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CE PoliMaT to Tackle Global Challenges

On April 24, the Embassy of Slovenia in Washington, D.C. in cooperation with the Embassy of Kenya hosted a high-level event featuring a presentation and discussion of cutting-edge biopolymer projects in medicine, agriculture and waste management. The event focused on transformational power of biopolymers for sustainable development in Kenya and COMESA region.

CE PoliMaT, along with Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA), Harvard Kennedy School and VDI/VDE-IT introduced the Global Biopolymer Network and its partners' joint efforts to



Discussion took place on the premises of the Embassy of Slovenia.

tackle global issues and enhance competitiveness. The event featured CE PoliMaT CEO, Mateja Dermastia; Prof. Dr. Calestous Juma, Harvard Kennedy School; Dr. Frank L. Douglas, CEO of Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA); and Dr. Gerd Meier zu Köcker, Head of the Department for International Technology transfer at VDI/VDE-IT, Germany.

Opening remarks were given by the Ambassador of

Slovenia to the United States, Roman Kirn, who emphasized in his address that the activities of CE PoliMaT on the U.S. market are significant and present an important role model for other companies in the field of innovations and technology transfer.

The representatives of CE PoliMaT also participated in various business and scientific encounters at the Harvard Kennedy School in



Boston, MA. Last year, the Center of Excellence PoliMaT opened an innovation office in Akron Global Business Accelerator in Akron, Ohio, and signed a cooperation agreement with the partner, Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron, Ohio – an eminent institute in the field of innovation of medical devices and therapies.

» Emerging technologies bring countries together, and leveraging the knowledge for new generation of sustainable products creates also an opportunity for innovation creation and establishment of new, global

networks», stated the Harvard Professor Calestous Juma, giving a motivation for the Slovenian scientific field.

Last June, the Executive Director of CE PoliMaT, Mateja Dermastia, and the scientific part of the PoliMaT team visited Washington, D.C. to meet with representatives of the National Science Foundation. They also had a successful visit to George Mason University, the largest public university in the state of Virginia, where the Executive Director Mateja Dermastia signed a letter of intent of cooperation with GMU Prorector Roger R. Stough.

The CE PoliMaT is an independent research institute based on public-private partnership, established in 2010. It is the leading Slovenian research institution founded by the public research and development sector and successful small, medium and large enterprises in the field of polymer materials and technologies. It focuses on interdisciplinary research in several priority development areas: advanced (new) synthetic metallic and non-metallic materials and nanotechnologies, sustainable technologies, and health and life sciences. More information: <http://en.polimat.si/>

VISIT

Slovenian Finance Minister in U.S.

Slovenian Finance Minister, Dr. Uroš Čufer, and the Governor of the Slovenian central bank - Banka Slovenije, Marko Kranjec, paid a visit last week to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual spring meeting of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund.

On Friday, April 19, Minister Čufer held a press conference at the National Press Club where he noted that Slovenian households were among the least indebted in Europe, while government debt is also below the E.U. average. He said the government will discuss the details of the planned reforms on May 9. Furthermore, he explained that the government would focus on boosting growth, privatization, fiscal consolidation and structural reforms, as he pointed to the recently adopted pension and labor market reforms.

Given that Slovenia is a small and export-oriented economy, costs will have to be



Minister Čufer held a press conference at the National Press Club.

cut both in the private and public sector, the minister said, but added that this will not be enough and that about a third of the measures also involve new revenue. He said the government wished to distribute the burden among the population more fairly.

International Monetary Fund Managing Director, Christine Lagarde, said on Saturday that she

supports the policies announced by the Slovenian government and denied investors' concern that the country would be the next euro-area nation to receive a bailout. During his visit in the U.S., Minister Čufer held meetings with potential and actual investors which already participated in last year's dollar-denominated bond issue by Slovenia.

40 Anniversary of the Society for Slovene Studies

Members and guests of the Society for Slovene Studies met at Columbia University in New York City on Saturday, April 20 to mark the 40th anniversary of the society's April 1973 founding in New York. The SSS has over 300 members worldwide, including many in the Republic of Slovenia, and is the most successful organization of its kind in North America. SSS President Raymond Miller (Bowdoin College) chaired the anniversary meeting.

Ambassador Roman Kirn greeted those in attendance and commended the society for fostering international cooperation among scholars. He emphasized the importance of culture in society and, in particular, Slovene society, which has relied on its cultural heritage when it has faced challenges to its existence throughout history. Ambassador Kirn noted the importance of the European Union as an international environment conducive to preserving cultural independence, and offered that the SSS also plays a role in this regard. On this occasion, the Ambassador presented to the Society a certificate of recognition for outstanding achievements awarded by the Minister for Slovenians abroad, Ms. Tina Komel.

Dr. Miller spoke about his first meeting with one of the SSS founders, Rado Lencek (Columbia Univ.), and explained how the SSS has always welcomed new members with an interest in Slovenes. Carole Rogel (Ohio State Univ., SSS president 1984–90), who took part in the first SSS meeting in 1973, delivered a history of the society and explained the important roles that past presidents Henry Cooper (Indiana Univ.), Rado Lencek (Columbia Univ.), Tom M.S. Priestly (Univ. of Alberta), Metod Milač (Syracuse Univ.), Timothy Pogačar (Bowling Green



From right: Raymond Miller, Carole Rogel, Nina Lencek, Joseph Velikonja, Timothy Pogačar.

State Univ.) and other officers have played. Gregor Kranjc (Brock Univ.) described the importance of the twelve Young Scholars panels the SSS has sponsored at scholarly conferences. He also delivered Robert Minnich's (Univ. of Bergen) reflections of a non-Slovene who has engaged in three decades of research on Slovene communities that was stimulated by his acquaintance with founding member Toussaint Hočevar (Univ. of New Orleans.)

Timothy Pogačar recounted significant landmarks in the history and development of the journal *Papers in Slovene Studies* 1975. Oto Luthar (Slovenska akademija znanosti in umetnosti), a participant from Ljubljana, commented on the prospects of even stronger cooperation between scholars in Slovenia and North America in the future. He also spoke on behalf of the many Slovene scholars who over several decades have participated in SSS events, among them Peter Vodopivec and Zarko Lazarevič (Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino), who have also been executive council members of the society.

Nina Lencek, longtime Slavic bibliographer at Columbia Univ. and widow of Rado Lencek, the society's first president, expressed her joy at reliving so many of the organization's memories at the meeting. Founding member Joseph Velikonja (Univ. of Washington) recollected the initial impetus for the SSS's formation, which came from the friendship in the late 1950s between himself, Rado Lencek, Toussaint Hočevar, and Bogdan Novak, who was then at the University of Chicago completing his doctoral work. He explained how the SSS strove to involve Slovene scholars from the earliest years, and how it maintained its independence as a scholarly, non-political academic group.

The meeting was followed by a celebratory dinner at the Columbia University Faculty House. Among those in attendance not mentioned above were Dr. and Mrs. Mazek (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy), Breda Luthar (Univ. of Ljubljana), Paul Vidich (New School), Sarah Kent (Univ. of Wisconsin), and Veronica Aplenc (Univ. of Pennsylvania).

Launch of Slovenia Vodka in New York

On Friday, April 19, Slovenia Vodka, vodka made from Slovenian buckwheat and specifically targeted at the U.S. market, was launched at Oceana restaurant in New York City. The drink, which aims at promoting Slovenia, was created by the chef and owner of several prestigious restaurants, Peter X. Kelly, to be "the culinary vodka," the perfect vodka for pairing with exquisite dishes and for the creation of outstanding cocktails. The product marketed in the U.S. by company Good Vodka will be initially sold in restaurants, bars and shops in the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. By the end of the year, they will also start selling it in Slovenia and in six or seven other U.S. states. The idea is to have it all over the U.S. in the coming years.

This smooth vodka, with the tinge of buckwheat, is made



Slovenian businessman Emil Gaspari of [Tri-Wines, Inc.](#) with newest product Slovenia vodka.

by beverage maker Fructal from Ajdovščina, Slovenia, and contains crystal clear water from the foot of the Slovenian Alps. Its unique bottles, square to resemble a frozen block of vodka, inspired by the finest Slovenian crystal, are made by Steklarna Hrastnik.

The idea to present this Slovenian product to the U.S. market was initiated in 2009, when chef Kelly visited Slovenia. After putting together a team of founders, they travelled back and forth to Slovenia in an effort to perfect the recipe. They accomplished the mission in the spring of 2012 when Slovenia Vodka was born. Their work was rewarded in March 2013 when Slovenia Vodka received a Gold Medal at the 2013 San Francisco World Spirits Competition against a field of more than 1,400 spirits, as well as a "strong

recommendation" from the 2013 Ultimate Beverage Challenge.

At the event in the Oceana restaurant, two cocktails with this special vodka were offered. Cocktails were named by two main partners of Peter X. Kelly, the celebrities Mikhail Baryshnikov and Bill Murray, who also attended the event. Kelly explained that the first cocktail is more sweet, made of peach and black raspberry, while the other one is more spicy, made with lemon and ginger. Ambassadors and co-investors in the project Slovenia Vodka, Mikhail Baryshnikov and Bill Murray, also perform in the promotional video for the product. Among the attendees of the reception in Oceana were also the ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the U.S., Roman Kirn, and its Consul General in Cleveland, Jure Žmauc.

American Chefs Russo and Parson in Slovenia

At the end of March, Lenny Russo, a chief-owner of Heartland Restaurant and Farm Direct Market in St. Paul, Minnesota, came to Slovenia to learn about Slovenian traditional food as well as to present American food to Slovenians.

Russo is a well known chef, nominated four times for the prestigious American prize of the James Beard Foundation; he is a member of the Organic Advisory Task Force in Minnesota, and an advocate of the principle of locally produced food. He has been named to the elite American Chef Corps, which links chefs to embassies and foreign audiences where they present American culinary traditions and foods. Under the State Department initiative for Diplomatic Culinary Partnership, Russo came to Slovenia on his first mission as a food ambassador.

Russo travelled around the western part of Slovenia for two weeks, trying Slovenian food specialties and meeting the best Slovenian chefs. Among them he met with Igor Jagodič, recognized as one of the top three chefs in Slovenia, and the chef of the Strelec Restaurant in the Ljubljana castle, with whom he discussed the preparation of the dinner which they later cooked together for selected guests from the U.S. Embassy, among them Joseph Mussomeli, the U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia; local chefs; and business people. While staying in Ljubljana, Russo discovered Slovenian beer and the traditional Slovenian desert



In the Karst region, the bora wind helps to dry the Kraški pršut.

called potica, and visited the fresh-food market in the heart of the city. He also visited a Bosnian restaurant where he tried the famous "čevapčiči".

For Easter, Russo went to the Evergreen restaurant in Smlednik where he had a long meal with traditional food including ham, horseradish, potica and Easter eggs, followed by goulash and duck confit served atop roasted vegetables accompanied by some delicious Slovenian wine. After discovering Ljubljana, the food ambassador went to Kras and Brda, the Slovenian wine growing region where he visited Movia Winery and met with the owner, Aleš Kristančič.

This winery has a long tradition of producing wines for more than three centuries. Russo is already familiar with their wines since he serves them at his restaurant in St. Paul. The food ambassador also visited the Gorenjska region. He tasted

the traditional kranjska klobasa in Kranj; discovered the popular Slovenian meal of "krvavica" (blood sausage) with cabbage in Mojstrana and visited Bled, discovering the lake of Bled with the Slovenian rower and Olympic gold medalist, Iztok Čop.

A chef at the Harvest Moon Grille restaurant in North Carolina, a strong advocate of traditional food produced according to the principle of sustainable development and last year's winner of the "Citizen Entrepreneur" award from Global Green USA, Cassie Parson, followed Russo to discover the eastern region of Slovenia. The adventures of both chefs while discovering traditional Slovene ingredients, dishes and their preparations have been be filmed and will be showed in an eight-episode television series called "Seasoned by Americans" on Slovenian TV channel POP-TV.

Kranj



The picturesque old town of Kranj. (Courtesy of SURS)

Kranj, the fourth biggest city in Slovenia, is an industrial, employment, traffic, educational, cultural and sports center of the Gorenjska (Upper Carniola) region in the northwest part of Slovenia. The



Statue of dr. France Prešeren in Kranj by Frančišek Smrdu.

picturesque old town of Kranj, historically also named Carnium, Creina, Chreina, or Krainburg, is a historical core situated on a conglomerate prominence between the rivers Sava and Kokra. Due to its geographical position – on the junction of important routes, leading from Northern Europe to the Adriatic Sea and from Western Europe toward Eastern Europe Kranj is also a strong commercial center.

The city area was inhabited as early as in the Celtic period, in the first millennium B.C. The town achieved one of its high points in the 7th century, the era of migration of peoples in Europe and the arrival of Slovene settlers. During that time, an important strategic fort and, consequently, the first settlement were founded. The biggest old Slovene burial ground bears witness to this fact.

In the beginning of the 10th century, Kranj became the seat of the March of Carniola, which later became the Duchy of Carniola with its seat in Ljubljana. The development of trade in the 13th century gained for Kranj city rights and, with them, a number of privileges and benefits for further development of trade, transportation of agricultural products, and ironworks.

In the first half of the 19th century, Kranj was a market trading town; but at the end of the century, the first manufacturers were established, the industry was thriving and Kranj was becoming more and more an industrial town. The Slovenian foremost poet, France Prešeren, born in Vrba, a small village near Kranj, opened there his own law firm in 1846. His monument stands in the square in the old town next to the theater named after him.



St. Cantianus Church in Kranj. (Photo courtesy of Mihael Grmek)



View on Kamnik - Savinja Alps from Kranj. (Photo courtesy of Mihael Grmek).

The medieval layout of the old town is built in a typical form of a pyramid, emphasized with the church bell towers. Another classic feature is the north-south axis, indicated by the visual link between the Kranj parish church and the Storžič peak. A carefully planned display of high dominating features in the city area range Kranj among

the most thoroughly considered urban organisms in Slovenia and Central Europe.

At the end of the Middle Ages, the town was protected on the western – Sava -- side by the city defense wall with fortification towers, a castle and the Škrlovec armory. The ground plan consisted of a narrow space between both rivers with

two incoming roads, one at the former Main town gate at today's Maister Square, and the other one at the Lower town gate in today's Vodopivčeva street. The town center comprises the Main Square (Glavni trg) and the Prešeren's Street, which are linked by two parallel streets. Arcade passageways were built in the Tomšičeva and Tavčarjeva streets, which used to connect the backyards of the bourgeois houses with the town square. The town boasts bourgeois houses, nicely designed streets, mansions, churches, and houses with ornately decorated façades and backyards.

The landmarks of Kranj include the Church of St. Cantianus, built in the 14th century, and the Kieselstein Castle, built in the mid-16th century by baron Johann Jakob Khisl and renovated in 1952 by the architect Jože Plečnik in his late period.

One of the main tourist attractions of the town are the tunnels under the old town center. During the Second World War, they served as a shelter and were reopened after reconstruction in 2008. Visitors can observe real stalactites and notice cave animals – predominantly cave crickets (jamska kobilica - Troglophilus cavicola) and European cave spider (pajek jamska meta - Meta menardi). In the tunnels, there is also a permanent exhibition on the history of the tunnels and of minerals and fossils.

Source: Tourist Board Kranj. More info: http://www.tourism-kranj.si/ZTK10_EN,,,htm



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Consular Hours in New York City

The consular officer from the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, DC, will hold consular hours and provide consular services (authentications, certifications, passport applications, etc.) in New York City **on Friday, May 17, 2013**, at the premises of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations, located at 600 Third Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10016.

To schedule an appointment, please, fill out the form available at the embassy's website and send it to the Embassy of Slovenia at vwa@gov.si by May15, 2013, to allow

the embassy enough time to verify your data.

The embassy will suggest the time of your appointment and give you further information on the documentation you need to bring along. You may also visit the embassy website <http://washington.embassy.si/> (Consular Affairs, Visas) for documents required for most consular services. Please note that the consular fee must be paid with a Money Order made out to "Embassy of Slovenia". Cash, personal checks or credit cards will not be accepted.

Prior appointment is needed to enter the premises of the Mission.



EU Open House - Volunteers Needed

On **May 11, 2013**, diplomatic representations of Member States of the E.U. and the E.U. Delegation to the United States in Washington, DC, will celebrate Europe Day by organizing the seventh annual E.U. Open House day. The embassies of all 27 member countries and Croatia and the E.U. Delegation will open their doors **from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** showcasing their art, culture, and food, and introducing the European Union to the public. Last year, over 2000 people visited the Slovenian Embassy, and this year even more visitors are expected.

Since the event has gained extreme popularity and success, we are looking for volunteers to help us welcome the guests and to direct visitors to the embassy at the nearby bus stop.

To register and for more information, please contact



nuska.zakrajsek@gov.si. Please sign up **by April 30**, 2013. Orientation and training session

will be held at the Embassy of Slovenia on Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Dobrodošli doma – Welcome home 2013

For the third successive year, the Government's Office for Slovenians Abroad, together with the Minister for Slovenians abroad, Ms. Tina Komel, will sponsor the annual meeting of all Slovenes under the slogan "Welcome home." This year, the emphasis will be on the young – cooperation and linking of various youth organizations active in the Republic of Slovenia with communities of young Slovenians and their descendants, living in neighboring countries and elsewhere in the world. The meeting will feature various events such as workshops, informative presentations, a movie evening, a sports event and similar events, and we will all gather together on July 6 at the concluding concert on Kongresni trg.

The Office invites all Slovenian youth- and other nongovernmental organizations active in the field of youth activities, youth groups,



elementary and secondary schools active in the Republic of Slovenia, in the neighboring countries or elsewhere in the world to join them between July 3 and 6 in the center of Ljubljana, where they can, in an innovative and diverse manner, present themselves to the Slovenian public.

The Office invites you to link up with at least one Slovenian youth organization, school or youth group in Slovenia (if you come from abroad) or abroad (if you come from the Republic of Slovenia) and send them the concept of the presentation that will best present you and your activity. Particularly welcome are various street presentations,

musical or ballet numbers, street theater performances, interactive presentations, plays, animations, stand-up and similar performances.

For the ideas that will be selected, the Office will cover material expenses for the preparation of the presentation, and cofinance for the participants their stay, transportation, and food in Ljubljana.

Please send your ideas by May 20, 2013 inclusive, by e-mail to pr.urad.slovinci@gov.si or by regular mail to the Office at Komenskega 11, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

More information about the event is available at: www.uszs.gov.si

17th Youthcamp for Slovenian Children Abroad

17th Youthcamp for Slovenian Children Abroad will take place in ČŠOD Fara near the river Kolpa from June 27 to August 3, 2013. The main purpose of the Youthcamp is to bring Slovenia closer to minds and hearts of youngsters who live abroad. Divided into small groups of six teenagers and one group leader-animator, children of Slovenian ancestry living abroad will discover

the beauty of landscapes and various cultural monuments, culture and national identity of Slovenia, and also learn the Slovenian language in a relaxed atmosphere.

The organizers and group leaders encourage the use of the Slovenian language among the participants; however, teenagers with no previous knowledge of Slovenian are also most welcome to the camp.

Making new friendships with peers who share a common bond and come from all around the globe is an adventure and a great life experience.

Activities include lessons of the Slovenian language (in groups formed according to their knowledge of the language); discovery of the natural and ethnological beauties of Fara and its vicinity along the river Kolpa; practical workshops (art,

archery, climbing, discovering life forms around the Kolpa); meeting modern craftsmen; discussions with guests about youth problems; and sports, swimming, and games.

Participation in the camp focuses on young Slovenians from abroad aged from 10 to 15. However, please, send an e-mail to the contact bellow if the child is over or below this age-span, and the organizers will

try to find a suitable solution. Attendance fee per participant is 160 EUR (about \$210) and includes full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), entrance fees, transportation, workshop materials and accommodation in a youth hostel.

We expect parents, relatives or representatives of the organizations to bring children to the hostel, where the camp will be taking place.

Please send the application forms by May 20,, 2013 to the address: Slovenska konferenca SSK, Cankarjeva cesta 1/IV, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia. For more information, please contact: Slovenska konferenca at the above address phone: (011) (3861)242-8552; or send an e-mail to luka.klopac@slokongres.com or check: <http://www.slokongres.com/>

TO DO LIST

Concert of violinist Anja Bukovec

The Embassy Series in cooperation with the Embassy of Slovenia presents the superb Slovenian violinist Anja Bukovec, accompanied by George Peachey on piano. Anja's technical perfection is complemented by a recognizable style, unique interpretation and communication with the audience. She performs as a soloist, wins international competitions and fascinates audiences all over the world. Music by Milošević, Jerry Bock, Vic Mizzy, Marc Shaiman, Mihael Rožanc, Ludwig van Beethoven, Astor Piazzolla, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Fritz Kreisler.

When: [Friday, May 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.](#)

Where: [Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008](#)

Price: \$100/including buffet/wine. Order online at www.embassyseries.org or call (202) 625-2361.

Feed Me With Your Words at SEE Film Fest

The Slovenian film shown at the South East European Film Festival will be [FEED ME WITH YOUR WORDS \(NAHRANI ME Z BESEDAMI\)](#), [Slovenia, 2012, directed by Martin Turk](#). Walking a fine line between mystery, thriller and psychological drama, Turk's debut feature follows an estranged father and his older son on an anguished trip. Cast: Sebastian Cavazza, Jure Henigman, Boris Cavazza, Maša Derganc, Miranda Caharija. The film is official selection of São Paulo International Film Festival.

When: [Friday, MAY 3, 2013 at 9:30pm](#)

Where: [GOETHE-INSTITUT LOS ANGELES, 5750 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles California 90036](#)

More information: <http://www.seefilmla.org/seefest/content/feed-me-your-words>

Concert of guitarist Mak Grgić

At 25, Mak Grgić was recently hailed by the Washington Post as "a lyrical insightful player ...as playing with "beauty" and "intelligence," calling his interpretations nuanced and introspective." In Strathmore Mansion he will perform music by J.S.Bach, Romano, Barber, Granados, Mascagni, Albeniz, Rota, Morricone, Lauro.

When: [Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.](#)

Where: [The Mansion at Strathmore \(http://www.strathmore.org/eventstickets/calendar/view.asp?id=8408\)](#)

Public Tender for Foreign Direct Investments

Public tender for Foreign Direct Investments in Slovenia in 2013 can be found (in Slovene) at <http://www.mk-projekt.si/sl/razpisi-za-podjetja/javni-razpis-za-spodbujanje-tujih-neposrednih-investicij-v-republiki-sloveniji-v-letu-2013-40/>

For more information contact japti@japti.si

Avsenik Music Workshop

Music School Avsenik invites all accordion players and other Slovenian musicians from abroad to attend an Avsenik Music Workshop. The workshop will take place in Begunje na Gorenjskem, Slovenia, from August 19 through 23, 2013. The participants will learn the special Avsenik technique of playing the instrument and have a chance to perform in a final concert on August 22. **Application deadline is May 15.** Entry form and the details are available at (in Slovene): http://shop.avsenik.com/images/stories/Razpis_delavnice_izseljenci_2013-konna_varianta.doc and <http://shop.avsenik.com/en/music-school/304-avsenik-za-izseljence>

For more information you can also contact: urad.slovinci@gov.si

6th International Language Summer Camps in Slovenia

Camp programs are made for children aged 5 to 15. All workshops will be held in the English and Slovenian languages. Other languages can be involved (see individual dates below). In the Camps, workshops, best suitable for children aged 10 to 15, will be held in English or German by native speakers. Children will actively experience the living world and learn to live in unspoiled nature together with their peers and farm animals, discover the environment, get to know the Slovenian countryside traditions and the way of life on a farm, practice and improve everyday communication in a chosen foreign and Slovene language.

The list of camps and more information are available at: <http://www.kozjanski-raj.si/en-US/When>

Transatlantic Symposium on the E.U.'s Common Security and Defense Policy

H.E. João Vale de Almeida, European Union Ambassador to the United States, in partnership with the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies cordially invite you to Transatlantic Partners in Global Security: The E.U.'s Common Security and Defense Policy featuring keynote speaker Catherine Ashton, E.U. High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission. This transatlantic symposium brings together American and European crisis management policy-makers and experts -- both military and civilian -- for a day-long discussion of transatlantic cooperation on crisis management, in the context of the E.U.'s Common Security and Defense Policy.

When: **Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.**

Where: **The United States Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC**

For more information and the program, please visit www.EUintheUS.org/EURendezVous