The Light Millennium, in collaboration with the College of Arts and Letters at Stevens Institute of Technology, cordially invites you to the 11th Anniversary Celebration of The Light Millennium – a panel discussion on:

**CHALLENGES OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND GLOBALIZATION**

Monday, November 28, 2011 ~ 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

228 Kidde Hall, Stevens Institute of Technology
6th & River Streets, Hoboken, New Jersey

**Registration:** 6:00-6:30  ~  **Musical Performance:** 6:30-7pm  ~  **Program:** 7-9pm

RSVP to event@lightmillennium.org by November 27, 2011

**WELCOME REMARKS**

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**Confirmed Keynote Speakers**

Ms. Rochelle Roca-Hachem, Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Liaison Office, NY

Dr. Thomas Uthup, Research and Education Manager, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

Musical Performance: Ahmet Erdogdular (*voice, tanbur*) & Ali Osman Erdogdular (*ney*)

**Confirmed Speakers (in alphabetic order):**


Mr. Douglass C. Freeman, CEO, Virtcom Consulting; Founder-Organizer, World Diversity Leader Summit

Mr. Akif Kirecci, Associate Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara

Mr. Cem Zorlular, Youth Representative; Student, Columbia University

FREE to general public; first come first seated.

**Driving Directions:** [www.stevens.edu/sit/maps/driving_directions.cfm](http://www.stevens.edu/sit/maps/driving_directions.cfm)


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Bircan Unver, Founding President and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Dept. of Public Information
Target Audience: Students and faculty of the Stevens Institute of Technology, local residents, civil society, non-governmental organizations and local media.

Panel Objectives: Since its inception, The Light Millennium has aimed to provide an open platform to all cultures. It embraces and promotes "cultural diversity and globalization" as a model for serving its mission and vision, and as a step for reducing prejudice. The Organization believes that this program will help to foster cultural globalization and peace in the following ways:

1) We aim to reflect different cultures by hearing from experts in different disciplines in the governmental, United Nations, academic, private, and youth sectors, who have faced prejudices for being from a different culture while living in a diverse environment in the United States.

2) The existing prejudices will be defined by each speaker from his or her own perspective, with examples of what were the most difficult experiences they had to face.

3) Each speaker will talk about how to lessen or, if possible, to remove existing prejudices against each represented culture and country in order to foster global connections and serve the interests of global peace.

4) Based on the illustrated challenges, each speaker will present a proposal for solution towards to “removing prejudices” and “cultural globalization”, which is the other half the “economic globalization.”

This panel will act as one of the cornerstones of the Organization's mission in terms of bringing these issues to light. It will also create connections between the panelists and the program attendees, and will promote awareness of our major themes. The program also aims to encourage ideas for e-publishing from all walks of life, and for effectively and extensively promoting our main themes.

To all potential attendees of the panel: We’d like you to be part of the discussion session following the panel, and to bring in your own experiences and ideas, regardless of your country of origin. This should be a forum for open discussion and reflection.

The presentations will be followed by a Q & A and networking session.

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