

USG Alumni and Scholars Conference

“Integrity in Action: Education, Social Accountability and Development” (Supported by Integrity Action)

November 16-17, 2013

Yerevan, Armenia

“Elegia” NGO, under the U.S. Alumni Outreach Grants Program in Armenia, has the pleasure to organize an academic conference for the for academics, scholars and business professionals.

The initiative is supported by *Integrity Action* international development organization (UK). The project implementers are USAAA members Dr. Harutyun Aleksanyan and Dr. Vardan Tserunyan.

The goals and objectives of the conference are to:

- a) put together the intellectual resources of alumni and independent professionals in support of democratic and economic reforms in Armenia and Georgia by developing integrity and accountability in social sector and business, and promoting anti-corruption and integrity education.
- b) assist in expanding the role of integrity standards in business and education throughout Armenia and Georgia, in order to influence the behaviors of current and future business leaders and to enhance the economic potential of the country by creating a more transparent and welcoming business environment.
- c) foster strengthening the connections and relationships between the business and public sectors due to the conference issues.

Since the conference is intended to cover a wide spectrum of today’s pressing issues, therefore, participants could be the unique “ambassadors” of the integrity approach to help cultivate and disseminate it in business sector and within the universities/institutions.

The working languages of the conference are English and Russian.

DEADLINE for submission of abstracts is November 4, 2013.

The application form must contain:

- Name(s)
- E-mail address, phone number(s)
- Title of the paper/abstract
- Abstract not exceeding 500 words in English (.doc, .docx format, attached).

In addition, a brief CV including contact details is to be attached to the message.

Please apply by sending the documents secretary or organizational committee Ms. Narine Aleksanyan: narinealeksanyan@yahoo.com

The abstracts will be **published prior to the conference** as proceedings, and the full **papers/abstracts will be published in 2 months after the conference.**

Guidelines of the conference

The abstracts could be devoted the following topics (any other topic related integrity in public or business administration will be welcomed)

- Civil control as a form of civil participation in public policy
- Community integrity building as an important tool of Government accountability
- The role of civil society in identification of the boundary of governmental interference and corruption prevention
- Public official's accountability as a guaranty of governmental integrity
- Public opinion as a factor of formation and development of civil society
- Civilized lobbyism in a "government – society" system
- Civil citizens access to information and public expertise
- Efficiency improvement of public administration and corruption control
- Development strategy of civil institutions and civic initiatives