

## **AUTUMN 2006 NEWSLETTER**

### **I. IVF BUDGET RAISE**

The raise of the budget of the International Visegrad Fund was officially approved by the V4 Prime Ministers on the Summit in Visegrad on 10 October 2006. From 2007 the overall budget of the Fund increases from €3.2 mil. to €5 mil.

As part of the raise of the Fund's budget, the budgets of all grant schemes and scholarship programmes are increased. Furthermore, a new program—Visegrad Artist Residency Programme—is introduced and is to be launched in 2007 (details further).

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### **II. GRANT SCHEMES – OVERVIEW**

#### **II.1 Small Grants:**

2007 Budget: €512,000

Deadlines: March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1

Supported amounts: up to €4,000 (covering max. 50% of the total budget)

#### **II.2 Standard Grants:**

2007 Budget: €2,200,000

Deadlines: March 15 and September 15

Supported amounts: from €4,001 (covering max. 50% of the total budget)

#### **II.3 Visegrad Strategic Programme:**

2007 Budget: €300,000

Deadline: February 15, May 15

Supported amounts: usually €40,000 – €200,000 (max. 50% of the total budget)

For more information and for the 2007 Strategic Program Priorities, please see <http://www.visegradfund.org/grants.html>.

#### **II.4 Artist Residency Programme:**

Exchange programme for V4 artists to work in the other V4 countries (i.e. 3-month residencies in art institutions)

2007 Budget: €108,000

2007 Deadline: January 15

More on Grant Schemes: <http://www.visegradfund.org/grants.html>

More on Residency program: <http://www.visegradfund.org/residence.html>

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### **III. SCHOLARSHIPS:**

2007 Total Budget: €1,306,000

Deadline: January 31, 2007

Both graduate and postgraduate (Master's and Doctoral)

#### **III.1 IVF Outgoing Scholarships**

The following hosting countries are eligible for the IVF Out-Going Scholarship Programme: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Moldova, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine

### **III.2 Intra-Visegrad Scholarships**

Scholarships for students studying in one of the other three V4 countries.

### **III.3 IVF In-coming Scholarships**

The following countries are eligible for the IVF In-Coming Scholarship Programme: Belarus, Croatia, Moldova, Russia and Serbia.

### **III.4 Ukrainian Scholarships**

For students from Ukraine studying in the V4 countries.

More on scholarships: <http://artist.visegradfund.org/scholarships.html>

## **IV. NEW V4 WEBSITE**

On 10 October 2007, the V4 Prime Ministers officially opened the new website of the Visegrad Group. Available at [www.visegradgroup.eu](http://www.visegradgroup.eu), the website features the basic information about the cooperation and the V4 member states in all V4 languages and in English, and offers over 700 links to various institutions in the Visegrad countries. Also, the website contains many articles and essays concerning the history, present and the future of V4 and a unique on-line dictionary which translates among Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak and English.

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## **V. "MEETING WITH THE VISEGRÁD"**

On 14 November, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the International Visegrad Fund organize the first of a series of meetings with the media and representatives of NGOs which will take place from 2.00 pm in the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Entrance upon reservation. The meeting will describe the concept of the Visegrad cooperation and will present the activities of the International Visegrad Fund.

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## **VI. APPROVED PROJECTS**

In the September deadline, the Fund approved 84 projects within the Standard Grant scheme in the total value of €799,825. For a list of approved projects, please see

[http://www.visegradfund.org/approved/standard2006\\_09.pdf](http://www.visegradfund.org/approved/standard2006_09.pdf)

The next deadline for Standard Grants is March 15, 2007.

Also, 25 projects within the Small Grant scheme were awarded in the total value of €97,689. For a list of approved projects, please see

[http://www.visegradfund.org/approved/sgs2006\\_09.pdf](http://www.visegradfund.org/approved/sgs2006_09.pdf).

The next deadline for Small Grants is December 1, 2006.

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