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Presentation of “The Culture of Dialogue” at the Permanent Council

On July 12 2005, Dr. Wolfgang Zellner, Acting Head of CORE, presented a booklet titled “The Culture of Dialogue: The OSCE Acquis 30 Years after Helsinki” to the Organization’s Permanent Council at the Hofburg in Vienna. The reception, which followed, co-hosted by the Finnish delegation and the Slovenian Chairmanship, provided opportunities for discussion. IFSH staff members Frank Evers, Martin Kahl, and Wolfgang Zellner drafted the publication, which provides an overview of the evolving CSCE/OSCE normative *acquis* and its implementation mechanisms. The publication, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, was made possible by financial contributions from the governments of Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey.

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CORE Report Presented at the Finnish Foreign Ministry

On July 11 2005, Dr. Wolfgang Zellner, Acting Head of CORE, presented the CORE report “Managing Change in Europe. Evaluating the OSCE and Its Future Role: Competencies, Capabilities, and Missions” at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The presentation was introduced by Senior Researcher Kari Möttölä from the Finnish Foreign Ministry. Matti Jutila from the University of Tampere Peace Research Institute commented on the publication. The two leading Finnish newspapers, the Finnish-language “Helsingin Sanomat” and the Swedish-language “Hufvudstadsbladet” reported on the event. The CORE report was drafted by Wolfgang Zellner in consultation with Alyson Bailes, Victor-Yves Ghebali, Terrence Hopmann, Andrei Zagorski, and experts from the Centre for OSCE Research at the IFSH. The presentation was made possible by financial support from the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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CORE Lectures at ICCEES

From July 25 to 30, 2005, three members of OSCE’s research group on the West Balkans participated at the VII. World Congress, “Europe – Our Common Home?” of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) in Berlin. Two CORE research

papers were presented during the panel “Does the Vision Europe Work? – International Organizations and the Effectiveness of their Democratization Efforts in South-Eastern Europe”, organized and chaired by Ms Solveig Richter. Ms Friedrike Gräper gave a lecture on international media support in Bosnia and Herzegovina while the lecture of Mr Jens Narten concentrated on peace efforts of international organizations in Kosovo. The world congress, which takes place only every five years, covered all topics related to Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. It allowed cross-disciplinary discussions and offered the opportunity for participating CORE staff to broaden contacts with the international research community.

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Visit to Kyrgyzstan

From June 4 to June 17, 2005 Dr. Andrea Berg (CORE) did field research on current political events in Kyrgyzstan. She visited Bishkek as well as the southern regions of Osh and Jalal-Abad where she conducted interviews with OSCE and ODIHR representatives, local journalists, the young and villagers. Most of her research focused on pre-election events and the security situation in the country. In addition she took part in the admissions commission for the Master’s programme 2005/2006 at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek and in the examination commission for the current Master’s programme.

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“Women at University” - Summer School

From July 10 to July 21, 2005 Dr. Andrea Berg (CORE) took part in “Summer School 2005: Strategies for Success for Women Scholars”, part of the Human Resources Development Programme organized by the Co-ordination Centre for Women’s Studies and Gender Research in Graz, Austria. The Summer School offered nine workshops on communication, presentation, chairing meetings, conflict management, negotiation skills, teamwork, anti-discrimination laws for women scholars at university, change management and leadership skills. The Summer School was tailored to the specific requirements of women scholars in the university setting and was supported by the European Social Fund and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture.

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