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2007 – FAST Fifth Annual Report

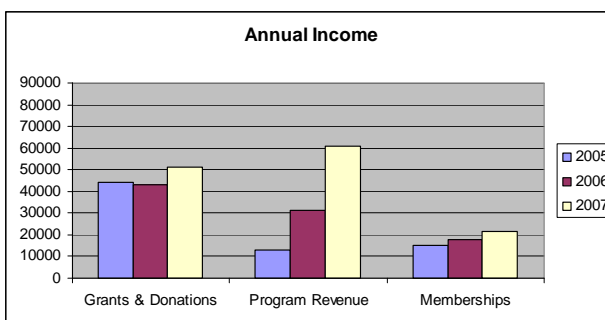
-Major Activities & Developments:

- Achieved our goal of raising \$500,000 to support FAST programs and activities. This three-year goal was adopted by the Board of Directors the early 2005, and the goal was reached six months early. The funds are a combination of grants, donations, contracts and in-kind contributions. Our 2008 budget is \$225,000, plus \$150,000 of donated services for programs.
- Nearly achieved our 50-50-50 goal – individual and institutional members in 50 states and 50 countries and at least 50 institutional members. We are missing members in several US states, and the 50 institutional members goal will be reached in the first quarter of 2008.
- Held our first major program in Latin America: “Fulbrighters and the UN Millennium Development Goals.” Speakers at the Annual Conference in March 2007 included Panama’s ambassador to the USA, a Nobel Prize winner and current and past leaders in government. More than a dozen university deans also were in attendance. In total, over 130 Fulbrighters and leaders in science from more than twenty countries participated in the conference.
- Held our first major program in Africa, a workshop on digital libraries and digital archives for North Africa. Our partners were the US National Science Foundation, the Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, UNESCO and Thomson Scientific. 75 experts from ten countries attended the meeting in Rabat, Morocco in January 2007.
- Organized Fulbright Forums and events in Cambridge, MA, Washington, DC, and San Salvador, El Salvador. Participants at the Distinguished Alumni Luncheon in Washington included a former US Ambassador, corporate and foundation executives and leaders in academia and research.
- Revised our strategic plan, with an increased focus on programs and developing ties among Fulbright scholars worldwide. Adopted a board resolution to allow FAST to provide up to \$1,000 in seed funding for joint projects with Fulbright alumni organizations and Fulbright commissions.
- Established an international advisory council to strengthen ties between the Academy and other institutions in the US and overseas. The first eleven members are listed at the left. Ten-to-fifteen more members will be added in 2008 – nominations are welcome.
- Completed our second year with a full-time executive director. Mr. Eric Howard is has been for developing and managing programs, assisting the board with strategic planning and conducting outreach to alumni, current Fulbright scholars and institutions. In December, FAST hired a second full-time staff member. Ms. Lisa Smith is our Deputy Director and will be the lead for development and membership and selected programs.

- Prepared for meetings in 2008:
 - A reception and program on environmental assessment: Quito, Ecuador, January 7
 - Our Third Annual Conference: Boston, February 14-17
 - A workshop focusing on nursing and education: Doha, Qatar, March 23-25
 - A table at the “Women in Science” luncheon at the Museum of Science in Boston, April 14
 - A booth at the NAFSA Conference: Assn. of Intl. Educators: Washington, DC, May 25-30
 - A program at the American Psychological Association Conference: Boston, August 14-17
 - A workshop at the BAAS Annual Festival of Science, Liverpool, UK, September 9
 - A global conference on Sustainable Cities: Singapore, October 21-22

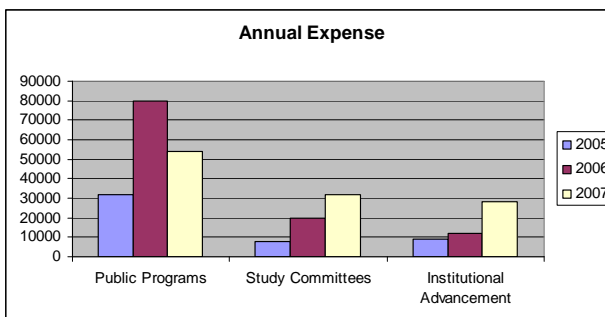
2007 Revenues - \$134,005

- Income increased by 42% over 2006.
- Program revenue increased by 64% - service contracts, research projects and registration fees for the annual conference, Fulbright Forums and other meetings.
- Memberships increased by 15% - individual and institutional members.
- FAST ended the year with \$23,700 in reserves for the Boston conference and over \$250,000 in long-term contracts, grants receivable or commitments of cash or in-kind.



2007 Program Expenses – \$113,267

- Public and member programs – our conference and meetings, impacts of the Fulbright program and the newsletter.
- Study committees – science literacy and clinical research ethics.
- Institutional advancement – membership activities and administrative costs not associated with other programs.



- Important sources of support in 2007 and grants or commitments into 2008 and beyond
- Northeastern University
 - Qatar Foundation & the Qatar Science & Technology Park
 - Richard Lounsbery Foundation
 - Panama’s National Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (SENACYT)
 - Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation
 - University of Texas System - LSAMP
 - US Department of State – Bureau of Oceans, Environment & Science
 - US National Institute of Justice (a program of the US Department of Justice)
 - US National Science Foundation (NSF)
 - Selected Fulbright Commissions and Alumni groups

PROGRAM EXPENSE - PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

Major Programs:

- o Conference on the Millennium Development Goals - Panama, March 2007
- o Workshop on Digital Libraries for North Africa - Morocco, January 2007

Newsletter & Special Bulletins:

- o Sent newsletter and bulletins at least monthly to our mailing list of 4,000 names
- o Invited local alumni to events where FAST members are giving public presentations

STUDY COMMITTEES:

Science Literacy Study Committee:

- o Developing a module to educate the public on the value of soil bacteria – “dirt and bacteria are not always bad.” Funded through a subcontract with Indiana University, Bloomington.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

Membership Development

- o Started year with members in 37 countries and 42 US states and territories. Ended year with 48 countries and 46 US states and territories.
- o 22 new institutional members (see Box 2)

Board Development:

- o Held retreats: Panama City & Washington, DC.
- o Interviewed over twenty candidates interested in serving on the international advisory council.
- o Updated our strategic plan.

Institutional Partners:

- o Institutions provided in-kind donations valued at approximately \$35,000.
- o Several institutions served as our host for meetings and events (see Box 3)
- o Institutions provided a cash sponsorship, staff assistance, advice or other in-kind assistance
- o Institutions provided funding so that staff or affiliated individuals could attend meetings
- o Institutions included FAST in funding proposals to government agencies and foundations

Internship Program:

- o Interns work on-site or in their home countries on projects that enhance our programs, our position, and our relationships.
- o The program was initiated by a donation from Booz Allen Hamilton in 2006. We did not have interns in 2007.

Note: FAST is an independent organization. FAST is not affiliated with the Fulbright Exchange Program, the Fulbright Association, national Fulbright groups, or the agencies and commissions involved in administering the Fulbright Exchanges. FAST receives funding from US government agencies, other governments, foundations, corporations, universities and individuals.

Box 2: New Institutional Members (2007)

- o American Institute for Maghrib Studies
- o Aristotle University
- o Azusa Pacific University
- o Barbados Community College
- o Council on Undergraduate Research
- o Emory University
- o Ferris State University
- o Florida State University
- o Georgia Institute of Technology
- o Hope for a Healthier Humanity
- o Lincoln University
- o Qatar Foundation
- o Qatar Science & Technology Park
- o Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation
- o Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán
- o Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (Mexico City)
- o Universidad Metropolitana (Caracas)
- o University of Karachi – International Center for Chemical Studies
- o University of Pittsburgh
- o University of South Florida, College of Public Health
- o University of Texas System, LSAMP program
- o US Civilian Research & Development Foundation

Box 3: Institutional Partners *

- o Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld ^{1,2}
- o American Institute for Maghrib Studies ³
- o Azusa Pacific University ²
- o Dupont-Mexico ³
- o El Salvador Ministry of Economics ¹
- o Hospital Punta Pacific-an affiliate of Johns Hopkins Medical International ¹
- o Indiana University, Bloomington ²
- o Memnon Archiving Services ³
- o Monsanto Corporation ²
- o Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education ^{2,4}
- o Northeastern University ¹
- o Pace University ²
- o Panama's City of Knowledge ¹
- o Panama's National Secretariat for Science, Technology & Innovation ³
- o Singapore Agency for Science, Technology and Research ^{3,4}
- o Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute ¹
- o Technical University of Panama ²
- o Thomson Scientific ³
- o UNESCO ³
- o University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ²
- o University of Maryland, College Park ²
- o University of Nebraska, Lincoln ^{2,4}
- o University of Pittsburgh ²
- o University of Texas System LSAMP ⁴
- o US Environmental Protection Agency ²
- o US Institute for Museum & Library Service ²
- o US National Science Foundation ¹
- o US Library of Congress ²
- o US State Department/OES ^{2,4}

¹ Host for an event

² Advising, staff assistance

³ Paid fees for FAST meeting attendees

⁴ Included FAST in funding proposals

* Incomplete list due to space considerations