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Ziua Americii, sarbatorita la Constanta

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Sala de conferinte din cadrul Complexului Muzeal de Stiinte ale Naturii din Constanta a fost, ieri, gazda unui eveniment in premiera. Este vorba de sarbatorirea Zilei Nationale a Statelor Unite ale Americii, prilej pentru invitati de seama si personalitati ale Constantei si Ambasadei americane sa se intalneasca, la moment aniversar. La eveniment au sosit, asadar, reprezentanti ai Marinei Romane, ai muzeelor constantene, rectori ai universitatilor locale, consilieri, studenti. Manifestarea a debutat cu intonarea Imnului de stat, moment urmat de cateva speech-uri din partea unor invitati. „Pentru mine, 4 iulie inseamna sa

petrec cu familia si vestitele parade si focuri de artificii. Este prima sarbatoare a zilei nationale pe care nu o petrec acasa, insa ma bucur sa sarbatorim impreuna 230 de ani de la independenta noastra”, a declarat Bernadette Roberts, viceconsul al SUA in Romania. La randul sau, prof.dr. Timofthz Ehlinger a vorbit despre importanta sacrificiului, despre ce inseamna a fi american, dar si despre cateva momente de istorie a familiei sale. Nu in ultimul rand, a amintit de experienta sa in Romania. „A petrece timpul in Romania m-a ajutat sa inteleg importanta Americii”, a spus Timofthz Ehlinger. Invitatul special al intalnirii, Consultant Business United Peace - SUA si voluntar Peace Corps in Romania, Kristine Lambert, a povestit audientei despre experienta sa ca voluntar in Alaska si, de curand, in tara noastra. „Am lucrat in zonele rurale din Alaska, acestea avand similitudini cu Romania. In sate sunt probleme cu transportul, tinerii sunt nevoiti sa plece, utilitatile sunt scumpe. Am cautat sa ajut comunitatile in problemele lor”, a mentionat Kristine Lambert, care colaboreaza, totodata, cu Universitatea „Ovidius”, Complexul Muzeal de Stiinte ale Naturii si Biblioteca Judeteana „IN Roman”. Numai in acest an au sosit din SUA 140 de voluntari care activeaza ca lucratori sociali, profesori sau in domeniul economic. Kristine Lambert va mai ramane in Romania inca zece luni. „Vreau sa preiau de la americani entuziasmul si bucuria sarbatoririi zilei nationale”, a completat Gheorghe Martin, fost prefect al Constantei.

La eveniment a fost prezent si director executiv in domeniul cooperarii in bazinul Marii Negre, Sevil Sumanariu, din partea Consiliului Judetean, acesta vorbind despre proiectele care urmeaza sa se deruleze in anul in curs. In acest sens, amintim reamenajarea porturilor turistice sau proiectul privind amenajarea unui sat traditional al Marii Negre. Ca o surpriza din partea organizatorilor, toti cei care au ales, ieri, sa viziteze Complexul Muzeal de Stiinte ale Naturii au primit cate un mic drapel cu simbolul SUA. Pe 4 iulie, fiecare american sarbatoreste Declaratia de Independenta, Ziua Nationala a SUA. Adoptata la 4 iulie 1776, Declaratia de Independenta a constituit actul de nastere al natiunii americane si un enunt al filosofiei libertatilor individuale.

American Independence Day, Celebrated in Constanta

The conference room of the Natural Sciences Museum Complex yesterday hosted a very special event. The celebration of the 4th of July Independence Day, the national day for the United States, was an opportunity for the honorable guests and representatives of Constanta and the American embassy to gather at this special anniversary. Representatives of the Romanian military came to the event, Constanta museums, officials of the local university, government Council, and students. The event started with the U.S. national anthem, followed by speeches delivered by guests. "For me, the 4th of July means spending time with my family, parades and fireworks. This is the first celebration of our national day that I don't spend at home, but I am happy to celebrate 230 years of independence for us", declared Bernadette Roberts, Vice Council of the U.S.A. in Romania. Professor Dr. Timothy Ehlinger also spoke about the importance of sacrifice, about what it means to be an American, but also about some historical moments for his family. Furthermore, he was reminded of his experience in Romania. "Spending time in Romania helped me understand the importance of America," said Timothy Ehlinger. The special guest of the meeting, business consultant volunteer with the United States Peace Corps in Romania, Kristin Lambert, told the audience about her experience in Alaska and most recently in our country. "I worked in rural areas of Alaska, which were similar in ways to Romania. In villages there are problems with transportation, young people need to leave and utilities are expensive. I've tried to help communities with their problems", mentioned Kristin Lambert, who is in collaboration now with the University, the Natural Sciences Museum Complex, and the Constanta County library "IN Roman". This year alone in Romania 140 volunteers are active who do social work, teach English, and work in economic development. Kristin Lambert will stay another ten months in Romania. "I want to share at home the same joy and enthusiasm for the Romanian national day", added former prefect for Constanta, Gheorghe Martin.

At this event was Sevil Sumanariu, executive director for programs in the Black Sea basin on behalf of the County Council, speaking of the projects that are to take place here this year. For this purpose she mentioned rehabilitation of tourist harbors and setting up of a Black Sea traditional village. As a surprise from the organizers, those who chose to visit the Museum Complex received a small flag from the United States. On the 4th of July every American celebrates the Declaration of Independence, the National Day of the U.S.A. The Declaration of Independence was adopted 4 July, 1776, representing the birth of American nation and stating the philosophy of individual freedom.