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Canada-Ukraine Legislative and Intergovernmental Project (CULIP) Steering Committee meeting in Kyiv, February 2003.

Canada-Ukraine Legislative and Intergovernmental Project (CULIP)

In February 2003, Alberta represented Canadian provincial partners (Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan) at the CULIP Steering Committee meeting in Kyiv. Progress on all previous modules was reviewed, and the theme for the sixth and final module under the current phase of CULIP was selected. The theme is "*Citizen Participation in the Decision Making Processes of Government*". A delegation from Ukraine will likely come to Alberta in May or June 2003 to study Alberta's experiences as part of this module. The last CULIP module, in November 2002, focused on Alberta's health care system, and in particular the issue of patient rights.

Alberta Assisting Ukrainian State Court Agency

Alberta Justice sent an official, Mr. John Bachinski, to Ukraine in November 2002, to share policy advice with the Ukrainian Government on the institutional development of its State Court Administration Agency. This successful visit, first phase of a year-long project under the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), included meetings with key stakeholders in the judicial system of Ukraine: members of Ukraine's Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, the State Court Agency, and the Ministry of Justice.

The second phase of the project aims at inviting a member of Ukraine's State Court Agency to come to Canada, and have the opportunity to study Canadian courts and meet key players in the Canadian judicial system.

International Investment Forum

The International Investment Forum, held in Lviv in October 2002, attracted representatives from over 20 countries, including a representative from Alberta Economic Development. The focus of the Forum was regional cooperation between regions of Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania. During discussions, many potential projects were proposed; however, much work remains to be done before taking these proposals forward.



Natalia Mykolska, CTPL intern (left) and Daria Kousherets, Ukrainian Recipient of Recognition Scholarship (right).

From Kyiv to Edmonton

For the past 5 months, Daria Kousherets, from Kyiv, has been studying economics at the University of Alberta's Faculté Saint-Jean. Daria is one of the recipients of the Alberta-Ukraine Special Recognition Award, worth \$10,000, that Premier Klein announced during his Mission to Ukraine in May 2002. Daria's experience studying the Canadian economy has given her new ideas for further developing Ukraine. Daria returned to Ukraine in April, where she intends to pursue a PhD. Aside from English, Daria is fluent in Ukrainian, Russian and French.

Ukrainian Intern

Our new Ukrainian Intern, Natalia Mykolska, arrived in Edmonton February 5. She joins Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations (IIR) through a 6-month internship under the Canada-Ukraine Internship Program, administered by the Centre for Trade Policy and Law. She will provide research support and assistance to the ACAUR.

Natalia has a Law degree from the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and a Master of European Studies from the University of Hamburg in Germany. She has been in Canada previously at the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution and as an Intern in the House of Commons in 2000.

Hrushevsky Book Donation

ACAUR and the Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) have donated English-language translations of Hrushevsky's 11 volume *History* to ten institutions in Ukraine, including the Hrushevsky Museum in Lviv, the Canadian Embassy in Kyiv, and academic institutions in the five Western oblasts, Kyiv and Crimea.

Alberta Agriculture Appoints Full-Time Manager for Ukraine

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AAFRD) Minister Shirley McClellan recently announced the appointment of Bob Prather as Manager of AAFRD's ongoing Ukrainian projects. He will be responsible for follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding with the International Finance Corporation signed by Premier Klein in Kyiv in May 2002.

Wild Rose Foundation Funding

In 2002, Alberta's Wild Rose Foundation provided funding to various organizations involved in Ukraine, including:

- Canada World Youth: received \$25,000 to assist with a community development exchange project between women from Ukraine and Alberta.
- Humanitarian Aid Response Teams Society (HART): received \$15,000 to provide playground equipment to orphanages and schools in Western Ukraine.
- Ukrainian Canadian Social Services in Edmonton: received \$25,000 to provide emergency disaster relief assistance to the families and victims of the Lviv airshow disaster in July 2002.

New ACAUR Member

The ACAUR is pleased to announce that IIR Minister Halvar Jonson recently appointed Ms. Catherine Chichak to the Advisory Council. Ms. Chichak is President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council.



Catherine Chichak, newly appointed ACAUR member

Alberta-CIDA FARM Project

Alberta is joining with Saskatchewan and Manitoba in a CIDA-funded agricultural project in Ukraine, the FARM (Facility for Agriculture Reform and Modernization) Project, which brings together Canadian partners, members of the Ukrainian civil service, and officials in Sumy, Rivne, Dnepropetrovsk and Volyn oblasts to strengthen Ukraine's capacity in the areas of agriculture policy and program development, agriculture extension services and civil society in the agrarian sector.