



# Wish List

- A LCD projector for computer presentations
- Audit services in the USA at the end of 2002
- Design services for giving newsletter a new look
- Printing services for the newsletter
- Website hosting if your server has some space
- Frequent flyer miles for safety and quality reviews

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## Innovative Program Award 2001 Recipients

By Rebecca Bear  
Program Director

In September 2001 Outward Bound International gave the first annual Innovative Programming Awards. The first prize, which included a travel stipend of \$1,000 for the staff applicants and a trip to Outward Bound Australia's Symposium, went to **Outward Bound Singapore** for their Overseas Youth Programme (see article page 6). This program is designed for youth ages 15-30 who are in college, university or polytechnical schools. It is also for young people working in the private sector or government. Outward Bound Singapore collaborates with centers from the Asean region, Australia, New Zealand and Eastern Europe to deliver a combined cross cultural and Outward Bound experience focused on leadership and service. The programs are adventure-learning experiences from 11 to 28 days. They are designed to stay relevant to the emerging needs of society by helping to mould and nurture students into well-rounded individuals and "world-ready" citizens who are able to contribute to an increasingly diverse society and global economy.

The second prize went to **North Carolina Outward Bound School** for their Summer Scholarship Program. This program has been in operation since 1985 and it brings students from New York City to North Carolina, where they experience a 36-day course that combines the rigorous wilderness components of an Outward Bound course (backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, high challenge course, solo, service, intercultural experiences and a Personal Challenge Event) with an academic curriculum that earns them three credits towards high school graduation. Most of these students are Limited

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### Calendar of Events

- January 22-24 **OBI Staff Symposium** in Australia (many pre- and post-activities as well)
- February 28 Deadline for "Innovation in Education" Newsletter submissions
- March 18-26 Safety and Quality Review Leader Training
- March European Regional meeting at Outward Bound Czech Republic
- April 25-26 OBI Board of Directors meeting (Advisors meet April 24)
- May 31 Deadline for "Safety in Programming" Newsletter submissions
- August 30 Deadline for "Communication Skills" Newsletter submissions
- October 15-17 **2002 World Conference in Singapore** (many pre- and post-activities as well)
- November 30 Deadline for "The Education Process" Newsletter submissions

# Executive Director Report

As 2001 ends I reflect with great gratitude on the various events of the year. The support of the Board members and numerous staff from around the world has helped us do many things this year:

- Nearly 90% of Outward Bound Centers are current with Safety and Quality Reviews – a major objective for the year. It has been a pleasure to make new friends in this process during the month I spent in Africa and the Safety Review Leader Training in Asia.
- The Licensing process is working more smoothly and the criteria for becoming an Outward Bound Center have been re-examined and clearly explained. This has involved visits to 10 different countries.
- Training workshops were conducted on three continents by Dr. Tony Richards on the educational principles underlying Outward Bound.
- A superb collection of readings was published by OBI.
- We have expanded the website and started work on more extensive revisions.
- The Innovative Program Award launched this year was a great success.

Outward Bound International is really the sum of the efforts of many people around the world who are volunteering time and money to accomplish our common goals. Not all of the above could have been accomplished with just two paid staff, so the increased volunteer support is something I am

very grateful for. As the year ends, I am grateful that 135 days of travel have ended and I have a month in the home office!

The events of September 11<sup>th</sup> produced numerous emails of concern and support for those of us living in America. These sentiments were much appreciated. These events remind us that gaining better understanding of other people and cultures is still unfinished business. Outward Bound has a powerful role to play in increasing understanding and compassion around the world.

International programs are an exciting direction for Outward Bound to embark in and some promising program models already exist. The network of 30 countries operating under the Outward Bound name makes us unique. In the next years it is my hope that we can capitalize on this network and create truly worldwide programs that lead not only to greater understanding between people but also to more business for Outward Bound.

Early in 2002 Outward Bound International will begin to re-examine its strategic plan. This process will conclude at the April Board meeting. Input from any Outward Bound Center is appreciated and I invite you to send your thoughts about our future direction.

Ian Wade  
Executive Director

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## News from Outward Bound International

### **Ian Wade Honored for his Service to Outward Bound**

Earlier this year Outward Bound USA honored Ian Wade with the John McGrory Award. John McGrory was the architect of the Safety Policy for OB USA, which continues to guide operations and has influenced the entire adventure education field.

The Award states: "Mountaineer, Outward Bound Instructor, Program Director, Development Director, Vice President and Director of Outward Bound International, whose tenacity in pursuit of safe and challenging Outward Bound education for the young in spirit throughout the world continues to inspire us."

Ian has served over 24 years for Outward Bound. Starting as an Instructor and Course Director at COBS and PCOBS for four-years on mountain, river and ski-mountaineering courses, Program Director and Associate Director of PCOBS for ten-years, Vice President of Outward Bound USA with responsibility for Safety and



*Ian Wade*

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# Outward Bound International Newsletter

## Getting a New Look

Outward Bound International wants to serve all of its constituents better in its publications and outreach. In the year 2002 we are excited to announce that we will have an upgraded newsletter published quarterly. This new newsletter will have specific themes, regular columns and small stipends for the lead articles. In addition, we will offer e-newsletter subscriptions for those who prefer to receive their news online (please newsletter subscription contact information) Below is a list of the changes, requirement for submissions and an editorial calendar:

### Regular Columns

*Lessons from the Past:* This section will be a historical look at Outward Bound, Outdoor Education, Experiential Education, etc. It is designed to share lessons and stories of the past that may inform current practices.

*Board Room:* This section is designed to support board members in their important role at Outward Bound as well as to introduce new board members both internationally and at local schools.

*Safety and Quality:* To continue its mission ensuring the highest quality and safety around the world, OBI will have articles of interest on this issue both from Outward Bound schools and outside experts.

*Curriculum Corner:* Each issue we would like to focus on curriculum that addresses the theme of the issue. We also welcome sharing of ideas and resources for all types of programming.

*School Profiles:* To better understand each of the schools around the world we will continue to have a section profiling individual schools.

*News from Around the World:* We continue this update section with short information about "what's happening" at individual schools.

*Resources:* This section will have interesting books, trainings, conferences and other materials that are pertinent to the work of Outward Bound.

*OBI News:* As we have done in the past, we will continue to have sections dedicated to international news that is important to share.

*Editorials and Opinions:* This section will highlight any key issues or thoughts from readers of the newsletter. It will also have a brief highlight of the theme chosen for the issue.

### EDITORIAL CALENDAR

Outward Bound International will offer up to \$100 for a lead article and \$50 for other accepted articles written on the theme of each newsletter.

March Issue            Theme: **Innovation in Education**  
*Outward Bound has Innovation in Education as the theme for the year 2002. A number of initiatives will focus on this theme throughout the year including the Innovative Program Award, The Staff Symposium in Australia, and the 2002 World Conference in Singapore.*

Deadline for Submissions **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

June Issue:            Theme: **Safety in Programming**  
Deadline for Submissions **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002**

September Issue:    Theme: **Communication Skills**  
Deadline for Submissions **August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

December Issue:     Theme: **The Education Process**  
Deadline for Submissions **Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

### Requirements for Submissions

- All articles must be written in English and emailed in Microsoft Word format.
- Lead articles cannot exceed 2000 words.
- Regular column articles should be between 500-1000 words. Around the world submissions and editorial comments 50 words or less.

### Please send all submissions and enquiries to:

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lead to unnecessary problems. On one particular occasion, Finnigan decided to run off the trail to pee on a stump; the students delayed in applying the brake, and as a result the team bunched up and the sled got lodged in deep snow. Finnigan and Phoenix, the other leader, became angry because of their proximity to the other dogs bunching in. The students reacted quickly and instructed the lead dogs to pull the team out and chaos was resolved. In this situation the students learned that they are an integral part of

the team and they needed to be focused, along with Finnigan.

Students can often summarize their experiences by comparing themselves to dogs they related to most on that particular day. "The most important thing I learned from the dogs were what qualities are important to good teamwork; encouragement and recognition are not only nice, but required if you expect people to continue working hard for you," said Alison Hwang. Determination and hard work are generally in the forefront of the

students' minds. These are attributes that have been role-modeled throughout the day by the trusted huskies.

Students observe the example set by the dogs each day and as a result, the group finds in itself the determination and strength to persevere through all conditions to take on the physical challenges of the journey. By the end of the week the students have newfound friends, heightened self-confidence, an appreciation for the huskies and the knowledge they can do far more than they originally

## Stepping with Pride

By Kate Borgelt  
Colorado Outward Bound School

On September 14-15, 2001, over 645 runners took to the 170-mile, 24+hour Colorado Outward Bound Relay course, presented by Polartec. Teams of five or ten, runners tackled four mountain passes of Colorado, running on paved and dirt roads, mountain trails, and river paths from Idaho Springs to Glenwood Springs.

The beautiful sun-filled day and starlit night directed the runners as they tag-teamed across the course to the finish line. Throughout the entire race, runners found themselves embracing leadership, self-reliance, determination and individual character, much of what Outward Bound is built on. They not only pushed themselves, but also encouraged teammates to see beyond their own potential. As a team, they faced mental challenges and physical struggles.

But among all the accomplishment, hard work and team camaraderie that make the Colorado Outward Bound Relay unique, all participants were also running out from under the haunting shadow of a national tragedy. Three days before this year's relay, on September 11, the unspeakable happened. All of us at Colorado



*COBS relay*

Outward Bound, along with the rest of the nation, found our hearts heavy and grasping for something to make sense of what happened. We discussed the possibility of canceling the race, but were reminded that Outward Bound was founded on the principles of compassion and undefeatable spirit. With that in mind, we moved forward as planned and encouraged all of our runners and volunteers to join us.

The support was outpouring. Runners and volunteers arrived at the starting line and enthusiastically pinned the red, white and blue ribbons COBS provided to their

t-shirts. As encouraged, at noon on race day many runners stopped, stepped away from the race atmosphere, and took a long moment to remember, reflect and count their personal blessings. Several teams ran with American flags and everyone raced with a sense of pride. The usual relay atmosphere of team support and determination remained, but this year it was accompanied by overwhelming pride and patriotism.

For those unable to participate in the relay for reasons surrounding the tragedy, Colorado Outward Bound offered a refund or donation of registration fees, along with a portion of this year's proceeds, to the New York City relief efforts.

In the wee hours of the morning, runners began crossing the finish line - together. Arms held high, American flags waving in the wind, and cheers that portrayed a new sense of accomplishment. Undoubtedly, the spirit of this race is unlike any other because it echoes the strength inherent in Outward Bound.

Next year's Colorado Outward Bound Relay is scheduled for: Sept. 20 - 21, 2002 under a Full Moon! For more information on the Colorado Outward Bound Relay, please check out the web site at [www.coloradorelay.com](http://www.coloradorelay.com) or contact Kate Borgelt at [kateb@cobs.edu](mailto:kateb@cobs.edu).

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Program for eight years, and two years as Executive Director with Outward Bound International.

Congratulations Ian!

**Staff and Office Changes at OBI**

At the International Board meetings in October, Rebecca Bear was hired full time to serve the organization. She will be focusing on improving communications between schools worldwide, developing resource materials, and trainings internationally and providing ongoing resource support for schools.

Outward Bound International is planning to move its offices to the United States starting in 2002. The Bylaws and operations will remain the same however operation as a non-profit corporation allows donors to make tax-deductible gifts. The move will have little practical impact as Executive Director Ian Wade has been operating from his home office throughout 2001, except for the 133 days spent traveling!

The new office address and contact information starting January 2002 is:

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***A note from Ruby Best:***

**The Very Best Times at Outward Bound**

Dear friends,

It's with regret – but warm and lasting memories – that I inform you of my upcoming departure from Outward Bound International.

On December 31, my position as Assistant to the Executive Director of Outward Bound International will come to an end. This will bring to a close almost five memorable years. I've been part of so many exciting events with OBI. The start-up of new Outward Bound centres. The expansion of international office's work to all corners of the world. And the list goes on.

When I first came to Outward Bound International, many challenges faced us. Yet, with very few funds, we met them. I was particularly proud of assisting in establishing an OBI website, and publishing the *International Newsletter*.

I have immensely enjoyed my experience with Outward Bound. The best part was meeting so many of you at international conferences. I quickly learned that OBI folk are – there's no other way to say it – simply wonderful!

My experience with OBI taught me an important lesson: if you have ideals, then you should *commit* to those ideals through action and personal example.

I hope to stay in touch with many of you over the years. In closing, I say not goodbye –but rather, *a bientot!*

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English Proficient (LEP) or have English as their second language. This program is designed as a dropout prevention program and has great success.

Both of the above programs will be showcased and shared at the Outward Bound Symposium in January 2002. In addition, to the top two winners, there were 11 honorable mentions. These are programs that the judges felt satisfied all the criteria and added truly innovative ideas to the Outward Bound International community. They are listed below. For a more in-depth description of these projects, please see the password protected section of our website ([www.outward-bound.org](http://www.outward-bound.org)). Passwords can be obtained from Executive Directors of individual centers.

- **New York City Outward Bound Center**, The New Knowledge Model Curriculum
- **Hurricane Island Outward Bound School**, Outward Bound Professional National Facilitator Training
- **Outward Bound Canada**, Integrated Semester Program
- **Outward Bound Czech Republic**, The Day of the Triffids Curriculum
- **Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center**, The Choices Program
- **Outward Bound Australia**, The Five-Day Cadetship program
- **Outward Bound United Kingdom**, The Outward Bound Xperience CD
- **Outward Bound USA**, Instructor Judgment Training
- **North Carolina Outward Bound School**, The Unity Project
- **Outward Bound Singapore**, SPARKc
- **Outward Bounds Belgium and Slovakia**, Destination: Intercultural via Experiential

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for all the submissions. This award program will be continued in the year 2002. See the March newsletter for more details.



*Lorna Wendt presenting Jeremy Tay with Award*

# Outward Bound International Ullswater Meeting

In October the representatives of all Outward Bound Centers met for the the Annual General Meeting in Ullswater, UK. This meeting honored the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Outward Bound in the United Kingdom. Representatives had the opportunity to sample the countryside cuisine, hike in the Fells of Cumbria and see Outward Bound UK courses in action. Many directors took extra efforts to come to this meeting, braving the challenges of air travel in a time of world insecurity. Thank you for your dedication to Outward Bound.

The meeting discussed dues, licensing, the work of various task forces, the contribution of the advisors to the board, strategic plans for next year and future events. Details of some of the key decisions and discussions are included here.

## Welcoming of New and Honoring of Departing Board Members

The Board honored Koichi Inasawa and Ron Faber for their contributions to Outward Bound International. Each received a Board proclamation of service, honoring their representation of the Australasian region. New members to the board were welcomed, including Jamie Anderson from Canada, Dato' A.N. Ham from Malaysia (taking Koichi Inasawa's seat), Brooks Wilson from Australia (filling Ron Faber's position), and Harald Seeburg from Germany. A brief discussion ensued about the imbalance of representation on the board (five from Americas, three from Europe and Africa) and the board noted that qualified candidates was an overriding concern and regional imbalances could be addressed next year when two Directors from the Americas are due to retire. In addition, a task force was created to investigate options for an advisory board role of retired board members as well as a change in the length of time out of office before being eligible for another term.

## Report from Task Forces

The **Dues Task Force** reported on its work and key points were made:

1. It is desirable as a long-term objective that measures be taken to increase the predictability of Outward Bound International's income with which it covers its operating budget, particularly from dues con-

tributed by member schools worldwide.

2. A minimum annual dues level is recommended US\$500 per school beginning with dues to be paid in 2003. Recognizing difficulties that some smaller schools may face in meeting such a minimum level of dues, a mechanism of appeal to the Outward Bound International Board to seek temporary exemption will be established.

3. It is suggested voluntary contributions to Outward Bound International, in addition to dues payable, of up to another year's dues be made by schools that are financially able.

It was noted that several centers are currently voluntarily paying 0.2%, instead of 0.1% dues, or making an even larger contribution such as Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Costa Rica. OBI is extremely vulnerable in relying on Directors for two-thirds of its operating income. Currently, donations from four Directors account for about 50% of OBI revenue.

Through the work of the Dues Task Force it became clear that Outward Bound International needed to develop a better strategy for communications throughout the world. Improved communication could explain what OBI does and eliminate inconsistent messages and support schools in creating better networks. As a result, a **Communication Task Force** was created with these members: Jim Cleave, Tim Medhurst, Jen Nold, Rebecca Bear, and Ian Wade. This task force will be connecting with Board members, executive directors, and program staff regarding improved communications with all constituencies.

In the process of creating better communication, the **Website Task Force** is hard at work developing two new websites. The first is a public site that will showcase all the schools of Outward Bound and is being developed with the support of Kelly

O'Dea and a team of volunteers from FCB international. The site is designed as a portal for people interested in taking Outward Bound courses around the world. It will offer links to each school's website and have general information about Outward Bound.

The second website is being developed with the assistance of Kurt Hahn's niece, Liz Cunningham, and her husband, Charlie Costello. This site will have resources and sup-



*View of Ullswater*

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# Learning from the Freight Dog

By Roger Smith  
Course Director,  
Outward Bound Canada

I am surrounded by crisp, cold darkness and the only sound is the jingling of necklines. The dogs' breathing is synchronized and their legs settle into a freight trot. As fresh snow compresses under the runners, I feel as if I am floating under the stars and the light green streaks of the aurora borealis. This is day one of a seven-day dog sled expedition in the woods of northern Ontario, Canada.

Over the past five years, I have been a winter instructor for the Canadian Outward Bound dog sledding program and feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from the freight dog. Outward Bound Canada's dog expedition site is located northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The school has been offering adults and young people the opportunity to participate in a ski expedition supported by freight dogs since 1979. In the beginning, there were just two teams of mixed-breed huskies strongly influenced by the Canadian Inuit dog. Over the years, the dogs have changed but that influence still remains within the bloodlines of the yard, making for strong freighting teams. The best aspects of the Outward Bound huskies is they love to work with people, sleep under the stars and pull freight loads of up to 650 pounds including mushers.

A typical Outward Bound winter course runs eight days. It is from the winter environment, the group and the personalities of the dogs, that so much is learned from mushing, feeding, hooking up, administering dog first aid and overall care, and even sleeping beside the dogs.

"I was surprised the dogs didn't get cold; they do very well on a little bit of food and a lot of

love," said Megan Getty, a student in London, Ontario.

An enriching component of Outward Bound Canada's winter course is the sled dogs, each with their individual personalities. For example, Ramage love to start the morning songs and evening howls, and Kubota (named after the base camp generator) even after a long day enjoys playing and jumping around with her teammates on the campsite tie-out. The relationships that develop between the students and the dogs act as a catalyst in the experiential learning process. Over an eight-day program, student confidence will grow both inward and outward as he or she travels with the strong and hardworking dogs. The dogs show a determination that is infectious and teaches the students to push themselves and endure the adverse conditions. It does not take long for the students to see why the huskies are always fed first.



*Dog sledding in Canada*

During the introduction to mushing, titled "Dogs 101," students learn skills necessary to harness and move a dog safely, how to work effectively with the other musher and how to set the dogs up for a successful hookup onto the gangline. At first, students are overwhelmed by the power and wildness of the huskies. "The most surprising thing I learned in Dogs 101 was how eager the dogs were to go out and work hard for you," said Harold Murphy, a lawyer from Toronto, Ontario. As the trip progresses, the students' competency in harnessing and hooking up the team grow, which leads to a feeling of empowerment and success. Students also experience the importance of being a patient, calm and determined musher when working with a team of dogs.

The Outward Bound program offers an expedition style that enters true wilderness; campsites have not been set up ahead of time, and the trail may only be set if no fresh snow has fallen since the last group passed through. The group splits up into skiers and mushers, and the freighting teams pull sleds of group gear. Packed onto one of the sleds is a group size canvas wall tent with a portable woodstove; in this tent, even at -40 degrees F the group is comfortable and warm.

Each day the skiers leave camp early to break trail, providing a base for the dogs to move the bulk of the gear. This is truly a team effort with humans and dogs working in harmony. Course participants take turns, one day mushing and two days skiing. Each night, the instructors facilitate discussions focusing on different aspects of the experience such as leadership, communication and determination. The dogs are generally brought into the discussion, either directly or indirectly as a metaphor. Finnigan, a 3-year-old, is a young lead dog who will often teach students that being unfocused in a leadership role will

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king/camping, group games and more accommodations. Because of its remoteness, the center's main electricity is derived from a generator and its water supply is obtained from the river by means of a pump and treatment plant. In spite of the prominent presence of both centers in the lush jungle and whitewater terrain of Temburong, continuous efforts have been implemented to ensure that the surrounding natural habitats are well preserved.

OBBBD conducts a variety of experiential learning courses for students from the local schools, colleges and institutions. Over the years the center has also become increasingly popular with large, local corporations and government institutions who utilize our alternative training ground for professional development. The core programs offered by the center include a 3-day Basic Discovery Course, a 6-day Individual Awareness Course, a 10-day Individual Challenge Course and a 14-day Character Challenge Course. All these programs are conducted residentially at both the Logistics and Operation Centers. In addition OBBBD co-hosts the Overseas Youth Program with Outward Bound Singapore. The center con-

tinues to update its training programs anticipating the emerging requirements of its clients both locally and overseas. This includes customized programs such as the Brunei's Youth Drug Awareness Program conducted jointly by OBBBD and the National Anti-Drug Association of Negara Brunei Darussalam.

To ensure excellence in safety OBBBD has many staff trainings both locally and overseas, particularly at OB Singapore. Brunei also emphasizes and invests in high quality equipment to eliminate any safety flaws capable of jeopardizing the confidence and credibility of the organization. This includes an internal VHF communication network and support from the Royal Brunei Air Force helicopters for any evacuation needs.

OB Brunei Darussalam is generally still "green" within the world of OB centers, which provides inspiration for further development and progress. Nevertheless OBBBD has already managed to capture the recognition and appreciation of the local population. Most importantly the local students, youth and professionals have begun to enrich their lives by participating in OBBBD's various programs.

## Book Nook

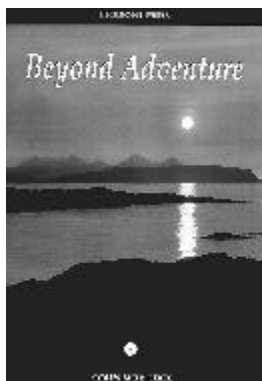
### Beyond Adventure

By Colin Mortlock

Colin Mortlock's previous book, *The Adventure Alternative*, was published in 1984. In the world of adventure, education and values, it has gained an international reputation.

*Beyond Adventure* is a very different book to its predecessor. It has evolved through the experiences garnered from long solo expeditions in wild places. The inspiration for these journeys initially came from the writings of John Muir. In the course of his journeys, Colin came to experience an elusive deep contentment we all instinctively seek. Solitude encouraged reflection. The questing became a search for answers to fundamental questions that face humanity, and for what lay beyond the immediate sensations felt in adventurous situations. What he discovered in the concept of a journey included a sense of the beautiful and a sacredness of place.

The author has been described as "inspirational to work with, to talk with, to know" and also as a "strange, awkward, shy-stumbling-worded man." Struggle is evident in his text. It defies categorisation. But throughout the book, his passion for adventure and for the mystery and gran-



deur of Nature burns brightly. This account of an intensely personal inner journey strikes universal chords. It will appeal to all who love the outdoors and believe there is a unique wisdom to be found in the wild.

### Impelled Into Experiences

By Jim Hogan

For the first time in 10 years there is an opportunity to buy a personal copy of the original Outward Bound® history – written by Jim Hogan, founding Warden at the first Outward Bound® Centre at Aberdovey in Wales. The book tells the story of the formation of the Outward Bound® movement. The book costs £6.99, plus there is a charge of £1.20 for postage. **Total cost per book: £8.19.**

Please note that as this book is being re-printed it will not be available until late winter. Your payment will not be processed until then. If you would like to order this book, please complete the details below. Please send your order to:

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### *Ullswater meeting from page 4*

port for OBI member schools. It will have all the materials currently on the [www.outward-bound.org](http://www.outward-bound.org) site plus additional materials being developed by Ian Wade and Rebecca Bear. The site will be password protected to ensure that only Outward Bound staff and board members utilize it.

### **Safety Review Leaders Training**

A second Safety Review Leader Training in Europe is tentatively scheduled for March 18-26, 2002. Plans are to start in the UK and proceed to Germany.

### **Licensing Decisions**

The following licensing recommendations to the Council were made at the meeting:

Brazil—Provisional license granted  
Brunei—Full license granted  
Finland—Full License granted  
Switzerland—Exploratory Status granted

The licensing fee structure was also discussed. OBI's practice of registering the Trademark once Exploratory Status has been granted creates a financial exposure to fees if the application does not progress. Thus it was moved that OBI should collect an appropriate amount to cover its potential liability for legal fees in addition to the \$5,000 registration fee. In summary, the current OBI licensing fees are:

1. \$5,000 fee, payable prior to receipt of Exploratory Status.
2. Appropriate deposit against legal and Trademark registration fees (\$5,000) payable prior to receipt of Exploratory Status.

3. \$5,000 fee, payable prior to receipt of Provisional License.

### **Board Meetings and Officers**

The Board meetings concluded with an election of officers and designation of the next meetings. The officers of the Board, re-elected for another term are Peter Kyle as Chairman, Chien Lee as Vice-Chair, Ian Slome as Treasurer, and Ian Wade as Secretary.

The Board meetings in 2002 will be April 25-26, at Outward Bound Bermuda. The Advisors to the Board meeting will be April 24. The World Conference will be held in Singapore October 15-17, 2002 and a Board meeting will precede the conference Monday, October 14, with an Advisors to the Board meeting on Sunday October 13.

## **Singapura, The Lion City**

### *Home of the 2002 Outward Bound International Conference*

Located 137 km north of the equator, is a tiny island situated at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. With a rich cultural and ethnic fabric the island is bursting with the energy and vibrancy of a cosmopolitan city. Its diversity of experience, history and cuisine are only some of what this city has got to offer. Singapura, the Lion City has been chosen as the venue of the next Outward Bound World Conference 2002.

The conference will be held at Outward Bound Singapura, Pulau Ubin from the 15-17 October 2002. Pulau Ubin is situated north east of Singapura and offers a sharp contrast to the bustle of the city. The Conference theme, "Innovation and Learning" promises rich and exciting opportunities to learn and share from staff as well as hear from people outside the Outward Bound circle who engage and support the Outward Bound Philosophy. The conference promises to be a cauldron for exchanging ideas in Innovative practices as well as an opportunity to learn about the best practices in both the Outward Bound and the wider experiential learning community.

### **PRE-POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

To make your stay at Outward Bound Singapura more colourful and complete, our pre and post conference activities ensure educational, cultural and gastronomical experiences. Here is a sampling of possible adventures in Singapura:

#### **The Makan Sutra Route**

A gastronomic tour of local ethnic locales and food delights - Chinatown, Little India, The Malay Village and Orchard Road.



#### **The Historical Route**

For the genteel and sophisticated, take a whirlwind tour of the Singapura Heritage Museum, Asian Civilisations Museum, the Singapura Botanic Gardens and Singapura River Heritage Trail.

#### **The Island Adventure Route**

Kayak through Singapura's last tropical mangrove swamp where chickens fly and fish walk!

View Singapura from another angle - sail our cutters to the islands around Singapura.

#### **The Urban Wilderness Route**

Visit Singapura's award-winning Zoological Gardens and Night Safari. Have a meal at one of Singapura's oldest markets with over 200 varieties of local fare.

More adventures will be coming soon!

### **PARTICIPANT AND PRESENTER INTEREST**

If you are interested in presenting or participating in the conference, please email [OB2002@pa.gov.sg](mailto:OB2002@pa.gov.sg), or contact:

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Look out for more Conference 2002 information in our website in Jan 2002. We look forward to see you there!

Till then, Salam Singapura!

# The Inaugural Overseas Youth Programmes to Outward Bound Slovakia

By Michael Foo  
Deputy Head (Overseas Youth Programmes)  
Outward Bound Singapore

It was a beautiful experience, immersed in the mountains, grasslands and majestic castles of Slovakia. In June 2001, 15 undergraduates from Singapore departed for Outward Bound Slovakia for a 20-day programme as part of the Overseas Youth Programmes coordinated by Outward Bound Singapore. The course started with the OB Slovakia instructors dressing as King, Queen, Jester and servants. They warmly and surprisingly, greeted the students in the Devin castle. In this "Castle of Experience" programme, the students ventured into various historical castles that were deserted centuries ago. They trekked into mountains and explored the caves. Along their journey they met some villagers in Kostolec and Vrchtepla and

learnt about their traditional lifestyle. They also had the opportunity to rock-climb in Maninska Tiesnva, abseil in Demanovska, canoe in the lake at Liptovsky Mikulas and raft down a river. The final challenge was to ascend Krivan at 2494 meters, one of the highest mountains in Slovakia. These "urban-youth" were stretched in many ways through the multi-challenge activities on this course.

Not only was the course mentally and physically demanding, but the students also had to showcase their artistic talents. As a prelude to their own performance, the students were introduced to artistic expression such as clay-making, dance, music and drama. Through these activities they discovered their unexpected potential. What was more challenging, however, was that they had to use these new-found talents to produce a theatre show. The students were tasked to advertise, promote and even

to come out with their own performance within 24 hours. The students had to think of creative ways to invite and entice local Slovaks to come and watch their performance, all the while rehearsing and preparing for their performance.

It was truly a display of team effort as each one of them pitched-in to make the show work. An audience in Pribylina village turned up, truly wanting to find out about Singapore, what Singaporeans look like, and how Singaporeans perform. That was indeed one of the highlights in the course for many of the students. The course ended with the Instructors dressing in their "Kingdom" attire again. The King and Queen then hosted a farewell luncheon for the students in the Orava castle.

These were memorable experiences for the students. Tan Yin Soo, a student on the course reflected, "I was able to interact with the local children and through this, I gained a better understanding of the lifestyles of the local people. I also gained an insight into the problems, challenges and obstacles faced by the Slovak people in building their country. I am now more tolerant towards the differences between people of different countries and different cultures." With these kinds of experiences, Outward Bound Singapore is looking forward to more exciting adventure and cultural experiences with Outward Bound Slovakia.



*OB Singapore students sharing their culture with Sloval school children*

# Outward Bound Brunei Darussalam (OBBD)

*The hidden secrets in the Kingdom of Unexpected Treasures*

**Major (Rtd) Mohammad bin Dollah**  
**Operation Officer**  
**Outward Bound Brunei Darussalam**

Yes it is true that a tropical rainforest Outward Bound center exists in Negara Brunei Darussalam, the Abode of Peace. As with the other schools Outward Bound Brunei Darussalam (OBBD) is based on the OB core values as well as the educational principles of Kurt Hahn. What makes OBBD unique is how they effectively blend the mission of Outward Bound with the national concept of “Malay, Islam, and Monarchy”. “Malay” is the state’s official language, “Islam” the state’s official religion and “Monarchy” the state’s past and present ruling system.

Brunei is situated on the Northwest coast of the island of Borneo with a total area of 5,765 sq km of which 75% is still covered with lush forests and 161 km of coastline. It is bounded on the North by the South China Sea and on all other sides by the Malaysian state of Sarawak, which also divides Negara Brunei Darussalam into two parts. The Eastern part is the Temburong District renowned for its pristine tropical rainforests, whitewater rivers, wildlife and of course Outward Bound Brunei Darussalam. The Western portion of the country consists of the Brunei Muara, Tutong and Belait Districts and includes the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan. The main industry in Brunei since 1929 has been petroleum extraction and the second is natural gas. Today its multi-racial and ethnic population is approximately 300,000 people.

In 1992, His Majesty The Sultan of Brunei made a formal written call to The Honorable Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports to establish a National Youth Development Center in the form of an Outward Bound School. The Brunei Shell Petroleum Company helped conduct preliminary studies and by 1994 began joint construction with Shell International of the educational centers in the Temburong jungle. Assisting in the set up of the school was then director of Outward Bound Singapore Winston Lim. The construction was completed in 1996 and subsequently the new center was handed over to the Ministry Of Culture, Youth and Sports. The partial

operations of the center commenced in 1997 and in 1998 OBBD received provisional licensing from Outward Bound International.

Today OBBD’s mission is to “Engage in the development of Brunei citizens, with special emphasis on the youth, through adventure training and experiential learning, to develop and enhance their self reliance, sense of responsibility, determination to succeed, discipline, resourcefulness, teamwork and leadership skills, which will enable them to contribute fully towards the development of the nation.”

OB Brunei Darussalam primarily operates from three locations. Its administrative office is in Bandar Seri Begawan. This office is complemented by two highly equipped training centers located in the jungle interior of the Temburong District. The primary means of transportation from Bandar Seri Begawan to Temburong is by water, on sheltered wooden speedboats. The Logistics Center of OBBD is situated 18 km south of the town of Bangar and is easily accessible by road. Graced by lush tropical rainforest and whitewater terrain it provides logistical support as well as com-

prehensive and challenging training facilities including the Flying Fox, High Ropes Challenge, Abseiling, Whitewater Confidence, Raft Building, Solo Camping, Group Games, Jungle Trekking/Camping and Orienteering as well as ample living space for its staff and participants. It even includes its own medical center. A recently completed construction of an 81m suspension bridge now links both sides of the center across the river, and provides an additional challenge for participants.

The Operation Center is located in the interior jungle approximately 6 km further south of the Logistics Center and only about 1 km from the National Park. This center, which is surrounded by a pristine tropical rainforest, river and wildlife is accessible by river in the form of specially built longboats known locally as “Temuai”, by helicopter or by jungle trekking. The Operation Center has land and river based training elements such as the high ropes challenge course, whitewater rafting and kayaking, raft building, jungle trek-



*Mohammad bin Dollah, Operations Director, and Haja Sofinaz Majid, Training Officer*

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### South Africa

OBSA welcomes Don Macrobert as its new Chair. Don was the founding Chairman of the Lawyers for the Human Rights movement in Pretoria, he has been involved with the Round Table on a national and International level, and has pioneered education initiatives such as Outreach and Get Ahead Foundation, which have benefited disadvantaged communities. Don received the Paul Harris Award from Rotary International and Archbishop Desmond Tutu conferred on him the St. Michael's Award. In true Outward Bound spirit, he has completed many Argus Cycle Tours and he jogs half marathons.



### Sri Lanka

In November a visit was made to conclude the review of OB Sri Lanka and a full license has been recommended. Under difficult economic conditions the center has managed to recruit a skilled staff and offer numerous courses aimed at young people starting work.



### Thailand

Rene Fabert is leaving OB Thailand after 2-years setting up operations there. He plans to resume a personal "Outward Bound" journey in his boat for an indefinite period. The OB Center has operated numerous corporate programs and trained some staff to be able to operate in varied parts of Thailand.



### Thompson Island

The Willauer School has a new principle, David Svendsen. TIOBEC also has a new website at [www.thompsonisland.org](http://www.thompsonisland.org).



### United Kingdom

Outward Bound UK recently hosted the OBI AGM and Board

meetings in Ullswater. Their hospitality was warm and generous. Thanks! Will Ripley described the remarkable growth of the UK Centers in the last 4-years. Enrollment and revenues have doubled through focus on efficient selling as well as improving flexibility and efficiency of operations.

This summer a first OB program in Northern Ireland was offered. Participants came from both the north and south of Ireland as well as the USA. The impact was very strong and lasting friendships were forged. The students had the opportunity to develop cross cultural relationships, provide service to disabled youth and challenge themselves on adventures such as canoeing, rock climbing, kayaking and community solo. The programs will continue next year.



### USA

Richard Bangs is the new national President of OB USA. Richard brings an extensive and successful background as an explorer, entrepreneur, author, and media innovator. He was the founder of Sobek, a pioneering river-based adventure travel company that merged with Mountain Travel to become the largest adventure travel company in the US. Richard joined OB USA from Microsoft where he was Editor-at-Large, spokesperson and strategist for Expedia, the online travel service.

At a recent fundraiser, Outward Bound USA created the Scholarships for Community fund to provide Outward Bound experiences to individuals and families affected by the tragedies of September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is another great example of Outward Bound extending its reach to all those in need.



### Voyageur

Robert J. Pruden is the school's newly selected Executive Director. He worked for the Boy Scouts of America, gaining experience at the local level in Iowa and moving quickly up to the regional and national levels over the next 10 years. In 1997, Rob moved to Ely Minnesota where he became the Director of Planning, Development and Technology for the local community college. Rob is a welcome addition to the Voyageur community.

## Outward Bound: The Inward Odyssey Volume 2

The deadline for advance purchases of *Outward Bound: The Inward Odyssey Volume 2* has been extended to **January 11, 2002**. To secure an advance order at \$20.00 US (half of the retail price) plus shipping for your school, please **send a 50% bank draft deposit (\$10.00US per book)** along with a letter of your intent to purchase to: **Mark Zelinski, Photographic Design, 119 Duncairn Crescent, Hamilton, ON, Canada L9C 6E9**, email : [fromtheheart@interlog.com](mailto:fromtheheart@interlog.com); Phone: 905 630 2556.



*If you have received photos for the book by email, please send a written description of each photo to assist in writing an appropriate caption for each photo in the book. If a chosen photograph is not suitable please contact Mark Zelinski. New submissions for photos should be sent to the above address, preferably on high-resolution Photo CD or original slides.*

# Outward Bound International Welcomes its New Directors!

In October 2001 the Annual General Meeting and the Board of Directors accepted the nominations of four new Board members: Jamie Anderson from Canada, Herald Seeburg from Germany, Dato' A.N. Ham from Malaysia and Brooks Wilson from Australia. Below is a brief introduction of two of these new board members:

## Brooks Wilson

After his daughter, Mary, took a 22-day Challenge Course from OB Australia, Brooks saw first hand how effective Outward Bound could be in a person's life. As the current Chair of the OBA Board he stays because he "likes the mission statement which includes the words '....to generate understanding between people...'. I have always felt that we are all part of the brotherhood of man, and that people everywhere have a great deal of potential if only it can be released." Throughout his professional life he has worked with and supported people around the world, which gives him excellent perspective on the challenges faced by both developed and developing countries.

As a young man, Brooks took on the challenge of walking the Kokoda Trail across the Owen Stanley Range in Papua-New Guinea. This experience taught him that he has the capacity to do anything in life. He took those lessons into a very successful 28-year career with Koppers Australia Pty Ltd, where he is now Managing Director. At Koppers he pioneered many new ideas and products and grew the company into an international leader.

Apart from being the Chair of Outward Bound Australia, he serves as a director on nine other boards. He serves on intercultural business councils between Australia and China, Taiwan, and Indonesia, and has been a trustee on the committee of economic development in Australia. He received the distinguished award of the Order of Australia in 1981. He lives outside Sydney with his wife, and has three sons and a daughter. When asked about what he looks forward to most as a Board Director of Outward Bound International, Brooks said, "my involvement with some great people and being involved in taking OB to the world." We are eagerly excited to have Brooks contributing to the Board and look forward to his representation of Australia and New Zealand.

## Dato' A.N. Ham

Dato Ham has had a long and successful career as a Quantity Surveyor in Malaysia. In 1986, he retired from his practice to look after his own business interests and his family's business interests. He has been a very active contributor to the Rotary

Club for 28 years. In particular he has been instrumental in supporting underprivileged and disabled children, and has received fellowships and accolades in this role both nationally and internationally.

He joined the board of the Outward Bound Trust Malaysia in 1988 and has served on the management committee of the Outward Bound School Lumut in a variety of capacities including chair and treasurer. He was instrumental in securing two safety boats and 32 kayaks for the school. For his services to the Nation in general and the State of Perak Darul Ridzuan, in particular, he was bestowed the award of "Dato' Paduka Mahkota Perak". He lives with his wife Datin Judy and has three grown children.

Although he has not had the opportunity to participate in Outward Bound himself, he has sent many friends, friend's children and his own children on experiences. He says that, "After their attendance, a great number of parents will call me up to thank me for what the school has done for their children. Immediately after the courses they end up being more independent, better behaved, more caring and considerate! Parents are happier too! I sent my two sons and five nephews and nieces for a 10-day children's adventure course in 1990. Immediately after the course, their outlook of life and their behaviour changed for the better."

As a new member of the OBI Board, Ham says: "For the next year or so, I believe that I will be learning more and more about OBI and the activities of other schools. I will, like all the other Directors, put my shoulder to the wheel and help push OBI to achieve whatever the Board has agreed to do." Outward Bound International is pleased to welcome Dato Ham to the International Board of directors representing the Asean region.

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# News from Outward Bound Schools Around the World



## Australia

Outward Bound Australia is ramping up for the Symposium in January, which promises to be an exciting event with many pre and post activities and lots of summer sunshine. Executive Director, Tim Medhurst “stopped off” in Romania on his way to the AGM in Ullswater to do a Safety and Quality Review for OBI. In addition, OB Australia Chairman, Brooks Wilson, was welcomed to the OBI Board for a 3-year term.



## Belgium

Jen Nold traveled to the AGM in Ullswater to represent the European OB Centers. Following the meeting OB Belgium made a generous gift to OBI that will partly underwrite costs of Safety Review Leader Training in Europe next March. Many thanks!



## Bermuda

Mark Norman is working hard to host the April 2002 OBI Board meeting in Bermuda. He also plans a fund raising event with local businesses around the same time, to raise scholarship funds.



## Brazil

Outward Bound Brazil is happy to report some operational news! Since July 2001, they have been delivering 3 to 14 day courses for youth ages 13-17. The courses have been a success for the school and for students. They are utilizing the Chapada Diamantina, climbing 2000 meter peaks, backpacking both off and on trail and creating service projects with local youth. Some reports, of students ranging 13 to 15 years old, were: “This is just the most beautiful place in Brasil”, “I would love to see many people having the chance to experience Outward

Bound”, “Now I know nothing is impossible!”



## Brunei Darussalem

The staff of OB Brunei Darussalam were given valuable training and experience during an 11-day expedition to Indonesia in July 2001 that included a 5 day stay at OB Indonesia followed by rigorous whitewater training in Bali. Haja Sofinaz Majid has been appointed as Training Officer and she recently visited OB Singapore to study training systems. In October 2001 OBBD also hosted the OBI Regional Training on Kurt Hahn Educational Principles conducted by Dr Anthony Richards with participants from OBBD, OB Sabah, OB Indonesia and the USA.



## Bulgaria

A safety review in October confirmed that steady progress is being made in development of Outward Bound programs. New staff members have been appointed; Katjusha Pavlova as Executive Director and Todor Todorov as Program Director.



## Canada

Merger of eastern and western operations into OB Canada is near completion under the leadership of Executive Director Rudy Massimo. The office in Vancouver has reduced in staff considerably as operations have been consolidated into the new office in Burk’s Falls, Ontario. Board Chairman Jamie Anderson was elected to serve on the OBI Board at the AGM.



## Colorado

In January 2002, COBS is moving its headquarters to the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, Colorado.



## Costa Rica

The new Chairman, John Brown, and the Board have been extremely busy reviewing and restructuring operations. Darcia Kahouska has been hired as Program Director after several years with OB Canada. Thomas Lopez, a Costa Rican citizen, has been hired as Associate Director to further strengthen the management team.



## Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound

ELOB just recently broke the century mark! Over 115 schools in 31 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are now expeditionary learning affiliates. Over 53,000 students and 3,000 teachers have been reached in this program.



## Finland

Bob Barton, Safety Director of OB Trust (UK) and Ian Wade conducted a Safety and Quality Review in September that led to a full license being granted to OB Finland at the AGM.



## Germany

OB Germany is negotiating the sale of one or more properties to reduce long-term debt. A joint program with HIOBS has recently taken place. Board Chairman, Harald Seeberg has now joined the OBI Board as a European delegate.



## Outward Bound Hong Kong

Keith Choules has announced his retirement as Executive Director effective at the end of 2002. After a worldwide search, Jon D’Almeida, currently Executive Director of OB South Africa, has accepted the position in Hong Kong.



### Hurricane Island

Galen Todd, the new Executive Director comes to HIOBS with 20 years of diversified business experience at Champion International. A Hurricane Island course was recently featured on ABC's 20/20 show. The show profiled four days of a 17-year old student's experience on a sea kayaking course.



### Outward Bound Malaysia

OB Lumut has a new Director - First Admiral (Rtd.) Thiruchandran. Thiru has commanded nine warships and headed multilateral training exercises including British, Australian, US, Indonesian, Thai and Singapore forces between 1984 and 1995. Between 1988 and 1995, he was also the Head of Fleet Operational Training and Inspections. He is a Rotarian and President Elect of Rotary Club of Sitiawan. All this makes him highly qualified to serve Outward Bound and welcomed into the OB community.

Last March, fourteen safety reviewers descended on OB Malaysia, Lumut and did a very comprehensive review that yielded 54 Recommendations for improvement. In a follow-up visit to meet the Board and staff in Kuala Lumpur in November remarkable progress was observed. Almost every item has been addressed or is well along the way to completion. A great example of how the review process is helpful in raising our safety and quality standards.



### Mexico

Outward Bound Mexico has extended its exploratory status for one more year to assist in adequately developing the funds needed to support full start up operations. Contracts with Universities and schools continue and new advisors and board members are being added to assist in the fundraising process.



### Nepal

The recent Maoist disturbances mean that plans to open an OB Center in Nepal are currently suspended.



### New Zealand

Ron Faber, a long-standing contributor to Outward Bound International and Outward Bound New Zealand has recently retired from his position on the International Board. His retirement speech was both inspirational and filled with wisdom from his many years of service to Outward Bound. Thank you Ron!



### North Carolina

NCOBS has recently added two new public courses, four instructor-training courses and two alumni programs. The alumni courses include courses in the Chilean Andes and Patagonia.



### New York City

NYCOBC recently moved to a new building on Long Island that contains classrooms, expanded staff workspaces and housing for seasonal employees.



### Pacific Crest

PCOBS recently hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Outdoor Leadership Conference. Over 100 women attended this year's conference. Robyn McCulloch, a long time OB instructor and trainer gave the keynote. A panel of experts in environmental education and advocacy spoke as well as a noted author and kayaker, Jennifer Hahn. For CD Rom proceedings of the conference or a video of the conference, please contact [info@outdoorwomen.org](mailto:info@outdoorwomen.org).



### Outward Bound Romania

Congratulations and job well done to Gabriella Kovacs! She recently finished the Intensive International Instructor

Training with Outward Bound Australia. While there, she learned new skills and ideas she's excited to put into practice back home in Romania. Thanks to Willits Sawyer and OB Australia for the financial support which made possible her participation in this program. Also, the Youth Center in Sovata is still a work in progress. The foundation was completed this July and the walls and roof are now partially finished. In August, ten teams participated in the first ever Romanian Adventure Race organized by OB Romania, called Carpathian Adventure. Romania had a completed safety review in October.



### Singapore

Ian Wade presented the Innovative Programming Award to Mr. Ong Keng Yong, Chief Executive Director of the People's Association and Press Secretary to the Prime Minister of Singapore. The timing was fortuitous as an Overseas Youth Program involving participants from Brunei Darussalam and Singapore was ending and the participants all attended. OB Singapore has made a generous gift to OBI that will partly underwrite costs of Safety Review Leader Training in Europe next March. Many thanks!

Winston Lim has recently reported that is cancer has been totally eradicated and he is gradually recovering his health. He is very grateful for the thoughts and prayers of Outward Bound staff worldwide.



### Slovakia

The Executive Director and Bookkeeper have left OB Slovakia for personal reasons and the Board of OB Slovakia have had a challenge finding new leadership. For the year 2002 they will be decreasing programs and moving to a smaller office while the organization is restructured. By the end of 2002 the dedicated staff and board in Slovakia hope to have both new leadership and a stable financial situation.

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