

Bulgarian delegation visits Roy Wilkins institute

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From left to right: Blanca Monter, Research Specialist - Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice; Dr. Josie Johnson, Former University of Minnesota Regent; RoseAnn Zimbro, Director of Programs - Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice; Al McFarlane, Editor-In-Chief, Insight News; Eric Schwartz, Dean, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Liliya Savkova Makaveeva, Executive Director, Integro Association; Rositsa Zhivkova Ivanova, Secretary at the National Council on Inter-Ethnic Affairs; Daniela Kostadinova Nikkolova, Expert, National Council on Inter-Ethnic Affairs; Ahavni Sarkis Topakbachian, State Expert, National Council on Inter-Ethnic Affairs; Desislava Dimitrova Zamfirova, Chief of Deputy Prime Minister's Cabinet; Hon. Judge Lajune Thomas Lange; Georgi Nikolaev Krastev, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

Former University of Minnesota Regent, Dr. Josie Johnson, and Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs Dean Eric Schwartz this month welcomed a delegation of governmental and non-governmental organization (NG) representatives from Bulgaria to the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice at the Humphrey School.

The delegations visit to Minnesota was part of a State Department sponsored tour of several US cities to meet with education, public policy and business leaders on the subject of integration and the elimination of racial and ethnic discrimination. Members of the Wilkins Center Forum, Judge LaJune Thomas Lange, and Insight Editor Al McFarlane shared insight's on the nature and legacy of racism and discrimination in current US culture. The Bulgarian delegation focused on that country's efforts to end discrimination against its largest ethnic minority, the Roma.

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Dr. Sam Myers invited the delegation to return to Minnesota in October to participate in the Wilkins Center's 4th World Conference on Remedies to Racial and Ethnic Economic Inequality, scheduled for October this year.