

**Announcement from
Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society**

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**CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY
ANNOUNCES THE
2013 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM**

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the CUNY Graduate Center is pleased to announce that it will soon welcome seven new Senior International Fellows to our professional development program for Third Sector decision makers from around the world. The Senior International Fellows Program (SIFP) complements the original Emerging Leaders component of the Center's International Fellows Programs.

This year's Senior Fellows will focus on the adaptation of the community foundation model to various geo-cultural environments and the challenges that arise, as well as best practices of community philanthropy support organizations world wide. Fellows will also examine partnerships as a means towards advancing the work of community foundations, and ways that donor education can encourage local sustainable development.

The Fellows, who will be at the Center from April 8 to May 3, 2013, are: Mr. Bernardino Casadei (**Milan, Italy**); Mr. Bill Holland (**Tauranga, New Zealand**); Ms. Petra Krystiánová (**Prague, Czech Republic**); Ms. Sharon Nathani (**Melbourne, Australia**); Mr. Pradeepta Kumar Nayak (**New Delhi, India**); Mr. Shaun George Samuels (**Johannesburg, South Africa**); and Ms. Myra Virgil (**Hamilton, Bermuda**). This year's group particularly stands out both because of the breadth of expertise it encompasses, and because it is the largest group of Senior Fellows the Center has hosted, including for the first time a visiting scholar from Bermuda.

In addition to writing strategy papers, Fellows will participate in seminars on US and international voluntary-sector activities; learn about the work of key agencies through readings and site visits; and meet with leading nonprofit representatives and scholars in the field.

The incoming group brings to 173 the number of International Fellows participating since the program's inception in 1989. The 2013 Senior Fellows will join an international network of researchers and practitioners from 58 countries who are working in the fields of philanthropy and civil society.

This year's Senior Fellows bring an impressive array of skills and experience to the program.

Mr. Bernardino Casadei (General, Secretary, Associazione Italiana Fondazioni ed Enti di Erogazione [ASSIFERO]) will explore collective impact and other collaborative strategies for community foundations and the not-for-profit sector.

Mr. Bill Holland (Senior Partner, Holland Beckett Lawyers; Chairman, New Zealand Association of Community Foundations [formed for purpose of establishing a national association for community foundations]) will study the role of national associations around the globe in supporting and strengthening community foundations.

Ms. Petra Krystiánová (Development Manager and Endowment Campaign Director, The Via Foundation) will investigate the development and strengthening of local philanthropy through the cultivation of major donors in the Czech Republic.

Ms. Sharon Nathani (Executive Officer, Inner North Community Foundation) will examine the relevance of community foundations to diverse populations in urban contexts.

Mr. Pradeepta Kumar Nayak (Executive Officer, Sampradaan Indian Centre for Philanthropy) will look at ways to strengthen community philanthropy and community foundations in India.

Mr. Shaun George Samuels (Executive Director, SGS Consulting; Managing Director, Technical Support and Dialogue Platform) will consider strategies for building local giving and the community development foundation sector in South Africa.

Ms. Myra Virgil (Programme Executive [Bermuda], The Atlantic Philanthropies) will research global trends in community foundations and their applicability in Bermuda

Funders of the 2013 Senior Fellows Program include: the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Associazione Italiana Fondazioni ed Enti di Erogazione [ASSIFERO], Fondazione Provinciale della Comunità Comasca, Inner North Community Foundation, The Via Foundation, and Sampradaan Indian Centre for Philanthropy. Support for the International Fellows Program at the Center is also generously provided by contributions from individual and anonymous donors.

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The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society is dedicated to strengthening philanthropy and civil society through education, research, and leadership training, and our alumni are working to strengthen cultures of philanthropy around the globe. Their efforts have supported the establishment of a variety of new organizations and new programs – from social funds and community foundations in Mexico, Uruguay, Egypt, South Africa and Turkey to network and service organizations in Poland and Russia; from philanthropic centers in India and Ukraine to a Masters Program in Nonprofit Management South Korea. They also bring their learning and passion about civil society organizations to bear on their work with government and the business sector. Since 2000, the Fellows Program has focused special attention on strengthening community philanthropy organizations with the goal of helping communities mobilize local resources to address local needs while thinking about long-term growth and strategies. We invite you to visit the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's website at [www.philanthropy.org](http://www.philanthropy.org).

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