has been the Executive Director of the International Commission on the Balkans chaired by the former Italian Premier Minister Giuliano Amato. He is the Director of the Open Century Project of the Central European University in Budapest. In 2006 Ivan Krastev was awarded membership in the Forum of Young Global Leaders, a partner organization of the World Economic Forum.

His latest publications in English are: “De-Balkanizing the Balkans: The State of the Debate” in “The International Spectator”, fall 2000; “The Balkans: Democracy without Choices”, in “Journal of Democracy”, July 2002; “Corruption, Anti-Corruption Sentiments, and the Rule of Law”, in “Reshaping Globalization, Multilateral Dialogues and New Policy Initiatives”, fall 2003; “Shifting Obsessions: Three Essays on the Politics of Anticorruption, CEU Press, 2004. On 11th of April Mr. Krastev made a lecture in organization of the Ohrid Institute on the topic: “Bulgaria, Macedonia and the enlargement of E.U.”

There was a great interest for the lecture not only by the politicians, think tank leaders, journalists and academics, but by the Members of Parliament as well. The event was covered by the media and Mr. Krastev gave a lengthy interview for the weekly “Forum”.

**The OHRID Institute organized a promotion of the two newly
published books by Mr. Veton Latifi, PhD**

The OHRID Institute organized a promotion of the two published books of Mr. Veton Latifi, PhD. The promotion was held on 19th of April 2007 at the Library of the South East European University in Tetovo.



With the first book for the first time an answer is revealed for the question, what in fact happened in Ohrid in the summer of 2001 during the negotiating for the conflict resolution in Macedonia? For the first time in systematic way is becoming public what happened during the Ohrid negotiations.

The name of the first book is: Conducting Negotiations 1: The negotiations for signing the



OHRID Framework agreement. The second book has an empirical approach. There are incorporated comparative and contemporary experiences and models of the peaceful processes and conflict resolutions in general; and being focused from time to time into concrete theoretical interpretation of the performances of the Ohrid

negotiations.

The name of the second book is: Conducting Negotiations 2: The negotiations as a primary technique for the conflict resolution. At the end, this promotion was denoted as a great intellectual event which was attended by more than 120 distinguished professors, intellectuals and the media.

The OHRID Institute organized a public lecture on the topic: “European Union and the Law of the European Union”, held by Professor Siegbert Alber, former Member and Vice – President of the European Parliament



OHRID Institute organized a lecture on the topic: "The European Union and the Law of the European Union", held by Professor Siegbert Alber, Former Member and Vice-President of the European Parliament and Advocate General at the European Court of Justice. The lecture was held on Monday, 21 of May, at the

Millennium hall of the Holiday Inn Hotel. He spoke about the successful Macedonian reforms on the way towards the EU, about his view on the overall development of the Macedonian society and most important he referred to this country by its original name, Macedonia. The lecture was attended by great number of leader’s representatives from other similar institutes, intellectuals and people interested in this topic.





**Atlas Economic Research Foundation
7th Annual Liberty Forum**

**The Heritage Foundation's
30th Annual Resource Bank Meeting**

The Atlas Economic Research Foundation hosted its global network of free market think tank leaders, policy expert, and allies for its **7th Atlas Liberty Forum** on **April 24-26, 2007** at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. The liberty Forum had over 270 participants from 52 countries and 26 U.S. states, representing over 120 public organizations. The Ohrid Institute also attended at the forum. The Executive Director Ms. Biljana Janeva, MA and the Executive Board Member Andrej Lepavcov, PhD took part in this event representing the Ohrid Institute for Economic Research and International Affairs. They participated in the Heritage Foundation's Resource Bank meeting as well. It was a meeting of more than 150 think tanks from all over the world. There they attended numerous workshops, discussions and presentations on various subjects. It was a great opportunity to present the Ohrid Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs, to meet with many think tank institutes and leaders from all over the world. Ohrid Institute had the opportunity to build relationships and exchange ideas with many of the similarly oriented institutes throughout the world. Ms. Janeva participated in a private discussion roundtable with the keynote speaker, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Newt Gingrich.

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