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Thirty-one Argentine universities participated in the 75th Conference of the Association of International Educators (NAFSA 2023), which took place May 30th to June 2nd in Washington DC. NAFSA is the largest association devoted to education and international exchanges in the world, and every year it holds a Conference & Expo in different cities in the United States.

At our Argentine Booth, in this edition of the Conference & Expo universities showcased their educational opportunities -for both undergraduate and postgraduate programs- as well as their educational exchange options for students, academics, and researchers. This event also served as a meeting space for universities in the United States and the rest of the world to deepen existing ties



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the participation of 31 Argentine universities in the 75th Edition of the NAFSA 2023 International Education Conference, and in several networking events organized by the Embassy.

In this edition we also include an article on the visit of the Minister of Women, Gender and Diversity Ayelén Mazzina, who met with officials from the federal government and multilateral organizations.

Finally, an article on issues related to the appointment of Professor Celeste Saulo as Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization for the period 2024-2027, and she became the first woman and Latin American, to be elected to the position.

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and build new ones. Among specific examples, we can mention the advances made by the Universidad Nacional de Hurlingham and Vanderbilt University to implement research stays for undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate/doctoral Engineering students and by the Universidad de Tres de Febrero and the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), to add the latter to the International Biennial of Contemporary Art of the South.

Argentine universities also participated in a full schedule of activities organized by the embassy. Among them, on Wednesday, May 31st, a networking event took place with the Argentine scientific diaspora that resides in Washington DC and surrounding areas. The meeting enabled Argentine universities to explore opportunities for cooperation and/or research projects with institutions in the United States and Argentine knowledge professionals who work there.

Likewise, on Thursday, June 1st, our Embassy hosted, together with the Embassies of Brazil and Colombia, another networking meeting attended by more than 350 people, including representatives from universities in the U.S. and throughout the world, authorities from the Department of State, Department of Education, Fulbright Commission, and the US Embassy in Argentina.

This event was opened by Ambassador Jorge Arguello, who in his speech stated that education is the key to enjoy improved opportunities in life, and that cooperating with and committing to counterparts from other countries and their institutions is the best way to learn from one another and work together to improve the quality of higher

(From L to R.) Ethan Rosenzweig, Kristin Kane, Jorge Arguello, Bernardo Paranhos Velloso and Daniel Ávila.



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education. In addition, he highlighted the importance of the coordinated efforts with the embassies of Brazil and Colombia to work together in this event.

In addition to the Chief of Mission, the State Department's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Global Public Affairs, Kristin Kane, and the State Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs, Ethan Rosenzweig, also participated in the opening of the event. They highlighted the importance of working together to forge a closer cooperation in international education.

The participation of Argentine universities at these conferences, as well as the organization of a number of complementary activities, fosters the international positioning of Argentina as a student destination, chosen for the high educational quality of its prestigious universities and its varied range of academic offerings. By increasing educational exchanges between both countries, joint research and development opportunities are created. Educational exchanges also build bridges and help discover a common language that leads to a better understanding and economic prosperity in the region. ■

VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND DIVERSITY AYELÉN MAZZINA

Between June 5 and 7, the Minister for Women, Gender and Diversity, Ayelén Mazzina, visited Washington DC, where together with the Assistant Secretary of Administrative Management of this ministry, Mauro Ceratto, she carried out an intense work agenda that included meetings with federal government officials and multilateral organizations with headquarters in Washington DC.

During her stay in the U.S., Minister Mazzina, accompanied by Ambassador Jorge Argüello, held productive meetings with senior State Department officials such as the Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI+) Persons, Jessica Stern, the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights, Uzra Zeya, and

the recently appointed Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, Geeta Rao Gupta. She also held a productive meeting with the Senior Advisor to the White House Gender Policy Council and National Security Council Special Advisor on Gender at the White House, Rachel Vogelstein.

Minister Mazzina's visit to the U.S. capital was an opportunity for the Argentine official to present to her U.S. counterparts the progress achieved by our country in this area, as it is part of a strong State policy consolidated over the past decades with the enactment of fundamental laws by Congress. Likewise, she reaffirmed the existence of a will shared by the administrations of Presidents Fernandez and Biden to strongly support policies that promote

(From L. to R.) Geeta Rao Gupta, Uzra Zeya, Ayelén Mazzina and Jorge Argüello.



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greater gender equity and equality, as well as defend the rights of women and LGBTIQ+ people in all their diversity.

During the conversations between the head of the Ministry for Women, Gender and Diversity and Special Envoy Stern, Undersecretary Zeya, Ambassador Geeta Rao Gupta and Special Assistant Vogelstein, the latest national and international developments on these issues were reviewed, They agreed on the great potential of the common commitment to this agenda by both governments --as members of the LGBTI Core Group at the United Nations and the Coalition for Equal Rights-- to deepen bilateral cooperation and coordinate joint initiatives to promote the expansion of these rights at a multilateral level.

With regard to the multilateral organizations, Minister Mazzina held meetings at the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, along with the officials who represent our country in both institutions. In this context, the Argentine delegation emphasized the importance of working collaboratively to increase cooperation and obtain financing for projects that will enable the implementation of a wider range of public policies with a gender perspective. ■



(From L. to R.) Ministers Jorge Taiana y Santiago Cafiero, with Secretary General of the WMO, Celeste Saulo.

CELESTE SAULO, FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO HEAD THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

Last Thursday, June 1, Argentine Professor Celeste Saulo was elected in Geneva as Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for 2024-2027. She received extensive support from the international community and became the first woman and Latin American elected to the position.

Her candidacy was promoted by the Argentine Government in June 2022 and endorsed in April this year by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Santiago Cafiero, and Defense, Jorge Taiana, at a ceremony held at the San Martín Palace, Argentina's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Buenos Aires.

Chancellor Cafiero stated, "for Argentina, this candidacy is strategic, important and relevant in our country's history;

this was demonstrated by the investment made, and by Celeste herself, as we have full confidence in her." He praised her "suitable professionalism and vision regarding this issue, a comprehensive vision which also comes from a woman: the only female and Latin American candidate, with a perspective of the global south."

Minister Taiana emphasized that "at the present time, when meteorology is of paramount relevance, and considering management, research and policy issues related to climate change and their impact on the environment, I believe that Dr. Saulo's candidacy is particularly timely."

The World Meteorological Organization is an intergovernmental organization comprised of 193 Member States and territories, active in the development

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of technical expertise and international cooperation in the fields of weather, climate, and water, as well as other environmental issues, thereby contributing to the security and well-being of all the world's people and the economic prosperity of nations.

Saulo is a prestigious professor with a degree in Meteorological Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). In 1996, she obtained a PhD in Atmospheric Sciences from the UBA. She has an extensive academic and teaching career, both in Argentina and abroad.

Since June 2015 she has been a member of the WMO Executive Council. In 2018, she was elected as second vice-president, and in 2019, as first vice-president of that organization, a role from which she chaired the Organization's Research Board.

In 2014, she became the first woman to lead the National Meteorological Service (NMS) of Argentina, a 150-year-old institution and a regional benchmark that provides weather and climate services. ■