

5th Biennial John Updike Society Conference



University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philology
Serbia - June 1-5, 2018

—Celebrating the 50th anniversary of *COUPLES*
and Updike abroad and in translation—

SCHIFF TRAVEL GRANTS

Thanks to the generosity of The Robert and Adele Schiff Family Foundation, the John Updike Society will award up to FOUR \$1500 travel-to-conference grants for scholars under 40 to participate in the 5th Biennial John Updike Society in Belgrade, Serbia. Applicants need not be members at the time, but must join before grants can be paid. In addition, up to THREE \$1000 travel-to-conference grants will be awarded to society members needing assistance to participate in the conference. Both grants are merit- *and* need-based, and interested scholars should **apply by November 30, 2017**.

To apply, send a one-page proposal for a 15- to 20-minute paper appropriate for the conference, along with one paragraph about yourself, what grant you are applying for, and why the grant is important to you, to society president James Plath (jplath@iwu.edu). The selection committee will make their decisions and announce successful applicants by the end of the first week of December 2017.

The 5th Biennial John Updike Society Conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Philology at the University of Belgrade, June 1-5 2018. Featured speakers include writer Ian McEwan, who knew Updike and is well read and widely translated in Serbia; Prof. Alexander Shurbanov, Updike's Bulgarian translator and also an accomplished writer and poet; Michael Updike, the author's son, who will share slides of the family's year in London following publication of *Couples* and their travels in Europe; and a panel of translators, journalists, writers, and editors who met Updike. Social events include a planned reception by the U.S. Ambassador to Serbia, tours of local sites, and an all-day bus tour of Serbian sites outside of Belgrade (Oplenac, Viminacium, Smederevo).