

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I have known Svetlana Aslanyan since 1962. Even from her first steps of research activity she turned to be independent and daring scholar. Her Dissertation work was the first serious monographic research in the sphere of terminology of contemporary Armenian language. Ms. Aslanyan is an author of more than 44 research works: monographs, dictionaries, educational aids, conversational books, etc. *Russian - Armenian Dictionary of International Term-Elements* created with Prof. Hatsagortsian has its unique place in the modern Armenian lexicography.

Moreover, Dr. Aslanyan deals with the methods of teaching language, developing these methods and testing them during her classes. She is a brilliant professor of the Armenian and Russian languages.

Dr. Aslanyan's pragmatic leadership has been a driving force in establishing of an **Armenian non-governmental organizational - Center for Development of Civil Society and its division The Women Scholar's Council**. **The aim of that NGO to promote ideas about democracy and diversity, to protect women's rights, to increase the role of women in public, social and political life**. Due to her strong leadership abilities she managed to gather a group of highly qualified scholar women, who work voluntarily in this organization. The Council has implemented different programs for women mobilization. Among them the **project "Village Women in Civil Society"** strikes me as a very impressive and **important for development of Civil Society in Armenia**

I would like to emphasize that her research: *Women in Post-Communist Armenia* being the first scientific research in Armenia have obvious theoretical significance. Practical application of her ideas would create a hope to some improvement of the social situation in Armenia.

I do not hesitate to recommend Dr. Aslanyan as a suitable candidate for the USIA Fulbright Senior Scholar Program.

I am completely convinced that she will be able to pursue and successfully complete her research project. Support of USIA Fulbright Senior Scholar Program would enable her to make a significant contribution to the field of women movement of Post-Communist countries.

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