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NEW IREX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

The International Research and Exchanges Board announced that according to a new two year agreement with the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education of the GDR, signed on May 5, 1977, the total amount of exchange months annually was doubled to 40. The minimum stay required is two months, the maximum 6, which ordinarily can not be exceeded. Housing, book allowances and medical care are provided by the GDR, international transportation and an internal travel fund by the IREX. Application forms can be requested from IREX, 110 East Fifty-Ninth St, New York, N.Y. 10022; deadline for the academic year of 1978/79 is November, 1, 1977.

IREX SCHOLARS ABROAD

Of the American scholars participating in the 1977/78 IREX - GDR program, the following persons are concentrating on studies in the field of German literature:

- Wesley Blomster, University of Colorado: Hanns Eisler: a sociological study of the composer
- Katherine Eaton, University of Wisconsin: Production methods employed or planned by Brecht for certain plays
- Karl Weimar, Brown University: Postwar poetry in the two Germanies
- Richard Zipser, Oberlin College: GDR literature in the 1970s

VISA REQUIREMENTS OF THE GDR

For the benefit of readers needing this information, the Bulletin has obtained the following advice from the GDR embassy on visa policies. We regret that we cannot answer individual inquiries on these matters.

1) Transit visas : Transit visas may be obtained either direct at the GDR frontier crossing-point or at the Embassy of the GDR in the U.S. required are: a) valid passport b) one completed transit visa application form (give full name, birthday, birthplace, nationality, home address, passport number and destination); c) visa of the state to which you wish to proceed after leaving the GDR (if so required by that state). The fee for a single transit visa is \$ 2.25. If the

passport is mailed to the GDR Embassy for issuance of a transit visa, add \$ 1.10 for return by registered mail. Transit visas are good only for traveling through the GDR taking the shortest way, without stops.
2) Visas for US citizens wishing to visit relatives in the GDR : Visa applications of this kind are not processed by the GDR Embassy in the US. They should be sent to Reisebüro der DDR, Abteilung für Besuchsreisen, DDR-1026 Berlin, Postfach 77. The requirements for this visa are: a) four completed application forms for entry into the GDR (all questions must be answered); b) receipt for payment of handling fee. The Reisebüro charges \$ 14.50 for each applicant; no fee for children under 16. The fee should be remitted to : Deutsche Außenhandelsbank AG, 102 Berlin, Konto-Nr. 6835-10-72824 to the account of the Reisebüro der DDR, Abt. für Besuchsreisen. The First National City Bank of New York, the Chase Manhattan Bank or their branches handle such remittances. Handling of the whole procedure takes at least six weeks. When authorization is given, the Reisebüro will send a "visa entitlement certificate" to the applicant. The visa can be obtained at the GDR frontier crossing-point or at the GDR Embassy in the US upon presentation of this certificate and the valid US passport. Visa fee is \$ 6.75.

3) Visas for US citizens wishing to travel in the GDR as tourists : The Embassy of the GDR in the US does not process applications of this kind. They should be sent to : Reisebüro der DDR, Abt. für Touristenreisen, DDR-1026 Berlin, Postfach 77. Please state in the application: date, location and length of stay in the GDR, as well as points of interest, etc., to visit. The applications should contain the following personal data of the applicant: full name, birthday, birthplace, home address, nationality, number and issuing authority of passport. The application processed, the Reisebüro will send a booking confirmation. The visa will be issued at any frontier crossing-point or by the Embassy of the GDR upon presentation of this confirmation and the valid US passport.

4) Business travel : Persons already working with partners in the GDR on a contractual basis, should best apply for visas through these partners. The same data as required for the application of a tourist visa should be forwarded to the partner in the GDR. The same goes for attending conferences and other scientific events in the GDR. Upon presentation of a "visa entitlement certificate" and the valid US passport the visa will be issued at the GDR frontier crossing-point.

5) Entering Berlin, capital of the GDR, from West-Berlin : US citizens staying in West-Berlin and wishing to visit the GDR capital may obtain a one-day visa at the frontier crossing

point (valid until midnight, not good for over-night stay). The visa is to be applied for orally and the valid US passport is to be presented. Visa fee: equivalent of 5 marks

6) Travel in the event of urgent family matters such as serious illness, death and funeral. Special regulations apply here : In these particular cases the entry permit can be applied for through the relatives in the GDR at the appropriate police station (Volkspolizei-Kreisamt). The following data should be transmitted to the relatives in the GDR by telephone, cable or telex: full name etc. as for a tourist visa, and the frontier crossing-point chosen for entering. The visa will then be issued at this frontier point. It is advisable, however, to set off on the journey only after affirmation by the relatives that the visa will be issued at the frontier.

Persons wishing to travel to the GDR should try to contact one of the travel agencies in the US, listed below, which have dealt with the Reisebüro der DDR for a longer period and have the necessary experience in handling applications.

Pieper Travel Bureau, Inc.
310 Brisbane Building
403 Main Street
BUFFALO, N. Y. 14203

Held Travel Bureau
1937 W. Irving Park Rd.
CHICAGO, Ill. 60613

Ocean Travel Bureau
3051 North Lincoln Ave.
CHICAGO, Ill. 60657

Globe Travel Service
127 North Dearborn Street
CHICAGO, Ill. 60602

Travcoa World Tours
111 North Wabash Avenue
CHICAGO, Ill. 60602

Vega International
Travel Service, Inc.
201 North Wells Street
CHICAGO, Ill. 60606

Aichinger Travel Bureau, Inc.
Suite 210, 1900 Euclid Ave.
CLEVELAND, Ohio 44115

Schmidt Travel Service, Inc.
10141 Gratiot Ave.
DETROIT, Michigan 48021

European Tours
227 Paterson Ave.
EAST RUTHERFORD, N. J. 07073
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Transtours, Inc.
56 W. Eagle Road
HAVERTOWN, Pa. 19083

Maupintour Associates
711 West 23rd Street (The Malls)
LAWRENCE, Kansas 66044

Kaven Travel Service
3450 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1093
LOS ANGELES, California 90005

Sudau Travel Agency
650 So Spring St.
Suite 921
LOS ANGELES, Calif. 90014

Thos Cook & Son, Inc.
520 W 6th St.
LOS ANGELES, Calif. 90014

Chuck Hall and Associates, Inc.
975 Arthur Godfrey Road
MIAMI BEACH, Florida 33140

Ashland Travel Service, Inc.
5133 W. North Avenue
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53208

M. Breitenbach-Kacser, Inc.
Travel Bureau
8320 W. Bluemound Road
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53213

Sunrise Travel, Inc.
2244 E. Sunrise Boulevard
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33304

Helft World Travel
164 Maple Avenue East
P. O. Box 99
VIENNA, Virginia 22180

Colonia Travel Bureau
6535 Rising Sun Ave
PHILADELPHIA, Pa. 19111

Olney Travel Agency
426 West Olney Ave.
PHILADELPHIA 20, Pa.

Travel Bureau Weniger & Walter
7219 Rising Sun Ave.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa. 19111

World Wide Travel, Inc.
291 Geary Street
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. 94102

Luettecke Travel Service
3109 South Grand Blvd.
St. LOUIS, Mo. 63118

Standard Travel Service, Inc.
5865 Hampton Avenue
St. LOUIS, Miss. 63109

St. Petersburg Travel Centre, Inc.
243 Central Ave. P. O. B. 119
St. PETERSBURG, Fla.

Smithtown Travel Bureau
3. Landing Ave. Corner Main Street
SMITHTOWN, L. I. New York 11787

Krueger's Travel Service
P. O. Box 209
6507 Bergenline Ave.
WEST NEW YORK, N. J. 0793

AAA World-Wide Travel, Inc.
1712 G Street N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

Globe Travel Bureau
5232 W. Oklahoma Ave., Suite 215
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53219

Continental Travel Agency
1651 Second Avenue
Between 85th and 86th Streets
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028

Voyager Travel Service, Inc.
4004 North Oakland Ave.
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53211

Alton Tours, Inc.
1776 Broadway
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

American Travel Agency, Inc.
250 West 57th Street
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

Bennett Tours, Inc.
270 Madison Avenue
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016

Cosmos Travel, Inc.
488 Madison Ave.
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

Empire Exchange, Inc.
340 East 85th Street
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10023

Hansa-Lloyd Travel Bureau, Inc.
231 East 86th Street
NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

Travel Bureau Koch
Overseas Co., Inc.
206 - 208 East 85th Street
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Melia Tours, Inc.
530, 5th Avenue
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

Anniversary Tours
250 West 57th Street
Suite 932
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019