LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year's activities and future prospects

The academic year 1983-84 has been an active and rewarding one for the Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) and its members. Owing to somewhat increased financial support, the Center has been able to accomplish more than in preceding years. Its program, however, remains a modest one compared to other area studies programs on the campus. But because of growing awareness of the importance of Russia and East Europe, the expansion of the Center’s program may be anticipated.

The CREES inaugurated two new projects in 1983-84: the Summer Institute for Russian and East European Studies and the joint Berkeley-Stanford Program on Soviet International Behavior. Ongoing programs showed vitality and expansion. Through widely recognized published works and active involvement in professional organizations, the members of the CREES have retained high national and international visibility. Student interest in courses on Russia and Eastern Europe has grown on campus, and a number of graduate students have been placed in leading academic institutions around the country and abroad.

The CREES has continued to administer co-terminal B.A./M.A. and M.A. programs, and to provide modest financial aid for graduate and undergraduate students and faculty research. In addition to coordinating a full teaching schedule and hosting the annual University of California-Stanford conference, the CREES sponsored and co-sponsored almost twice as many guest lectures and seminars as in previous years. The Seminar in Russian History series organized by Terence Emmons and Nancy Kollmann provided an opportunity for close interaction and discussion between visiting scholars, Stanford faculty, and graduate students, several of whom had just returned from dissertation research in the Soviet Union.

The program in Russian history and culture was enriched by a special course on medieval Russian art and architecture offered by Jack Kollmann in Spring Quarter, 1984. Arrangements have been made for Jack to teach a course on the art and architecture of Imperial and Soviet Russia during the 1984-85 academic year.

CREES members remain professionally active. Alexander Dallin served as Vice President of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) in 1983-84, and will be the organization’s President in 1984-85. Dallin also co-chaired the U.S. delegation to the Soviet-American Historical Colloquium, organized under the auspices of the American Historical Association and the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. Jan Triska read papers on Soviet Asian policy in Tokyo, Seoul, and Taipei. In November, 1983, he briefed Ambassador-designate Bill Lours on current Czech politics at the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Two professors in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures won special recognition for their scholarly work. Monika Frenkel received a Semler Prize from Yale University’s Slavic Department for her manuscript “V Malen’koj Ramke: Fragmentary Structures in Pushkin’s Poetry and Prose.” Edward J. Brown’s Russian Literature since the Revolution (3rd edition, Harvard University Press) received honorable mention in the first annual award of the Wayne S. Vucinich Prize for the most distinguished monograph in Soviet and East European Studies.

Wojciech Zalewski, the Curator of the Russian and East European Collections of the Stanford main library, Green Library, was promoted to Senior Librarian in September, 1983, thus reaching the top level in the library system. Under the guidance of Wojciech at Green Library and Joseph Dwyer, Deputy Curator at Hoover Library, Stanford’s collection of Russian and East European materials has become one of the finest in the country.

CREES members participated in various interdepartmental programs, such as Medieval Studies, Religious Studies, Humanities, Comparative Literature, International Relations, International Security and Arms Control, and International Policy Studies. Faculty members also served on university and departmental committees. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, William Todd chaired the Dean’s Advisory Committee on Literature, the School of Humanities and Sciences Policy Committee, and the Core List Committee of the Western Culture Program. Jan Triska was Acting Chair (Autumn, 1983) and Co-Chair (Winter and Spring, 1984) of the International Relations Program. Terence Emmons was Associate Chairman of the Department of History.

An active interchange of ideas with our colleagues at Berkeley has been maintained through the new Berkeley-Stanford Program on Soviet International Behavior. The bus service between the two campuses has facilitated the use of libraries and archives on either campus by students and faculty of both universities. Courses taken at one university are recognized at the other.

The location of the national headquarters of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies on the Stanford campus has proved to be a great asset to the work of the CREES. The Center enjoys a close working relationship with the AAASS and benefits from the active involvement of the organization’s Executive Director, Dorothy Atkinson. In the summer of 1984, Dorothy directed the CREES’ Summer Institute.

In this age of high technology, the humanities have been neglected, largely because of inadequate funding. The growing recognition of a national need for more advanced training and research on Soviet relations abroad has resulted in the Rockefeller grant for Stanford and UC-Berkeley to set up a joint program for the study of Soviet international behavior. The availability of the Rockefeller funds has resulted in the increase of graduate
students wishing to specialize on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. A major five-year grant received from the Mellon Foundation this past year has substantially strengthened the Russian and East European Studies program at Stanford, especially in the humanities.

While a great deal has been accomplished at Stanford in the field of Russian and East European Studies, much more remains to be done. With additional financial assistance, the CREES could provide greater support for students on both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as the faculty in their research projects. More guest lectures, conferences, seminars could be held. Faculty and graduate students could be aided toward the publication of their scholarly work. It would be possible to offer postdoctoral fellowships that would provide professional experience to young scholars and at the same time fill the gaps in the teaching program by offering subjects not now taught on the campus.

Additional East European languages and literatures should be taught at Stanford on a regular basis. At present only Russian language and literature are part of the regular curriculum. If Stanford is to compete with other leading centers, it would be expected to offer course work in art, anthropology, and sociology of Eastern Europe and Russia. One of the most urgent needs for the program in Russian and East European Studies is the appointment of a specialist in Soviet and East European economics. This, of course, would require a substantial financial investment.

These suggested additions would make Stanford's program in Russian and East European studies the best in the country.

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Libraries and Archives
Stanford University library holdings rank fifth nationally according to the Association of Research Libraries. Stanford's Green Library and the Hoover Library offer a combined East European-Russian collection of over half a million volumes (books, periodicals, and microforms). The Hoover Archive holds significant collections of documents on Russia and East Europe, especially from the period since 1914. Stanford students and faculty also enjoy full library privileges for the UC-Berkeley library.


Information about collections and bibliographic service are available from Wojciech Zalewski, Curator for Russian and East European Collections at Green Library; Joseph Dwyer, Deputy Curator for Russian and East European Collections at Hoover Institution; and Charles Palm, Acting Archivist, Hoover Institution Archives.

Stanford Summer Institute for Russian and East European Studies
The Stanford Summer Institute offers intensive courses on related aspects of a specific area in the field of Russian and East European studies. The Institute is sponsored by the CREES. This year's theme was "The Soviet Union Today: Policies and Performance." Coordinated courses on history, economics, and arms control were taught by visiting professors Kendall Bailes (University of California) and Robert Campbell (Indiana University), and by Stanford's John Lewis and Conoleezza Rice. Dorothy Atkinson directed the Summer Institute.

Berkeley-Stanford Program on Soviet International Behavior
The Berkeley-Stanford Program on Soviet International Behavior was established in 1983, with the assistance of a major grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. Building on the strengths of the two universities, this new joint program aims at stimulating innovative advanced research and promoting collaborative graduate training in the field of Soviet relations abroad. The Stanford representatives on the joint committee in charge of the Program are Professors Alexander George and Alexander Dallin. The program is administered by the CREES and Wayne S. Vucinich is on the Advisory Committee.

Annual Berkeley-Stanford Conference
"Current Trends in Eastern Europe," Friday, May 4, 1984, Stanford University. Co-sponsored by the Center for Slavic and East European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and CREES. Four papers were read: "The Current Trends in Intra-Bloc Relations" (Andrzej Korbonski, UCLA); "The Current Conditions of Eastern Europe in East-West Relations" (Conoleezza Rice, Stanford); "Eastern Europe in the Modern World: Revolution and Development on the European Periphery" (Andrew C. Janos, UC-Berkeley); and "The Current Condition of East European Economics" (Laura Tyson, UC-Berkeley). Chip Blacker (Stanford), Andrzej Brzeski (UC-Davis), Andre Liebich (Universite du Quebec a Montreal), Richard Spielman (UC-Berkeley), and Jan Triska (Stanford) participated as discussants. Terence Emmons (Stanford), Jack Kollmann (Stanford), and Reginald Zelnik (UC-Berkeley) chaired the sessions. Wayne S. Vucinich (Stanford) coordinated the conference.

Western Slavic Association Conference
The CREES and the Hoover Institution hosted the Western Slavic Association's Twenty-first Biennial Conference on March 29, 30, and 31, 1984. Over one hundred and eighty participants attended thirty-five sessions. Several CREES members participated in the program of the conference. Joseph Dwyer was chairman of the arrangement committee.

Mellon Grant
In October, 1983, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation announced the award of $400,000 to Stanford University in support of its program in Russian and East European Studies. The CREES administers this grant, which is to be used over a five year period. Funds from this grant are designated for support of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, visiting faculty, and faculty research.

Rados Fund
The Rados Fund for East European Studies at Stanford was started with a gift from the Steve P. Rados Company to commemorate the firm's founder, who emigrated from Yugoslavia and started his business in the 1920s. The company is now owned by sons Alexander, Walter, and Stephen. The Fund will sustain research, guest lectures, professional conferences, and seminars.

Lanz Endowment for Russian and East European Collections
The Professor Henry Lanz Memorial Book Fund was established by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Lanz as the first endowed fund for Russian collections at the Cecil H. Green Library. Professor Lanz initiated instruction in Russian language and literature at Stanford. He was on the University faculty from 1917 until his death in 1946.

Vucinich Fund for Russian and East European Studies
The endowment sustains the Center for Russian and East European Studies and, in fact, produces the major part of the CREES budget. Supporters of the Vucinich Fund hope to enlarge it to the point where it will yield an annual income of $50,000.

The income from the Fund is being used to sponsor lectures by visiting scholars, seminars, conferences, graduate student support, faculty research grants, travel stipends, and publications.
Mazour Fund
In commemoration of the late Professor Anatole Mazour, Mrs. Josephine Mazour and family have established an endowed fund for the use of students of Russian history. The award may be made to undergraduate or graduate students for scholarship. Professor Mazour taught Russian history at Stanford and was one of the country’s leading authorities on that subject.

McDonnell Chair in East European History
The late Robert McDonnell, Stanford AB, 1927, and his wife Florence, of Kansas City, in 1977 endowed a Chair in East European History to ensure the instruction of the history of Eastern Europe at Stanford. Wayne S. Vucinich is the first member of the faculty to hold the chair.

Essay Prize
In order to stimulate interest in Russian and East European Studies, the CREES offers an annual prize for best undergraduate essay. In 1983-84 two essays tied for the prize. They were “The Use of Portraits in Anna Karenina and The Idiot” by Laurie Edelstein and “The GDR: ‘All the Right Moves’” by Tamara A. Kloeckl.

Student Honors and Awards
A number of students have been awarded scholarships and fellowships to pursue Russian and East European Studies. Ph.D. dissertation completion awards from the Mellon Fund were made to Paul Ashin (History), Lois Becker (History), Patricia Bialecki (Slavic Languages and Literatures), Wendy Bracewell (History), In-Young Lee (Slavic Languages and Literatures), Harriette Murav-Lavigne (Comparative Literature), John Neuberger (History), Irina Reyfman (Slavic Languages and Literatures), Nancy Ruttenburg (Comparative Literature), Tom Sanders (History), Lisa Schneider (Comparative Literature), Laura Weeks (Slavic Languages and Literatures), and Charters Wynn (History).

Marjorie Castle (Political Science) and Lee Kendall (Political Science) received summer aid from the Rockefeller Fund, and David Horne (Political Science), John Hannah (Political Science), and Andrew Shepherd (Political Science) will receive stipends in 1984-85.

The first two Mazour grants were awarded to Paul Ashin (History) and Tom Sanders (History) for Spring Quarter, 1984.

Mark Von Hagen (History) received a Mabelle M. Lewis Grant and Valerie Kivelson (History) will be a Humanities Center Fellow for the year 1984-85.

Guy Houk (Slavic Languages and Literatures) received an IREX.

CREES awarded small summer grants to Marjorie Castle (Political Science), April E. Gifford (Slavic Languages and Literatures), Valerie Kivelson (History), and Nancy Ruttenburg (Comparative Literature).

Degrees and Placements
Four Stanford students in the Russian and East European field received Ph.D. degrees in 1983-84. They were In-Young Lee (Slavic Languages and Literatures), Joan Nabseth Stevenson (Slavic Languages and Literatures), Roy Judson Rosengrant (Slavic Languages and Literatures), and Lawrence Wolff (History). Several more graduate students are completing their Ph.D. dissertations. Gregory Smith (History) received his M.A. in June this year.

A number of Stanford students in Russian and East European Studies have been appointed to teaching positions for the coming year. Wendy Bracewell (History) has been appointed Lecturer in the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at the University of London. Irina Paperno (Slavic Languages and Literatures) has accepted an assistant professorship at UCLA. Mark Von Hagen (History) was appointed Assistant Professor in Russian and Soviet History at Columbia University. Lawrence Wolff (History) has a three-year appointment as a lecturer at Harvard University. Irina Reyfman has been named a lecturera in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Joan Neuberger (History) as a lecturer in the Western Civilization Program, both at Stanford. Roy Judson Rosengrant (Slavic Languages and Literatures) has been teaching at the University of Southern California since autumn, 1983.

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