

## Open World in the Los Angeles Area

### Delegations: 2006-2008\*

| City        | Local Host   | Theme                     |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| Long Beach  | Long Beach Sochi Sister City Assn.                     | Accountable Governance    |
| Long Beach  | Long Beach Sochi Sister City Assn.                     | Library Leaders           |
| Long Beach  | Long Beach Sochi Sister City Assn.                     | Women as Leaders          |
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| Los Angeles | International Visitors Council of Los Angeles          | Rule of Law (Kazakhstan)  |
| Los Angeles | League of Women Voters                                 | Health/Social Services    |
| Los Angeles | Russian American Business and Arts Council             | Rule of Law               |
| Los Angeles | UCLA   | Library Leaders           |
| Los Angeles | U.S. Dist. Court/ International Visitors Council of LA | Rule of Law (Ukraine)     |
| Los Angeles | Wilshire Rotary Club of LA                             | NGO Development (Ukraine) |

\*Delegations with no country listed under Theme were Russian.



Private investigator Kris Buckner (second from left) displays confiscated counterfeit goods to a Kazakhstani judicial delegation studying intellectual property rights in Los Angeles in April 2008. Photo courtesy the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles.

### Fast Facts

- Los Angeles and Long Beach have hosted over 206 Russian, Kazakhstani, Ukrainian, and Uzbekistani Open World participants.
- Other Open World host cities in the Los Angeles area include **Claremont, Huntington Beach, Ontario, Santa Ana, and Torrance.**

### 2006-2008 Visit Highlights

Four Kazakhstani jurists studying intellectual property (IP) rights issues in **Los Angeles** in April 2008 had Q and A on IP law with the acting director of the University of Southern California Gould School of Law Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic and clinic students; met with the head of Investigative Consultants, specializing in IPR enforcement, and accompanied him and a representative from the Los Angeles Police Department on a search-warrant investigation of suspected counterfeiting infringements. Another highlight was discussing technology licensing at the law firm of Loeb & Loeb.

Four Russian women journalists visiting **Long Beach** in July 2007 on a women as leaders exchange had an "impressive interview" with an aide to **Rep. Linda Sanchez**, and held talks with City Councilmember **Suja Lowenthal**; the senior editor of the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*; the president of Long Beach City College; and **Diane Jacobus**, Protocol Officer, Port of Long Beach.

Ukrainian environmental leaders hosted in **Los Angeles** in October 2006 gave especially high

marks to a visit to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, where they had a three-hour discussion with department officials on water-quality protection and regulation, recycling, and public relations issues.

**Long Beach** welcomed its sixth delegation of Russian library leaders in October 2006. Topics for the visit included services for special needs patrons and library funding. Among the libraries visited were **Cerritos** Library, Long Beach Public Library, and the Los Angeles City Library.

### Upcoming 2008 Delegations

**Long Beach** hosts a Russian women as leaders team in September. **Los Angeles** hosts Russian accountable governance delegates in October.

### Quote

"The delegates were really impressed by the work of non-profit organizations in the USA and their active involvement in [the] social and political life of their local community. They said that they would like to have the same situation in Russia."

—Facilitator for 2007 Russian social services visit

*About Open World:* Open World is an exchange and partnership program designed to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation between Eurasian and American leaders. It builds the groundwork for such cooperation by bringing emerging Eurasian leaders to the United States to work with their American counterparts during 10-day professional visits. Open World then facilitates ongoing partnerships among its Eurasian and American participants through virtual networking and post-visit activities. Since 1999, over 13,500 current and future Eurasian leaders have been hosted by some 6,000 families in 1,700 U.S. communities thanks to Open World. The program is managed by the Open World Leadership Center, a U.S. legislative branch agency.

