During BMI’s reception, publisher Ivan Mogull offered a toast to VAAP’s VladimirMaslennikov and Alexander Repalov.

American and Soviet participants in Music Speaks Louder Than Words were reunited at a reception to honor Soviet songwriters and VAAP officials during their recent visit to the U.S. Here, Frances Preston welcomes the Soviet delegation. Pictured (l-r): Holly Greene, vice president, creative affairs, East Coast, Stone Diamond Music Co. Inc.; BMI’s Rick Sanjek; Don Grierson, senior VP, A&R, Epic Records; songwriters Vladimir Matetsky, Gregory Abbott, Vladimir Kuzmin, Frank Previte, Michael Bolton; Preston; VAAP’s Vladimir Maslennikov; Vladimir Parshikov, Representative of Soviet Mission to the United Nations; Sergei Semenov, head of VAAP Music Dept.; songwriters Igor Nikolaev and Mikk Targo; and VAAP’s Alexander Repalov.

Vladimir “Bad Vlad” Matetsky, Igor Nikolaev, and Michael Bolton found a corner in BMI’s conference room to catch-up on the news since their 10 days together during Music Speaks Louder Than Words. Matetsky is riding high on his “Little Vera” film scoring efforts, Nikolaev has completed a duet with Cyndi Lauper on their co-written song “Cold Sky,” and Bolton is currently on the charts with his Soul Provider album and single.