



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

Background

The Center For International Dialogue (C.I.D.) is a not-for-profit federally tax exempt educational organization, founded in 1985, by Rama J. Vernon, under the name, Center for Soviet-American Dialogue. Its original purpose was to promote non-official dialogue and peaceful cooperation through joint projects between the people of the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Since 1990, the Center's work has branched out internationally to include dialogues and conflict resolution roundtables within former Soviet Republics, Ethiopia and the Middle East

Since 1985, CID has sponsored over 40 conferences, forums and exchanges that led to the development of 796 joint projects between the U.S. and USSR and other countries. Areas covered include environmental ecology, economics, business and trade, medicine and health, education, human rights, conflict resolution, film, media, religion, and the arts. *CID sponsored events include:*

Soviet-American Citizens Summit I, Wash., D.C. 1988, "A New Way of Thinking" (700 Americans & Soviets)
Citizen's Summit II, Moscow 1990, "Restoring the Global Environment (1000 Soviets, Americans and Europeans)
Co-sponsors, Ethiopian Research Foundation Conference, Washington, D.C. 1991
Steering Committee, Democratic Constitution for Ethiopian Provisional Government 1991
Co-founders, National Gulf Humanitarian Relief Fund 1991
Arab-American Dialogue Roundtables, U.S. 1991/92
Arab-Israeli-American Dialogue Groups, Israel and disputed territories, 1991
Costa Rican Conference "Crossing All Borders" - Costa Rica Central America 1991
Conflict Resolution between Armenia and Azerbaijan (Co-sponsored with Ukrainian Peace Committee) 1990
Conflict Resolution Training of members of Supreme Soviet (Co-sponsored with Soviet Diplomatic Academy) 1991
Symphony performance of Moscow Symphony and U.N. Symphony Conductor, "Beethoven's Ninth", Moscow, 1990
Co-Sponsors Reagan-Gorbachev Post Summit Satellite Broadcast, "After The Summit", between US and USSR, 1988
Co-Sponsors with Russian Orthodox Church, Religious Dialogues, Moscow, Zygor'sk, U.S. "1986/87/88/89/90
Co-sponsors, 1st Soviet-American Human Rights Conference "Life with Human Rights", Moscow 1989/90
Soviet-American conference for Film & Media Specialists "Images and Stereotypes", Moscow 1987
Soviet-American Joint Concert, American & Soviet Rock and Folk Stars Moscow, 1987,
Co-sponsors with Soviet-Chamber of Commerce - Business and Trade Conferences & Exchanges 1988/89
Catalyst for 1st Soviet Rock Concert Olympic Stadium, Moscow 1989 (for drug & alcohol abuse programs)
Catalyst: Glasnost Film Festival - U.S. 1989
Co-sponsors World Peace Congress - Finland, USSR, 1985
Russian-American Center for Better Health - 1990
Center for American-Russian Folk Medicine - 1990
MiraMed Hospital and Birthing Clinics for Women - 1990
Rebirthing and LRT (Loving Relationship Training Centers & Seminars throughout USSR - 1988/90
INTA (International New Thought Alliance) Study Groups "Mind/Body" Moscow, St. Petersburg and Repub. - 1990
The 1st Soviet-American Yoga & Health Conference Moscow, St. Petersburg & Commonwealth Republics - 1990
Treatment Clinics for Aids - throughout Russia and Commonwealth Republics - began in 1990
Research project on reduction of Cholesterol in Russian diet which is now leading to hospital programs - began 1988
Russian-American Yoga Teachers and Students informal Exchange Program - began in 1990
Centers for Attitudinal Healing throughout Russia and Commonwealth Republics - began 1988
Joint Soviet-American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs - began 1988

International Conferences & Specialized Trips

Co-sponsors "Yoga for Peace In Middle East & World" Conf. Israeli/Arab/U.S./International Delegates Jerusalem - 1994
Sponsored Womens Delegation for 4th U.N. Conference for Women - Beijing China 1995
Conflict Resolution Trips - Israel and West Bank Palestine - 1999
Speaker/workshop leader, Cuba-U.S..Int'l Black Yoga Teachers Assoc. Yoga and Music Festival - Havana Cuba 1999
Conflict Resolution Training/Human Rts Panel - World Parliament of Religions Conf.- Capetown, So. Africa - 1999
Trip with Ambassadors for Peace & Dr. Patch Adams to Albanian Refugee from Kosovo - Macedonia, Greece - 1999
Facilitator Peace Conference - Dubrovnick, Croatia - 2000
Educator/lecturer for Cuban Yoga Association - Havana Cuba - 2000
World Wall for Peace Wall Project with Fellowship of Reconciliation - Israel/West Bank, Palestine - 2001
China Exploration Mission for Citizen Diplomacy trips and exchanges - Beijing, Shen Yang, China

Projects Sponsored in U.S.

Russian-American Office Exchange Program - U.S. & USSR - 1989-1991
International Ministerial Conflict Resolution Trainings - Unity Churches throughout U.S. - 1991-1992
Sponsors Regional Women's Meetings in major U.S. cities on issues of Peace in the Middle East 1992-1994
Sponsors "Women of Vision: Leadership for a New World" Conference - Washington, D.C. - 1994
Established Peace & Conflict Resolution Curriculum for Nizhoni School for Global Consciousness - Santa Fe - 1993
Conflict Resolution Training for Women of Peace group - Sedona, AZ - 1994
Co-sponsors Women of Vision Chapter Leaders Conference, Sedona, AZ - 1997
Co-sponsors Women of Vision "Leadership Conference", Kuai, Hawaii - 1997
Co-sponsors Women of Vision "Leadership Conference", Fort Lauderdale, Fla - 1998
Conflict Resolution Trainings - Fort Lauderdale, Fla - 1998
Conflict Resolution Trainings - Fort Collins, Fla - 1998
Conflict Resolution Trainings - Anchorage, Alaska - 1999
Conflict Resolution Trainings - San Francisco, CA - 1999
Conflict Resolution Trainings - Women of Vision Leadership Conference - Kuai, Hawaii - 1999
Conflict Resolution Trainings - San Francisco Bay Area - 1999
Conflict Resolution Trainings - Business, social and government organizational representatives, Kuai, Hawaii - 2000
Conflict Resolution Trainings, National Ministers - Monterey, CA - 2000
Conflict Resolution Trainings - San Francisco Bay Area - 2000
Mediation for Unity Churches throughout U.S. - 1999 - 2001
Conflict Resolution Trainings - Orange County, CA - 2001