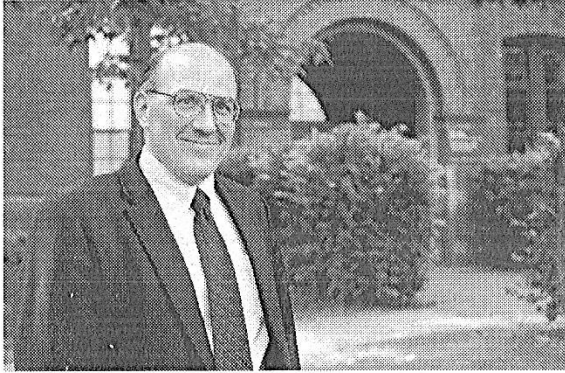


The American University of Armenia welcomes incoming president Bruce Boghosian



Oakland, California--- The American University of Armenia welcomes incoming president Bruce Boghosian and wife Laura Boghosian at August receptions to be held in New York City and Boston. The American University of Armenia is widely regarded as the centerpiece of America's commitment to higher education and development in Armenia and the Caucasus. Dr. Boghosian becomes the University's third president since its doors opened on the first day of Armenia's independence in 1991.

The New York City reception will be hosted by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, which encouraged and helped support the University from its earliest days, and held at its headquarters on August 10. The Boston reception will be held on August 12 at the headquarters of the Armenian Cultural Foundation, which joins with the University in cosponsoring the event, along with the Armenian International Women's Association, the Armenian Library and Museum of America and the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research.

Dr. Bruce Boghosian and his wife, Laura, reside in Lexington, Massachusetts. Their children, Taline and Aram, also reside in the Boston area. Bruce

Boghosian has degrees in physics and applied science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of California Davis, and is currently Professor and chair of Mathematics at Tufts University. Laura Boghosian has degrees in political science and journalism from the University of Connecticut and the University of California, Berkeley, and currently writes and works on issues pertaining to genocide recognition.

With its English-language curriculum and U.S. accreditation, AUA brings the American model of graduate education to Armenia. AUA graduates are leaders in fields as diverse as law, public health and environmental protection, serving as catalysts for attracting investment to Armenia, spurring rural development and expanding Armenia's participation in the global economy.

AUA also offers American students the opportunity to study in Armenia and earn credits that can be transferred to their home institutions. Graduate students can earn an American-accredited Masters' Degree, while experiencing Armenian culture and developing lifelong friendships with some of the most talented students from the region.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES \$40 MILLION FOR ARMENIA

Washington, DC - Yesterday, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill, reported the Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly). The Committee recommended \$40 million in assistance for Armenia, which is \$1 million below last year's level of \$41 million, and equal to the Administration's request of \$40 million.

"In light of Turkey's ongoing blockade of Armenia, and its refusal to normalize relations without preconditions, the importance of U.S. assistance to Armenia cannot be understated," said Congressional Relations Associate Blanka Kadian-Dodov.

The Senate Committee action comes after the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs adopted its version of the bill last month, which included \$44 million for Armenia and \$10 million in assistance to Nagorno Karabakh.

"The Assembly will continue to work with both the Senate and House to ensure the best possible outcome for Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh," said Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny.

The Senate Bill also called for "confidence-building measures and other activities in furtherance of the peaceful resolution of conflicts" for the "Southern Caucasus region." In addition, the Bill provided \$25.5 million "to support people to people reconciliation programs, which bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious and political backgrounds from areas of civil strife and war."

The Committee also required a report regarding Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act directing the "Secretary of State to submit a report not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, analyzing the effectiveness of the restrictions on assistance for the Government of Azerbaijan as contained in section 907 of Public Law 102-511, and the exceptions, to such restrictions on assistance provided under this heading, in furthering a resolution to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Such report shall also include specific recommendations for increasing opportunities for reconciliation between parties."

Funding for Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and International Military Education Training (IMET) were not delineated for Armenia and Azerbaijan. Given Azerbaijan's escalating military expenditures and its continued war mongering, the Assembly in its congressional testimony, "urged" appropriators "to cease military assistance to Azerbaijan." The Committee's report also expressed concerns "with repression of independent journalists in Azerbaijan" and directed the Secretary of State to "seek improvements in freedom of expression in connection with assistance for the central Government of Azerbaijan."

Further action on the Senate and House bills will continue in September when Members of Congress return from the August recess.

Established in 1972, the Armenian Assembly of America is the largest Washington-based nationwide organization promoting public understanding and awareness of Armenian issues. The Assembly is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt membership organization.

Armenian Festival to Commemorate 9/11

Laguna Hills, CA (Friday, July 30, 2010) - Orange County Armenian Festival organizers have planned a full commemorative program for 9/11 this year in conjunction with its sixth consecutive annual festival. In addition to

with table seating for over 500 guests under the tent or under the stars at night. The grounds are located in the Laguna Hills Community Center at 25555 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, about one mile south from