

# **The Interconnectedness of New and Well Established Fulbright Organizations around the World: A Practical Approach to Establishing a Future Fulbright Chapter, Association or Group** Suzanne Gyeszley (Hungary 1995)

## **Biography**

Suzanne D. Gyeszly (suzanne.gyeszly@qatar.tamu.edu) Professor, Mary & James Crawley Endowed Professor, is currently the Principal Public Services Librarian at Texas A&M University at Qatar which is the Branch Campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU) in College Station. During her professional carrier she established three small academic libraries from “grand zero” to full operations: Human Ecology Reference Library at Michigan State University, Policy Sciences and Economics Library at Texas A&M University, College Station and then the latest is Texas A&M University at Qatar Library. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the National Szechenyi Library, Hungary in 1995-06 where under her leadership the National Library’s card catalog was converted into online. In addition to her professional obligations as tenured full professor, she was one of the “founding mothers” and first President of the Brazos Valley Fulbright Chapter at TAMU and the Qatar Fulbright Group. Both Fulbright Organizations are well established with the regular activities during the past years.

## **Background**

Senator Fulbright’s philosophies and missions should be carried around the world by Fulbright Scholars via their established and upcoming Fulbright Chapters, Associations or Groups. As founder of two Fulbright Organizations in Texas and Qatar, I firmly believe that Fulbrighters around the world should be interconnected and contribute to the international cause. During the round table discussion a practical approach will be introduced on how to establish a New Fulbright Chapter or Group.

## **Discussions Questions**

1. What is the difference between Fulbright Association, Chapter or Group?
2. Who can be member and/or participate in a Fulbright Association, Chapter or Group?
3. What are the formal/legal obligations between Fulbright Association, Washington DC and the Regional Groups?
4. What is the role of the US Embassy in the operations or activities of Regional Group like Qatar Fulbright Group?
5. What are the most requested/desirable and popular activities of a local Fulbright Group?