Igor Munteanu, a political analyst and journalist, has served as Moldova’s ambassador to the United States since August 2010. He has also served as ambassador to Canada since February 2011.

Born August 10, 1965, in Costuleni, Ungheni, Munteanu holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and journalism from Moldova State University (1989). He earned his master’s degree in political analysis and administration in 1992 from Romania’s National School of Political and Administrative Studies and his law degree in 2002 from Free International University of Moldova.

From 1992 to 1994, Munteanu served as an advisor to the Office of the President of Moldova.

In 1993, he helped found one of Moldova’s first think tanks, the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) Viitorul. Three years later, he became executive director of IDIS Viitorul and served in this capacity until 2010. Munteanu also served as a senior expert for the institute, working on international and national research projects devoted to public policy elaboration, regional development, political research and comparative studies.

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WHO WE ARE

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• Part of Romania during the interwar period, Moldova was incorporated into the Soviet Union at the close of World War II.

• Although the country has been independent from the USSR since 1991, Russian forces have remained on Moldovan territory east of the Nistru River supporting a Transnistrian separatist region composed of a Slavic majority population.

• Four-fifths of Moldovan land -about 2.5 million hectares is covered with chernozem, black earth, which is Moldova’s main natural resource and the main reason for the agricultural orientation of the country’s economy.

• Old Orhei is an open air archaeological complex located in the commune of Trebujeni in the Orhei district of Moldova. First traces of human activities found in Old Orhei was the Geto-Dacian fortress built between 100-600 BC.

• Martisor- one of the important traditional holidays in Moldova. It is considered as the symbol of spring. In March everybody in Moldova hangs two knitted white and red ropes on their collar, which symbolize nature’s revival.

• Moldova is placed 7th among the top world wine exporters.

• The largest underground wine cellar in the world, Cricova, is “hidden” in Moldova

• In Moldovan villages- “Sezatorile” are very traditional social meetings, especially in the winter, where people sing, dance, and make handicrafts.

• As depicted in the photo above, Moldovans in national costume carry grapes in large baskets and perform traditional dances in celebration of the country’s great grape nectar harvest.