

BRAZIL AND DENMARK: THE NEXT TWO DESTINATIONS OF AGBU AVC

AGBU Armenian Virtual College (AVC) expands the scope and geography of its activities. AVC Founder and President Dr. Yervant Zorian travels to the Armenian communities of the world presenting the history, programs and achievements of the first Armenian virtual college. The two recent destinations were the Armenian communities of Brazil and Denmark.



Dr. Zorian at Tourian School

BRAZIL

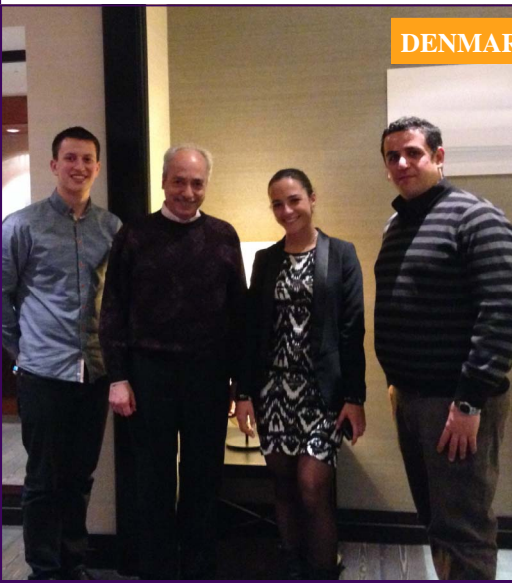
The AGBU Sao Paulo Chapter recently hosted Dr. Zorian and organized a public event to introduce AVC to the local Armenian youth. With a large number of attendees, the public event was a major success. The AGBU Sao Paulo Chapter Chairman Helio Balukian opened the event by emphasizing the importance of Armenian education and welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Zorian. By demonstrating examples of lessons and virtual classroom types, Dr. Zorian introduced the concept of AVC and its operational model. He also leveraged the opportunity to demonstrate the first



General Public Attending AVC Presentation in Sao Paulo

innovate multimedia e-book: *the Armenian Highland*, and emphasized on AVC's new direction to expand to potential scholars, beyond its traditional students' base. Mariana Mekbekian, one of AVC's former students shared her positive experiences with the audience and Hrair Chahinian, from the AGBU Sao Paulo Board highly appraised the major contributions of AVC to Armenian education around the world. The public event was attended by Dirouhi Bourmaian, Republic of Armenia's Consul and Krikor Manukian, former chairman of AGBU Sao Paulo. Dr. Zorian also had the opportunity to meet with the primate of Brazil, Archbishop Datev Karibian and the principle of the Tourian School, Fr. Yeznig Guzelian. For the last several years, the Tourian school has adopted the AVC hybrid model to teach Armenian language and history to its students. As Dr. Zorian stated, the successful use of the AVC hybrid curriculum by the Tourian school can serve as an example for other Armenian schools. The Tourian school has recently extended its use of AVC courses to educate parents and other adult members of the community. At the end of his visit Dr. Zorian was interviewed by Sarkis Karamekian for Radio Armenia Eterna in Sao Paulo. Rafael Balukian, one of the most active members of the AGBU Sao Paulo board, agreed to act as an official AVC representative to help with the future adoption of AVC in Brazil.

DENMARK



Dr. Zorian Meets Amstream Representatives Headed by Tatevik Revazian in Copenhagen

During a recent trip to Denmark, Dr. Zorian had the opportunity to meet with several local Armenian organizations and discuss their scope and activities.

Among these organizations was *Amstream*, a youth organization aimed at creating an innovative pipeline for streaming opportunities between Denmark and Armenia in the areas of education, science, business and culture. Tatevik Revazian, Managing Director of *Amstream*, discussed the set of current projects and the plans for the forthcoming ones. Dr. Zorian in turn discussed the wide range of AGBU youth programs and their benefits to the Amstream team as well as the youth in Denmark. He also presented the plans of the AVC and discussed its potential impact on the youth in Denmark. "An institution like AVC based on recent technological innovations was a great achievement for Armenia; Armenians around the world could benefit immensely from AVC's online courses and other programs," said Tatevik. Taking into account the innovative approach adopted by AVC and the effective infusion of technology in education, Tatevik invited AVC to take part in Europe's largest general science event, EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2014. Subsequently, AVC, along with two other companies from Armenia, will have the honor of representing Armenian's innovative approach to education at the ESOF. Dr. Zorian also met representatives of *DanArmen* the mainstream Armenian community organization. Vice President, Anna Karapetian, presented the activities of their organization and discussed the educational needs of the Armenian community. Dr. Zorian described the AVC project and agreed that it was an excellent choice for this community. With around 3,000 Armenians in Denmark, the growing educational needs of the Armenian community can be seamlessly met through AVC's innovative teaching approach. The AVC hybrid program, a successful synthesis of the online and onsite teaching, could be utilized to gather local Armenians under one roof. Thus, the AVC online education program would be provided accompanied by a local teacher onsite. Subsequently, the hybrid method of teaching can be very effective for the Armenians of Denmark.

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