



## NEWS RELEASE

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### U.S. Ambassador receives Friends of EHU

The Ambassador of the United States to Lithuania, Mrs. Anne E. Derse, receives Friends of EHU on May 31 as they prepare to join more than 550 representatives of government, business, academia from the Baltic Sea Region.

On June 1 the Friends of EHU will participate in a special session exploring the case of EHU at the Baltic Development Forum, along with former Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus, Nordic Council of Ministers Secretary-General Halldor Asgrimsson, and Dr. Jonathan Fanton, President Emeritus of the New School for Social Research and immediate past president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

On June 2 the Friends of EHU will meet members of the EHU Governing Board and participate in the annual meeting of the Assembly of Donors of the EHU Trust Fund, which brings together 20 donors from 13 countries under the administration of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

*"I am pleased that Eurasia Foundation is able to extend and deepen its long term commitment to EHU through the development of this important nonprofit organization,"* says Horton Beebe-Center, President of Eurasia Foundation and volunteer President of Friends of EHU, Inc. *"Its arrival is a sign of maturity that the University is taking the necessary steps to secure a long term, sustainable future."*

The Friends of EHU, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2009 in Washington, DC to engage prominent American organizations and individuals in support of the University's commitment to intellectual freedom and the pursuit of an international higher education for Belarusians that is free from repression or discrimination of any kind.

European Humanities University was founded in Minsk in 1992 and closed by Belarusian authorities in 2004. At the invitation of the Lithuanian government, the University relocated across the border to Vilnius, where it currently offers an affordable access to an international higher education for more than 2,000 students. The University mission is to facilitate and deepen the contribution that its students, graduates, and faculty can make to the quality and potential of their own lives.

More information is available from:

European Humanities University: [www.ehu.lt](http://www.ehu.lt)

EHU Trust Fund: [www.ehustrustfund.org](http://www.ehustrustfund.org)

Friends of EHU: [www.ehufriends.org](http://www.ehufriends.org)