



## Background

The *Center for the Development of Civil Society* is a non-government, non-profit organization. The **CDCS** is the successor of the *Ghevond Alishan* cultural-educational association, which was founded in 1988 and registered in 1991. Membership consists of prominent scholars, artists, teachers, and students. **Our mission is to promote ideas about democracy and civil society, women's rights, and pluralism/diversity (cultural, religious, linguistic and political), as well as to spread the Armenian language and culture.** The **CDCS** comprise the following subdivisions: The Women Scholars' Council, The Youth Council, and The Elderly Women's League

## Our Satisfied Participants

With such well-organized Armenian language and culture courses, the Diaspora acquires the unique opportunity to develop and strengthen its relations with Armenia. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who, overcoming great difficulties was able to organize perfect conditions and a concentrated education program

We are bearing in our memory the images of our teachers, the beautiful places that we visited, and, most importantly, our love for Armenia

**Yuri Bagirov, Stavropol**

I can't find words to express my tremendous gratitude for the hard work and love of the Armenian language and values that Svetlana Aslanyan exhibits. I am grateful to Svetlana for her generosity, love, and faith. Her work instills hope in people, and hope helps people live

**Valeri Hakopyan, Yerevan**

**Co-President of the Armenian Refugee from Baky**

I would like to express my great thanks to the Ghevond Alishan Cultural Association, especially to Svetlana Aslanyan, who under difficult economic conditions is working on disseminating the Armenian language and culture. I am also grateful to Romanos Sahakyan who helped me to expand my knowledge of Armenian literature and made reading in Armenian easier for me. For me, being French by origin, it is not only important to learn the Armenian language, but to meet Armenian professionals as well **Yann Le Galle, Paris, France**

## ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

**August 2004**

The CDCS has been organizing annual summer courses in the Armenian language (Western Armenian or Eastern Armenian) and culture since 1991. The courses have three different levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Participants will receive instruction in the following subjects: Armenian language, history, and culture

The period of the courses is 2-15 August

Specialists with high qualifications from universities and the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia will teach classes six hours every day (Sundays excluded). Various cultural programs include meeting prominent people, concerts, and tours to Holy Echmiadzin, Lake Sevan, Garni, Geghard, etc

Anyone over 16 can participate in the courses

The fee for tuition, board, lodging and social events is \$600

For citizens of CIS countries - \$ 350

Payment should be made in cash

*For refugees, the courses are free of charge*

***The CDCS also organizes year-round individual courses for all age groups. The fee for individual courses is \$700, including the fee for board, lodging, and social events. Payments should be made in cash***

**The CDCS accepts applications from groups as well as individuals. We are ready to organize year-round courses for groups as necessary**

Those who cannot afford the fee may apply to the board for a scholarship

## PROGRAM

**Day 1**

**Arrival and accommodation  
Welcome party**

**Daily schedule**

Six hours of class (except Sundays) in the following subjects

Armenian Language - 24 hours per week

Armenian Literature - 4 hours per week

Armenian History - 4 hours per week

Armenian Civilization - 4 hours per week

**Open lessons**

At the Institute of Linguistics of the NASA, lecturer  
Academician *Gevorg Djahukyan*.

At the Matenadaran, lecturer  
Academician Sen Arevshatyan

At the Art Gallery, lecturer  
Prof. Shahen Khachatryan

**In the evenings**

Concerts, trips to the theater, meetings with prominent people

**Sundays**

Excursions to Holy Echmiadzin, Lake Sevan, Garni, Geghard, etc

**Farewell party**

**Departure**



**APPLICATION FORM**

FIRST NAME -----  
 FAMILY NAME-----  
 ADDRESS-----  
 TELEPHONE-----  
 E-MAIL, FAX -----  
 DATE OF BIRTH-----  
 NATIONALITY-----  
 PROFESSION-----  
 INTERESTS-----  
 LANGUAGES KNOWN-----

KNOWLEDGE OF ARMENIAN

	DEGREE OF KNOWLEDGE			
	None	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Reading/ writing				
Conversations				

I WISH TO REGISTER FOR THE COURSES IN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ORGANIZED BY THE CDCS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 5-24, 2003. THE COST OF THE COURSES IS UNCHANGING. THIS APPLICATION FORM CONFIRMS MY PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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 DEVELOPMENT OF  
 CIVIL SOCIETY**

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**ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND  
 CULTURE  
 (Summer Course)**



*The CDCS is looking forward to establishing contacts and to collaborating with both local and international organizations*

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