

Special Edition - Grantees Meeting and National Grantee of Merit Award

2009 GRANTEES MEETING

The **Open World Leadership Center** hosted its annual meeting for grantees on Monday, May 4, at the Library of Congress. This year's event was smaller and more intimate, with most of the 19 participating grantee organizations sending just one representative to the daylong session. Center staff members and contractors joined several grantee representatives in making presentations on such topics as host-grantee communications, the role of the facilitator, innovative outreach ideas, and financial reporting. In all, 40 people took part in the collegial and productive gathering.



Freedom House's Ese Emerhi (left) confers with Tanya Woynarowsky of Vital Voices Global Partnership during the 2009 Open World Grantees Meeting.

Below, Dr. **David Buchanan** (left) of the **University of Massachusetts Amherst Institute for Global Health (IGH)** compares notes with the **U.S.-Ukraine Foundation's Oksana Yakovenko** (right) as **Jane Leinecker** from the **National Peace Foundation** looks on.



GRANTEE OF MERIT AWARD

Scott Exner (left), legislative assistant to Rep. **Barbara Lee** (CA), congratulates Grantee of Merit awardee **Enid Schreibman** of the **Center for Safe Energy** (CSE), which is based in Rep. Lee's district.



Following the Grantees Meeting, Open World Board Chairman **James Billington** presented the Berkeley, CA-based **Center for Safe Energy** with the **2009 Open World National Grantee**

of Merit Award. Accepting the award was CSE Director **Enid Schreibman**, who as part of her remarks gave a moving tribute to CSE's recently deceased founding co-director, **Fran Macy**.



CSE Director Enid Schreibman (in red) holds the National Grantee of Merit Award presented to her by Open World Board Chairman James Billington (second from left). Joining them are Executive Director John O'Keefe (far right) and CSE Program Coordinator Melissa Prager.

10TH-ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The legislation establishing the Open World Program was signed into law on May 21, 1999. For the first commemoration of the program's 10th anniversary, Center staff held a reception for participants in the Grantees Meeting and the Grantee of Merit Award ceremony. Attendees enjoyed birthday cake and the opportunity to discuss the day's events. Celebrating with grantees were staff from the offices of Sens. **Bob Casey** (PA) and **Herb Kohl** (WI) and Reps. **Tom Latham** (IA), **Barbara Lee** (CA), **Nita Lowey** (NY), **Betty McCollum** (MN), and **Jan Schakowsky** (IL).



Executive Director O'Keefe (far left) toasts Open World during a 10th-anniversary reception that followed the Grantees Meeting.