Cover photograph: Namgyal Tantric College, Dharamsala, India, recipient of Sabre book donations.
Mission

Sabre Foundation, Inc., founded in 1969, works to build free institutions and to examine the ideals that sustain them. Its largest project makes millions of dollars' worth of donated books available to needy individuals in developing and transitional societies worldwide through non-governmental partner organizations, libraries, universities, schools, research organizations and other similar institutions. Through its Library and Information Technology Services, Sabre helps organizations in these regions take advantage of rapidly evolving Internet and related information technologies. Sabre also sponsors domestic and international symposia and philosophical publications which explore the nature and accountability of free institutions. For more information, see Sabre’s World Wide Web site at http://www.sabre.org.

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Dear Friends of Sabre:

2001 was the first year Africa received a majority of the books Sabre donated. Last year we sent 178,000 volumes, worth an estimated $6.1 million, to eight African countries.

After decades of lagging economic performance and seemingly chronic political turmoil, the development needs in Africa remain enormous. Sabre launched its Michael W. Christian Program for Africa in 1998, placing on more formal ground our activities in Africa, which in fact date to 1992, when Sabre sent 11,000 books to Kenya and Uganda. As of year-end 2001, Sabre had sent more than 550,000 books, worth $17.8 million, to 14 countries: Angola, Benin, Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Morocco, Namibia, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The diversity—cultural, economic, linguistic, political—of these countries, and the fact that there are 44 other countries in Africa where we have yet to work, speak to the immensity of the task at hand.

In January 2002, Sabre staff traveled to Accra, where, together with our partner the Ghana Book Trust, we hosted a Dialogue of African Partners attended by representatives of Sabre’s local partner organizations from seven African countries, observers from two other African countries, and many Ghanaian and U.S. government officials. For five days our partners shared best practices, received Internet training at a recently-completed commercial Internet facility in Accra, and helped Sabre understand how we in Cambridge can help them better accomplish their own goals. I had the privilege of attending this conference, and I learned a great deal about both the challenges and opportunities presented by our work there.

As a direct result of the Dialogue we have just established a book and Internet training program in Sierra Leone, are broadening several existing Sabre programs, among them programs in Eritrea and South Africa, and are exploring new programs in a number of additional countries, including a program designed to strengthen substantially the libraries of four major universities in Nigeria.

Africa is likely to remain a key area for Sabre’s work, not only for materials at the university and professional levels—our principal emphasis in Africa to date—but also for our education relief initiative Humanitarian Aid for the Mind.

I would like to highlight a special program completed in 2001 which I believe will bring long term health and welfare benefits to a wide range of countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Through the generosity of the Prospect Hill Foundation and Fundación Amistad and in cooperation with the Wildlife Conservation Society and Island Press, Sabre sent “Environmental Bookshelves”—identical libraries of 20 specialized volumes on environmental issues and policy—to 80 environmental and conservation organizations in 34 developing and transitional countries. By providing tools to primarily indigenous organizations, Sabre hopes to foster the creation of sound environmental and conservation policies from within these countries, rather than the imposition of them from abroad.
Sabre’s longstanding support of work in philosophy continued in 2001 with the first Burton C. Gray Memorial Conference on the work of the British philosopher Michael Oakeshott. The conference, held at the London School of Economics in what would have been Oakeshott’s 100th year, was the first international meeting of scholars to discuss the full range of the philosopher’s work in politics, law, history, education, metaphysics, aesthetics, religion and science. It drew a distinguished group of some 150 scholars from five continents. The meeting also launched the Michael Oakeshott Association, which will continue the philosophical conversation in years to come. Sabre assisted not only on the intellectual side, but also in drafting bylaws and filings to set the Association on an independent course as a self-standing tax-exempt charitable organization. The project, which was launched on the Internet, illustrates the potential of this medium in sustaining what Sabre has called “academies without walls.”

2001 saw the retirement of three Sabre Directors: Bill Clinger, a former Congressman from Pennsylvania, who was quite helpful to Sabre in its discussions with federal government officials; John Price, who retired as a senior officer of J.P. Morgan Chase, and who as a Sabre director broadened the access Sabre has to corporations both in the U.S. and overseas; and Peter W allison, a former White House Counsel who was a Sabre director at its founding in 1969 (indeed, Peter drafted Sabre’s original charter). Bob Ferguson, who as Sabre’s Assistant Secretary served as our principal outside legal counsel for more than two decades, also retired from that post. On behalf of Sabre’s Board, I thank all of these gentlemen for their many valued contributions to Sabre over so many years. I am pleased to report that Kwame Anthony Appiah, the Laurence S. Rockefeller Professor of Philosophy at Princeton, was elected to Sabre’s Board at our annual meeting this past May. I am also pleased to report that Charles Reafsnyder, Director of the Center for International Education and Development at Indiana University, has joined our Steering Committee.

I hope you enjoy reading this annual report, which describes in some detail the work of our three principal programs: Book Donation, Internet Training, and Philosophy. I would encourage you to contact me or any of the staff about suggestions you might have about our work. As always, Sabre and its board and staff greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

KENNETH G. BARTELS, President
Highlights of 2001

- In October and November, Sabre moved its inventory of some 750,000 books to a new warehouse in Lawrence, Mass., having outgrown available space at Dunn & Co. in Clinton, Mass., where books had been received, stored, processed and shipped for a decade. The new space—the equivalent of one and a half football fields—includes improved access to freight elevators and loading docks.

- A record 32 ocean-freight containers of books were shipped, up from 30 in 2000. In all, 381,676 volumes, with a fair market value of over $11 million, were sent to 21 countries on four continents.

- Peace Corps’ cooperation with Sabre continued to flourish. Containerized book shipments went to NGO partners in six new countries in 2001, bringing the total number of books shipped through the Peace Corps-Sabre partnership to over a quarter of a million.

- Sabre welcomed as book program partners in Africa the Kenya Book Foundation and the Tanzania Book Support Trust, with both of which it anticipates a long and productive collaboration.

- The Association of American University Presses (AAUP) held a media auction at its annual meeting in June which raised over $16,000 to support Sabre Book Donation and Internet Training programs in Africa.

- Sabre began working with several U.S. institutions participating in the Department of State NIS College and University Partnership Program (NISCUPP) in countries of the former Soviet Union (see page 11).

- In another project sponsored by the Department of State—a program of its Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs—two groups of 14 high school exchange students from the former Soviet Union traveled to Cambridge in April and May for computer and Internet “Training of Trainers” workshops. In all during the year, Sabre’s IT workshops hosted 63 trainees from 16 countries.

- In three days in September, 150 scholars from four continents met at the London School of Economics for Sabre’s first Burton C. Gray Memorial Conference to discuss the work of the philosopher Michael Oakeshott (see pages 18-19).

- As the year drew to a close, plans were well advanced for the January 2002 Dialogue of African Partners conference in Accra, hosted by Sabre and its partner the Ghana Book Trust. Information about the conference can be found on the redesigned Sabre web site at: [http://www.sabre.org/dap.html](http://www.sabre.org/dap.html).
Sabre Foundation: An Overview

Sabre Foundation came into being a third of a century ago, a span of years commonly used to reckon a human generation. It was the creation of a handful of recent university graduates who were interested in studying the philosophical foundations of free institutions in society, and in doing what they could to help strengthen them.

Essential to the health and vitality of any modern community is the capacity of its people to receive, discover and communicate the ever-expanding fields of human knowledge. This principle underlies Sabre’s main lines of work in recent years.

For the most recent half of its life, since 1986, Sabre’s efforts have been concentrated on enhancing the reach and quality of teaching and research in transitional and developing countries through the donation of new books and other educational materials. These materials reach readers through libraries, schools, universities, hospitals and research institutions. Sabre’s partnerships with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) serve to further bolster the role of the private voluntary sector in each country. (For details about the Book Donation Program, see below and pages 6-9.)

Through its partnerships with NGOs around the globe, Sabre came to understand the need in countries in transition to take better advantage of rapidly developing electronic communication and information tools. This led to the Internet Training Workshops, established in 1998. In 2001, these workshops provided information technology skills to 63 trainees from 16 countries. (For more about the Internet Training Workshops, see pages 12-15.)

The philosophical concerns that inspired the creation of Sabre continue to ground the Foundation’s activities, and in particular are embodied in its Philosophy of Institutions Project, which sponsors academic symposia and exchanges, research and publications. (For more about the Philosophy of Institutions Project, see pages 18-19.)

Book Donation Program

Two key elements have earned Sabre’s Book Donation Program a reputation for exceptional effectiveness:

- The high quality of its inventory. From thousands of titles offered continuously by leading publishers, Sabre’s staff makes a careful selection of materials likely to interest its constituencies abroad. Subjects include such diverse fields as medicine and nursing, law and government, business and economics, geography and the environment, history, the arts and literature, English language and education, library science, computer science and the Internet. Most of the donated books are new, unremaindered college- and professional-level titles, but a growing quantity of high school, elementary and early learning...
materials are being received in response to increasing demand. The books generally are in English, a widely preferred second language, but Spanish-language children’s books have been added to serve the needs of new programs. Sabre also receives significant quantities of academic monographs, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, from a number of highly regarded university presses.

- Close attention to demand in the field. Indigenous organizations know best about the educational needs of developing and transitional countries. So, rather than trying to send as many books as possible, regardless of demonstrated need, Sabre lets its overseas partners select books and CD-ROMs from detailed offering lists sent electronically. Only titles and quantities requested in the field are shipped by Sabre.

Local needs are constantly assessed by Sabre’s non-governmental organization (NGO) partners, who are in touch with libraries, universities, schools, hospitals, research organizations and other similar institutions. Shipments are normally via 20- or 40-foot ocean freight containers, holding up to 20,000 books. Local partners are responsible for receiving, warehousing, stamping, repackaging and distributing the books countrywide. The beneficiaries of the donated materials include countless students, teachers, scientists, scholars, researchers, medical professionals, fledgling entrepreneurs, lawmakers and jurists.

Since the start of the Program, Sabre had by the end of 2001 shipped more than 4.5 million books, journals and CD-ROMs, with a fair market value of some $130 million, to over 70 countries. More than 200 U.S. and European publishers have participated over the past 16 years. Many of their donations are governed by a provision of the U.S. tax code requiring that the materials benefit the ill, the needy or children. Where requested books are not available through donations, Sabre may seek supplemental funding for reduced-cost purchases.
2001 Shipments and Plans

In 2001, Sabre shipped a total of 381,676 books overseas, with a fair market value of over $11 million. The 32 full-container shipments, along with three less-than-container loads, topped the previous year’s record of 30, and reached 21 different countries on four continents.

Cooperation with Peace Corps continued throughout the year, with Sabre sending containers destined for Peace Corps projects to Benin, Dominican Republic, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco and Zambia. These shipments, as is typically the case with Peace Corps, focused heavily on primary and secondary level books. The relationship with Peace Corps has also been a significant factor in the increasing number of Spanish-language titles to be found in Sabre’s inventory.

The final round of shipments of the landmark encyclopedia Africana left Sabre’s warehouse in the spring, bound for Zambia and Kenya. This comprehensive history of Africans and the worldwide African diaspora was edited by Harvard professors Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Kwame Anthony Appiah (recently elected a Sabre director). Sabre’s distribution of 1,000 copies on the African continent was made possible by a donation from Citigroup.

The book donation program in Ukraine was given a valuable boost by a grant to long-time partner Sabre-Svitlo from the Soros-funded International Renaissance Foundation (IRF). This grant has enabled Sabre-Svitlo to improve its book distribution system. IRF’s director has also appointed a council of scholars to advise on title selection and distribution.

Site Visits

Sabre’s Rebecca Schneider travelled to South Africa early in the year to undertake a technical assessment of Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDI). She visited five technikons and three universities to evaluate the technical infrastructure and training needs of their libraries. Becky’s conclusions will help Sabre in planning the future of its South Africa book program and identifying possible applications of the Internet Training Workshops Program.

Tania Vitvitsky, Executive Director, was in Southeastern Europe in September to meet with Sabre-Zagreb and World University Service (W US), Sabre’s partners in Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. She also paid her first visit to Montenegro, for meetings at the University of Montenegro and the Podgorica office of W US, a prospective book program partner in Montenegro. Tania was touched by the many expressions of condolence following the September 11 attacks, which occurred while she was in Croatia.

In May 2001 Alexander (Sasha) Gupman conducted a needs assessment in Pakistan. He visited over 15 primary schools and several non-profit organizations which serve the Afghan refugee population in the Northwest Frontier Province (NW FP) of Pakistan. Sasha also met with U.S. Embassy staff and toured the American Information Center in Islamabad, which serves as an information dissemination point for Pakistanis and Afghans in the country.
Focus on Eritrea

In the early part of the year a Sabre shipment arrived in Eritrea, for distribution by the Eritrean Development Foundation (EDF) and the Library and Information Association of Eritrea (UAE) to schools and community libraries. In Eritrea, as in other countries, it is Sabre’s policy to ensure that donated books are distributed as widely as possible rather than remaining in the capital city. The EDF representative in Asmara alluded to this issue in correspondence with Sabre:

“I just wanted to drop you a quick line to let you know that the first batch of Sabre books have gone out and were a huge hit in the small town of Adi Tekelezan.

“Adi Tekelezan is 40 km north of the capital city Asmara and has steadily been growing since Eritrean independence in 1993, especially in the past three years. The junior school, newly built, has a lovely new library, but a lovely new empty one, unfortunately. Books being at something of a premium all over the country, this small town was often overlooked.

“However, this past Tuesday, EDF hired a truck and delivered the first batch of books from the Sabre/EDF/UAE book shipment to this school of 1,100 students. The students, teachers, staff and parents’ committee all turned out for the occasion, going over and flipping through all the books before putting them on the shelves, then arranging for a nice celebration the following evening.

“Rest assured that the student body and teaching staff have already started to use the books, both as reference and for simple reading. In a culture that is just now getting introduced to a culture of reading, this is indeed impressive.”

At its meeting on October 26, 2001, the Board of Directors of Sabre Foundation, Inc. unanimously:

RESOLVED: That William Hantzis be commended for his outstanding initiative, dedication and perseverance. Mr. Hantzis identified Sabre Foundation’s new warehouse in Lawrence, Massachusetts; negotiated very favorable terms for the Foundation’s occupancy of this new warehouse; and then orchestrated and completed smoothly and in a timely and cost-effective manner the move of the Foundation’s warehouse operations to Lawrence from the Foundation’s former warehouse in Clinton, Massachusetts.

The Board wishes Mr. Hantzis to know that he is a highly valued member of the Sabre family. We extend to Mr. Hantzis our gratitude and best wishes.
Where Does Sabre Donate Books?

 Destinations for 2001 Shipments

In 2001, shipments were dispatched to partner organizations in 21 countries: Africa: Angola, Benin, Eritrea, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Morocco, Somalia, Tanzania, and Zambia; the Balkans: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia; former Soviet Union: Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Other: Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Jordan, and Mongolia.

Sabre’s Book Donation Philosophy

Sabre Foundation’s Book Donation Program is valued by overseas NGOs because of Sabre’s steadfast adherence to the policy that when it comes to the educational needs of developing and transitional countries, indigenous organizations know best. The keystone of Sabre’s book program is that it is demand-driven. Rather than trying to send as many books as possible, regardless of demonstrated need, Sabre gives its overseas partners the opportunity to select books and CD-ROMs from detailed inventory offering lists that are sent electronically. Only titles and quantities specifically requested by its partners are shipped by Sabre. Those titles are new, high-quality, up-to-date books selected by Sabre from the offerings made by donating publishers. In the selection process, Sabre’s rule-of-thumb is that something which is of no value in the U.S. is usually equally valueless overseas. The schools, universities, libraries and individuals that benefit from Sabre’s Book Donation Program are not regarded as the recipients of aid for whom “any book is better than no book at all.” They are regarded instead as clients with limited resources.
Environmental Bookshelf

With funding from the Prospect Hill Foundation, Sabre put together 80 sets of a 20-volume collection, or “bookshelf,” of environmental texts for distribution to environmental centers in Latin America, Asia and Africa. The project was carried out in conjunction with the Wildlife Conservation Society, which chose both the titles and 75 of the recipient organizations, and with Island Press, which supplied the books through a combination of donation and reduced-cost purchase. 75 sets were shipped to environmental centers worldwide and five, funded by Fundación Amistad, went to Cuba. The response to the project has been very positive, as shown by an e-mail from the Russian Federation:

“We recently were called down to the post office in downtown Vladivostok, Russia, to receive a very large and unexpected package. To our surprise, we had received a huge and heavy box which contained the 20-volume Environmental Bookshelf from Sabre Foundation. On behalf of the Russian Far East office of the Wildlife Conservation Society, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for this donation. The Russian Far East is long ways from just about everywhere, and our isolation extends to our ability to purchase and obtain books and other pertinent environmental and conservation materials. Your donation will go a long ways towards providing us a source of information and stimulation in working to resolve conservation and environmental issues in the Russian Far East. Again, a sincere thank you to all who made this possible.”

Scholars and University Students on Sabre

From Somalia:

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Technical Support Committee, the Faculty Senate, staff and students of Amoud University, I wish to thank you personally and Sabre Foundation as an organization for the outstanding and pivotal contributions you and your organization are making to Amoud University during these critical years. In 1999 when Sabre Foundation first pledged books for us, Amoud University was serving only 69 students tutored by three lecturers. Today we are serving 320 full-time students and 40 part-time students and our teaching staff has increased to 20 full-time and 3 part-time lecturers. This phenomenal growth was partly facilitated by Sabre Foundation, which provides the best books in our library. This made Sabre Foundation a household name at Amoud and in Borama.”

Professor Suleiman A. Gulaid
President, Amoud University
Borama

From Ukraine:

“Sabre-Svitlo has supported my scholarly activity in several ways:

“In 2000-2001 I received more then 50 titles of modern monographs and textbooks. There is no Ukrainian or Russian analogue to a great many of them. Sabre-Svitlo’s library is the only source of modern scholarly literature for those scientists who cannot attend postgraduate courses abroad on a regular basis. Donated books proved to be very helpful for writing two of my monographs, Economic reforms in Latin America and Payment balance and macroeconomic stability in Ukraine.”

V. Shevchuk, Muskie/FSA fellow
Lviv Academy of Commerce
University Partnerships

During 2001, Sabre began working with several participants of the U. S. Department of State’s NIS College and University Partnerships Program (NISCUPP). NISCUPP is an academic institutional linkage program for the newly independent states (NIS) of the former Soviet Union, aimed at strengthening the capacity of NIS institutions of higher learning to contribute to the transitions to democracy and market economies. Among the benefits of program participation are: stronger teaching, research and public service capabilities; opportunities to start new academic programs or expand existing ones; better collaborative research and sharing among partner institutions; and outreach to local communities and professional and government entities.

Sabre’s Book Donation Program supports this and similar initiatives by providing classroom texts and library materials to selected colleges and universities in the NIS and elsewhere. Some examples of Sabre’s present and prospective collaboration in university partnerships:

- with Indiana University, for which 9,000 books were shipped to the American University in Kyrgyzstan; and with which donations also were planned for the newly-established South Eastern European University in Tetovo, Macedonia, funded by USAID’s U.S.-Macedonia Linkage Program;

- with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, to provide American and European legal texts for Donetsk University Library in Ukraine and for the University of Belgrade;

- with Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, to provide textbooks for exchange courses organized by its Picker Center for students of the École Nationale d’Administration (ENA) in Algeria.

From Croatia:

“For quite some time I have been a user of Sabre Foundation donations, as a principal investigator of the Institute for Social Science team, and as a lecturer at the School of Law. For me and for a host of many other scholars and academic institutions, your donation and the books you have been sending to Croatia in these last ten years or so, have always been a source of great marvel. I assume you cannot possibly understand the feeling of excitement – waiting for the next shipment-treasure to arrive, and a feeling of an enormous gratitude. Without you I assume our academic and scientific life would be much, much poorer. The treasures you have been sending us made us feel proper intellectuals – right people for the right cause. I am also indebtedly grateful to Ms. Helena Pavic, who has been running the operation with success.”

Darko Polšek, Professor
Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb
Internet Training Workshops Program

Sabre’s Internet Training Workshops Program, launched in 1998, was inspired by the same conviction that underlies the Book Donation Program: that improved access to information accelerates development.

Drawing on the partnerships formed for the Book Program abroad, Sabre has fashioned an Internet Training (IT) program catering to the specialized needs of librarians, teachers, students, trainers, scholars and researchers, and NGO personnel.

The advent of the Internet broadened enormously the means by which information is made available, as well as the uses to which it can be put (education, research, communication, advocacy, collaboration). Sabre’s IT workshops are custom-designed to enable trainees to take advantage of the tools best suited to their individual backgrounds and work. It teaches them how to maximize electronic tools already available in their home countries, and exposes them to technological advances likely to be accessible in the future. Central to Sabre’s goals is an emphasis on training people who can later share what they’ve learned with others.

Most of the workshop sessions are in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and are supplemented with professional on-site visits in the area. However, Sabre staff also travel abroad to provide training sessions.

During the first two years of the program, Sabre was able to offer training to all participants without charge, thanks to a grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies. Beginning in 2000, the Foundation instituted a modest fee to help cover its costs.

Training in 2001

The past year was a busy one for the program, with training provided for 63 people from 16 countries. Perhaps the most unusual group—certainly the one whose influence is likely to reach farthest into the future—was made up of 28 high school students, in two successive groups of 14 each, from the newly independent states (NIS) of the former Soviet Union.

They hailed from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, and they came to Cambridge for training in April and May after spending the academic year in host high schools across the United States. They were part of a pilot computer and Internet “Training of Trainers” program of the State Department’s Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs—the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX). Their sessions at Sabre were aimed at helping young people understand the role of technology in an emerging democratic society. The trainers also encouraged the students to imagine real situations they might encounter in their communities, and to devise a “personal action plan” for putting their training skills to use.

The training included site visits to Boston-area non-profit organizations which tap the civic influence of young people. The students also collaborated on creating their own Web page, which they continued to maintain independently through e-mail discussion and an online chat room.
Other Internet trainees during the year included:

- Two librarians from Kampala, Uganda, Stella Nekusa and Eva Barongo, who spent two weeks with Sabre staff after attending the conference of the International Federation of Library Associations in Boston. Their computer training included Web page creation, the use of HTML language, online search techniques, and familiarization with group chat rooms, listservs and newsgroups. They visited various libraries and organizations in the area, including the Cambridge Public Library and the Perkins School for the Blind, as they were especially interested in improving access to information for children and disabled people.

- Two groups of talented teenagers participating in the State Department’s Youth Leadership Program for Bosnia & Herzegovina, administered by Project Harmony. This was a continuation of a Sabre collaboration that began with an IT workshop in 2000. Like the FLEX workshops reported above, these sessions focused on community activism and teaching the students to pass along their skills to their compatriots.

- Representatives of Sabre’s Liberian book partner, the Church-Related Educational Development Organization, Inc. (CREDO). The trainees—CREDO Executive Director William Harris and staff member Alfreda Parker—studied word processing, mail merge, inventory tracking with spreadsheets, Internet research and Web design.

- Fulbright Scholars from Slovenia and Tunisia, involved in research projects at American universities, who welcomed an opportunity to improve their basic Internet search skills and to learn about building electronic databases.
Sabre Foundation Internet Training Workshops Program

2001 Participants

Afghanistan
Sulaiman Stanikzai

Armenia
Arsen Misakian

Azerbaijan
Vusal T. Khanlar

Belarus
Pavel Gorentsyn
Pavel Vorotilin

Bosnia & Herzegovina
Almira Aleckovic
Mehmed Becic
Spaic Divna
Hana Dzanic
Vedrana Hallilovic
Emir Karabegovic
Adi Kasunacic
Vedran Kordic
Jana Mandeganja
Marko Markic
Zlata Saric
Igor Stakic
Tanja Stjepanovic
Tamara Tabakovic
Ruzica Blazanovic
Ines Delic
Maja Dogic
Valentina Dzodzo
Vladimir Erkic
Ena Karabegovic
Srdjan Kisić
Nebojša Krujić
Mirsada Puhovac
Elvira Sejdic
Vladimir Setka
Sladana Custovic
Adnan Vojic
Jasmin Zecić

Georgia
Vitali Kobakhidze
Marina Livina
Keti Peradze
Kazakhstan
Ilyas Maylibaev

Liberia
William Harris
Alfreda Parker

Moldova
Irena Gregor

Russia
Shukurjan Rozmetova
Oleg Kurnosov
Yana Bodrasheva
Yulya Dorzhieva
Asya Khasnutdinova
Julia Krasnova

Slovenia
Darja Kek

Tajikistan
Shukhrat Rakhimov
Andrey Kiselyov

Turkmenistan
Muhiba Rabejanova
Sergey Atliyev

Tunisia
Fredj Maatoug

Uganda
Stella Nekusa
Evangeline L. Barongo

Ukraine
Oxana Arkhypchuk
Tatyana Choob
O Iga Ivanova
Tanya Ivanovich
Yuliya Muravey
Stanislav Polyakov
Sergiy Kyrylenko
Ksenia Skossorenko

Uzbekistan
Tamilla Kurbanova
Sabre’s Partnership With Peace Corps

Sabre Foundation has shipped close to 260,000 books, with a fair market value of over $4.6 million, through a cooperative agreement signed with Peace Corps at the end of 1998. With the help of its many partner organizations, Sabre has so far supplied educational materials for use in Peace Corps projects in 22 different countries on four continents.

“I am writing on behalf of my classmates to express my sincere thanks to your Foundation. We have benefited a lot as pupils through reading these books. Thank you.”

Kelvin Maira
Moi-Ndabi Primary School
Naivasha, Kenya

“I just finished unpacking and cataloguing all of the books that you sent to me. I am using them in my English class already, the scientists are devouring them, and the children at our IT center love them.”

Ann Furr, Peace Corps volunteer at an arid land research program in Jordan

“It is with great honor that we received your present of books and audio-cassettes and we want to thank you infinitely; this will allow the students and teachers to improve their knowledge and their musical feeling.”

Boudraa Mostafa
Director, Municipal Conservatory of Music
Beni-mellal, Morocco
Philosophy of Institutions Project

Sabre supports work on the conceptual grounds of modern institutions through international conferences, scholarly research and publication and theoretical inquiry.

From 1999 through the summer of 2002, Sabre’s Philosophy of Institutions Project assisted in the formation of the Michael Oakeshott Association. The launching of this group illustrates the utility of the Internet in drawing together a far-flung intellectual network to form an “academy without walls.”

Though Oakeshott was widely recognized during his lifetime as perhaps the leading English academic philosopher of politics in the twentieth century, his contributions on other topics were under-appreciated. In the decade since his death, republication of his essays in such fields as the philosophy of history, education, religion, poetry and law by Yale, Oxford, and Cambridge University presses, and by the Liberty Fund, supported a view of Oakeshott as an unusually coherent and well-modulated voice in modern philosophical literature. Sabre Foundation contributed early to this reassessment with a collection of obituary essays, edited by A. Jesse Norman, and a comprehensive bibliography by John Liddington (The Achievement of Michael Oakeshott, Duckworth, London, 1993).

But those appreciating his achievement were too dispersed to constitute an active community of interest. In 1999 a graduate student in philosophy at London University, Leslie Marsh, undertook to design a website for those interested in Oakeshott’s work. Marsh e-mailed Sabre’s Josiah Lee Auspitz for permission to reprint an article for the site, and they agreed to collaborate on a wider plan. An organizing committee consisting of Auspitz, Marsh, Norman, Charles Getchell and Jeffrey Rabin was assembled to set up the Michael Oakeshott Association as an entity within Sabre until it might take independent shape.

Plans were also laid for an inaugural conference to mark what would have been Oakeshott’s hundredth year. When Marsh undertook to invite a few papers, he quickly found more than thirty contributors in several academic fields to examine Oakeshott’s philosophical antecedents, influence and relevance to a range of disciplines. Marsh was also encouraged that the velocity of email had generated some 300 worldwide members of the MOA, of whom half wished to come to the London School of Economics for a three-day centenary conference in September 2001.

Friends and family of Sabre’s late president, Burton C. Gray, thought it a fitting tribute to him to make the London meeting the first Burton C. Gray Memorial Conference. Gray had been an admirer of Oakeshott’s work and had drawn upon it in his own essays on economics and law. Several private individuals, a few British scholarly institutions, and the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation provided additional support for travel and arrangements. (For the program of the conference and a post-conference report see Sabre’s updates of July 2001 http://www.sabre.org/pip/oakeshott.doc and Winter 2001 http://www.sabre.org/news/winter2001_insert.pdf).
Though the main goals of the Burton C. Gray Conference and of the Association are intellectual, the organizational arrangements are worth noting. Conference attendees ratified bylaws and elected officers: Kenneth Minogue (London School of Economics), President; Timothy Fuller (Colorado College), Vice President; Leslie Marsh (London University), Secretary-Treasurer; and Auspitz and Liddington (Balliol College, Oxford, and private legal practice) executive committee members. Six honorary fellows were elected, three posthumously*: Burton C. Gray*, Elie Kedourie*, Shirley Robin Letwin*, Simon Oakeshott, Robert Orr and Anthony Quinton. In addition, four persons were invited to join the Executive Committee for specific functions: Sabre’s Charles Getchell, legal counselor; Robert Grant (Glasgow University), editor of the selected proceedings of the Conference; Mark North (private business, California), business advisor; Jeffrey Rabin (private business, Canada), assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

In 2002, under Getchell’s guidance, the Association will have left Sabre and entered the five-year period for chartering as an independent tax-exempt charitable organization.

In 2003, September 25-28, the Association will hold a second international conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with Timothy Fuller as chair. The Association is able to maintain regular communication with its members by e-mail. Periodic on-line newsletters and bulletins keep them abreast of relevant publications and conferences (see: http://www.michael-oakeshott-association.org).

Those acquainted with Oakeshott’s person and work will savor the irony in all this. The least new-fangled of modern philosophers, a man who resisted scientific-sounding jargon, wrote all his drafts in longhand, and provided perhaps the most enduring statements of a conservative disposition in mores and liberal learning, is now the beneficiary of the latest in information technology.
Statement of Activities 2001

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| **Operating expenses**         |              |            |       |
| **Programs**                  |              |            |       |
| Books                         | 607,677      | 607,677    |       |
| Library & Information Technology | 73,486    | 73,486     |       |
| Philosophy                    | 60,562       | 60,562     |       |
| **Total cash expenditures**   | 741,725      | [c]        | 741,725|
| In-kind books & materials     | 26,531,553   | [b]        | 26,531,553|
| In-kind services              | 19,750       | [b]        |       |
| **Total program services**    | 27,293,028   | 27,293,028 |       |

| **Support services**          |              |            |       |
| General and administrative    | 90,027       | 90,027     |       |
| Fundraising                   | 14,550       | 14,550     |       |
| In-kind services              | 8,925        | [b]        | 8,925|
| **Total support services**    | 113,502      |            | 113,502|

| **Total operating expenses**  | 27,406,530   | 27,406,530 |       |

| **Change in net assets**      | 4,993        | (137,285)  | (132,292)|
| **Net assets - beginning of year** | 216,769   | 464,197    | 680,966 |
| **Net assets - end of year**  | 221,762      | 326,912    | 548,674 |

Notes: [a] SFAS No. 116 provides: “Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give that is, in substance, unconditional, and are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted, depending on the existence or the nature of any donor restrictions.” [b] For tax and financial statement purposes, in-kind services and donated materials are reported as expended in the same year in which they are received. Therefore, inventory of books and materials are not carried on Sabre’s audited statement of financial position. [c] Of this total, the component relating to the Library and Information Technology Services program was estimated by management. [d] Except for $1,400 permanently restricted endowment, these figures refer to assets restricted temporarily.
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"After the disasters that your country underwent September 11, I want especially to show you all my solidarity and sympathy."

Zouina Khichane, Algeria

"Words fail to describe the horror your country is going through. On behalf of the English Cultural Center of Vitebsk please allow me to express our deepest condolences. All people in Belarus are in great shock and from the bottom of the hearts we share your pain and your sorrow. Please be assured in our prayers for your country."

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"We are saddened and stunned by Tuesday’s tragic events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims' families and to all of you. God bless you all."

Helena Pavic, Davor Šovagovic, and all the volunteers of Sabre-Zagreb, Croatia

"I hope you, your families and everybody else you know are all fine. We are very shocked by what has happened in America. It's unbelievable that what we are seeing is real. We have experienced the same acts of terrorism but that was not to that kind of magnitude. I send my condolences to people of America."

Jephew N. Murang’a, Kenya

"We have learned with great dismay and profound regret, of the unwarranted death of thousands of Americans and other innocent people by, from all accounts, terrorist organizations, whose agenda opposes true democracy and whose platform for a new world characterized by genuine peace and respect for human lives is quite contrary to the views of freedom and justice harbored by CREDO."

"Hence, as collaborators of Sabre intertwined in an effort to develop the educational abilities of Liberians; cognizant of our joint commitment to building a FREE WORLD and considering the ultimate national affinity Sabre shares with the victims and the American nation at large, we herewith extend our genuine condolences to the Sabre family for this unfortunate event.

"We further solicit the protection and consolation of the Almighty and trust that the traditional endurance of the American people will suffice in this moment of national mourning."

William E. Harris, Liberia
The year 2001 saw the passing of two friends of Sabre.

Katharine Graham was recognized as one of the great American women of the twentieth century. President George W. Bush awarded her the Medal of Freedom posthumously. Among her many generous deeds was her help in the mid 1980s in launching Sabre’s earliest donation programs in Eastern Europe. As Chairman of the Washington Post Company she personally underwrote Sabre’s donation of Newsweek subscriptions in Poland and Bulgaria. In so doing she overrode her own corporate officers, who rejected the project on the grounds that no commercial benefit could possibly result. Fifteen years later, Newsweek boasts a Polish-language edition, with locally-sourced content and advertising.

James P. (“Jimmy”) Rowan, Sr., an aide for 33 years to former U.S. House Speaker Thomas P. (“Tip”) O’Neill. Later he became a consultant to the Washington public affairs firm of Cassidy & Associates. When Sabre approached the firm for pro bono assistance in restoring to the federal budget support for charitable book donations, Rowan brought his considerable charm and energy to the effort. He approached it with the same passion he devoted to his main sporting interest: the breeding and racing of thoroughbreds. With his help and that of others on Capitol Hill, Congress formally requested that the Executive Branch resume its traditional assistance to book donation.
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