

Dr. Bruce Boghosian with some of the gu ests at the reception

AUA President Bruce Boghosian Welcomed by Boston Organizations

BOSTON - A capacity audience and four Boston-areabased Armenian organizations joined with the American University of Armenia in welcoming incoming president Bruce Boghosian and his wife Laura on August 12 at the Armenian Cultural Foundation in Arlington, Mass.

Dr. Boghosian becomes the University's third president since its doors opened on the first day of Armenia's inde-pendence in 1991.

In opening the evening, ACF president Robert Mirak noted that AUA follows the legacy of the American colleges established for Armenians in the nineteenth century and that AUA is bringing "the highest standards of the academy to our people in Armenia, with Dr. Bruce Boghosian, admirably suited to its leadership."

Dr. Suzanne Moranian.

president of the Armenian International Women's Association, described the value of AUA's Extension services which, beyond AUA's nearly 400 graduate students, enrolls 400 graduate states..., 1,500 in non-degree programs, including cooperation with "including cooperation with AIWA's landmark Women's Entrepreneurship Program, providing training for Armenian-women to establish and run their own businesses. It is our hope at AIWA that we are serving as an inspiration to other American-based organizations to create programs in partnership with AUA. This will benefit not only those in Armenia. but the community here in the

United States, as well." National Association of Armenian Studies and Research chair Raffi Yeghiayan and Haig der Manuelian, president of the Armenian Library and Museum of America, each speaking for their organizations, summed up the feelings of those in attendance that it was "very heart-

warming to witness the great interest in AUA shown by the local community and the hope that in future months it will be possible to build on this interest as AUA enters a new phase and faces new challenges in its growth and development."

President Boghosian described in detail how, with its English-language curriculum and U.S. accreditation, AUA brings the American model of graduate education to Armenia. Dr. Boghosian presented examples of AUA graduates as 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 today 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 Arme-nian culture and developing lifelong friendships with some of the most talented students from the region.

Passenger Traffic in Armenia Grows 3.9% in Jan-July 2010

YEREVAN -- Passenger traffic in Armenia grew 3.9% in Jan-July 2010, compared with the same period a year before, to 146 million people, the National Statistical Service of Armenia reports.

Some 130.7 million passengers were transported by motor vehicles (89.6% of the total passenger traffic), 13.9 million were carried by electric transport (9.5%), 490,800 (0.3%) by trains and 863,200 (0.6%) by

aircrafts.

Passenger turnover reached 2219.1 million passenger/km in Jan-July 2010 (5.8% year-onyear growth).

Motor vehicles passenger turnover was 1452.9 million passenger/km, of which 96.5 million is taxis' result.

Air transport's result is 683.3 million, electric trans-port's 54.2 million and railway's 28.7 million. (\$1 - AMD



An artist rendering of Armenian Heritage Park

Armenian Heritage Park in Boston

Continued from Page 1 entire community to come together in celebration of the beginning of construction of Armenian Heritage Park," said James M. Kalustian, the president of the Armenian Heritage Foundation.

Representative Peter Koutoujian, the honorary co-chair of the Armenian Heritage Foundation, will serve as master of ceremonies. Remarks will be offered by Deval L. Patrick, the governor of Massachusetts, and Thomas M. Menino, the mayor of the City of

The ceremony and services will begin promptly at 2 p.m. and

will conclude by 3 p.m

The Armenian Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization with representatives from 37 Armenian American parishes and organizations within Massachusetts, was founded in 2004 to design, secure designation, and raise funds to construct and maintain the Armenian Heritage Park on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway. A gift to the City of Boston and Commonwealth, the Armenian Heritage Park celebrates the immigrant experience and commemorates the lives lost during the 1915 Armenian Genocide and all genocides that have followed. Endowed funds support the park's annual care, the reconfiguration of the sculpture, and endowed public programs, including the K. George and Carolann,S Najarian, M.D. annual lecture on human rights in partnership with the Bostonian Society.

For more information, visit www.ArmenianHeritagePark.net.

Brahms and Shostakovich Works to Open Yerevan International Music Festival

Yerevan will be hosting the 4th International Music Festival on September 11-October 22.

The festival will be opened with compositions of Brahms and Shostakovich, performed under the guidance of conductor Eduard Topchyan.

The festival is held under

the patronage of the First Lady of Armenia Rita Sargsyan and Sir Simon Patrick Bowes-Lyon. Festival Art Directors are Eduard Topchyan and Alexander Chaushyan, Armenian Philhar-monic Orchestra press service reported

