



# NEWSLETTER

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## A GOOD BEGINNING IS HALF THE SUCCESS



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From the first moment of our stepping onto Canadian soil at Pearson International Airport, the pace of life has been accelerating due not only to the new environment but also because of interesting meetings and new acquaintances. We began to experience the new challenges of the 7th CUP Program.

Taking into consideration the Ukrainian proverb "a good beginning is half the success", we can say that the Program should be as interesting, useful and exiting as our first meeting with Dr. Paul R. Magocsi. His book presents an original interpretation of the history of Ukraine. Dr. Magocsi shared with us the theory of interpreting a country's history by including the histories of all the people living on the territory of Ukraine.

The Canadian political system is not terra incognita for us any more after the interesting speech of former Premier of Ontario Bob Ray. He described the platforms of the main parties and shared with us his thoughts about the possible results of the June 2nd election. We will be able to personally witness whether Mr. Ray's forecast on the outcome of the election is correct.

The next stage of our program calls for our participating in a number of campaigns throughout Canada - Ottawa, Saskatoon, Calgary, St. Catharines, Ajax-Pickering, and Toronto. This will give us an opportunity to observe the various campaigns, political battles, and to learn how the principles of democracy, about which we have heard about, work. We will be able to relate our experiences to our readers in the next Newsletter.

This is our agenda for the upcoming weeks. At the present time we are developing the skills required to mediate effectively. By taking the Conflict Resolution course at St. Paul University we may be able to put them to use in the election campaign. We hope to become active participants in the political life of Canada and, therefore, become more familiar with the Canadian political system and to more fully understand the spirit of this country.

The Scavenger Hunt in Toronto and Ottawa gave us the opportunity to get to know Canada better and its society. Every activity adds to our understanding of the Canadian way of life.



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## Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP)

On July 16th, 1990 the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Sovereignty which declared that Parliament recognized the need to build the Ukrainian state based on the Rule of Law. On August 24, 1991 the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Independence, which the citizens of Ukraine endorsed in the referendum of December 1st, 1991.

Also in 1991, Canadians celebrated the Centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada. To mark the Centennial, organizations planned programs and projects to celebrate this milestone in Canada's history.

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto decided to mark the Centennial by establishing the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for undergraduate university students from Ukraine.

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to work and study in the Canadian Parliament, and gain experience from which generations of Canadian, American and West European students have benefited. On the basis of academic excellence, knowledge of the English or French and Ukrainian languages, and an interest in the parliamentary system of government, undergraduate university students from Ukraine can apply for a CUPP scholarship. It is hoped that CUPP will contribute to the education of future leaders of Ukraine.

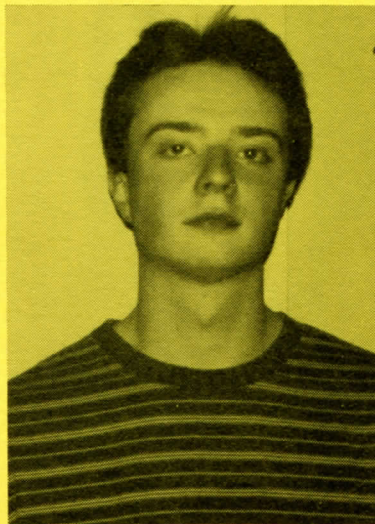
CUPP is a Parliamentary Democracy and Comparative Political Studies Internship Semester in the Canadian House of Commons. The Internship Semester lasts three months and takes place in the spring of each year in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



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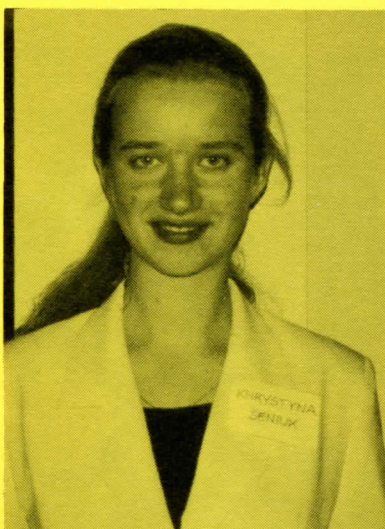


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## CUPP participants say it best:

*We are continually pleased by the appreciative and enthusiastic letters which CUPP alumni and friends write. We realized that we should be sharing them with you, members of the Canadian Parliament, our supporters and volunteers who have participated in CUPP for the past seven years.*

During my program here in the USA, everyday I realize how important and valuable CUPP was for me. CUPP gave me a very good basis of knowledge and experience for the graduate program in both American Universities and also gave me a unique opportunity to better understand the political, economic and legal systems of western countries. This knowledge is extremely important for students who focus on social sciences and I can see that my participation in CUPP gave me a valuable advantage for my studies in the USA.

CUPP is a "long term investment" with extremely high possible returns which will benefit participants during our lives, our jobs, and in the future."

*Evhen Palenka - CUPP'95*  
*University of Kharkiv*  
*My M.P.s: Wayne Easter (PEI)*  
*Mac Harb (Ontario)*  
*Oklahoma State University,*  
*March, 1997*

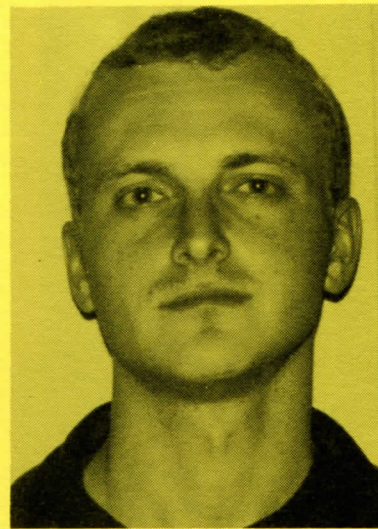
"It is not surprising that many of the participants of CUPP for the past seven years have received scholarships to continue their studies in various institutions of higher learning in the world. For example, received the scholarship from the French government for study at the International School of Translators ESUCA (Ecole Supérieure de cadres Interpretes -Traducteurs) at the University of Toulouse. Here in France, I often recall my internship in Canada. I believe that the internship in the Canadian Parliament was a culminating moment in my life which



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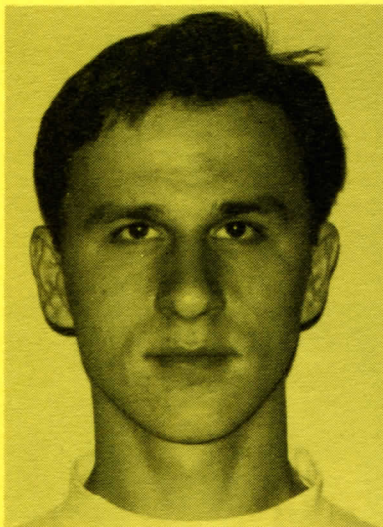


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changed my consciousness. We saw and we understood how state institutions work in a civilized society. I am delighted that in spite of financial restraints, CUPP is continuing its program with a growing number of Ukrainian University students. They will have a unique opportunity and acquire unique experience working in the Parliament of Canada. Good Luck!"

*Vyacheslav Tolkovanov - CUPP'96*  
*Horlivka Institute of*  
*Foreign Languages.*  
*My M.P: Eleni Bakopanos (Quebec)*  
*Tolouse University, France,*  
*March, 1997*

"The wide diversity of international politics as seen from Parliament Hill was open to me. I was able to observe the exciting complexity of national policy-making as embodied in the Canadian Parliamentary System, with MP's offices as its organic nucleus. I also learned, I hope, the most valuable part of my CUPP experience, namely, the liberal ethics of international and professional business political and academical communities, with its high level of erudition and tolerance, demanding working standards and drive for perfection."

*Nazar Bobitsky - CUPP '94*  
*Ivan Franko Lviv University*  
*MY MP: Chris Axworthy*  
*(Saskatchewan)*  
*University of Amsterdam,*  
*The Netherlands, March 1997*

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