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COMMUNITY INFORMATICS INTERNSHIP AT CEU

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Central European University (CEU), Budapest

- Founded in 1991 with an endowment from George Soros, philanthropist and investor

- Initial mission of aiding in the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia has expanded to include emerging democracies worldwide

- Partners with the Open Society Institute and the Open Society Archives

- Accredited in both the U.S. and Hungary

Center for Media and Communications Studies (CMCS)

- Founded in 2004 to promote pluralism and participation in democracy
- Research interests include:
  - media and communications policy
  - fundamental informational rights
  - the civil society
  - the impact of both 'new' and 'old' media on democracy and development

European Privacy and Human Rights

- European Commission-funded project in partnership with EPIC and Privacy International

- Collect high quality information on the nature of privacy in European countries from regional experts

- Focus on trends of increasing/decreasing privacy in Eastern and Western European countries

- Analyze and disseminate this information through awareness raising campaigns

- Serve as a resource for citizens, in both English and the local language

Broadening the Range of Awareness in Data Protection (BROAD)

- EC-funded project in partnership with a Hungarian and a Dutch university

- The project collected and analyzed data on the attitude of IT professionals toward data protection and security, and the affects of this on the systems they build ("code is law")

- I prepared a report for the European Commission on the strengths and weaknesses and assisted in the privacy awareness-raising campaigns (see http:// pet-portal.eu/video for videos)

Open Society and Privacy

- Ongoing work in compiling a bibliography for a background paper
- The idea is to explore the shared goals and motivations behind privacy and Open Society (which involves ideals such as transparency, pluralism, political freedom and human rights)
  - What role do these play in the strength of a community? In the strength of a democracy?
  - How do we balance these ideals?

The internship hunt – Euro version

- The basic tips apply: keep a running list of organizations you are interested in, regularly check iTrack and job sites like Idealist.org
- Join the listservs of the International Institute, International Center, and the regional center/dept
- When you see a great job, ask to make an internship out of it, and be prepared with the full application
- Some job-aggregating sites specific to Europe:
  - www.eurobrussels.com
  - www.euro-jobbing.com
  - www.jobs-brussels.com

Last two items

- Informational brochures about CMCS if you're interested in learning more about their work and opportunities with them

- One Web Day on Sept. 22 – explore similar themes with interested peers