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Institute Welcomes Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellow
Student From Russia Wins Place in Competition With 3,000 Other Applicants

Monterey, CA – The Monterey Institute of International Studies is pleased to welcome a new international student on campus as part of the U.S. Department of State’s highly competitive Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. Joining the Institute’s master’s in public administration degree program this fall is Igor Stepanov of Russia.

The Muskie Fellowship Program was established by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to encourage economic and democratic growth in Eurasia, and is overseen by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State and administered by the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX). The Muskie Fellowship Program aims to promote mutual understanding, build democracy and foster the transition to market economies in Eurasia through intensive academic study and professional training for fellows from 12 countries that were formerly part of the Soviet Union.

In addition to their academic coursework, all Muskie fellows perform community service and complete a summer internship in their field of study. The Muskie program is highly competitive, averaging over 3,000 applications per year with a five percent rate of acceptance. For more information, visit http://www.irex.org/programs/muskie/index.asp.

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