

Tangier 2003



Fulbright Associations Workshop on Moroccan-Spanish Cultural Relations

Recommendations of the Spanish and Moroccan Fulbright Associations encounter [Instituto Cervantes at Tangier](#) December 6-7, 2003

With the theme 'Bridging the Strait', a fruitful 2 day encounter took place at the Cervantes Institute in Tangier between Spanish and Moroccan Fulbright alumni on Dec 6-7, 2003. Through lectures and discussions on the history of Moroccan-Spanish relations, the current economic and political situation in the Mediterranean region in particular and the world in general, as well as more casual encounters in Moroccan restaurants or touring Tangier and visiting the American Legation Museum, the participants were able to get to know each other and exchange ideas. At the end of the meeting, participants discussed ways of building on this first initiative and concluded the following statements:

1. The participants shared the feeling of belonging to this growing world movement that preaches peace, mutual understanding and cooperation.
2. All the participants at the panel that concluded the two days encounter put emphasis on the need to develop further the collaboration between Fulbright alumni from the two countries.
3. There is a need to establish a kind of tradition of organizing similar encounters once every other year, alternatively in Morocco and Spain. Future encounters should include cultural activities such as exhibits, lecture of poems, music, etc. At any rate, participants agreed upon the need to look for bodies funding resources necessary to secure and make possible materially such periodical encounters in the future.
4. The participants agreed upon the need to look for original ideas permitting such encounters. It has been recommended to work together, through continuous exchanges, to identify issues of interest to the two countries. These initiatives should support civil society efforts in pursuing harmonious and sustainable development, peace, and mutual understanding. The opportunities identified and the type of actions in which we will all get involved in should be emphasized.
5. We should spread the news about the present encounter to let other Fulbrighters know that these exchanges took place.
6. There is a need for the establishment of a network of Fulbright Alumni Associations at the level of the Mediterranean region.
7. A proposal was made to invite the Spanish Fulbright Alumni Association to participate at the founding meeting of the Moroccan Fulbright Alumni Association that will be held during the spring of 2004. This participation will allow Moroccan

Fulbright alumni to know more about the type of activities held by its Sister Spanish Association and how it is organized nationally and regionally.

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