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Lincoln—Maxine Moul, President Emeritus of the Nebraska Community Foundation, was among 170 community foundation practitioners, researchers and experts chosen to attend the first international conference of community foundations. The 'Community Foundations: Symposium on a Global Movement' was held December 2-4 2004 in Berlin, Germany.

In five plenary sessions and 15 concurrent sessions, attendees explored the role of community foundations in a global context. Moul was a member of a panel discussion on "Governance, mutually agreed grantmaking and policy development." Also participating on the panel were community foundation practitioners from Winnipeg, Canada; Hertfordshire, England; and Puebla, Mexico.

Plenary speakers included Solita "Winnie" Monsod (University of the Philippines), Tim Brodhead (J.W. McConnell Family Foundation) and Dr. Emmett Carson (Minneapolis Foundation). Eight academic papers were given, while more than 50 practitioners presented in sessions.

Moul participated through a scholarship from the German Marshall Fund of the United States, which selected her in 2003 to participate in the fourth annual Transatlantic Community Foundation Fellowship (TCFF) program. As a fellow, she spent nearly three weeks with the Healthy City Community Foundation in Banska Bystricia, Slovak Republic.

The Berlin Symposium was organized by Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS), a network of associations of grantmakers and other grantmaker support organizations from around the world, which have joined together to create opportunities to learn from and support one another, develop modes of communication and collaboration and contribute to the strengthening of philanthropy worldwide. Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support - Community Foundations (WINGS-CF) includes organizations supporting the development and work of community foundations in different areas around the world.

The Nebraska Community Foundation, established in 1993, helps rural Nebraska put charitable giving to work for community and economic development. There are 177 affiliated funds, including 98 funds based in a single town, several communities working together or countywide funds. It has assets of nearly \$19 million and over \$40 million has been distributed for projects and programs through the affiliated funds.

Moul was the founding chair of the Foundation, serving from 1993, and its first President, from 1996 to 2003.

More information is available on the Foundation's website, [www.nebcommfound.org](http://www.nebcommfound.org).

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Editors: You will find more information about participants, program and presenters at [www.cfsymposium.org](http://www.cfsymposium.org). Selected presentations are available for download.

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