CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME
FALL 2003 STUDENTS!

The University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs congratulates you on your admission to the Graduate Center of Public Policy and Management in Macedonia (GCPPM).

We are excited that you will be part of this innovative program that will prepare you to take leadership responsibilities and provide you with the vision to build a better world.

The faculty and staff look forward to working with you during your studies at the Center in Macedonia.

Again, congratulations and welcome.
A WORD FROM THE INCOMING STUDENTS, FALL 2003

Andrija Aleksoski, (Adviser, Administration, CPPM) MPPM: "The MPPM studies will help me build on my knowledge and skills in public management and policy. With my academic background and work experience, I need an intensive learning environment to enhance my skills and abilities. Knowledge gained from this program will help me face more complex tasks and accept positions with higher responsibility. From the program I expect to gain better analytical, conceptual and technical skills applicable to administrative and policy reform in Macedonia."

Tatjana Androsi, (Facilities and Adm. Asst., Mobile Telephone Corporation) CPPM: "My goals are to learn as much as possible and to apply the gained knowledge."

Vesna Atanasova, (Program Implementation Manager, Development Alternatives Inc.) MPPM: "Academic knowledge that I will gain at MPPM will provide new understanding and expertise in the sphere of public administration, development and planning. I will achieve greater professional and intellectual growth, and it will prepare me for a significant step in the process of creating my career."

Jadranka Deskalo-Sullivan, (Free Lancer for Customs and Traditions) CPPM: "From the knowledge from GSIPA, I hope to give my contribution to the process of reforming the region to the permanently growing family of the European Union. With the GSIPA degree I expect to participate and give input in the policy reforms in the Balkan region."

Serhiy Stepashyuk, (ESL Teacher, QSI International Primary School Skopje) MPPM: "This program is one of the most interesting ways to stay involved and participate in the process of creating a modern society. I am very happy to be part of it."

Selma Ali, (Program Sustainability Manager, Development Alternatives Inc.) MPPM: "GSIPA will help me understand issues that concern Public Policy development, matters of decision making where public has its stake, and how this is implemented in real life."

Rajko Delpic, (Journalist, Adviser, Department for Information, Macedonian Parliament) CPPM: "GSIPA is a source of incredible knowledge and experience. I am happy to be part of this community."

Burin Sutkija, (Political Communications Assistant, South Eastern European Project) MPPM: "I expect to specialize in public policy and management and engage in the reforms of the civil service and the decentralization process of my country."

Mariana Loncar-Yelkova, (Project Coordinator, Center for Organization-GET Project) MPPM: "GSIPA is a new opportunity to get the skills, understanding and influencing and the knowledge of the public policy and management in our country and in the region."

Magdalena Nadeva, (Local Government Administration Reform Project) MPPM: "I hope GSIPA will help Macedonia become a modern European country. I regard the GSIPA program as a step towards accomplishing that goal."

Vesna Stojkoska, (Head of Unit for Coordination of Foreign Aid, Government of Macedonia) CPPM: "This is the winning race of my professional career. University of Pittsburgh? Thank you for being with me."

Mihaila Gjokoska, (Assistant Head of Legal and Nongovernmental Matters-European and Integration Department of Local Government) CPPM: "Building up a vision is the precondition for creation and achievements. Learning from the other vision correctly and efficiently is a reason for entering into the Pittsburgh world of knowledge."

Sofija Nikolaeva, (Head of Unit for Strategy and Policy, Ministry of Education and Science) MPPM: "Challenging the obsolete state of affairs in PA is the best investment for a country like Macedonia. In that context, I look at my studies here at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. For me, it is not only an MPPM program, but also the development of a vision that our country needs. If we agree that learning is the ultimate answer for us, then now seems to be the moment to prove that the concept of public policy and administration and value add in our ever changing society."

Ana Zabevska, (Office Manager, Bearing Point Macedonia Fiscal Reform Project) CPPM: "The GSIPA program in my opinion is a first class program for developing competent future leaders. This is evident by the candidates chosen to attend the program, as they are all extremely smart and eager to learn. Such a motivated team makes me feel that I have already learned a lot. My expectation is that I will be very successful in completing this program. This will enable me to lead my country in constructive ways."

Chaimdian Zajac, (Association Development Specialist, Local Government Reform Project) CPPM: "I hope to grasp some of the most advanced conceptual theories and academic approached about policy development. I expect just as well to build on my knowledge in the field of management. GSIPA is of immense importance for effective reforms that my country needs to accomplish. This includes reforms in the health sector."

The first semester is about to start! The Fall 2003 Incoming Class will take two courses: (1) Administration of Public Affairs (Public Management) and (2) Policy Analysis. In University of Pittsburgh ("Pitt") terms, you are taking PIA 2000 and PIA 2009 this Fall. PIA stands for Public and International Affairs. You can find these classes if you browse the University of Pittsburgh website http://www.pitt.edu. The classes are also listed on the CPPM website http://www.gcppm.pitt.edu. Moreover, the classes appear on your personal information page http://student-info.pitt.edu. On there you find the classes you registered for each semester, your semester grades, and other personal information. To access that site, you need your Pitt user-name, password, and your social security number. The username and social security numbers have been assigned and handed out to you (the social security number has been assigned to you for university administrative purposes only). You choose your password and no one else has access to it. Your Pitt username and password also give you access to your course site and student page http://courseweb.pitt.edu. You will have to visit this website regularly throughout the semester. It contains your classes, syllabus, documents, and assignments, as well as announcements.

Lastly, you want to check out http://www.libraries.pitt.edu for on-line databases and readings. You can also visit those from the Center, not from your home computer. Come to the Center Computer Lab and check it out!"