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GEEA Programs Span the Globe

In its first year, the Global Economic Education Alliance has provided programs that span the globe, with workshops in Ukraine, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, and South Africa. Members of the GEEA Board have donated their time to co-teach workshops for teachers. Program funding has been provided through grants, university/Center funds, and international partners. See Page 2 for a full list of FY13 GEEA programs.

The most recent workshops were held in **Ukraine and Indonesia**. The Ukrainian workshop for teachers and administrators was held in cooperation with the National Technical University Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute (NTU KPI). Funding was provided by NTU KPI, and the Center for Economic Education at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Elena Reshetnyak and John Brock donated professional time.



Participants demonstrate productivity in December 2012 GEEA/SAFEFE workshop in South Africa

The Indonesian workshop was held in cooperation with the Indonesian Council for Economic and Financial Education. Funding was provided by the Indonesian Council and by the Center for Economic Education, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. John Brock again donated professional time to this teaching.

Ukrainian high school teachers participate in a simulation at National Technical University Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute.



A Word from GEEA's President

We are proud to report GEEA's first year's activities in this issue of **GEEAsphere**. GEEA was formally incorporated in February 2012, and while waiting for formal approval of 501(c)3 status, the Board has engaged with partners in six countries to provide economic and financial literacy education programs.

These programs have been made possible through GEEA Board members donating their time to co-teach workshops, lead study tours, and work on curriculum projects with international partners. Travel expenses have been covered by partners, grants, or by GEEA Board members' university budgets. With these external funds, seven teacher workshops have been offered in six countries, a study tour to South Africa was organized for 14 teachers; and curriculum development projects are in the planning stages in four partner countries.

A small portion of the donations received by GEEA have been used to support start-up expenses. New funds are being sought to combine with those funds already donated to support programs in the year ahead. For those who have donated to make this possible, we are very grateful. *John Brock, GEEA*



GEEA Partnerships Expand Capacity, Support Mission



To expand capacity, GEEA seeks affiliates, program partners, associates, and friends to accomplish GEEA's mission. Five categories of relationships have been identified:

- International Affiliates:** Organizations with common purpose and ongoing programs; by invitation of the GEEA Board
- Program Partners:** International organizations / individuals cooperating in development or delivery of programs
- Associates:** Individuals / groups contributing financially to support GEEA
- Consulting Associates:** Individuals with whom GEEA contracts to assist with programs or tasks
- Friends:** Individuals / organizations who share GEEA's mission but who do not fit into the above categories

Watch the GEEA website for postings of supporting organizations and individuals.

New Affiliation

GEEA is pleased to announce its affiliation with **Northern Illinois University**, which is providing office support for GEEA operations. Our thanks to the Division of Outreach, Engagement and Information Technologies at NIU for providing this support. Note our new mailing address on Page I; our web address and email remain unchanged: www.globaleconed.org; info@globaleconed.org.

GEEA PROGRAMS FY2013

Through in-kind donations and international partner funding, GEEA provided the following programs in FY2013

Teacher Workshops

- Torreón, Mexico** - funded by the Mexican Council for Economic and Financial Education (MCEFE), March 2012.
- Lima, Peru** - funded by the Peruvian University of Applied Sciences, May 2012.
- Minneapolis, Minnesota** - funded by the Minnesota Council, with SAFEFE as co-faculty, July 2012.
- L'viv, Ukraine** - Held in cooperation with the L'viv Center for Economic Education and the Teacher Retraining Institute, September 2012.
- Nelspruit, South Africa** - Held in cooperation with South African Foundation for Economic and Financial Education, December 2012.
- Kharkiv, Ukraine** - Held in cooperation with the National Technical University Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute (NTU KPI) for Teachers and Administrators, June 2013.
- Jakarta, Indonesia** - Held in cooperation with the Indonesia Council for Economic and Financial Education (IndoEconFinEd), June 2013.

Teacher Study Tours

Fourteen U.S. teachers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Colorado to Eastern Cape, South Africa. July/August 2013

Cooperative Proposals in Process

- With the South African Foundation for Economic and Financial Education (SAFEFE) - Middle School curriculum development
- With South African Foundation for Economic and Financial Education and the YMCA of South Africa – development and implementation of *Economics and Entrepreneurship* after-school program for middle grades.
- With the Center for Economic Education at the Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute - joint proposal to USAID and the Ukrainian Ministry of Education to design and implement a PFL curriculum and corresponding training program for Ukrainian teachers.
- With the Indonesian Council for Economic and Financial Education (IndoEconFinEd) - proposal to develop and conduct teacher training for a PFL curriculum.
- With the Peruvian University of Applied Sciences - Develop and deliver a curriculum for economics teachers.



Teacher workshops fully engage participants in hands-on activities they will use in the classroom.



FY2013 GEEA Financial Report

Income (contributions)	\$ 9,125.00
Expenses	<u>1,316.58</u>
Balance 5/31/13	\$ 7,808.42

FY13 Expenses:

Web hosting/development costs	275.85
IRS 501c3 filing fee	400.00
Promotional Items, Brochures	259.79
Postage for mailing	18.00
State of Illinois– annual incorp. filing fee	10.00
Domain names and logo design	<u>352.94</u>
TOTAL FY13 EXPENSES	\$ 1,316.58

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