



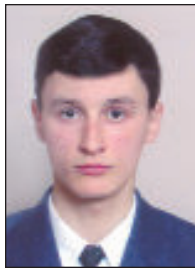
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Thank You Canada

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Time is moving swiftly... And we are back in Ukraine – coming and going, working and studying. We are no longer one team. But there was one brief moment in time, which united all of us – CUPP'07. It was not just a wonderful program or an unforgettable experience. It was a school of life! It was the experience of studying, working, communicating and expressing our own opinions. It

was also a time of the acquisition of knowledge and skills which we bring back to Ukraine, to our families and university communities. There are many indicators which confirm this, and I would like to describe just few of them.

First of all – the Ukrainian community in Canada. Our communications with the Diaspora helped us to understand – that it is possible to be born abroad but to

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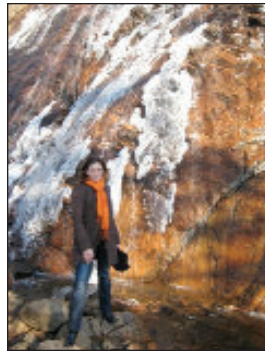
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CUPP'07 Interns wait for snow at Mt. Tremblant, Quebec.



Oksana Leskiv with MP Joy Smith and staff.



Diana Gladka making her way among the glaciers of Canada.



Adrian Fedyna, Yulia Nuzban with friend.



Ruslana Kostina, Andriy Porayko, Olga Kroytor, Dmytro Panchuk in front of Fountain at Niagara Falls.



Ruslana Kostina, Ricardo Filippone, Vitaliy Lipich, Oksana Hoba.



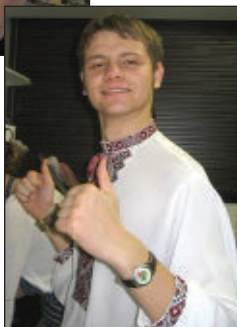
Yulia Nuzban, Olga Kroytor, Olena Zakharova, Hanna Dombrovska after the Embassy Reception.



Ihor Bardyn, Oleksandr Pertsovskiy, Lubomyr Chabursky, Vitaliy Lipich at Embassy Reception.



Interns observing Montreal from the Mont Royal.



Dmytro Panchuk enjoying the washing-up after the Embassy Reception.



CUPP'07 at Radio Canada International, Montreal.

be more patriotic and do more for the ancestral homeland - Ukraine, than almost anybody inside our country. This community lives with Ukrainian traditions in its blood. I heard a bandura concert in Canada for the first time. It is amazing – what is found in Canada – the sometimes called small *Ukraine*, with the Ukrainian language and traditions and with love for the ancestral homeland.

Secondly – the climate of tolerance and respect in a multicultural society. Canada is a country that provides lots of opportunities for development of any culture or individual. This demonstrates not just high democratic standards and understanding by the government, but a solid foundation for future harmonious development and common sustainable traditions inside one country with respect for human rights.

Thirdly – Canada's environment. It is mesmerizing, and Canada is a place where you can really breathe fresh air, and enjoy the squirrels dances and jumps around you in the street. The level of environmental protection is admirably high. And responsibility for a clean environment

around you is shared among all citizens and all political parties of Canada.

And the fourth – I would like to applaud Canadian Universities – which produce not just Diplomas (which many Ukrainian university's seem to take satisfaction in doing), but give real opportunities to young people to discover the world of science and business, to conduct interesting research projects and to graduate with acquired knowledge which prepares them to think critically about their country and about the future.

Canadian Universities' task is not just to teach or memorize – but inspire young talents. This is the main difference between the Canadian and the post-Soviet systems of education. And to study at such Universities would be a great honour and immeasurable opportunity – this is the CUPP Alumni task for the future – to earn a Master's or Ph.D. degree at a western University.

And the fifth, last but not the least – to our group of 20 individuals, who were very highly motivated, who are leaders in their communities, who became friends

and joined the ever growing CUPP Family, I offer the following. We had a lot of fun together. We built a great team of young people from throughout Ukraine, who supported each other, and who truly love Ukraine. Our singing of Ukrainian songs always was full of passion and patriotism. I think our generation could change much in our country. We could bring to the Governmental corridors of power, a spirit of responsibility and respect for the individual and for our homeland as well as a vision for the creation of a strong and democratic Ukraine.

It was not easy to say "see you" in Boryspil. Some people were crying. But we bring to Ukraine a new vision of its future, new meanings of friendship and responsibility; we become more understanding of the term multicultural. But every person in my CUPP 2007 group returned home to create something new in Ukraine. Each one of us came to appreciate what a successful and wonderful state and society is to be found in the 'New World'. Thank You Canada. I hope to visit and explore you again! ■

CANADA-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM HONOURED

(CUPP-Kyiv) Ambassador Abina Dann hosted a reception on December 7, 2007 on the occasion of the 17th anniversary of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Internship program. Over 150 CUPP Alumni from university centres in Luhansk, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Sumy, Lutsk, Rivne, Chernivtsi, Ivano Frankivsk, Yalta, Odesa, as well as Brussels, Warsaw, Amsterdam and Toron-

to, attended the reception. Representatives of the Ukrainian Parliament, the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and the arts community of Kyiv were also in attendance.

Ambassador Dann, in her opening remarks, welcomed the graduates and organizers of the CUPP program and stated that she was proud of Canada's initiatives such as the recognition of Ukraine's independence and the

establishment of the first and only parliamentary educational assistance program for Ukrainian university students by Canada.

The CUPP program was established in the Spring of 1990 by agreement with the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Fraser, and the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto. The agreement granted Ukrainian university students access to the

Canadian House of Commons with privileges enjoyed by interns of the Canadian Parliamentary Program and the Canada USA Parliamentary Program, which both preceded CUPP. In the Spring of 1991, three students from universities in Kyiv and Lviv arrived for the first internship which in succeeding years brought an additional 600 students to the Canadian Parliament. Over the past 17 years, over 20,000 university students from Ukraine have applied for the program.

In attendance at the reception were CUPP graduates who today are in the foreign service of Ukraine, the Government of Ukraine, the Secretariate of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, as well as the first CUPP Alumni to be elected to the Ukrainian Parliament, Elina Shyshkina, who completed her internship in 2003 and was elected to Verkhovna Rada in 2007.

Written greetings were received from Prime Minister Stephen Harper who wrote: "For

the past 17 years, the Parliament of Canada has benefited from the outstanding Ukrainian university students who have participated in this renowned internship program. Judging from the accomplishments of these students and the successful completion of the internships year after year, it can be said that they are Ukraine's best and brightest. I hope that the work experience in our parliament has prepared them to continue to excel in the numerous and ambitious ventures that they will pursue."

Toronto MP, Borys Wrzesniewski, in his greetings said: "Established in 1991 thanks to the vision and leadership of Mr. Ihor Bardyn, the CUPP has become one of the most successful student internship programs operating in the Parliament of Canada. Through Mr. Bardyn's continued dedication and guidance, CUPP interns from every major Ukrainian university have been provided an opportunity to learn and experience first-hand Canada's parliamentary proce-

dures and democratic traditions."

Edmonton MP, Peter Goldring, wrote: "I have seen many of the young men and women who have taken part in the CUPP program. Over the years they have embodied the highest ideals of achievement and community service and are indeed the present and future leaders of Ukraine."

Robert Saychuk, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Ottawa wrote: "Over the years, our organization has become increasingly involved with supporting the CUPP Program during the interns' stay in Ottawa. We have worked to identify worthwhile speakers, to sponsor events that introduce the interns to the Ottawa Ukrainian Canadian community, to organize occasions for them to meet Canadian decision makers and to introduce them to the history of Canada's capital. Our Director of Ukraine Programs, Borys Gengalo, does a recurring lecture on the development of Canada's identity and has developed a series of walking tours for the group. One of our newest Directors, Dr. Markian Shulakewych, has taken in hand the organization of events for the interns. This interest has been sparked by our belief that tying strong connections between the CUPP students in Canada today will benefit our country tomorrow by ensuring Ukraine's future leaders are our close friends. We congratulate you Madam Abina M. Dann, on being the first Canadian Ambassador to see the true potential of the CUPP Program for Canada and to follow up with positive action."

During the reception, the renowned Bayda Trio provided superb traditional Ukrainian entertainment and ended the reception with the singing of traditional Ukrainian carols. ■



Lviv Interns Roman Brukh and Oksana Leskiv at Embassy Reception.




Oksana Kleutina and Fevzi Amzayev reach for the stars.

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It gives me great pride to extend my sincere greetings and best wishes to the graduates and the organizers of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program.

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The best indication of the success of this worthy and forward thinking program is seen in the experience and knowledge acquired by its participants. Students are then involved into their own communities. Numerous CUPP alumni have gone on to take senior positions in major Ukrainian and international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

As the Vice Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group and as a Member of Parliament who has had the privilege of usually leading round tables and workshops, CUPP interns and future leaders of Ukraine, I congratulate the organizers on the continued success of the program and I wish all the present CUPP alumni very best wishes.

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22 November 2007

Mr. Allan M. Dunn
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Dear Mr. Dunn:

We are passing this letter to you through the hands of our Member, founder and director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, to thank you for being the first of Canada's ambassadors in Ukraine to host a formal reception for the interns and current participants of the program. Over the years, our representatives have been warmly welcomed with supporting the CUPP through the various days in Ottawa. We have been led to identify ourselves as students, to support events that enhance the interest in the Ottawa-Ukraine Canadian community, to organize excursions for them to visit Canadian decision makers and to introduce them to the history of Canada's capital. Our Director of Ukraine Programs, Boris Gengala, does a recurring lecture on the development of Canada's identity and has developed a series of mailing rooms for the group. One of our newest Directors, Dr. Marian Shukalevych, has taken in hand the organization of events for the interns. This interest has been sparked by our belief that strong connections between the CUPP students and Canada today will benefit our country tomorrow by ensuring Ukraine's future leaders are our close friends. We congratulate you on being the first Canadian ambassador to see the true potential of the CUPP for Canada and to follow up with positive action.

We would also like to make use of this opportunity to make our strong support for your example of opening Canada House in Kyiv. We first heard of your idea from Boris Gengala, who was among the community representatives you met in the course of preparing for your recent position. For a number of years, we believe that the type of contact between citizens and countries developed through Canada House is most important in the case of Ukraine that any other country and will pay the greatest return investment in the Canadian language. Please feel free to call or e-mail any time to assist you with this worthy project.

Yours truly,

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Registered Cossacks at Unveiling ceremony of Shevchenko monument in Yalta, December 2007.

IMPRESSIONS FROM A TRIP TO CANADA

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The quickest and the most general impression of Canada is that it is a mix of ancient traditions which were brought to North America by French, English and other immigrants and the more recent d modernity associated with the globalization of the world. The month spent in Canada helped me set some life priorities, see many things in new light, understand the way my country Ukraine should evolve.

It was a great honour and pleasure for me to have an opportunity to observe the Canadian parliament from the inside and to work in the office of Mr. Peter Goldring, MP for Edmonton East. And an important difference between MPs in Canada and Ukraine is their attitude towards the people who elected them. MPs are the servants of the people and should not lose sight of this.

This principle is well implemented in Canada through the majority system of elections, responsibilities of the MPs for designated ridings or constituencies, and each vote counts and is heard. To my mind Ukraine changed its system of electing MPs much too fast from 50/50 majority-proportional system to a fully proportional system of electing Members of Parliament. This created the problem that politicians in Ukraine elected from a list and responsible to no riding or constituency, forget about the voters as soon as they are elected. It is a problem of morality and we have a long way to go to rectify this situation.

The Province of Ontario recently held a Referendum (in fact during the period of our Internship in the Canadian Parliament) on the proposition of electing some members of the provincial parliament, using the proportional system. Ontarians were wise in rejecting the proportional system. It is very difficult to reverse proportional system of electing MPs, once these MPS have tasted the freedom from being responsible to an identified district and the voters living in that district in this direction. Proportional system may look good because it appears to give small and fringe parties a voice in Parliament. But the system deprives a much larger group of voices from registering their concerns with Parliament. My advice to Ontario and to Canada, Don't do it. You will regret it like the millions of Ukrainians.

The Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program or CUPP to us CUPPERS, exists mainly due to the efforts of the Ukrainian Diaspora. Speaking about the Canadian Ukrainians they are wonderful people and I'd like to highlight their contribution to the building of Canadian society and the work done by them in seeking to prevent their total assimilation. It's easy to lose your identity, your ethno-cultural affiliation in t a multinational democratic country. When people have a choice and are not restricted in using their native language or to cultivate traditions of their ancestors, there exists a paradox that in such an

environment people tend to more readily assimilate to the new country's culture and traditions. It should be pointed out that the meaning of the term "culture" differs in Ukraine (or other countries with a long history and traditions) from the meaning in Canada. During our meeting with MP Peggy Nash we discussed the defense of Canadian culture, by preventing the informational dependence on the USA. In other words we spoke more about the mass-media, journals, newspapers, the influence of Hollywood rather than about traditions, language, holidays, theatres, operas etc.

A few words should be said about religion. The Ukrainian-Canadian community (as well as French-Canadian community), especially the young people, have forgotten about religion and spiritual self-development. We met with representatives of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in Canada and I took from these meetings an understanding for this predicament. This predicament arose because of the situation that the church became a surrogate for national and independent state aspirations by the Ukrainian Diaspora. And the churches fed this need by stressing nationality and, language rather than faith.

Any religion satisfies two basic human demands. These are the demand for spirituality and the demand for affiliation to a group. The problem is that only the demand for spirituality is stsus-

taining or available from the church. The demand for affiliation to a group is not exclusive to the churches.

The need for affiliation to a group can be made available by fellow citizens or fellow workers or many more. When the French Canadians were allowed into the governing structures of Canada and participate fully in the political, economic life of the country, their affiliation or dependence on the church vanished. And that's because the church had overlooked to satisfy the need for spirituality.

I'd like to mention some negative things that exist in Canada. For me they are negative in a way I wouldn't like to see them in Ukraine. They are caused by the specific of this country; it's political, social and economic system. North American societies live a very dynamic life, leaving for food less time than it should be. The other aspect is that the need for cheaper products creates the problem of genetically modified food. All these lead to the health problems. Despite the fact that the average life expectancy of Canadian citizens is extremely high nobody knows how those factors can influence the next generations. I was told strange stories about newly created children disease – allergy for many usual and everyday life things, for instance cloth, food, fragrances and about teachers who carry much medicine with them in case of emergency. Another feature I'd like to mention is the policy of the government for stimulating the immigration and giving preferences for applying job to visible minorities whose professional and social structure is worse than that of Canada. Despite my understanding of the government's view I consider this policy as breaking the equality, the basic principal of democracy, as it's not a solution to

change one kind of discrimination into another. I suggest giving preferences for studying in the colleges and universities instead of preferences for applying a job or giving them for a defined period of time, for instance 3 years after becoming a citizen.

And in conclusion I'd like to outline those directions in which Canada-Ukraine relationship can develop. They are: nuclear power generating, oil and gas production, urban planning, building technologies, consulting, financial services and certainly tourism. To my mind Ukraine and Canada have a big potential in establishing connections in nuclear energy field. In 2005, seventeen countries produced concentrated uranium oxides, with Canada (27.9% of world production) and Ukraine (1.9%). Ukraine has the biggest uranium-ore deposits in the world and despite the Chornobyl disaster we can't afford to refuse from this source of energy as we have no other alternative. Canada has a significant experience in using unenriched uranium for energy generating. As I learned from the internship in the office the committee of academics and scientists from each country was created for sharing precious experience. This cooperation seems to be extreme-

ly beneficial for us and helps Ukraine lessen the dependence on France and Russia – the countries where we enrich uranium. Another field of collaboration is connected with the dramatic development of communications and internet. The distance between two countries is not a problem now for many businesses. This is especially relevant for services, such as: finance, investment consulting, insurance brokerage and banking. And I expect to see the agencies of Canadian firms in Ukraine in the nearest future or at least as soon as Ukraine enters WTO.

But the area which needs to have the priority is tourism. It creates many work places, stimulates developing infrastructure, communications and is a pre-conditional factor of capital formation. Besides Canada was formed by different nations and accordingly the Canadian history is inalienable from the history of those countries from which the immigrants came. And large Ukrainian community in Canada seems to be a good factor for this business to be successful. Thus this field is perspective not only from the commercial point but also helps establish close Canada-Ukraine relationships. ■



Olga Zhdanova and
Iryna Mazur at
Ukrainian Embassy.

Beyond the Politics

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I remember how exciting it was to open The Hills Times in the morning, and in the headlines find the names of politicians we met just the day before. Indeed, such meetings with newsmakers are a crucial part of the CUPP Internship Program. They make a lasting impression on the Interns, as most have already described in their own articles.

However, contacts with Canadians who have never even dreamed of making the front-page headlines of newspapers were of no less importance to us. And so, I would like to write not about an MP, the Speaker of the House of Commons, or another politician, but rather about several accidental meetings with ordinary Canadians which for one reason or another are still etched in my mind.

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There is a little store 30 meters from the Algonquin Hotel, our home away from home. Nothing special, but we used to visit it quite often. During such visits nobody, paid much attention to the man behind the counter who was serving us. Until one day I didn't have enough money with me to buy a sandwich. But this man just smiled and said, "Don't worry! This is my present for our Ukrainian friends!" It turned out he had worked at this store for many years. And the regular annual "flow" of Ukrainian students to this store became a good and beneficial tradition for this man. I explained to him what our Program is about, and that unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Ottawa soon, but I promised that another group of young

Ukrainians will definitely pay a visit to his store next year.

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The cafeteria at the West Bloc remains the most popular place among CUPP interns to have lunch. It is spacious enough to accommodate many clients, the meals are delicious, and, finally, only there can you meet Chef Louis, a Parliamentary Legend, in person!. It seems like this communicative Quebecer is a friend of everyone on Parliament Hill. Both MP's and their assistants become targets of his humor, but no one takes offense at these jokes. Naturally, CUPP Interns chatted with him quite often, especially our girls. My guess is that, some day Chef Louis will give up his pastas, sauces, and juliennes, in order to write a best-seller on Canadian politicians' culinary weaknesses and food secrets. Who knows, maybe several pages of that book will be devoted to the Ukrainian interns, who have been having lunch in his cafeteria for the past 17 years...

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The CUPP traditional long weekend visit to Quebec and specifically Montreal, McGill University, Radio Canada International, McGill Ukrainian Student's Club, etc. turned out to be an interesting one. The first surprise, even before our departure, was that we got a female bus driver – in Ukraine it is quite unusual. We spent many hours in our school-bus, so it was a great opportunity to ask this lady bus driver all those questions we had about the life of ordinary Canadians. We talked our way through a good part of Ontario and

Quebec. Almost all the way from Ottawa to Montreal, then from Montreal to Mt. Tremblant, and back to Ottawa. We got to know how alone she raised two sons, and how she managed to pay all her bills, what prompted her to become a school bus driver, and why traffic lights in Ottawa are red and white, while in Montreal they are red and green. I listened to many stories about the life of this lady who spent many years driving across the country. And, perhaps, I listened to even more complaints about Quebec authorities who don't install bilingual road and directional signs. You see our driver spoke no French.

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Both our meetings with politicians and ambassadors, as well as with bus drivers and store owners are equally important components of our Canadian CUPP experience. All these people with their own life stories and perspectives helped our group of 20 Ukrainian Interns, to understand real Canada and Canadians. It would be appropriate to conclude with the words of a Ukrainian philosopher Hryhoriy Skovoroda who wrote "discover yourself first" and our CUPP Director's words of encouragement "I strongly urge you to pursue or continue your education abroad."

And when he continues, saying "you will discover a bit about yourself by listening to the life experiences of everyday Canadians. And you will be stronger for it in meeting whatever challenges life throws your way". ■



National security of Ukraine and its geopolitical choice

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My MP: Mario Silva, Toronto

Ukraine's national security is directly influenced by its geographical location at the junction of four areas: Central and Western Europe, South East Europe, Eastern Europe and the Black Sea. The geopolitical location is thus extremely favourable, as the country is at the crossroads of main continental liaisons. This geo-strategic positioning represents an advantage in promoting a stabilization and engagement policy for these areas by developing intra- and inter-regional cooperation – in direct connection with international organizations (mainly UN, NATO, EU and OSCE) – in order to counteract threats to continental and global security.

Ukraine belongs to Europe in the geo-political, cultural and economic sense. Our people shares European basic values which it has historically maintained and defended. Therefore, a strategy on integration with European structures, in which construction our country, despite its interests and public intentions, had no opportunity to participate before, must be a central plank of Government policy. For Ukraine, the accession to the EU and NATO means final overcoming the consequences of economic and political division of the continent.

Membership in the EU and NATO is a strategic objective of Ukraine and one of the main priorities of the Ukrainian government and economy. Ukraine's intention to gain membership is closely related to the desire to attain the fundamental goals of Ukrainian policy in the areas of

national security, economy and social system. Euro-Atlantic integration is a historic opportunity for the entire Ukrainian society. In Ukraine the process of integration is supported by the main political forces and economic circles and ranks among the highest priorities.

The majority of Ukrainian society is ready to play an active part in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration. The integration will ensure peace and prosperity for all European nations. The Euro-Atlantic aspirations of the Ukrainians stem from their conviction that the EU plays a vital role in maintaining peace and democracy in Europe and worldwide. Ukraine fully shares the ideas and objectives of international organizations.

There is a discussion concerning whether Ukraine should first enter the EU or NATO. Though people who take one or the other side, regard the problem too subjectively and in isolation from such important criteria as economic situation, politics and the peculiarities of national consciousness in the country at a certain period of time.

Events on September, 11th, 2001 in the USA actually became the new starting point in the understanding of threats to national security of countries by terrorists "of a new generation. Perhaps, thanks the current political situation taken with the birth of the new political nation, the most powerful states of the world started the discussion on measures to improve the standards of national

security. In Ukraine these regulations were taken into consideration since the onset of the "Orange Revolution", when the government did not dare to venture to use weapons (which is absolutely atypical of the former Soviet Union or modern Russia). Even then we emphasized that the new culture took root in Ukraine, where the main characteristics of protection was the fact, that authority did not risk to use weapons or force against the civilian population, in conditions of peaceful demonstrations..

Today in Ukraine, under difficult and unresolved political conditions, the prospects of national security are aggravated. Firstly, this is due to the coming to power of incompetent and partisan persons, whose chief purpose is self-enrichment, and for whom staying in power for this purpose is the sole aim.

How is it possible from the point of view of culture to provide for Ukraine's stability?

This goal can be achieved by the introduction of a democratic culture among the population, and in the structures of governance of the state as well as in corresponding structures and organizations (for example, in National Security Council, Department of Defense, Interior forces, Ministry of interior of Ukraine and others).

The introduction of standards of security, comprise the following components:

- Level of knowledge (political and official professionalism), understanding the state policy of development and responsibility

for its execution on all levels (from senior leaders to basic executors); adherence to the standards and rules of national security providing.

- Level of availability, usage, improvement of the existing political, diplomatic, economical, financial, technical, ecological, military, boundary and other possibilities, instruments and means of providing national security.

- Level of standards and rules of safety procedure implementation; standards of behavior of the official personnel and common civil and population's vigilance, which are to be developed.

Summarizing the abovementioned, we can conclude, that security standards in a system of national security provision are laying in high, more responsible level.

Aiming to manage the security regulation standards, each action, which is executed in Ukraine concerning its security, can be deeply analyzed.

Can we consider Ukraine strong enough in the level of the

standard of national security? Unfortunately, it has not yet attained the desired standards in a number of different spheres.

- In the area of military, defense and territorial spheres. Ukraine does not have the necessary instruments of state organization for example to secure the 4000 kilometers of unprotected borders with Russia and Belarus. Importantly, upon Ukraine's entry into the EU and NATO, this would release the country from the necessity of having to secure its borders with four Western neighbors, belonging to Schengen area: Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and Romania. Many resources would be released to meet other needs!

Conclusions:

1. Many regulations, connected to the standards of security for Ukraine, can be enumerated. Unfortunately too few have been implemented to secure Ukraine's integrity.

2. But the time for the implementation of national security standard has arrived.

3. Acquired experience, specialized knowledge dictate that Ukraine adopt measures which serve only the state and its citizens.

4. We should hope that for the security of the country's future Ukraine realizes the need to enter the EU and NATO, where there exists a culture of social security of each member-country.

5. It is necessary, that the next generation of youth must work honestly for the benefit of the Ukrainian state.

6. As a whole, the opinion of our citizens concerning the integration of Ukraine into NATO is not yet objective, because citizens are not informed about those economic and social advantages, guarantees of security, which only North-Atlantic Alliance can give us, and because of this public opinion vacillates between one and the other side. Thus to achieve membership in the EU and NATO, it is necessary to provide a policy of informatization among Ukrainians about these structures. ■

UKRAINE: *TO BE* with EUROPE *OR NOT TO BE* with RUSSIA?

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Unlike Shakespeare's hero, who brought into clear focus the question of his very survival, the situation in Ukraine is quite different. In our case, standards of quality and prestige of living matter a lot. De jure we are a young European state with a lengthy and

prominent history and with the symbolic geographical centre of Europe located in the delightful Carpathian Mountains. On the other hand, de facto that is, we are an independent country which since 1991 has kept struggling for its independence from Russia

especially in the areas of energy, as well from the influences of cultural and political pressures from our neighbor. Hence, the problem can be outlined as follows: Ukraine is still at the crossroads; we are neither flesh nor fowl in worldly geopolitics. Until we get

rid of the age old Russian-propagated stereotypes about ourselves, and the self imposed attitudes to our country's problems, we continue to spin our wheels aimlessly, to no purpose. Too many of us look outwardly for improvement in our condition, not realizing that our future is in our own hands.

The basic impediments which do not release us out of this vicious circle are rather clear. Those are, the ongoing financial problems and mismanagement of both the national economy and under-funding of social projects; the absence of an orderly and meaningful policy of national consciousness encompassing language, historic and cultural aspects; and the last but not the least – the lack or absence of the rule of law and its equal application to all including politicians and bureaucrats, and the resultant is the surging corruption that follows. Confronting those problems head-on means removing the gridlock of inaction and turning Ukraine resolutely onto the European course.

It was exciting to hear the Orange Block of Parties during the past elections promise to remove or uncover the shadow from the national economy. The underground or shadow economy is anecdotally stated to be up to 60% of the country's total economy. Up to the present time no one has declared that our economy is now transparent and working on behalf of everyday citizens. While it cannot be expected that in a short period of time the economy can be uncovered or become transparent, it would be reasonable to expect some improvement in this field, but instead it seems that the interests of the different clans and non-existent industrial enterprises-phantoms continue to benefit...

It is a step in the right direction that the Government of Yulia

Tymoshenko has started to reimburse ordinary citizens for their losses, but it is the least that the government should do to rectify an injustice. Unfortunately the cost of living keeps rising, the education system is not being overhauled so that students can get an effective education; young families are not getting a chance to find better accommodation in which to bring up their children. These are some of the concerns which our government should address. Hopefully, Prime Minister Tymoshenko will work for real growth of Ukraine rather than pursue her ambitions for the presidency. Speaking of the energy dependence on Russia, Ukraine should find the means to substitute dependency upon gas with alternative sources of energy.

There has been much discussion around the question of Ukrainian culture, Ukrainian language, and Ukrainian history.

Understandably we developed our culture through the centuries; we acquired our heroes and national symbols. But at the same time, Ukrainians should adopt useful attributes from the modern times. Moreover, a great part of Ukrainian "pride" was suggested or profoundly influenced by Russians. So Ukrainians should consider revisiting their history and approach it more respectfully or demand more honest interpretation of that history. However unappealing may it seem, it is worth looking at the example of Russia, where the government has set up a commission of historians, to elaborate a nationally focused history text-book? Why not to do the same in Ukraine, on more honest and fair terms of course? Then, all those who live in Ukraine, or have Ukrainian citizenship to have access to a fair & unbiased interpretation of our history. Concerning the state language, Ukrainian must have the

right to develop and thrive to stay in a country-wide national environment of literature, media, and politics. That ought to be obvious to everyone, starting from simple "khokhly" and finishing with chauvinistic Muscovites.

Corruption can be called the most horrendous problem for any state, all the more so – for Ukraine, where a great number of things are sorted out with the help of "a symbolic present of homage" or a certain sum of money for achieving results in education, business or other fields. It exists everywhere. One can still ward off the policeman who stopped you for speeding by slipping him a 10-hryvnia bill. Many Doctors will not to you about an operation without some "encouragement" from you. You will find it hard to start a business without "a special talk" with local bureaucrats. Recently in China, several officials were executed after the charge in bribery, and that's in the country with a 2-billion population. Why can't we come to grips with the problem of corruption, in a country of 45 million?

One thing is clear – some really dramatic measures should be taken to put Ukraine on the right path towards European integration. And not just in words but in actions. Staying on the spot is tantamount to stagnation and degradation. Our major goal is to live, to be, and to be a prosperous country regardless of who we build relationships with. The question is not as to whether Ukraine is to be or not to be in Europe. That answer is obvious. Until every Ukrainian decides to make an about-turn in him or herself towards the success of the whole nation and let's go of the nostalgia of the past, we cannot count on a promising future. ■

Visit to Royal Military College, Queen's University in Kingston, ON



Alla MYSHALOVA

Lviv Military Institute
5th year of International
Relations
Alexandra & Eugene
Sukniarsky Scholarship
My MP: James Bezan,
Selkirk- Interlake,
Manitoba

Lviv Military Institute

History of Lviv Military Institute began in 1899. When in 1991 Ukraine gained its independence and formed its own Armed Forces a new page in the history of Lviv Military Institute began.

This military Institute was the first in Ukraine to combine the systems of civil and military education, namely with Lviv Polytechnic University. Cooperation with the leading civil institutions made it possible for graduates to gain both military and civil professions. It became the guarantee of training highly qualified military staff.

In accordance with the state concepts for a reformed Ukrainian Armed Forces, the question of founding a single educational establishment of higher learning for the training of specialists was resolved. Many factors made up the criteria for the framework of the Commission of the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense which laid the foundation for the establishment of the Lviv Military Institute as a basic unit of an institution of higher learning of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Three CUPP'07 interns Alla Myshalova, Ruslana Kostina and Oksana Kleutina, were delighted by the opportunity to enrich their internship by a visit to the historic city of Kingston. We had a unique chance to visit Kingston, the former capital of Canada.

During our stay in the beautiful city we saw Fort Henry, where over 5,000 Ukrainians were unjustly interned from 1914 to 1917. It gave us perspective of the difficulties which Ukrainian immigrants experienced during the early period of the community's development. We also visited Royal Military College which for me was very inspiring, as I am among the proud students of Lviv Military Institute, one of the oldest military educational establishments in Ukraine. It was not only an honor, but also a great pleasure to visit RMC. I had the opportunity to compare two outstanding military colleges of Ukraine and Canada. RMC as well as my alma mater have a rich history and strong academic background. However, I tried to pay attention to the details of everyday life at RMC. I found many similarities in both institutions considering accommodations and the variety of programs offered. I also learned that RMC is the historical birthplace of the Canadian flag, and is located near a famous Fort on Lake Ontario. RMC has many laboratories, training facilities and even a nuclear reactor. I only wish we had the same facilities which the students and cadets of RMC have. I was surprised by the high standards of admission to RMC and the studies regimen. "I am not surprised by the reputation of Canadian military units. They are among the strongest in the world and have their troops in the most challenging area of Afghanistan. These thoughts crossed my mind as I walked out the front gates of the College.

This visit inspired me to continue to study military reforms for Ukraine. For those who are interested I brought good news: RMC has a civilian graduate studies program open to international students which can be combined with graduate studies at Queen's University. Remember it can be a great opportunity. Hope it can be mine!

On a behalf of three CUPP'07 interns Alla Myshalova, Ruslana Kostina and Oksana Kleutina, I express our appreciation to Lubomyr Luciuk and Ihor Bardyn for organizing an unforgettable and enriching visit to Kingston.

Royal Military College

RMC was established in 1874 "for the purpose of providing a complete education in all branches of military tactics, fortification, engineering, and general scientific knowledge in subjects connected with and necessary to thorough knowledge of the military profession. In 1878, Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, granted the College the right to use the prefix "Royal."

"The Royal Military College of Canada Degrees Act, 1959," passed by the 25th Ontario Legislature and given Royal Assent on March 26, 1959, empowers the College to confer degrees in Arts, Science, and Engineering. RMC now offers a wide variety of programmes in these three areas, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The graduates of RMC have established a reputation of service and achievement throughout the world out of all proportion to their numbers.



CUPP: PRIDE & AMBITION

Vitaliy LIPICH, CUPP'07

Lesya Ukrainka Volyn University, Lutsk

English Language & Literature

My hometown: Lutsk

Antin Hlynka Scholarship

My MP: Peggy Nash, Toronto, Ontario

During my exchange program in the USA, I witnessed an interesting incident. My American friend, who was in his mid-forties, before proceeding to give me a ride, got out of his car and proceeded to the back where he bent down and wiped away the dirt from his only sticker... At first I thought it was a sticker which was required by law to be clearly visible on all vehicles. But when he wiped it clean, I realized that it said "Proud alumnus of Western Washington University". Back then I could not understand why this sticker was important for a person who graduated from University some twenty years ago...

...Looking at the small pin on the lapel of my jacket, I comprehend the significance and pride which I associate with the unique program which 20 Ukrainian students completed in Canada in the Fall of 2007.

This small pin does not contain any words whatsoever. Yet it describes succinctly what we witnessed during the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program: the gothic style building of parliament in Ottawa, the national symbols of the maple leaf and trident, and three young persons on the foreground. The three students in the foreground resemble the students of past centuries who studied in the historic centres of learning in Mohylanka, Ostroh, Lviv, Lutsk, Odesa, Kharkiv and many other centres of my homeland.

And so the representations on our pin link together the seat of government of Canada with the youth of the historic and modern centres of learning of Ukraine.

For those who have attended the program there is no need to explain the meaning of these symbols, but for those who aspire to the participate in the program and are eager to become one of about 600 graduates of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program I will offer a brief explanation.

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is a program which emerged due to the efforts of the Chair of the Ukrainian Studies Foundation in Toronto and the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada. Established in 1991, the Program has operated for the past 17 years bringing over 600 highly qualified Ukrainian students to Canada. The students who completed the internship program represent a wide variety of academic backgrounds including lawyers, historians, economists, mathematicians, linguists and interpreters, journalists, medical doctors, architects and artists and computer science specialists. The geographic span of the program is amazing, covering almost all Ukrainian regions and 64 Universities.

Participants of the CUPP program go through the intensive and exciting internship in the Parliament in Ottawa. Each stu-

dent has the opportunity to work in the office of the Canadian MP performing a wide range of functions. Interns work on press-releases, databases, research specific issues and do administrative work in the office. Alongside with the duties in the office, each intern receives almost unlimited admission to all of Parliament's events. In past years students immensely enjoyed attending Question Periods, party caucus meetings, Speeches of the Throne, and spontaneous scrums where party leaders including the Prime Ministers and Ministers hold impromptu question and answer scrums. All of these possibilities expose interns to real, first hand experience of Government at work and democracy in action.

The CUPP Program gives Ukrainian students an exceptional career start. Inspired by this parliamentary experience and motivated by informative meetings with outstanding people, interns are motivated to continue their education in the best western Universities. Among the CUPP alumni there are graduates of Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Universities of Paris, Amsterdam, Vienna, Berlin, Bonn, Johns Hopkins, Bologna, Milano, Leuven, Toronto, McGill, British Columbia, Western Ontario, Queens, Chicago, UCLA, Brandies and many other prestigious schools.

Looking back at the CUPP experi-

ence, I feel a certain pride in being a part of the program. At the same time, I look forward to closer cooperation of all alumni who share an association with the program. The areas of cooperation are vast and hide huge potential. Among the most promising is the initiative to share academic resources among CUPP Alumni who collectively have access to hundreds of libraries, study centers and archives across Ukraine, Europe and North America.

Considering the profiles of the graduates who are currently working in leading academic, business

and government institutions it makes sense to share their expertise and foster communication with those alumni who have recently started their professional careers or are on their way of choosing the career.

In terms of social work, the CUPP community is a perfect environment for implementing projects on a regional or national scale. CUPP is a great network of committed and active young people who can effectively manage the projects.

And last but not least is the joint

work of CUPP alumni community on the newsletter. In responsible business world there is the principle that once the standard is established, there is no way it can be lowered. I do hope that the standard of 56-page newsletter offered by the CUPP 2007 alumni will never be lowered and only improved.

I do wish that the small pin on our jackets continues to symbolize and represent the large community of like-minded people and effective cooperation of those of us who want to make a difference in our homeland and beyond. ■

HOLODOMOR

Alla MYSHALOVA

Lviv Military Institute

5th year of International Relations

Alexandra & Eugene Sukniarsky Scholarship

My MP: **James Bezan**, Selkirk- Interlake, Manitoba



"This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor- the Great Famine in Ukraine. Can the Prime Minister share with the House the initiative Canada has taken to commemorate the millions of lives lost in this tragedy?" – James Bezan, MP (Question Period, October 31, 2007)

Participating in CUPP 07, I was delighted to meet Canadians with Ukrainian roots. This experience was one of the most interesting aspects of the program. One such individual was My CUPP'06 MP James Bezan from Selkirk Manitoba, who was kind to host me as an intern. I felt proud of my roots, like never before, when I learned that my MP was of Ukrainian ancestry. In Canada there are over a million Canadians who claim Ukrainian roots and it

is therefore not surprising that they have made such important contributions to Canada- Ukraine relations.

Bill C-459, published in the 2nd Edition of the CUPP 2007 Newsletter, was a Private Member's bill that Mr. Bezan tabled in the House of Commons to attempt to have the government of Canada officially recognize the Holodomor as the act of Genocide.

We should be proud of Ukrainian Canadians who act in defense of our nation. Here is my short interview with My MP.

Alla Myshalova: *This is your second term as MP in the House of Commons. What is the most exciting aspect in your job?*

James Bezan: I love working in the House of Commons. I enjoy participating in debates and all of the work we deal with. I am often quite amazed that I am even here. I used to visit this place a lot. I used to come here occasionally some 10 or 15 years ago. I actually had a dream that I would someday be here. So, I do a lot to work in the House and this is one of my favorite places in the world.

A.M.: *Would you recommend to others to try their hand at politics?*

J.B.: Yes. I think, this is the area that can be quite rewarding. It is challenging. You have to expect and accept criticism. But for those who want to make a difference and those who want to participate in the democratic process whether it is at the municipal, provincial or federal level, it can

be quite a rewarding job. You can make an impact on people's lives and you can help make important changes.

A.M.: *How do you estimate the role of the youth in politics?*

J.B.: I estimate it as quite high. When I look at the future, I look at my kids, at the youth in our schools, and I look at you, Alla. You are our future. You are the future of our world. You know, you will be making decisions in the future that are going to affect me, as I will be a senior. So, I spend a lot of time speaking to school and university students. I encourage them to be responsible young adults and to consider that as they mature and start their careers; they are actually becoming tomorrow's leaders. And they will be moving into positions of power. I mean not only into the political process, but into corporations, businesses and farms, and

they will make an impact in all these areas in the course of time. They are going to move Canada forward into the global community.

A.M.: *What is your attitude towards Ukrainian youth? Is it different from Canadian youth?*

J.B.: Because of the CUPP Program, I have a pretty good appreciation for Ukrainian youth. I see them much the same as Canadian youth. You, young people, have so much to look forward to. Things have changed so dramatically over the past 20 years in Ukraine. You have your independence now. I can see that you are more excited about your future. Youth is becoming more active in your country. And it is up to you to demand changes which will lead to greater prosperity and democracy. So I think that you must be excited about Ukraine and all the potential that awaits

Ukraine. I see our youth here and youth in Ukraine working closely together in the future.

A.M.: *What is your attitude to the presence of Ukrainian Interns/ambassadors in your office?*

J.B.: My grandfather was from Ukraine. I try to cooperate with the Ukrainian community in Canada closely. And I am always interested in events which take place in Ukraine. Ukraine is close to my heart and it will always be so. So taking an intern from Ukraine is just a pleasure for me. And as I said CUPP is a great program and it's definitely helpful to me. Work that interns have brought to my office has been helpful in preparing policy and development. I hope that the experience which interns get in my office will be rewarding and helpful to them when they return home. ■



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CUPP Co-ordinator 1994,
Toronto, Canada

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PASSION AND POLITICS

Iryna MAZUR

Kyiv National Linguistic University

Faculty of Interpreters

Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship

My MP: Peter Stoffer, Sackville-Eastern Shore, Nova Scotia



On October 25th, 2007 Interns of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program met with Senator Raynell Andreychuk. This article is a reflection of the inspiration which I took back from the meeting with Senator Andreychuk... This distinguished woman, who has represented Canada in many parts of the world, has worked with many international bodies and individuals, is outgoing, friendly and fascinating... She talked with us about her experience in diplomacy and politics, about her life and her ideas... The aspect which impressed me most about Raynell Andreychuk was her open-minded attitude, her confidence and passion for her work.

I used to think that the world of politics is one of the last places you would look to find examples of passion for your work. But, having met Senator Raynell Andreychuk and having listened to her description of the life of elected Members of the Canadian Parliament, I have realized that it is absolutely possible and does exist among today's politicians. It is the passion to work for the benefit of others that makes them come to work at 7 a.m. It is the passion to strive for change on the local level that makes them travel to constituencies every weekend. It is the passion to help the people who supported them that contribute to the intensity of the debates during Question Periods. It is the passion to work for the improvement and development of their country that made them choose to enter politics. These people work for a cause. They are on a mission that they try to pursue no matter what, because they understand that they are lucky enough to have the trust and support of millions of Canadians and that they need to live up to their voter's expectations.

In our busy lives, we hardly ever think about passion and about its presence in the work we do. People do not always enjoy their work or career. They hope that it

will get better, or that they will get used to it or that they will get a promotion. Time passes, sometimes the situation changes, sometimes it does not, but passion for change does not disappear.

Choosing your future career is one of the biggest challenges for me and for many young people all over the world. Should we go into politics, business, or another field? Should we work on the international level or inside the country? This period of our lives is always about making the right choices and decisions, to make sure that you do not choose the wrong direction or that you do not stray from the right path... But, to be frank, does this not mean, that by planning 5 years ahead, we are losing our passion? That we stop enjoying the process and focus only on looking towards the future, that we lose the passion for adventure and interest...

I do not know what I want to be 5 years from now, I'm not exactly sure what kind of profession I'm most passionate about, all I know, is that I'm passionate about MY country and MY people. This is where the real passion lies, when you work for the benefit of your country, when you strive for change, when little changes on the local level bring global approval,

when you make history, when you are part of the process that makes today possible – politics – this is where IT STARTS WITH US! Passion about the work you do, it is about enjoying every moment of your life, and it is about who you are: YA UKRAINKA AND THIS IS MY PASSION! ■



Vitaliy Lipich, Alla Myshalova,
Olga Kroytor, Olga Zhdanova,
Ruslana Kostina, Oksana Kleutina
making choices!



True story about small beginnings

Oksana LESKIV

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Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship
My MP: Joy Smith, Manitoba

When I first learned about CUPP, I had lofty plans about what I would do if I was selected to participate in the program. In some sense I was very naïve, because I thought about my duties in Parliament as irreplaceable and the most important aspect of this program. But when I got to the office of my MP Joy Smith and learned about the many small details of an MP's office work, I began to understand, that the realities of an Internship program are very different.

Members of Parliament do not sit shoulder to shoulder with you and discuss the important aspects of their work. You do not get to go to the receptions where you meet Heads of State and prominent foreign dignitaries who ask you for a piece of advice and share opinions on economic issues. You will perform simple tasks and step by step learn to work as an MP's team and get to appreciate the end results of

your small contributions.

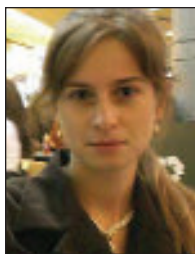
The process of completing small assignments and duties helped me to realize my ability to achieve greater results or deeds. A person first needs to learn how to work with others, to work her way into a leadership role. Expecting to step into a leadership position in a functioning office or operation will only lead to disappointment and unneeded stress. A good leader is the one who learns and understands the operation of an office through first hand inside experience. Everyone needs to find their comfortable place within an office and to appreciate the importance of her work or duties. Only then can positive and productive results be achieved.

That is why I believe we, Ukrainian students, performing the duties of Interns in the Parliament of a friendly yet foreign country, can use this oppor-

tunity to satisfy our lofty ambitions, measure our efforts against the efforts of others, and experience the fruits of real teamwork. Through our Internship we learn more about government, governing and about Parliamentary Democracy from the inside. Finally, on the realistic scale we get the opportunity to work and learn, and expand our desire for knowledge of how government should function and value the small steps we had the opportunity to take during our Internship in Canada's Parliament in the Autumn of 2007.

I am grateful to Member of Parliament Joy Smith for the outstanding opportunity to be part of her team in the House of Commons and to her assistants Joel and Kristy Oostermans, with whom I worked for one fascinating month on the Parliament Hill.

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My MP: **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, Toronto Ontario

We all know that CUPP Director **Ihor Bardyn** has devoted himself to the young people of Ukraine for the past 17 years. We all remember his words:

"CUPP alumni, as you have



been told, you were given a unique and privileged opportunity to work in the parliament of another

country – Canada. Remember and use all that you have learned.. Remember about your advantages and your responsibilities.. You should always do the best you can in your life. You should give more

than you receive, to your community and Ukraine. At the beginning of the last century Prime-Minister of Canada Sir Wilfred Laurier said 'The twentieth century belongs to Canada.' Believe that with hard work and sacrifices the 21st century should belong to Ukraine. Make that your goal. And remember that Your Democracy will be as strong as the civil society you help to build, to protect that democracy"

And now what do others think of our CUPP Program and this individual?

Paul Migus, LGT Executive Performance Inc., Ottawa, Ontario



"Ihor Bardyn's commitment to the Ukrainian Community in Canada and his love of Ukraine

is exemplary!

He had great vision when negotiating the establishment of the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto, with the Government of Canada, and again in setting up the parliamentary internship program. In both instances his efforts focus on youth and education and building capacity for the future. Even though I have retired from the Public Service of Canada, I am always delighted to hear from Ihor and look forward to providing whatever assistance I can from my new management consulting career."

Joy Smith, MP, Winnipeg, Manitoba



"Mr. Bardyn is doing excellent job of bringing top quality

interns to work in my office. His work is very important both to Canada and Ukraine, to the concepts of global democracy and understanding."

Peter Goldring, MP, Edmonton, Alberta



"Having an intern gives a better perspective of politics. It's wrong to have a narrow perspective of Ukraine.

What's important to recognize is that there are varieties of opinions, which are friendly but different, in different parts of Ukraine. Last year I had an intern from Eastern Ukraine, now I am hosting an intern from its North. It's interesting to compare their opinions and to broaden ones the perspective about Ukraine.

We are similar with Ukraine. We both have big brothers. And it somehow influences us.

You have tremendous opportunities and potentials and it's interesting to observe your growth, especially by example of people like the interns."

Bill Teron, architect, Ottawa, Ontario



"What you have to do in Ukraine – is to build a paradise. And you are those young people who are able to do it."

Michael Ignatieff, MP Toronto, Ontario



"The CUPP is a unique program and I wish it will be continued in the future. A suggestion I can make is that the

MPs would be given some additional instructions on how to cooperate with the CUPP intern so as to give her/him as much as we can."

Borys Wrzesnewskyj, MP, Toronto, Ontario



"The decision in 1990 to establish the CUPP was momentous because it coincided with the period

during which Ukraine faced immense challenges in establishing a multi-party democratic state as a fully independent nation. The experience gained by the more than 500 graduates of the CUPP program has provided valuable personal experience during Ukraine's initial steps toward a functioning civil society and during challenges to Ukraine's continued democratic development. Graduates of CUPP have gone on to work in the Office of the President of Ukraine, the Parliament of Ukraine, Ukraine's Constitutional Court, at various institutions of higher learning throughout the country, the United Nations, the World Bank and many other institutions and organizations."

Borys Gengalo, historian, Ottawa, Ontario



"Although everybody talks about the benefits of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for Ukraine, we

have to understand that there's a great benefit for Canada. Through the eyes of the interns we get a fresh and different perspective on the values and functioning of our

own political system."

Maria Minna, MP, Toronto, Ontario



"I love Mr. Bardyn! I know him since 1975; I helped to organize his elections campaign. He is very committed to the Program and to Ukrainian democracy!"

Senator Raynell Andreychuk, Ottawa, Ontario



"I have been involved with CUPP virtually since its inception. I continue to be amazed at the caliber, dedication and enthusiasm of the students who participate. Their preparation before coming to Ottawa is exceptional,

including understanding both the Ukrainian system of governance and the Canadian system. Having had the honour to follow up with many students, I know that the experience, knowledge and opportunity to which CUPP gives to students is translated into positive career opportunities for the interns and I fully expect to continue to see these students excel in business, government and the democratic process of Ukraine." ■



Twenty Young Ukrainians Explore the Heart of Quebec and Diversity of Life

Diana GLADKA

Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy, Kharkiv,
Law and International Relations

My Hometown: Okhtyrka, Sumy Oblast

CUPP Scholarship: Michael Starr Scholarship

My CUPP MP: Hon. Dan McTeague, Toronto, Ontario

Early on the morning of Thanksgiving Week-end of 2007 twenty enthusiastic Ukrainian Parliamentary Interns, prepared for a trip to Montreal, McGill University, the 1967 World's Fair Island, museums, and Radio Canada International Headquarters in Montreal. As we left Ottawa for our two hour ride in a yellow school bus, we were given some introductory information by our co-ordinators Andriy and Olya about a fabulous European city in Canada, or the closest in Canada to one of ours!

The ride took less time than we expected and in our eagerness to see the French capital of Canada, we forgot about time. Suddenly we were in another country. While still in Canada we passed by narrow cozy streets, marvelous architecture, beautiful parks and squares and it all looked so much more familiar to us.

Truly a European city like one of ours. While driving along Sherbrook Street to our hostel named appropriately Hotel de Paris, a little store called Holts caught my eye. Some of us thought it would be nice to window shop in that area!

But, our first stop was the building of Radio Canada International on Boulevard Rene Levesque, a hero to the Quebecois who want their own identity... Our host and interviewer Luba Demko greeted us and conducted an interview with eight of us for the program "Visti z Ukrainy". We were selected to represent eight regions of Ukraine. During the interviews we enthusiastically shared our opinions and fresh impressions about our work in the Canadian Parliament, the number of outstanding personalities we met, our experiences with the Canadian political system, our

visits to Canadian universities and conferences and our exploration of Canada and its diversity.

Following the interviews we were given a tour of the radio and television studios. There were facilities which monitored up to date news from around the world.

Finally at the end of the day, tired and frozen we entered the campus of McGill University - one of Canada's best institutions of higher learning. The campus was large and impressive yet retained a cozy atmosphere with age-old buildings and lots of ivy. The presence of cheerful students scurrying about with loads of books reminded us that we were on a university campus in the middle of a large cosmopolitan city.

Our evening program brought us some cardinally different emotions, feelings and thoughts. Artem Luhovyy, McGill student

of Ukrainian origin screened two documentary films for us, produced by his father. The first one was dedicated to the issue of the pacification of Ukrainian peasants by the Poles in 1920-1930. The second one was about the famine in Ukraine of 1932-1933. In a few brief moments all the tragedy of Ukrainian history surfaced before our eyes. There was despair and pain, massacre and cruelty, determination of one group of human beings to erase another group of human-beings... We had mixed and confusing feelings to view the documentary films, dedicated to the tragedies experienced by

Ukrainians, while being in Canada, in Montreal. It seemed like this world no longer has any barriers or borders. And indeed, a disaster experienced by one nation is the pain of the whole of mankind. Man's inhumanity casts a shadow on the history of the World, forever.

Our first day in the heart of Quebec was brought to a conclusion. It began in sunny weather and cheerfulness and ended with an aching pain somewhere deep in our souls. The day brought a mixture of contradictory feelings and thoughts. It made us smile and cry, but made us feel very much

alive. That one day was so diverse something like Canada itself. And so unpredictable, yet very much true to life. It was a taste of reality where happiness and sorrow commingle so closely with each other, and for us an opportunity to learn from both of these emotions and experiences.

That day ended. But it gave the birth to something really deep and meaningful in everyone of us. These seeds will continue to grow. They will germinate and be cultivated in fertile soil. And they will make a change... ■

Should Ukraine pursue a Resolution at the United Nations concerning the Ukrainian Genocide/Famine?

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Ukraine has a sad history of 1932-33. Recently more and more researches and speeches devoted to this topic are made. But still there's no one universal opinion about this issue.

I would wish we could at once sit all together and decide what actually the truth about Holodomor and Holocaust is, but now we are just having a never-ending discussion with lots of opinions and interpretations of this topic.

Like the Nazi regime was recognized to be a negative phenomenon and there's no other point of view in the whole world, the same I believe should be with the issue of Holodomor, otherwise it is becoming the point of discussion in politics, international relations,

social life.

Our government not just once, but rather frequently is arousing this problem to manipulate their constituency.

There was once even an attempt to create a law proclaiming Holodomor the Genocide and introduce penalty for speaking out loud any different opinion. The original version of the law failed, but at least the fact of the Genocide was recognized. Now Yushchenko is trying to repeat his attempts to return back into the Parliament the original version of law. And no one knows what happens.

I believe the problem of Holodomor should be pursued abroad, where it is only possible. So that our deputies felt control

and misunderstanding from the outside and were encouraged by the world's position to at last proclaim the official governmental point of view on this topic as soon as possible. So that there would be no white points in history.

I took part in the conference devoted to Genocide here in Canada and was surprised to get to know that Canadians are interested in Ukrainian history, carrying out researches, trying to find out the truth. Why do we then are not able to do it?

I will now provide a short pre-history of how the issue of Holodomor was discussed on the governmental level in Canada. (Links provide the access to the information).

2 November 1999 - Canadian

Museum of Genocide is founded.

12 December 2002 - Senator Raynell Andreychuk Gives Notice of Motion concerning the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33.

13 May 2003 - UCC calls for The Pulitzer Prizes Board to revoke tainted award.

17 June 2003 - Tory Senator Raynell Andreychuk Calls for Recognition of 1932-1933 Ukrainian Famine/Genocide.

19 June 2003 - Hansard Transcripts of Unanimous Resolution of the Senate of Canada concerning the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33.

19 June 2003 - Unanimous Resolution of the Senate of Canada

concerning the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33.

20 June 2003 - Senate of Canada Adopts Motion Calling on Government of Canada to Recognize the 1932-1933 Ukrainian Famine/Genocide.

18 July 2003 - Canadian Ethnocultural Council Supports the Resolution of the Senate of Canada Concerning the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33.

24 November 2003 - Ukrainian Canadians Mark Tragic Anniversary.

26 November 2003 - UCC Disappointed with Pulitzer Decision.

8 December 2003 - UCC Raises Matter of Ukrainian Famine/Genocide with Provincial Ministers

of Education.

17 September 2004 - UCC Briefing Note: Recognition of the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33.

So, as you may see foreign countries do not deny helping us. Why not then make a step towards them?

I know there are much more important problems in Ukraine now, and they are much more urgently needed to be discussed. But, you know, you will never build a house if you don't have a proper basement. You will never build future if you are not sure of the history. ■



My Future Ukraine

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Every patriot loves his Homeland, respects his country's traditions and tries to do the best for his country. Similar words were once spoken by President John F. Kennedy.

After my Internship in the Canadian Parliament I believe I better understand what changes and policies Ukraine needs to implement to attain western standards of democracy.

The first step towards a true civil society is to establish the rule of law, applicably to all citizens of our country. As we know, Article 1 of the Constitution of Ukraine proclaims that Ukraine is a sovereign, independent, democratic, social and legal state. Yet, our society does not feel it has attained these goals. It is in the "declarative state", in transition hopefully soon, to the "de facto

state".

The second step for Ukraine to take in order to become a functioning developed state is make changes to the provincial/oblast and municipal laws and structures in the country. Like Canadian provinces our Oblasts have to be more independent from the central government. Powers to these should be wisely de-centralized and the Canadian models could serve us well. Many political systems throughout the world have proved the benefits of the delegation of regional or municipal responsibilities to regional and municipal authorities.

The third issue for Ukraine to resolve is membership in NATO and the European Union (EU). Joining both bodies can only help Ukraine to build strong and powerful state and to improve the liv-

ing standards in the country, in the foreseeable future. The experience of recent EU and NATO members Poland and the Czech Republic, clearly demonstrate the benefits and the necessity of such participation. Among the benefits are; Growth of the economy; Growth of investments in the country and Increase in the Export/Import areas. Joining the World Trade Organization was another step in the right direction.

What Ukrainians should adopt from Canadians, is the Canadians respect for the rule of law. All that Canadians do they do in compliance with the laws of the land. They try to avoid littering the land with cigarette leftovers in the street. They mostly observe and drive according to the rules of the road. They do not take or expect bribes. As a result Canadian cities

are clean and green. There are few traffic blockages or grid-lock on the streets (unlike in Ukraine) and the crime level in Canada is comparatively low. I do admit that there is the usual rush hour traffic but this is expected and predictable and relatively brief.

We can change our political ideology, we can amend our laws,

we can publish uncensored newspapers or magazines, we can also develop partnerships with other countries, and we can declare democratic principles. But we cannot achieve the results we need without a change in our mind-set or our mentality! If we Ukrainians do not want to live in harmony and order, and change

our mind-set or mentality, no amount of changes or declarations will help us. The solutions are in our hands!

After CUPP my goal is to apply my Canadian experience in my homeland. One small step at a time. I want to live better and I hope my children will live better in a Future Ukraine! ■

Third Annual Danyliw Research Seminar in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa

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On October, 13, 2007 our CUPP group was lucky to take part in the Annual Research Seminar in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies. It is inspiring that professors and scientists in Canada are carrying on research on issues so important for our country.

Unfortunately we were late for the first day of the conference but took an active part at soon as we were able to join the Seminar.

There were two sessions and five topics dealing with World War II and its Soviet interpretation of the so-called *Great Patriotic War* and the politics of genocide in Ukraine.

It was interesting to listen to the professional opinions of serious Canadian researchers on how they interpret historical events in Ukraine and contemporary Ukrainian politics. They give you an outside opinion, yet from the point of view of some whose ancestral roots lie in Ukraine.

But on the other hand, I per-

sonally came to the conclusion that it is hard and almost impossible to be an expert about a country you have never visited. It was quite clear which of the speakers who gave reports, had ever visited Ukraine or Belarus.

The seminar was organized in the following way; the first Speaker presented his/her paper. Following the presentation a Discussant had the opportunity to put forth contradictory positions and facts, and then there followed a discussion.

Seminar participants were also given an opportunity to join in the discussion.

This method of dealing with a topic can be quite contentious as topics can have many sides, and there can be many disagreements among the discussants. I should note that most of the Topics and discussions were based on already published articles or texts by prominent authors and researchers.

I felt that for me this was not

enough. Certainly there were some well researched papers presented at the Seminar, but you cannot fully understand a topic or period of history unless you understand the mentality of the people and the tenor of the times, and the regime in power at the time.

To fully understand and interpret the subject of your study you should try to become involved in that culture and society and learn as much about them and their points of view and interpretations of the subject matter at hand.

It was noticeable during the conference that those scientists who are originally from Ukraine, or have lived there, had an advantage over those who did not. Because it is inside them – I mean the understanding of the situation is inside them. Let me give you an example. There were so many arguments about the notion of the *Great Patriotic War*. Canadians find it hard to understand why it was called like that. Why patriot-

ic?! We cannot accept it as well, but we can understand it because we have lived in this environment where stress is placed on great *patriotism*.

I would also like to touch another topic discussed during the conference. Canadians don't understand why Ukrainian cannot finally all agree as to whether the Holodomor was Genocide or not, as well as other issues such as whether Ukraine should join NATO, or whether there should be one or two official languages. I believe this is not only about politics or winning extra-votes. I claim most of the politicians (like the Party of Regions, Socialists) do not even have a clear vision on

what they are going to do with this country they rule. And this is quite sad. Until we all know who we are and what we want to be, and what it means – to be Ukrainian, it will be hard not to come to consensus on these questions.

I am glad I had a chance to be present at this conference. I wish there was more cooperation between foreign countries and Ukraine – so that foreign countries could learn more about the present situation in our country and learn our view on the changes taking place, and we from our side could use the international experience, to rely on the support of prominent politicians, scientists,

elite, cultural leaders, to get to the truth or to consensus..

The conference allowed us to meet interesting speakers such as Roman Serbyn from the University of Quebec, Wsevolod Isajiw from the University of Toronto and CUPP Alumni as well as many representatives of the Ukrainian Diaspora. It was a worthwhile experience. I should mention that our group was accepted really warmly, our Newsletters were extremely popular and we were very welcome to take part in the discussions (both formal and informal). And I am happy we contributed to the Seminar. ■

Post CUPP'07 Impressions about Canada



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My CUPP'07 Scholarship: Edward Schreyer Scholarship



The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an outstanding opportunity for a student from Ukraine, to make an individual contribution as well as to benefit from participation in CUPP, into both Canadian and Ukrainian societies.

There is no doubt that CUPP provides unique opportunities to CUPP interns to observe the operation of a western Parliament, to become acquainted with the life of the Ukrainian community in Canada, and to get an overview of a civil society through commu-

nicating with Canadians.

To begin with, our daily parliamentary duties consisted of office work, communications with our MPs and their assistants, attendance at Question Periods, the speech from the Throne, press-conferences, etc. We should say that all of these activities were very important for us, since through them we were able to understand the essence of the Canadian political system.

During office hours we became acquainted with important communications issues such

as the person-oriented approach by the MP to each Canadian citizen who appeals to the MP, with the most frequent responsibilities of the MP and their assistances and how well-informed the MP's have to be able to conduct their daily activities. We were deeply impressed with Canadian MPs' attitude to their electors' appeals and propositions, in that every appeal was answered expeditiously, and, that the voice of each Canadian is heard in parliament through their elected representatives – their Members of

Parliament. It does not depend on your ethnicity or your place of birth, your voice is heard by your MP and government.

Another important observation for us was how Canadians managed to preserve their cultural parliamentary heritage, which is the manner of communicating to each other in the parliament. These communications included established traditions of challenging the statements by the governing party the Conservatives, and the sometimes sharp retorts of the loyal opposition the Liberals, the supporting applause, the desk thumping, and the periodic heckling by the opposition aimed at specific Ministers, all carried out without any great hint of disrespect or apparent malice.

The opening session of Parliament incorporated the ceremonial speech from the Throne by the Governor-General and other parliamentary traditions... Canada incorporates the features of royalty, with the impressive parliamentary ceremonies, and speeches.

Secondly, as mentioned before CUPP'07 gave us a splendid opportunity to get acquainted with Ukrainian community in Canada with our own eyes, to feel the spirit of Ukraine and Ukrainian traditions in Canada. All these gave us an assumption that Ukraine and the essence of Ukrainian spirit should be studied not in Ukraine, but here, in Canada, where the representatives of Ukrainian community were not influenced by those destructive factors that people in Ukraine experienced, and consequently, managed to preserve all the best Ukrainian traditions inside their Ukrainian community in Canada and, moreover, to calculate love and respect to those values of other communities residing on the territory of this most tolerant and multicultural country in the world.

Also we had a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with Ukrainians who occupy different social positions in the main stream Canadian community. The most impressive thing about it was that notwithstanding social position and level of personal welfare, Canadian Ukrainians have not only integrated into mainstream Canada, but successfully promote Ukrainian culture, language, moral values etc. and try to help Ukraine as much as possible. Another interesting point was that some Ukrainians were so sick at heart about their homeland that they tried to extend our meetings as long as possible in order to make us feel as much at home. And...looking into the eyes of those people we felt such warmth, sincerity, frankness, and parental dedicationIt's very difficult to express these feelings in words and the only way to experience it is just to come to Canada and to experience it. You know, after the moments like these whether you want or not, you start loving your homeland more and more and there appears a sort of desire to act and to do your best to improve the situation in your homeland, to better the life of your nation... Those who were in Canada and met Ukrainian Diaspora would understand it, and those who have not...just sorry...By the way, 'Sorry', 'Pardon', 'Excuse me' are the most popular words in Canada and that is another proof how polite, cultural, sophisticated are Canadians and Ukrainian Canadians in particular.

During our stay in Canada we were honored to be hosted by different families and individuals and as a result we had a wonderful opportunity to experience the unity of Ukrainians in Canada. These Exchanges gave us a wonderful answer as to how Canadian Ukrainians could achieve such considerable results in terms of

their business activities, political careers etc. Throughout all the time of their residence in Canada they helped each other and other Ukrainians, who immigrated to Canada: they sheltered each other, helped to find jobs or employed etc. These attributes are preserved to the present day. You know, the phenomenon of Ukrainian Diaspora is that it is a society within a society without any hostile aggressive self-identification. They are an important part of the bigger body which is named Canada.

The last passage of our story is dedicated to Canadian society. To start with, that the most honest vision about any society is made during daily routine, while communicating on casual topics, when asking about something in public transport, in the library, in restaurant etc. While going through all these during our stay in Canada we were lucky to understand or, it would be better to say, to feel the essence of Canada and its people. We can enumerate many complimentary attributes of Canadians, however, the core words would be: Politeness, Sincerity and Ready-to-help.

Everyone is so polite and happy that it even seems that you are in the paradise...And even Canadian bums are so polite and cultural when speaking to you. Moreover, it seems that even Canadian dogs will never bite you!

...This was our experience in Canada. Due to this program we gained a lot of wonderful, priceless lessons. It seems to us that we gained our MBA in Contemporary Life Studies during our staying in Canada. However, the main thing for us is that we are coming back home better than when we arrived.

THANK YOU CANADA! ■



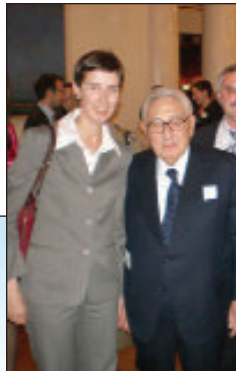
Andriy Olenyuk at Niagara Falls



Oksana Kleutina and Oksana Hoba impressed by the Niagara Falls.



Oles and Irena Hordienko posing with CUPP'07 interns Alla Myshalova and Oksana Leskiv at the Farewell dinner in Toronto



Valentyna Tereshchenko with Henry Kisinger



Lucia Hicks, Irena and Oles Hordienko, Oksana Kleutina, Andriy Olenyuk and Ihor Bardyn after the Farewell Dinner in the Mandarin Restaurant



Lyubomyr Regush, Andriy Porayko, Alla Myshalova, Andriy Olenyuk and Diana Gladka



3 Amigos Anatoliy Sklyarov, Jaroslav Udovenko, Fevzi Amzayev at Mt. Tremblant

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Гості представили себе. (На моє завваження на адресу Февзія, що він володіє рідною мовою, почула: "Звичайно, володіти рідною мовою є обов'язок кожної людини. Якщо вона знає, хто вона й звідки. Якщо вона хоче це знати.")

Студенти почали розповідати про щойно завершену Канадсько-Українську Парламентську Програму:

Дмитро: "Насправді ця програма - дуже широкі проєкти, з надзвичайно широкими цілями. Тому кожна людина ставить перед собою свої певні цілі, свої певні завдання. Щодо мене, я вважаю що я виніс величезний і життєвий і практичний досвід з цієї програми. Мені навіть важно зупинитись на певній конкретній галузі через те, що це було й спілкування з різними культурними меншинами, і спілкування з депутатами, і відвідання парламентських сесій, і відвідання музеїв в Канаді. Тобто, знайомство з самою країною. І спілкування в групі, врешті-решт. Так що, ці всі аспекти допомогли мені набагато зрости, як особистості, за цей місяць.

Оксана: Я б навіть сказала, що мої сподівання навіть перевионалися, тому що спочатку я думала, що це буде тільки там познайомитись з країною, побачити як працює Парламент, порівняти з українським Парламентом (бо я була інтерном в нашій Верховній Раді), познайомитись з новими людьми. А тут виявилось, що це просто такий дуже унікальний досвід, тому що я зустріла велику, дуже згуртовану українську громаду тут, яка дуже нам забага-

тила наше тут перебування. Я також побачили різні аспекти роботи в Парламенті, починаючи від роботи в офісі члена Парламенту, закінчуючи *question periods*, і інші зібрання.

Ведуча: Це "період запитань" коли депутати ставлять один одному запитання...

Оксана: Тобто це було дуже, дуже, дуже цікаво і я думаю що я візьму дуже багато корисного з собою назад в Україну. Найголовніше, що б я вводила, це саме доступність Парламенту й влади до громадян.

Февзій: Мої сподівання виправдалися на всі 100%. Ціллю програми... є познайомитись з Канадою як державою, з системою канадською, з тим, що її репрезентує. Тобто, стажування в Парламенті, наприклад, прогулянка по вулиці, спілкування з пересічними громадянами, спілкування в публічному транспорті, це все дає змогу зрозуміти, що є Канада як держава, що є канадієць, як громадянин цієї держави.

Діана: ...мої сподівання вони просто пере-, пере... ну перевершили план, я не знаю скільки разів. Але важко зараз виразити всі свої почуття, емоції, враження, натхнення, яке ми тут здобули. Бо кожна людина, яку ми зустріли, починаючи від представників діаспори, закінчуючи парламентарія-

ми, спікерами, політиками, кожен з них дав нам часточку своєї мудрості, свого вміння, свого досвіду. І - я б сказала - найголовніше: доброго побажання, доброї надії в Україну, в її майбутнє. І все те ми зараз з такою великою впевненістю, вірою несемо додому. Я ще ніколи не відчувала такого натхнення, віри в наші молоді сили і в те, що абсолютно все можливо.

Ведуча: Що Вас саме надихнуло, що Вам дало цю віру?

Діана: ...Це комплекс, але мабуть почалося з того, як нас зустріла діаспора. Вони дійсно дивилися і дивляться на нас як (на) майбутніх лідерів. І це їхнє сподівання воно також доповнилося тим, що ми почули від парламентарів, що Україна має унікальний шанс саме зараз, в такий історичний момент, переломний, просто дійсно зрушити все з мертвої точки. ...Це насправді вже давно почалося. Тому... Все тільки попереду, все тільки починається.

Ведуча: Я бачу, що Оксана щось пише й хоче доповнити...

Оксана: Так, я б хотіла сказати, що в нас вірять дуже багато людей і ми просто не маємо морального ...права підвести їх. Всі в нас вірять. В нас вірять українська діаспора, в нас вірять люди в Україні, в нас вірять наші батьки. І ми маємо

робити все на благо нашої держави.

Дмитро: Хто буде це робити, як не ми? І підтримую Діану за діаспору. Як я помітив зі свого досвіду, для них просто честь бути з нами. Так само для нас честь бути з ними. І це так взагалі єднає, і їхня віра... Вони заражають своєю вірою нас на майбутні звершення.

Ведуча: Оксана сказала, що стажувалася у Верховній Раді. Чи Ви всі відвідували Верховну Раду в Києві?

Діана: Я була на екскурсії у Верховній Раді, але, на жаль, не мала змоги там попрацювати.

Дмитро: На жаль ні, не вдалося. Досить приклад такий яскравий, що в канадському Парламенті легше працювати, стажуватися, ніж в українському.

Ведуча: А Ви по телебаченні, принаймні, мали нагоду спостерігати, як працює Верховна Рада, правда?

Дмитро: Так, в нас по телебаченні...

Ведуча: Якщо порівняти канадський...

Февзій: Якщо порівняти канадський і український досвід. Так. Засідання Верховної Ради і *Question periods* канадського парламенту. *Question periods* канадського Парламенту власне й репрезентує оцей канадський Парламент, або *House of Commons*. І це є, можливо, найважливіша процедура роботи Парламенту, і найважливіша його функція. Коли опозиція має змогу задати питання і вона 100% впевнена в тому, що на це питання буде дана відповідь. Позитивна або негативна, але вона буде дана тим урядом. То є дуже важко за ці пів хвилини, протягом яких ...ста-

виться це питання підготувати відповідь і дати на це запитання відповідь. Запитання, яке мав змогу спостерігати, воно з різних галузей. Політичного, економічного, культурного життя Канади. І те, що пов'язано з роботою уряду або Парламенту... і які ставляться до уряду. І уряд має на них відповідати. Якщо ми матимемо подібну практику в Україні, я думаю, як наслідок ми матимемо набагато практичніший уряд і набагато відповідальніших політиків.

Діана: Я б хотіла, дійсно, підтримати Февзія. І за ці п'ять тижнів роботи в Парламенті в мене вже визріло таке чітке бачення того, що ми дійсно можемо взяти, який досвід ми можемо запозичити з роботи канадського Парламенту.

Ведуча: А саме?

Діана: По-перше: це, як вже сказала Оксана, відкритість Парламенту. Доступність парламентарів самого Парламенту, самого процесу демократичного, всім людям, всім громадянам. І, я думаю, найважливіше це... відповідальність членів Парламенту, які представляють народ, перед своїми виборцями. Тобто, вони постійно їздять до своїх виборчих округів, вони спілкуються з громадянами. Громадяни надсилають їм листи і вони зобов'язані на них відповісти. І знову ж таки підтримую Февзія в тому, що нам потрібна ця система, коли є правлячий уряд і є дійсна, міцна, реальна опозиція, яка запитує з цього правлячого уряду, що він робить, і для чого.

Ведуча: Може, Дмитре, Ви...

Дмитро: Досить цікава система Парламенту взагалі, запозичена в (Велико)Британії. Тут в нас в Канаді. У Вас... (колеги

сміються)... Вже рідною країною стала теж, другим домом. Те що, наприклад, є Нижня палата Парламенту і Верхня палата Парламенту. Це свого роду "*double check*", подвійна, якби, перевірка законів, законопроектів, які подаються в Парламенті. Як не говорю, що наприклад, в нас має бути Сенат і Нижня і Верхня палата Парламенту. Але ми могли б мати такі свого роду подвійні перевірки на випадок того, що хтось помилиться, чи хтось поступить в своїх інтересах, не в інтересах народу.

Оксана: А я також хотіла підкреслити, що я була дуже вражена тим, наскільки члени Парламенту тут в Канаді працюють зі своєю громадою. Тобто, вони постійно контактують. Тобто, це не є проблема зателефонувати, або написати, і ти завжди отримаєш ту відповідь.

В Україні зараз працює система, що в нас вибирають депутатів за списками. Тобто, це не кожен депутат, який закріплений за своїм округом, або "*riding*", *as in Canada*, а ми маємо тільки список. І то він не повний. Він тільки включає перших десятих лідерів. Тобто - це політики, це люди, які просто себе "піарять", але то не є люди, які допомагають народу. Також я помітила, що тут у членів Парламенту менше привілеїв. Вони нарівні з звичайними громадянами. Ми теж маємо це ввести в Україні...

Діана: А я хотіла б додати, що незважаючи на те, що зараз ліберали в опозиції, а я працювала в офісі ліберала... Я помітила, що... ті, хто зараз в опозиції, не при владі, стараються ще більше, щоб під час наступних виборів саме були обрані вони. Тому тут відбувається таке постійне змагання за виборців. Це

не просто змагання, це, я ...хочу вірити, що це дійсно бажання служити людям. Ну, і відповідно вже, змагання політичне, як наступний чинник.

Ведуча: Ви, шановне товариство, працювали з депутатами всіх партій у Парламенті. Тобто: Ліберали, правляча Консервативна й Нова Демократична Партія (окрім Квебецького Блоку). Які ваші спостереження щодо співжиття, міжпартійне співжиття...

Февзій: Ну, якщо навіть назви партій, лідери й харизматичність їх і, певно, принципи партії вони різняться між собою. Водночас, немає певної ідеологічної різниці, або різниці принципіальної, або тих кардинальних поглядів, які б партії мали щодо того та іншого питання...

Дмитро: ...дуже оригінальні в них стосунки, між партіями.

Февзій: В роботі самого Парламенту, або в роботі опозиції і уряду... ще таке цікаве дуже спостереження. Разом із цією поведінкою, яка видається нам незвичайною, тобто вставання, хлопання, хлопотання ногами під столом, або викрикування з місця, разом із цією поведінкою, яка напевно має початок з традиції. І ця традиція накладається на модель сьогодення, тобто модель національної держави, або держави, де принципи демократії і прав людини є ідеалом і принципи, можливо, етичної поведінки. Тобто, вони звертаються, говорячи один до одного, вони звертаються до Спікера Парламенту, тобто "*Mister Speaker*". Говорячи один про одного, до "Містера Спікера", вони говорять "*Honorable member of Parliament*". Тобто, є певна етика поведінки, напевно. І це дуже, дуже цікаво.

Діана: Я б хотіла додати що я, на відміну, наприклад, від Февзії, все таки побачила відмінності між партіями, наприклад, Консерваторами й Лібералами. Ну, зокрема, ми мали змогу відвідати семінар, присвячений "*drug policy*", тобто проблемам СНІДу, наркотиків. І ми відчули дійсно чітку різницю між позиціями правлячої партії і опозиційної. Ну, відповідно, опозиційна партія вона підтримує те, щоби, зокрема, держава переймалася проблемами тих людей, наприклад, які вживають наркотики, щоб це було безпечно для оточуючих, для суспільства. В той час, як консерватори, наприклад, вважають, що потрібно таких людей лікувати, ізолювати, і таке інше. Тобто, кардинальний підхід. Тобто, все таки Ліберали вони є ліберали, а консерватори лишуються консерваторами. Думаю, це принципова різниця.

Оксана: Я ще хотіла сказати, що вони... в дуже багатьох питаннях різняться. Але не може бути країни, в якій буде або Консервативна, або Ліберальна партія, бо це приведе до хаосу. Вони повинні доповнювати один одного, як плюс і мінус, як *positive i negative*. Тобто, як не кажу, що якась з них позитивна, а одна негативна. Але то просто має бути такий комплексний підхід до вирішення всіх проблем держави.

Ведуча: Якби Ви стали прем'єр-міністром, що Ви би в Україні вже ввели, негайно, з канадського досвіду?

Діана: Це напевно вже те, що я згадувала. По-перше, це змінити систему, за якою обираються народні депутати до Верховної Ради. Тобто, щоби кожен депутат обирався від окремого округу і звітував пе-

ред своїми виборцями. Тобто - відповідальність перед виборцями. А також, я все таки сподіваюся, що буде прийнятий в Україні закон про опозицію, який буде чітко визначати її права, обов'язки й таке інше.

Оксана: Я б зробила владу, уряд і Парламент, більш відкритою до громадян. Тобто, не просто це показувати по телебаченню, а щоб люди могли приходити й слухати, що говорять люди, за яких вони голосували.

Дмитро: Я хотів би звернути увагу на два аспекти. Перший, це поняття рівності перед законом, який, на мою думку, дуже гарно втілюється в Канаді. Я не знаю, якими методами ще цього добитися... Чи змінити дещо психологію, чи якимось чином відношення до людей в Україні з боку влади, щоб дійсно всі люди, і політики й прості мешканці, були рівні перед законом.

А другий аспект: В Канаді досить ефективно представлена система провінційного самоврядування. У нас в Україні, саме актуальна тема - нема визначеного місцевого самоврядування, меж місцевого впливу влади. І тому, я думаю, це першочергове завдання - потрібно вирішити владу на локальному рівні в Україні, використовуючи корисний досвід з-за океану.

Февзій: Якби я був прем'єр-міністром, по-перше, би звернув більшу увагу на етнічний, або культурний, чинник, який теж має дуже важливу роль. І культурні або ментальні особливості. Те, що добре тут, воно може бути недобре там. Але певним чином я би хотів пролобіювати процес "*question periods*". І, звичайно, обрання депутатів за мажоритарною системою.

Ведуча: Коли Ви повернетесь в Україну, що Ви скажете (якщо одним реченням), що таке Канада?

Оксана: Канада це мультикультурна країна, з багатим досвідом, як зі сторони Англії, так зі сторони Франції. Це унікальна країна, в якій треба брати приклад.

Дмитро: Канада це громадянське суспільство з репрезентативною демократією.

Февзій: Трьома словами я спробую. Канада або канадієць це чемність, відкритість, толерантність.

Діана: Насправді, Канада це відкрите суспільство, це щирість, і це краса.

Ведуча: Дехто з Вас брав участь у Генеральній Асамблеї Асоціації Атлантичного Договору. І дехто з Вас відвідував Кінгстон. Може, коротко про це?

Дмитро: Згадана була перша Асоціація. Це проводилась міжнародна конференція серед як і старших так і молодших лідерів цієї Атлантичної Ради. Там обговорювались питання, зокрема ті, що стосуються військ Канади в Афганістані, що стосується загальної позиції НАТО стосовно країн, що збираються вступити, стосовно цих членів що вже зараз є в НАТО. І перспективи й плани розвитку, таким чином.

Ведуча: Тобто, була також мова про Україну? Коли вона приєднається...

Дмитро: Так, частково зачіпали цю тему, але... Там приїжджав міністер закордонних справ Росії, то там увага була зосереджена на Росії в основному, теж.

Февзій: Мені здається, що то був помічник міністра закор-

донних справ. ...Це проходило на дуже високому рівні. Звичайно, головною темою був Афганістан та розширення НАТО. В тому числі й України. Можливо, досягненням української делегації на Асамблеї є те, що Асамблея в 2009 р. проведиметься в Києві. І напевно Київ, або Україна матиме певні вигоди з такої визначної події.

Ведуча: Кінгстон, Військовий коледж...

Оксана: Нас було троє ...в Кінгстоні. Ми мали зустрічі в Королівському військовому коледжі. Також, дякуючи проф. Любомиру Луцюку в нас була дуже, просто надзвичайна, культурна програма. Ми побачили ті історичні місця, які багато значать для українців. Саме Форт Генрі, там де було інтернування українців. Тобто, була дуже, дуже корисна поїздка.

Ведуча: На Вас розраховують у Канаді, в Україні. Ви - майбутнє. В політику збираєтесь?

Діана: Це провокаційне запитання. (сміються). У нас, до речі, були такі внутрішні анкети між собою. І одне з останніх запитань було: "Чи бажаєте Ви стати президентом України?" Більшість відповіла, що "Звичайно". Але насправді я вважаю, щоб робити щось, починати треба з малого. Тобто, крок за кроком. І, неодмінно, коли ти робиш зміни на мікрорівні, вони, безумовно, зроблять свій вплив і на всю країну в цілому.

Оксана: Тобто, на кожному рівні на якому ми будемо стояти, не обов'язково президент чи прем'єр, ми маємо робити якнайкраще. Тобто, робити свою роботу й іти далі...

Ведуча: ...починати від себе,

від свого оточення.

Оксана: ...так, так.

Февзій: Є такий вислів цікавий: "думай глобально, дій локально". Тобто, якщо говорити, чи підете ви в політику, треба розібратись, що таке політика. Якщо це певне досягнення інтересів у певному процесі соціальної взаємодії, то звичайно, якщо людина має певний інтерес, вона знає хто вона, і що вона хоче досягти, вона на підсвідомому, на певному свідомому рівні із власним переконанням вже в політиці.

Дмитро: А в нас в Україні говорять, якщо ти не шукаєш політику, то політика знайде тебе... (сміх, усі погоджуються). І знову ж таки, пошлюся на мого депутата, ...що сказала, щоб іти в політику, потрібна лише зацікавленість в політиці, інтерес і відданість. Тобто, вона вважає, досвіду певного не потрібно. З іншої сторони, ми мали цікаву зустріч з архітектором з Оттави, що розбудовував місто Канату, коло Оттави... То він сказав, що людина повинна бути найкраща на кожному своєму кроці. І тоді, поступово просуваючись вище, людина помаленьку стає чи лідером, чи провідником. І, відповідно, тоді вже можна йти в політику. Але будуть реальні досягнення й реальні, пройдені, ступені.

Ведуча: Щиро дякую, що завітали до нашої студії. Бажаю Вам успіхів у всьому, що Ви робите.

Коллективне: Дякую, дякую Вам. Успіхів Вам теж. Щасливо. Всього найкращого. ■

Інтерв'ю з випускниками Канадсько-Української Парламентської Програми 2007 року на Канадському Міжнародному Радіо

Ведуча Люба Демко (В).

Гості Програми: Оксана Клеутіна (ОК);

Февзі Амзаєв (ФА);

Діана Гладка (ДГ);

Дмитро Панчук (ДП).

В: Говорить Канадське Міжнародне Радіо. У передачі «Канада сьогодні» ви познайомитеся, шановні слухачі, із найсвіжішими випускниками Канадсько-Української Парламентської Програми. Ця програма була започаткована в 1991 році на відзначення столітнього ювілею поселення українців у Канаді, а її фундатором і досі незамінним директором є торонтський адвокат Ігор Бардин. Упродовж 16 років парламентський досвід в Оттаві отримали сотні українських студентів. А днями лави випускників збагатилися на ще двадцятьох. На завершення Канадсько-Української Парламентської Програми, як велить неписана традиція, студенти завітали до Монреалю. А я запросила до студії цих четверо випускників. Знайомтесь:

ОК: Мене звати Оксана Клеутіна. Я є родом з Кривого роду, центральної частини України. Але зараз я працюю та навчаюсь у Києві, в Національному Авіаційному Університеті за спеціальністю туризм.

ФА: Мене звати Февзі Амзаєв. Я народився в Узбекистані, але зараз проживаю в Криму. Навчаюся в Києво-Могилянській Академії за спеціальністю політологія. Працюю в міжнародній громадській організації «Наш Крим».

В: Ви також володієте кримсько-татарською мовою, чи не так?

ФА: звичайно, володіти рідною мовою є обов'язок кожної людини, якщо вона знає, хто вона та звідки вона походить.

ДГ: Доброго дня всім! Мене звати Діана Гладка. Я є родом з Полтави, а зараз навчаюся в місті Харків у Національній юридичній академії ім. Ярослава Мудрого, де вивчаю міжнародне право.

ДП: Мене звати Дмитро Панчук. Я родом зі старовинного міста Дубно, про яке колись писав Микола Васильович Гоголь. Навчаюся також у Рівненській області, у Національному університеті Острозька академія, вивчаю англійську та французьку мови.

В: Ось вони співавтори цієї листівки: Оксана Клеутіна, Февзі Амзаєв, Діана Гладка та Дмитро Панчук. І ми ведемо з ними розмову про щойно завершену ними Канадсько-Українську Парламентську Програму.

ДП: Насправді ця програма є надзвичайно масштабним проектом з грандіозними цілями. Але кожна окрема людина ставить перед собою свої певні завдання. Щодо мене, то я вважаю, що виніс для себе надзвичайно важливий життєвий та практичний досвід з цієї програ-

ми. Мені навіть важко зупинитися на певній конкретній галузі стажування, терез те, що це було і спілкування з різними культурними общинами та депутатами, відвідування різноманітних парламентських сесій та музеїв у Канаді, знайомство з самою країною, і товаришування в групі, врешті респт. Всі ці аспекти допомогли мені значно зрости як особистості за цей місяць.

В: Оксано, що Ви скажете?

ОК: Я б також зауважила, що мої сподівання навіть перевершилися. Адже спочатку я думала, що ця програма спрямована тільки на те, щоб познайомитися з роботою Канадського парламенту, а також порівняти цей досвід з роботою нашого парламенту, оскільки я також була інтерном у Верховній Раді України. А як виявилось, цей досвід є більш комплексним, ніж я могла собі уявляти. В Канаді я зустріла дуже велику, згруповану українську громаду, яка збагатила наше перебування у Канаді. Я також пізнала різні аспекти роботи в парламенті, починаючи від стажування в офісі члена парламенту та закінчуючи відвіданням Question Periods й інших політичних зібрань. Це було надзвичайно цікаво! Я впевнена, що візьму багато корисного досвіду з собою в Україну. А найголовні-

ше, що б я виділила, це доступність влади громадянам. **ФА:** *Мої сподівання від програми виправдалися на всі сто відсотків. Метою програми є познайомитися з Канадою як державою, з канадською системою та тим, що її репрезентує. Сілкування у Парламенті, спілкування з пересічними громадянами, прогулянка містом – все це дає можливість зрозуміти, що являє собою Канада як держава та канадієць як громадянин цієї держави...*

ДГ: *Це не буде новиною, якщо я скажу, що мої враження від програми перевершили початкові сподівання у невідзначену кількість разів. Тому мені зараз важко виразити всі свої емоції, почуття, переживання з цього приводу, описати словами те натхнення, що ми тут здобули. Бо кожна людина, яку ми зустріли під час Програми, починаючи від представників діаспори та закінчуючи парламентарями, спікерами, політиками, дала нам часточку своєї мудрості, вміння, досвіду. А найголовніше, на мою думку, що ми несемо від цих людей додому - це добре побажання Україні, віра в неї, її майбутнє. Я ще ніколи не відчувала такого натхнення, віри у наші молоді сили...віри у те, що абсолютно все можливо.*

В: *А що саме Вас надихнуло? Що Вам дало цю віру?*

ДГ: *Дуже цікаве запитання. Відповідь на нього є комплексною. Але, напевно, почалося все з того, як нас зустріла українська діаспора в Канаді. Вона дійсно сприймає нас як на майбутніх лідерів України. Сила та ефект такого сподівання на нас також підсилилися тим, що ми почули від парламента-*

рів. А саме, вони переконані, що зараз Україна має унікальний шанс зрушити у своєму розвитку з мертвого місця. Тому для нас все тільки починається.

ОК: *Я б також хотіла доповнити, що, дійсно, у нас вірить надзвичайно велика кількість людей, тому ми не маємо жодного морального права їх підвести. У нас вірить українська діаспора тут у Канаді, звичайні люди в Україні, наші батьки. Тож ми маємо робити все на благо нашої держави.*

ДП: *Дійсно, хто буде це робити, як не ми? Я б також хотів підтримати думку Діани стосовно діаспори. Я дійсно помітив, що для її представників то є велика честь бути з нами, так само як і нам спілкуватися з ними під час програми. Вони заражають нас своїм оптимізмом та вірою у себе, яка є такою необхідною для наших майбутніх звершень.*

В: *Що Ви можете сказати на рахунок порівняння досвіду роботи канадського та українського парламентарів?*

ФА: *На мою думку, question period або період запитань власне й репрезентує канадський парламет та є чи не найважливішою процедурою його роботи. Адже в цей час опозиція має можливість задати питання та є стовідсотково переконаною у тому, що відповідь на це запитання буде надана урядом. Наскільки я спостерігав, уряду ставляться питання з абсолютно різних галузей – економічного, політичного, культурного життя Канади. І насправді, це є нелегке завдання швидко зорієнтуватися та надати гарну вичерпну відповідь ще такий короткий проміжок часу. Для цього потрібно бу-*

ти дуже обізнаним у тому, чим дійсно живе країна. Якщо ми запровадимо подібну практику в Україні, як наслідок, ми будемо мати більш практичний уряд та значно відповідальніших політиків.

ДГ: *Я б також хотіла підтримати Февзі з цією думкою. За ці 4 тижні стажування у канадському парламенті у мене вже склалася чітке бачення того, що саме ми можемо запозичити з цього досвіду. По перше, це відкритість Парламенту, доступність демократичного процесу всім громадянам. А найголовніше – це відповідальність членів Парламенту перед своїми виборцями.*

ДП: *Дійсно, досить цікава система була запозичена канадійцями у Великобританії. Тобто, у Канаді є дві палати Парламенту: верхня та нижня, що забезпечує свого роду подвійну перевірку законопроектів, що подаються до нього. Це не означає, однак, що в Україні неодмінно необхідно запроваджувати двопалатний парламент, але нам неохідна ця система подвійного контролю на випадок здійснення певних помилок чи поступлення інтересами народу на користь власних цілей.*

ОК: *Я також була дуже вражена тим, наскільки тісно співпрацюють у Канаді члени парламенту зі своїми виборцями. Нажаль, в Україні ми зараз обираємо депутатів за списками, що унеможлиблює прямий доступ кожного окремого виборця до свого обранця. Також я помітила, що канадські депутати мають значно менше привілеїв, ніж народні депутати в Україні. Це ще дві особливості канадського досвіду, які я б хотіла запровадити в Україні.*

В: Оксана працювала в офісі консерватора Інкі Марка. Оскільки консерватори зараз при владі, вони мають дуже уважно ставитися до своїх виборців. ДГ: Так, але я б хотіла зауважити, що працюючи у офісі представника опозиційної партії Дена МакТєга, я помітила наступне: ліберали, у свою чергу, теж намагаються

якнайкраще догодити своїм виборцям, щоб під час наступних виборів перемогти та зайняти лідируючі позиції в країні. Тобто завжди відбувається свого роду змагання за виборців, здорова конкуренція. З іншого боку, я також усвідомлюю, що первинним для політика у цій країні є все таки бажання служити

людям, і вже похідним від нього є змагання за електорат.

В: Завершення розмови з випускниками Канадсько-Української Парламентської Програми Ви зможете почути у наступному випуску листівок з Канади.

Записала Діана ГЛАДКА

ВІДЗНАЧЕНО ПАРЛАМЕНТАРНУ ПРОГРАМУ «КАНАДА-УКРАЇНА»

(ППКУ – Київ). 7 грудня 2007 року надзвичайний і повноважний Посол Канади в Україні Абїна Данн влаштувала урочистий прийом з нагоди 17-ї річниці Парламентарної програми «Канада-Україна» (ППКУ). Понад 150 випускників програми з університетів Луганська, Донецька, Дніпропетровська, Сум, Луцька, Рівного, Чернівців, Івано-Франківська, Ялти, Одеси, а також Брюсе́ля, Варшави, Амстердама та Торонто прибули на прийом. Були присутні також представники Верховної Ради, Конституційного Суду України та мистецької громади Києва.

У своєму вступному слові Абїна Данн привітала учасників та організаторів Парламентарної програми й зазначила, що вона пишається тим, що Канада виступила з такими визначними ініціативами як визнання незалежності України й створення першої і єдиної освітньої парламентарної програми для студентів університетів України.

Програма «Канада-Україна» була розпочата навесні 1990 року внаслідок угоди між Спікером Парламенту Джоном

Фрейзером та Фундацією Катєдри Українознавчих Студій в Торонто. Відповідно до угоди, студенти університетів України одержали доступ до Канадського Парламенту і відповідно такі ж можливості, як і студенти двох уже існуючих програм - Канадської парламентарної програми та Парламентарної програми «Канада-США». Навесні 1991 року троє студентів з університетів Києва та Львова прибули на перше стажування, яке надалі відкрило шлях у Канадський Парламент для наступних 600 студентів. За останні 17 років понад 20 тисяч студентів університетів України подавали заяви на участь у програмі.

На прийомі були присутні випускники ППКУ, які сьогодні працюють у представництвах та установах України за кордоном, в уряді України, в Секретаріаті Конституційного Суду України, а також випускниця Парламентарної програми 2003 року Еліна Шишкіна, яка першою з її учасників була обрана до Верховної Ради України у 2007 році.

На прийомі було зачитано письмове привітання, яке надійшло від Прем'єр-міністра

Канади Стівена Гарпера, у якому зокрема зазначалося: «Упродовж останніх 17 років участь талановитих студентів українських університетів у цій надзвичайній стажувальній програмі була для Парламенту Канади дуже корисним досвідом. Судячи з досягнень цих студентів та з успішного завершення програми з року в рік, можна твердити, що її учасники є найкращим цвітом і гордістю України. Сподіваюся, що досвід, здобутий у нашому парламенті, допоможе їм у подальших численних і амбітних починаннях».

Депутат Парламенту з Торонто Борис Вжесневський у своєму виступі сказав: «Парламентарна програма «Канада-Україна», започаткована у 1991 році завдяки баченню та провідництву пана Ігоря Бардина, стала однією з найуспішніших студентських стажувальних програм, які працюють у Парламенті Канади. Під керівництвом Ігоря Бардина та завдяки його відданості, стажери ППКУ з найбільших університетів України одержали можливість вивчати роботу Парламенту Канади, знайомитись з його демократичними тради-

ціями і здобувати безпосередній досвід».

Пітер Голдрінг, Депутат Парламенту з Едмонтону, писав: «Я бачив багато молодих людей, які були учасниками програми ППКУ. Протягом ряду років вони були втіленням високих ідеалів у своїх досягненнях та на службі громаді, і є справжніми нинішніми й майбутніми провідниками України».

Президент Товариства українських канадських професіоналістів і підприємців Оттави Роберт Сейчук зазначив: «З кожним роком наша організація надає дедалі більшу підтримку стажерам про-

грами ППКУ упродовж їхнього перебування в Оттаві. Ми займалися підбором доповідачів, спонсорували заходи, які знайомили стажерів з українсько-канадською громадою Оттави, організовували зустрічі з видатними людьми Канади, відвідували історичні пам'ятки канадської столиці. Директор українських програм нашої організації Борис Генгало прочитав серію доповідей про розвиток канадської ідентичності та підготував групові пішохідні екскурсії. Один з наших нових директорів, д-р Маркіян Шулякевич брав активну участь в організації заходів для стажерів. Такий інте-

рес був скріплений нашим усвідомленням того, що нинішнє нав'язування тісних контактів зі студентами ППКУ в Канаді піде на благо нашої країни в майбутньому, забезпечивши міцну дружбу з майбутніми провідниками України. Щиро вітаємо Вас, пані Данн, як першого канадського посла, який бачить справжній потенціал програми ППКУ для Канади, і який втілює це бачення позитивними діями».

Прийом супроводжувався мелодійними українськими колядками у виконанні відомого тріо «Байда». ■

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December 4, 2007

Dear Mr. Bardyn:

It's a great pleasure and honor for me to congratulate you on the 17th anniversary of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program's functioning.

By some turn of fate the foundation of the CUPP Program coincided with the time a young country Ukraine was born too. Since then, for 17 years already, you have been persistently and inspiringly working on the future of this country by providing the Ukrainian young people, university students with the precious experiences of Canadian political and social spirit.

These young people of Ostriv Academy learned to be your alumni have not once proved their pure commitment and engagement into the university and Ostriv community affairs by positioning themselves both as hard working and responsible students in academic courses and promising leaders in organizational work.

You are undoubtedly doing a great job for Ukraine. The Program's strong emphasis on the international education of our youth is a key stone to Ukraine's coming day, and those inspiring life-long benefits are being already yielded. Thank you so much!



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January 31, 2008

Dear Mr. Bardyn,


It is our pleasure to greet you on the 17th anniversary of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program. We are proud that students of Kyiv International University have participated in the Program since 2002.

We would like to thank you for contributing to the international education of Ukrainian students and for your contribution towards the development of Ukrainian self-identity. We share your belief that the future of Ukraine is in the hands of its youth. The international component of education is very important in the formation of future leaders of the country, inasmuch as it fosters critical thinking upon which these future leaders can base their decisions, for the benefit of their country.

On their return to Ukraine, the participants of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program bring with them not only exciting memories of their internship at the Parliament of Canada, but also valuable knowledge and practical experience of democratic governance, which should be used and will be applied in the future.

We consider the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program to be a long-term investment in the future of Ukraine. For years and years we go, and thank you for your strong dedication to positive changes in Ukraine throughout all the years of the Program's existence.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Khochmar V. Khochmarov
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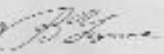
Вельмишановний директор Канадсько-української
парламентарної програми!

Прійміть щирі слова подяки та
задоволення Вашою важливою та плідною роботою на
нашій захоченій українській студентстві до досвіду
роботи Канадського парламенту впродовж останніх
17-ти років.

СУРР - це унікальна нагода для молоді України
взяти участь у програмі стажування такого високого
рівня, крок за кроком долучитись до здобутків однієї з
найбільш успішних демократій у світі.

Своєю програмою ви відкриваєте широкі життєві
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Dear Mr. Borys,
 I have a great honor to congratulate you on the 17th anniversary of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program. I am happy to send my warmest greetings to you and wish you further progress in fostering democracy and leadership in Ukraine.
 It is symbolic that Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program was founded in the days of Ukraine's emergence to an independent state and the program entered the scene time when the independence of our young country demanded changes in all the spheres of our life.
 CUIPP has contributed greatly to the process of Ukraine's democratic development and I do appreciate the work that you have been doing in nurture future political leaders of Ukraine and shape Western thinking young men and women who are at a premium in Ukrainian politics.
 I am absolutely sure that your noble effort will have long lasting effects upon political and social life in Ukraine. I am happy that Ukrainian students have a perfect opportunity to see democracy at work in Canada and hope that Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program will continue to provide Ukrainians with a chance to do internship in the Parliament of Canada for years to come.
 I am inspired by the fact that a lot of students of the University of Luhansk have participated in CUIPP and those students have become committed in the work of the University and students' self-government. These students are engaged in community work as well as research that enhance the efficiency of our efforts to move forward to the Western standards of education. I am grateful to you for your perseverance and fruitful work that helps to shape the future of Ukraine.

Sincerely yours,
 MP Violya Kurylo
 President of the University of Luhansk



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Dear Mr. Budyak,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to congratulate you on 15th anniversary of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program.


I appreciate your commitment to developing Ukrainian-Canadian relations by giving young people from all over Ukraine the opportunity to study the Canadian parliamentary system, to work in the Ukrainian House of Commons, to see Canada and life of Ukrainian Canadians.

I am glad that students of the National University of "Kyiv Mohyla Academy" also have the experience of participation in CUPP, and their progress over the past years shows not only personal benefits to students, but also promotes their influence on the development of Ukrainian parliamentary system and Ukrainian-Canadian cooperation.

I thank organizers of the program, and you personally, for providing such an opportunity for the National University of "Kyiv Mohyla Academy" students and for other Ukrainian students as well. I am confident that the experience which they gained in Canada will enable them to be productive and useful in Ukraine.

I am wishing you success in continuation and the development of the CUPP for the benefit of our countries, and their positive cooperation.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr. Serhiy Kotsa
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 of "Kyiv Mohyla Academy"

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Соціальний контекст мовного вибору

Україна здобула незалежність - політичну, проте не економічну чи культурну - мирним шляхом, і тому еліту старого режиму не було ані засуджено, ані вигнано, а інфраструктуру виробництва та розповсюдження, що тримала Україну в російськомовному просторі, не розібрано. Але щоб здобути культурну незалежність, Україна повинна залишити російськомовний простір і приєднатися до англomовного, як це зробили Монголія та Польща. Саме так Україна й усі її громадяни стануть невідокремною частиною Європи та світу. Й через це не можна обмежувати обговорення мовної політики в громадському просторі до рамок народництва: нібито мова є «вільним вибором громадянина». Тому дуже непокоїть опублікована в «Критиці» (2006, ч. 11) стаття Домініка Ареля «Залучення відокремленого», у якій автор пропонує російській мові регіональний статус. Арель, як і більшість зацікавлених, зовсім ігнорує структури й інституції, які вирішують за людей, що їм вибирати.

Громадський мовний простір України став російськомовним через свідому урядову політику, яка скеровувала російських поселенців і мобільних неросійських мігрантів із

села в російськомовну міську культуру та дозволяла російським міським поселенцям працювати й задовольняти свої культурні та духовні потреби в просторі російської мови та культури. Не бачачи потреби вивчати українську мову, мільйони російськомовних, що їх витворила советська політика, культурно й інтелектуально були зорієнтовані на Москву. Завдяки мирному здобуттю незалежності вони не мусили емігрувати з України, як французи з Алжиру, німці із Судетів або англійці з Африки чи Індії. Залишені при владі русофільські еліти не запровадили ефективного законодавства, аби усунути базову інфраструктуру російськомовного простору, створеного за советської доби.

Після 1991 року більшість міського населення визнала легітимність української держави, але мало хто змінив інтелектуальну та культурну зорієнтованість на Москву чи перейшов на використання української мови. Оскільки ринок не пропонував і не пропонує достатньої кількості україномовної продукції, не було й немає підстав для такого переходу. Немає сенсу говорити про «вільний вибір» послугоуватися українською в Україні, оскільки станом на 2000 рік

лише 10% щорічного друку книг, 12% журналів, 18% телевізійних програм і 35% газет виходили українською мовою, решта є російськомовними. До того ж ці відсотки суттєво поменшають, якщо

врахуємо російськомовні видання і передачі з Росії, що заполонюють Україну. Ми всі знаємо, скільки україномовного товару в кіосках. За останні два роки зросла частка україномовних та субтитрованих телевізійних програм і кінофільмів, але інституціональна інфраструктура досі схиляє людей послугоуватися російською мовою. Окрім того, від 2005 до 2010 року Кремль видаватиме 800 млн. рублів державних грошей на виробництво та розповсюдження російськомовної аудіовізуальної та друкованої продукції в колишніх неросійських советських республіках, штучно підтримуючи в такий спосіб мовну русифікацію неросіян поза межами Росії.

В Україні від 1991 року певною мірою існує інфраструктура для україномовної науки, великої політики та високої культури. Проте сучасна культура складається не лише з «класики». Вона містить чимало друкованого, відзнятого та записаного сміття, а інституційна інфраструктура масової культури в Україні є російськомовною. Видання дешевої україномовної аудіовізуальної продукції, масових щоденних газет чи белетристики, не цікавлять олігархів, як-от Ахметова чи Суркіса. Утримувати країну в російськомовному просторі допомагають і неросійські іноземні власники: скажімо, 12 глянцеви́х журналів, що їх видає пан Джек Санден, усі виходять російською, тобто Санден - людина, що підтримує політичну незалежність України, - сприяє культурній залежності України від її колишнього імперського володаря. Великі міжнародні об'єднання глянцеви́х журна-



лів - такі, як «Вигда» і «8\U188 Медіа Сгоир» - не випускають україномовних версій своїх видань.

Ці речі є принциповими для розуміння мовної проблеми, тому що вибір робиться не у вакуумі, а в певних умовах. Арель пропонує залишити інфраструктуру такою, як вона є, апелюючи до того, що це буде зробити російськомовних осіб лояльними. Інші говорять про абстрактні «права» або приваби мови, не згадуючи про реалії виробництва та розповсюдження, а також потреби принаймні всіх освічених громадян України нарешті вийти у світ після 200 років колоніальної ізоляції та вивчати світову міжнародну мову спілкування - англійську.

На чому базується Арелеве припущення, нібито російськомовні українські громадяни незадоволені нинішнім мовно-культурним становищем і не є лояльними? Чи він має їх усіх за комуністів або чорносотенців? Я радше припускаю, що російськомовні мовці є переважно лояльними. Вони усвідомлюють, що громадський простір фактично є російськомовним, і не нарікають, якщо їм доводиться віддавати дітей до українських шкіл, читати вказівники й заповнювати офіційні документи українською - цим і вичерпується зв'язок з українською мовою, якого російськомовні не можуть уникнути. Нарікають на теперішню ситуацію тільки налаштовані на відновлення старого ладу лідери Партії регіонів, на кшталт покійного Кушнар'ова, і такі екстремісти, як Наталія Вітренко. Вони штучно загострюють мовне питання, бо знають, що утримання України в російськомовному просторі зміцнить її даліше підпорядкування Росії та їхній ста-

тус місцевих князьків. Неосоветські русофільські політики, не просто байдужі, а ворожі до використання української мови в громадському просторі, не скасували оподаткування на внутрішні україномовні публікації, а тому російськомовні видання в Україні часто дешевші за україномовні чи англomовні, значно більше поширюються і є набагато доступнішими. У Донецьку, 38% населення якого становлять російськомовні росіяни, виходить безліч російськомовних газет і журналів. Україномовна газета є одна. 2005 року місцеві політики припинили субсидування в розмірі 43 тисяч гривень, яке доти надавали школам і бібліотекам на купівлю української газети, й вклали 800 тисяч гривень у ці ж заклади для купівлі трьох головних російських газет. Ті самі політики скаржаться на порушення прав російськомовного населення і висловлюються за офіційний статус російської мови.

Із такої перспективи питання звучить так: чи Арель підтримує таку крайню позицію? Аналогічна ситуація склалася б, якби французи та їхні місцеві колаборанти в Алжирі або японці та їхні колаборанти в Кореї повернулися до влади після формального відокремлення цих країн від старих імперій, і тоді, як частина зусиль із відновлення імперських пут, зробили мову старої імперії офіційною в цих країнах. Так само як такий розвиток подій був би рецептом політичної катастрофи в тих країнах, наміри екстремістської реставраційної меншини України сьогодні є рецептом нестабільності у Східній Європі.

За логікою, немає обов'язкового співвідношення між мововжитком та політичною відданістю. З поведінки укра-

їнських футбольних фанів улітку 2006 року видно, що українські російськомовні мовці можуть бути українськими патріотами. Шотландці, ірландці, американці, австралійці та канадці висловлюють свій націоналізм англійською. Корсики та бретонці використовують для цього французьку. Також і з російськомовних громадян України мало хто підтримує політичне об'єднання з Росією. Натомість вони критично сприймають політику Путіна щодо України й не хочуть, щоб їх асоціювали з Росією. Все це свідчить про цікаву можливу перспективу для України стати східноєвропейською Ірландією. Але чи личить тверезим політикам бути азартними гравцями, коли російські екстремісти роблять із Криму Північну Ірландію?

Депутати, які ухвалювали закон про державність української мови, не передбачили в ньому судових санкцій. Як наслідок, неможливо когось звинуватити в його порушенні. Й далі, хоча англійська вже була в 1991 році світовою мовою, урядники не зробили її обов'язковою для вивчення в школі. Без книжкового ринку, який це зобов'язання створило би, жодна англomовна компанія не мала економічних підстав облаштовуватися в Україні, щоби видавати доступні версії своїх видань. Як наслідок, через 15 років після здобуття незалежності українські бібліотеки не можуть дозволити собі купувати англomовні книжки. Відповідно, учні досі користуються російськомовними книжками для вивчення неукраїнських тем. Це посилює участь середньостатистичної освіченої людини у російськомовному просторі і тримає її в ізоляції від решти світу, який розмовляє англійською.

Окремі люди вчать англійську, але Україна має найнижчий показник володіння англійською мовою у Східній Європі.

Отож російське панування у громадському просторі підтримує русофільську інтелектуальну орієнтацію та перешкоджає створенню ментальних і культурних зв'язків із рештою світу, яка розмовляє англійською. Чи Арель каже нам миритися з цим і впроваджувати політику, яка відокремлює Україну від англосмовного світу? Що дасть українцям, які шукають добру роботу в ЕС, знання російської?? Якщо російськомовним мовцям допечуть спроби впровадити українську мову в громадському просторі, вони можуть тікати в Росію, яка радо запрошує іммігрантів. Якщо українськомовним допече де-факто російськомовність громадського простору, куди тікати їм?

За обставин, коли стара інфраструктура й після 1991 р. виробляє та розповсюджує дешеву російськомовну продукцію, своє «право» на мову може використовувати тільки російськомовне населення. Ту ж таки російську згодом неодмінно «обере» й решта, бо дешевої продукції жодною іншою мовою, навіть українською, на ринку немає. Лояльні російськомовні громадяни України усвідомлюють, що фактично громадський простір є російськомовним, але визнають, що їм, оскільки вони живуть в Україні, слід знати українську мову. Вони також не в захваті від ідеї пов'язання з автократією Путіна та з її вій-

ною. Проте екстремістська меншість і Партія регіонів намагаються надати російській мові офіційного статусу і тримати цим Україну в російськомовному просторі. Така залежність від Росії дає їм багатство і владу, і їм байдуже, що вони ізолюють російськомовних мовців усіх національностей від світу, який розмовляє англійською і в якому освічені люди кожної країни вивчають англійську як другу мову. Це поведінка не державних діячів, а обласних партійних секретарів. Науковці, що досліджують мовні питання, не можуть ігнорувати цього контексту, як це робить Домінік Арель, бо Кремль і Регіони його не ігнорують.

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З 31 жовтня по 3 листопада 2007 року Канада приймала у себе делегатів Асоціації Атлантичного Союзу з 48 країн світу.

53 Генеральна Асамблея Асоціації Атлантичного Союзу з'єднала у своїх лавах делегатів неурядових організацій з 26 країн-членів НАТО, партнерів Північно-Атлантичного Союзу заради миру, та партнерів, з

якими протягом останніх років ведеться плідна співпраця. Члени молодіжного крила Союзу (YATA) також брали участь в Асамблеї.

Асоціація Атлантичного Союзу (АТА) була створена на конференції в Гаазі 18 червня 1954 року, завдяки вагомій підтримці Державного Секретаря Канади з питань зовнішніх відносин містера Персона, май-

бутнього прем'єр-міністра Канади. Необхідність формування такої організації легітимується через потребу висвітлення цінностей та мети Північно-Атлантичного Союзу в освітній сфері серед країн-членів НАТО та країн-партнерів, координацією досліджень пов'язаних з тематикою НАТО, сприянням солідаризації осіб Північно-Атлантичного регіо-

ну, підтриманням та інформуванням про нові або щойно поставі демократії Центральної та Східної Європи, а також через розвиток постійних стосунків і співпраці між різними асоціаціями з метою створення надійної платформи для забезпечення миру та безпеки.

Натомість стратегічним завданням YATA є поширення співробітництва між молоддю у країнах членах НАТО та країнах партнерах заради миру та безпеки. Членом YATA може стати будь-яка соціально активна молода людина або молоді науковці - чий дослідження пов'язані з тематикою Північно-Атлантичного Союзу - певної країни-члена або партнера НАТО. Такими є цілі YATA: 1) побудова діалогу взаєморозуміння серед молодих людей різної національної, релігійної, етнічної та іншої приналежності; 2) генерація ідей та проведення різного роду дебатів щодо міжнародної політики та зовнішніх відносин, де особлива увага надаватиметься таким організаціям як НАТО,

ЄС, ООН, ОБСЄ і т.д.; 3) вироблення можливостей для молодих людей вивчати міжнародну політику через такі освітні заходи як семінари та Інтернет дебати.

Фактично, YATA є частиною АТА, яка ще тільки перебуває на стадії розвитку та, відповідно, не є такою впливовою організацією як АТА. Натомість, YATA може впливати на рішення всієї Асоціації через своїх представників, які також обираються на загальних зборах делегатів YATA.

Цьогорічна асамблея була присвячена такій темі: «НАТО та глобальні партнери: перебування Афганістану». Протягом конференції також було розглянуто такі важливі аспекти як активність Канади в Афганістані, співробітництво НАТО-Росія, взаємовідносини НАТО-Китай, розширення та можлива трансформація НАТО. Серед тих, хто брав участь в обговоренні вищезазначених питань можна зазначити таких осіб як Джулі Лідхоут (Президент Атлантичного Союзу Канади),

Роберт Хунтер (Президент Асоціації Атлантичного Союзу), Фатмір Медіу (Міністр оборони Албанії), Омар Самад (Посол Афганістану у Канаді), Сергій Рябков (представник МЗС Росії), Лусхан Сун (радник Посольства Китаю у Канаді) та ін.

Більша частина Асамблеї була при-

свячена обговоренню досягнень військових сил НАТО в Афганістані, де значний вклад припадає на Канаду.

Військова місія Канади в Афганістані почалася після бомбардування США 11 вересня 2001 року. Канада значно збільшила свій вплив в Афганістані після повалення режиму Талібан восени 2001 року. За шість місяців, починаючи з червня й до листопада 2006 року, Канада також взяла на себе командування головними військовими силами під назвою Мультинаціональна бригада Південних сил.

З часом збільшення військової місії в Афганістані, «Провінційна команда з реконструкції» (PRT) також має осіб канадської агенції з міжнародного розвитку. PRT має подвійну мету: забезпечення воєнної безпеки та співробітництво з місцевими лідерами у справах реконструкції.

Гроші з Канади було використано для надання маленьких позик для більш ніж 140 000 осіб в Афганістані, 89 відсотків з яких жінки.

Канада також бере участь у тренуванні поліції й армії Афганістану. Група інструкторів з військових сил Канади були в Кабулі задля тренування членів Національної Армії Афганістану. Вони залишалися в Кабулі, коли решта Канадського контингенту просунулася далі на південь до Кандагару.

Делегація з України складалася з 10 членів як АТА так і YATA: Олег Кокочинський (АТА, Голова делегації), Сергій Джердж (АТА), Ілько Кучерів (АТА), Анатолій Склярів (YATA), Роман Брух (YATA), Дмитро Панчук (YATA), Руслана Костіна (YATA), Любомир Регуш (YATA), Алла Мишалова (YATA), Февзі Амзаєв (YATA).

Починаючи з того часу, ко-



Делегація з України (починаючи з лівого боку): Сергій Джердж (АТА), Февзі Амзаєв (YATA), Ігор Кизим (Радник Посольства України в Канаді), Анатолій Склярів (YATA), Олег Кокочинський (АТА, Голова делегації), Роман Брух (YATA), Ілько Кучерів (АТА)

ли Україна обрала вектор «про-НАТО», завданнями української делегації на таких заходах є: бути поінформованими про хід домовленостей, обговорень, завдань, а також щодо тактичної і стратегічної мети Атлантичного Союзу; поглиблення взаємовідносин з організаціями АТА і YATA з інших

країн та висловлення офіційної позиції України з того чи іншого питання Асамблеї Атлантичного Союзу та її молодіжному крилу.

Головним досягненням української делегації цього року можна вважати те, що за попередніми домовленостями Генеральна Асамблея Асоціа-

ції Атлантичного Союзу у 2009 році проходитиме в Києві. Відносно результатів молодіжної делегації з України можна додати, що вони домовились про співробітництво з представниками YATA з інших країн з питання розширення діяльності у всьому світі. ■

БЕЗСМЕРТНИЙ ШЕВЧЕНКО В ЯЛТІ

(ППКУ – Київ). У Ялті 8 грудня 2007 р. відбулося урочисте відкриття пам'ятника співцві українського народу Тарасові Шевченку. З гордістю й зворушенням відлитий у бронзі трьохметровий монумент відкрила Наталка Бундза-Іваницька, вдова Василя Іваницького, стараннями якого була проведена міжнародна кампанія збирання коштів на встановлення ще одного пам'ятника поетові.

Кримчани з Керчі, Феодосії, Алушти, Ялти, Сак, Севастополя, Бахчисарая, Сімферополя та Євпаторії, а також представники з Києва, Львова, Івано-Франківська, Торонто (Канада), прибули до перлини Чорного моря, щоб стати свідками видатної події. Церемонія розпочалася співом національного гімну України та гімну Автономної Республіки Крим у виконанні Ялтинського духового оркестру. Вітальне слово виголосили Голова Верховної Ради Криму Анатолій Гриценко, голова Ради Міністрів Криму Віктор Плакідє, представник президента Віктора Ющенка Володимир Хоменко та мер Ялти Сергій Брайко. Свої привітання висловили директор Української фундації імені Тараса Шевчен-

ка Орест Косик, президент Кримської фундації імені Тараса Шевченка Богдан Вуйко, Гетьман Українського Реєстрового Козацтва Анатолій Шевченко та головний отаман Українського Реєстрового Козацтва Анатолій Франчук. На відкритті пам'ятника Тарасові Шевченку виступили також депутат міськради Наталя Чарочникова від організації «Берегиня» та директор української школи в Ялті Олена Газизова. Директор Парламентарної програми «Канада-Україна» Ігор Бардин з Торонто виступив з привітанням від імені української громади в Канаді. У своєму слові Ігор Бардин сказав: «Своїм духовним натхненням Тарас Шевченко обіймав всю Україну. У складі Археографічної комісії він побував на Київщині, Черкащині, Запоріжжі, Чернігівщині і Полтавщині. Мріяв він побувати і в Криму. «Хоч на старість подивитися, що таке та славна Чорноморщина», - писав поет до українського письменника Якова Кухаренка, який служив у Чорноморському козацькому війську. Не судилося Шевченкові побувати в Криму за життя. Пройшли роки, проминули століття, а його творчі скарби залишилися. І

сьогодні він прибув до кримської перлини – Ялти, де навечно постав у бронзі. Постав як символ єдності України, як світоч, як запорука в серцях краян у любові до України. Духовне джерело пам'ятника Тарасові Шевченку в Ялті розпочинає свою історію».

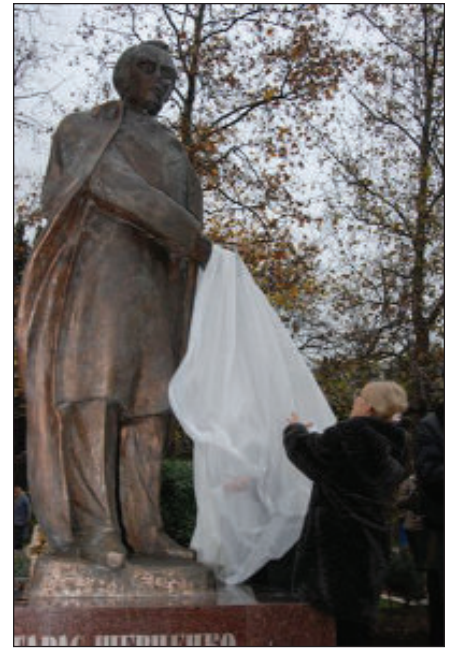
Під час церемонії відкриття монумента Шевченкові Ялтинський духовий оркестр виконував «Молитву за Україну» Миколи Лисенка. По закінченні урочистої частини на площі відбулася літературно-музична програма. Учні української гімназії м. Ялти та ансамбль бандуристів Кримського державного гуманітарного університету виконали пісню «Вітре буйний» та інші музичні композиції. Учні школи з Левадії прочитали поезії Шевченка, і культурна програма завершилась виступами ансамблів бандуристів зі Львова та Сак.

Сквер Тараса Шевченка, який тепер став домівкою для нового пам'ятника великому Кобзареві, розташований на Московській вулиці, яка проходить паралельно до Київської вулиці, і знаходиться в центрі Ялти. Відтепер Ялта доєдналася до таких визначних міст, як Буенос Айрес, Вашингтон, Вінніпег, Париж, Мос-

ква, Санкт-Петербург, Торонто, Нью-Йорк, Київ, Луганськ, Енкарнаціон, Курітіба, Тбілісі, Монреаль та Львів, де встановлено пам'ятники Шевченкові, і які складають данину великому співцю українського народу. За кілька тижнів до церемонії відкриття пам'ятника у Ялті в місцевих газетах з'явилися статті про невідомого Шевченка та про церемонію відкриття. У цих статтях йшлося про контроверсійне зображення Шевченка радянським режимом як старої людини, такого собі діда, незважаючи на той факт, що Шевченкові було лише 47 років на момент його смерті. Пам'ятник, встановлений у Ялті, був спроектований канадцем Левом Модем, і зображає гордого й молодого поета, який мав ви-

значені та сформовані погляди. Поета, який майже передбачив ті випробування, що його батьківщина переживатиме навіть після його смерті, але розумів, що його поезія стане серцем і душою нації, яка врешті переможе.

Слід зауважити, що більшість представників Ялтинської міськради, які належать до Партії регіонів, підтримали рішення про встановлення пам'ятника Шевченкові у сквері Тараса Шевченка, і тепер проходить рух за перейменування вулиці, на якій знаходиться цей сквер, на вулицю Шевченка. Наступним відповідним кроком буде встановлення пам'ятника Тарасові Шевченку та традиційних українських землях Кубані. ■



Наталка Бундза-Іваницька відкриває пам'ятник Т. Шевченка в Ялті.

«ДЯКУЄМО НОВИМ ДРУЗЬМ»

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У своєму есе, яке подавала на перший тур КУПП, я написала: «Я знаю, що підчас участі в програмі, я матиму змогу зустріти різних людей. І унікальні цінності кожної особистості і є тим, чого чекаю з найбільшим нетерпінням.»

Мої сподівання не підвели мене. Наша українська група приїхала командою, а стала родиною. І саме неповторність кожного з нас допомогла нам в

цьому. А от щодо людей, які долучались до нас підчас програми, то вони залишили особливі спогади. Багато з наших нових знайомих стали справжніми друзями. Тому і заслуговують особливої подяки від групи інтернів 2007 року за те, що зробили наше перебування на канадській землі ще цікавішим, пізнавальним і, що основне, теплим та гостинним.

Літак вирушає з Канади,
Ми відлітаєм від Вас.
Ми дякуємо, Канадо,
За те, що прийняла Ти нас.

Ми посилаєм в Оттаву
Від себе гарячий «Привіт»
Всі зустрічі і прощання.
У спогадах наших живі.

Тому ми друзі навіки,
Наші зійшлися стежки.
Хочемо, щоб в Україну
Тепер завітали і Ви. ■



І БАТЬКОВА СИЛА, І МАМИНА ЛАСКА ІДУТЬ ДО МАЛЕНЬКИХ СЕРДЕЦЬ!

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My MP: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Toronto, Ontario

Дорогі друзі! Хочу поділитися з Вами враженнями, які в мене склалися після декількох зустрічей з родиною Хабурських в Отаві.

Не секрет, що як для кожного інтерна, так і для мене особисто, Канадсько-Українська Парламентська Програма залишила теплі спогади і відчуття. Адже не можливо забути тих видатних діячів Канади, з якими ми мали нагоду спілкуватися, ті конференції та семінари, пізнавальні екскурсії по Торонто, Отаві та Монреалю, розважальні заходи та прийоми. Одними з таких є, власне, вечори, проведені з родиною Хабурських...

Вперше ми побачилися в українській греко-католицькій церкві в Отаві, куди щонеділі ходять пан Любомир і пані Леся зі своїми дітьми. Здавалося б - звичайнісінька сім'я... Але після прийому в них вдома я

був надзвичайно здивований, наскільки дружня і тепла атмосфера панує посеред них – сповнена любові до всього: до самих себе, до ближніх, до Бога.

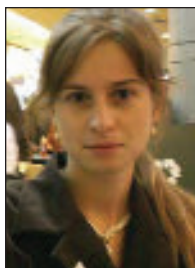
І пан Любомир, і пані Леся українського походження. З дня у день вони зберігають і передають своїм дітям українські традиції. Соломійка, Мар'янчик і Андрійко спілкуються між собою українською мовою, навчаються в українській школі (Соломія і Мар'ян), ходять з батьками до української церкви, читають і переповідають українські народні казки, співають українських пісень і декламують Тараса Шевченка.

І що цікаво, процес виховання та навчання дітей спрямований на індивідуальний розвиток кожного з них як особистостей: їх заохочують в основному до того, до чого вони найбільше здатні. Це проявляється і у поведінці малих Ха-

бурських – настільки культурні, толерантні, розумні! Можливо, велика заслуга в тому, що і пан Любомир, і пані Леся – хороші педагоги! Хтозна!?

Та насамперед, основним фактором, я вважаю, є сімейна гармонія між Хабурськими. Адже далеко не кожному вдається настільки гладко сформувати і підтримувати родинні стосунки, як це зробили наші «нові» Друзі.

Хочу висловити вдячність пану Любомиру, пані Лесі, Соломійці, Мар'янкові й Андрійкові за теплу гостину, за організацію цікавих дебатов, за солодкі і смачні страви, і, звичайно, за те, що ми мали нагоду відчувати себе вдома. Знайте, що Ваша любляча і привітна українська сім'я надовго закарбувала слід у моїй пам'яті і пам'яті багатьох інтернів, а також продемонструвала взірць родинних відносин! ■



3 незабутні дні в Торонто

Ruslana KOSTINA

Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding, Mykolaiv
5th year Faculty of Applied Linguistics

Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship

My MP: Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Toronto

Кожен, хто хоч раз попадав в незнайому країну вперше, хоче максимально використати всі можливості.

Уявіть собі активну молодь двадцяти років, що вперше попала в Канаду та ще й в самісінький бізнес-центр – місто

Торонто. В такій ситуації потоку ентузіазму і захоплення просто немає краю!

За три дні перебування тут ми встигли охопити безмежну програму. Вже в перший день по приїзду ми пішли прогулятися містом, принаймні, хоч

трошки збагнути, де ми знаходимося. Вечірня прогулянка до бізнес центру, CN Tower і озера Онтаріо не лишила нікого байдужим. Вже тоді склалося перше враження від міста – здивування від того, як примудряються уживатися разом люди

багатьох національностей, приємність від великої кількості присутності рідного, українського (від мови, що лунає звідусіль, до поваги до нашої нації), а також неочікуваний спокій на вулицях здавалося б того міста, де має жити киїти і литися через край. Також приємно було спостерігати білочок, що спритно стрибають від дерева до дерева, і єнотів, що мирно співіснують з людьми.

Важко перерахувати все, що відбулося за два дні. Зараз здається, що минув як мінімум тиждень, бо стільки накопичилося подій і вражень. Ми провели три офіційні зустрічі – з редактором газети "Гомін України", представниками фінансової компанії SunLife і представником від НАТО. Всі події були різні, але загалом приємно, що такі поважні люди знаходять час і бажання спілкуватися з представниками української молоді і схвалюють нашу діяльність і наші позиції.

Кожен день ми зустрічаємося з представниками від української діаспори, порівнюємо їхні долі і думаємо разом над тим, як змінити нашу Україну. Якби ж всі люди так думали і піклувалися про свою Батьківщину, ми б не мали більше половини проблем, що зараз маємо!

Також ми мали нагоду про-

вести час за власним бажанням. Тут смаки розділилися. Деякі пішли до озера покататися на човні, деякі побігли до китайського району скуповувати друзям подарунки. Ми вирішили заглянути до Торонтського університету і відвідати Royal museum. Прогулянка вийшла дуже цікавою. В університеті до нас поставилися приязно, відповідали на всі наші питання і закликали повертатися сюди на навчання, але, на жаль, так і не дали підказки, як це зробити. Втім, маючи бажання, я впевнена це легко зробити, і абсолютно із задоволенням. Життя канадських студентів сильно відрізняється від нашого. Пройшовшись по території кампуса, поспостерігавши за молоддю. Захотілося засісти за підручники, взятись за нову наукову роботу або що. Їх життя виглядає повністю організованим – від навчального процесу до поїздок закордон, додаткових клубів тощо. Людина не вигадує велосипеда, не рветься не знати куди через нереалізацію себе. Вона не витрачає сили марно. Бо має варіанти, серед яких і обирає найбільш їй відповідні. Я сьогодні із захопленням дивилася на забавну гру у сквош, на гарячі дебати якихось питань, на купи книжок в руках студентів, на зручний стиль одягу і просту невимушену поведінку. . . Канада... Канада...

Королівський музей, в свою чергу підкорив різноманітним виставкам. Здається, не треба нікуди їхати: достатньо лише день провести у музеї, щоб познайомитися зі всім світом. Тут представлені колекції із Китаю, Індії, Америки, Європи... розбавлені естетичними фігурками з фарфору, кришталю, природничим відділом тощо. Тут ми вели себе справді непередбачувано: то серйозно сперечалися щодо стилів мистецтва, то переодягалися метеликами і залізли в лисячу нору. Час провели чудово, і навіть не помітили, як пройшло майже чотири години. Треба було збиратися на зустріч, в іншому разі б ніколи не покинули того чудового будинку.

Втім зустрічі теж багато чого дають – від розуміння, як канадці сприймають Україну, до власної зміни поглядів і розширення кругозору. Поправляючи і доповнюючи один одного, отримуємо реальну картину світу. І значить, щось робимо правильно. . .

Пролетіли три дні, із щільно заповненими графіками. Ніби було зроблено багато, а тепер здається, що так мало... Вже завтра доведеться прощатися із цим чудовим містом, а ніби тільки роззнайомилися... Хочеться тільки сподіватися, що Торонто нас ще чекає!

Дякуємо тобі місто, що відкрило для нас Канаду! ■

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CUPP '91

**Solomia KHMARA**, CUPP'91

Born in Chervonohrad.

Graduate of *University of Lviv* in 1990 and *University of Toronto* in 1996.

Currently living in Toronto.

My CUPP'91 MP: **Alan Redway**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

CUPP '92

**Tania BARDYN**, Co-ordinator CUPP'92 and CUPP'93

Born in Toronto.

Graduate of Queens University in 1993. Earned MLIS Degree at University of Western Ontario in 1996. Currently at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA where she is the Associate Director for Public Services of the Louis Darling Biomedical Library. Previously worked at New York University Medical Center in New York, NY and University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas.

Completed Internship with **MP Bill Blaikie**, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CUPP '93

**Luba GRIBKOVA**, CUPP'93

Hometown: Yalta.

Graduate of **University of Simferopol (Vernadsky Tavrida National University of Simferopol)**, Faculty of Law.

Elected to **City of Yalta Municipal Council** in 2001. Currently **Head of Department of Foreign Economic Development for City of Yalta**. Supported placement of statue of **Taras Shevchenko** in Shevchenko Square in Yalta. Unveiling took place on December 8, 2007.

My CUPP'93 MP: **Larry Schneider**, Regina, Saskatchewan.

CUPP Scholarship: **Yuriy & Oksana Fedyna Scholarship**.

My CUPP Internship was the discovery of new perspectives and new challenges. Upon my return to Ukraine I decided to pursue the study of law and thereafter stand for election to Municipal Council. Although it has been nearly 15 years since I walked through the halls of the Canadian Parliament, memories of this exceptional opportunity remain vivid. Although my responsibilities in Municipal Government take me to many capitals of Europe, Canada remains one of my most memorable visits.

**Olesia KOPYN (TRAGNYUK)**, CUPP'93

Born in Mukacheve.

Graduate of **Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine**, Kharkiv in 1995.

Currently Professor of Law at **Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy**, Kharkiv.

My CUPP'93 MP: **David Kilgour**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.



Alexander PIVOVARSKY, (Kyiv), CUPP Scholar, Harvard University 1993-1995, is an economist at *International Monetary Fund* in Washington DC, USA. After completing the *John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University*, taught at Harvard University before taking up the position at the IMF. The IMF is an international organization of 185 member countries. It was established to promote international monetary cooperation, exchange stability, and orderly exchange arrangements; to foster economic growth and high levels of employment; and to provide temporary financial assistance to countries to help ease balance of payments adjustment.



Vadym SAMOYLENKO, CUPP'93

Born in Luhansk.

Graduate of *Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine*, in 1995. Awarded **Muskie Fellowship** to complete LLM Degree at the **University of Chicago** in 1996.

Completed Research Semester at **Harvard University** and earned graduate Degree from **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)** in 1999.

Currently a partner since 1999, in the Law Firm of Shevchenko Didkovskiy & Partners in Kyiv.

"CUPP was an unequivocally positive force in my life. By creating the opportunity to meaningfully contribute in so many ways, CUPP opened my eyes to new and exciting possibilities. It has shaped my career goals aided me in the task of achieving them."

My CUPP'93 MP: **John Nunziata**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

CUPP '94



Nazar BOBITSKI, CUPP'94

Currently working at the **Ukrainian Mission to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium**, first secretary, section political affairs. Education: international relations from **Lviv National University, 1997**, MA in International Relations from the **University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands), 1996**, Diploma in International and Comparative Law, Law Faculty, the **University of Amsterdam, 1997**. In 1996 I was recipient of the **Mazurenko Family Scholarship** Award to fund the part of a tuition fee at the Master's Program, the **University of Amsterdam**.

My MP in 1994 – Mr. **Chris Axworthy**, Saskatoon – Clark's Crossing, Saskatchewan.

Working in the office of Hon. Chris Axworthy and his assistant Mr. Blair Fryer at the Parliament Hill, and participation in the Millennium 2000 CUPP Reunion in Toronto remain my most memorable moments of CUPP.



Hlib KRYVENKO, CUPP'94

Born in Zaporizhia.

Graduate of *Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine* in Kharkiv.

Earned LLM Degree at the *University of Connecticut*. Currently employed at USA Embassy in Kyiv.

My CUPP'04 MP: **Hon. Preston Manning**, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.



Olga MAKARA, CUPP'94

Born in Kyiv.

Education: Graduate from *Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (University of Kyiv)* specialty of Economics, in 1996. Awarded **French Government Scholarship** to complete doctoral studies at the **UNIVERSITY PARIS X- NANTERRE, GAMA, 2000**.

Candidate of Economic Studies, PhD in Economics equivalent in 2002. Professional Experience: 1995-1996, **UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT**, Consultant for *Social Policy and Labor Special Committee*. 1997-Present, **USAID'S ECONOMIC GROWTH PROGRAMS**, Project's Expert. 1997-Present, **INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC FORECASTING**,

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE, Researcher.

"I am sure that those few months of Internship in the Canadian Parliament and possibility to see the real life in Canada with my own eyes, in those distant times when Ukraine's independence had just been recovered, have completely changed my way of thinking and attitude towards the future.. In grateful appreciation of Mr. Bardyn's personal input into this Program I would like to thank all the people of Canada who made the CUPP Program possible."

My CUPP'94 MP: **Walt Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

CUPP '95



Dmytro GLADKOV, CUPP'95, CUPP'96 Co-ordinator

Born in Chernivtsi.

Graduate of **University of Chernivtsi**, MA Degree in Law (1998). Awarded MSc Degree (Distinction) in International Relations by the **London School of Economics (1998)**. Earned Master of Philosophy Degree in International Relations from **St. Antony's College, Oxford University (2000)**.

Currently Executive Director in Debt Capital Markets at J.P. Morgan, London UK.

My CUPP'95 MP: **Preston Manning**, Calgary, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.

My CUPP'96 MP: **Senator Raynell Andreychuk**.

CUPP Scholarship: **Antin Hlynka Scholarship**.



Natalia HOSTYLO, CUPP'95

Hometown: Bila Tserkva, Ukraine

Education: 2003-Present: B.A. in Criminal Justice, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON.

2000-2002: Law Clerk Diploma, Humber College, Toronto, ON.

1992-1996: Kyiv National University of Taras Shevchenko, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Professional Experience: 2006-Present: Market Regulation Services Inc., Investment Trading Analyst, Coordinator, Toronto, Canada. 2003-2006: Market Regulation Services Inc., Accounts Payable Representative, Toronto, Canada. 2002-2003: Toronto Stock

Exchange, Legal Assistant, Toronto, Canada.

Married to Andriy Teslenko; Daughter Lidia Maria Teslenko born in 2005.

"Being part of the CUPP program was an incomparable training experience. The knowledge and experience I gained over the term of the program has aided me greatly in developing my professional career and even though it has been more than ten years, my experience at CUPP continues to shape my future goals. The skills I acquired during my CUPP internship whether related to campaigning or office duties have been invaluable in helping me meet the day to day demands and challenges I encounter in the business world. On a personal level, CUPP brings cherished memories of intense solidarity and shared joys. Working closely with other participants and organizers of CUPP program created friendships and ties that persist to this day. For those of us who are abroad, it remains a link to an ever-growing community of graduates and a venue to meaningfully share our experiences with each other".

My CUPP'95 & CUPP'96 MPs: **Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario; **Nick Discepola**, Montreal, Quebec.

CUPP Scholarships: **The Homenuk Scholarship**; **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.



Andriy KHOMENKO, CUPP'95, CUPP'97 Co-ordinator

Born in Kyiv.

Graduate of **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)** Institute of International Relations in 1997. Earned MA Degree and Specialist's Degree at **University of Kyiv**, Institute of International Relations in 1998. Earned MBA Degree from **Duke University**, Fuqua School of Business in Durham, North Carolina, in 2006. Has working experience at **Board of International Relations, National TV Company of Ukraine; Leo Burnett Ukraine; Alltrade Tools**, California and has specialized in strategic financial modeling with **EarthLink Inc.** Now working with **AT&T Mobility** in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Is married and raising a young kozak Nazar.

My CUPP'95 MP: **Hon. Andy Mitchell**, Parry Sound, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Humeniuk Family Scholarship**.

My CUPP'97 MP: **Bob Speller**, Haldimand-Norfolk, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Vasyl Kereliuk Scholarship**.



Oksana KOZLOVSKA, CUPP'95

Hometown: Ternopil, Ukraine.

Education: B.A. in Economics, 1998, Ternopil Academy of National Economy.

Professional Experience: 1998 – 2000, Consultant, Senior Consultant at the Administration of the President of Ukraine; 2000-2003, attache, third secretary of the Embassy of Ukraine in Austria, Vienna; 2003-2004, second secretary, assistant of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; 2005 – Present, first secretary at the NATO Directorate, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. *"There are many wonderful words of praise which can be used to describe the time I spent as an intern of CUPP. A unique and enriching aspect of the*

CUPP Internship Program was the opportunity to intern at the Parliament of Canada. I was ready for the world of new challenges; however, my experience in the work field was limited to the classroom. The experience from interning had great benefits for me; it gave me the chance to gain the understanding of what it is like to put my practical knowledge to use in the work environment."

My CUPP'95 MP: **Walt Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario and **Hon. Andy Mitchell**, Parry Sound - Muskoka, Ontario. CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

CUPP '96



Roman DIDENKO, CUPP'96, Co-ordinator CUPP'97

Hometown: Poltava, Ukraine.

CUPP Scholar at Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution (CICR) in 1996-97. Graduate of **Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk**, History & English in 1998. Earned MA Degree from **Central European University** in Budapest, Hungary in 1999. Worked as an analyst covering Ukraine for **BBC Monitoring** in Kyiv from 1999 to 2001. Earned second MA Degree from the **Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)** in Bologna, Italy and Washington, DC, USA. In 2003, joined

the **World Bank Group** in Washington, DC as analyst at the financial sector division. Since 2007, working as sector specialist in charge of a portfolio of financial sector development projects around the globe. *"It was one thing to demolish the Iron Curtain. When the dust settled, the people of the two worlds that remained separated for decades had realized they had known very little about each other. The young are always the most curious and in Ukraine they needed means to explore the Western liberal democracies. CUPP is probably one of the very first bridges that were built between the two worlds and which provided an opportunity of getting a truly unique experience to the Ukrainian college students. That now – less than two decades later – many young Ukrainians would probably read about "two worlds and the huge differences between them" with a sense of incredulousness is an achievement for which CUPP also deserves credit. That participation in the programme has been an immense boost for CUPP alumni, including myself, is beyond any doubt. I would like to thank the Canadian House of Commons for its openness in welcoming interns from Ukraine and the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation for its generosity in funding the programme."*

My CUPP'96 MP: **Hon. Lawrence MacAuley**, Cardigan, Prince Edward Island.

My CUPP'97 MP: **Jean Augustine**, Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Justice John Sopinka Scholarship**.

**Serhiy FILIPOV, CUPP'96**

Hometown: Chernivtsi, Ukraine.

Education: B.A. in Economics, 1995, University of Chernivtsi; J.D., 1997, University of Chernivtsi; M.A., 1999, The Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

Professional Experience: 1998 – 1999, Economic Analyst at The World Bank, Washington D.C., USA; 1999 - 2005, Vice President of Mergers and Acquisitions in Media and Telecom, Lehman Brothers, New York, USA; 2005 – Present, Senior Vice President of Distressed and Special Situations Proprietary Trading, Lehman Brothers, New York, USA

"CUPP internship was an unparalleled experience of a lifetime. What made it so special was the excitement of "discovering" the new for us world of liberal Western culture and lifestyle together with like-minded young people, who would become my lifelong friends. We enjoyed it in 1996, but we have even more appreciation for it now, 12 years later, as we still reminisce about our time in Canada with its overwhelming feeling of novelty and our amusing, in hindsight, misconceptions about Western society, which we one-by-one learned to correct relying on the understanding of our Canadian hosts, each other's help and sense of humor.

My CUPP'96 MP: **Hon. Dan McTeague**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

**Ivan LOUN, CUPP'96**

Born in Lviv.

Graduate of **University of Lviv** in 1998. Earned MA Degree at **Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne**, Switzerland in 2003. From 2004 to 2006 worked in Turin Italy on construction of Olympic Village at **Turin Winter Olympics** as Assistant Project Manager. Since 2006 working in Kyiv as hotel development consultant

My CUPP'96 MP: **Ron Fewchuk**, Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: **Petro Jacyk Scholarship**.

**Oksana ONISHCHENKO (GRYTSENKO), CUPP'96**

My hometown Kyiv.

Graduate of Yaroslav the Wise **National Law Academy of Ukraine**, Kharkiv in 1996.

Earned Doctor of Laws Degree (PhD) at **Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine** in 2005. 1996 to 1998 advisor to the Head of Committee of Verkhovna Rada.

1999 to 2006 legal advisor of Accounting Chamber of Ukraine. 2006 to date Chief Advisor in the **Secretariat of President Viktor Yushchenko**. Currently also Vice-Director of **Cultural-Art and Museum Complex "Mystetskyi Arsenal"** under the patronage of the President.

Married Mykola Grytsenko, have two children: Natalia born in 2000 and Oleh born in 2003.

CUPP Scholarship: **Cathy Obal Scholarship**.

My MP: **Walter Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

**Yuri RUDIUK, CUPP'96**

Hometown: Rivne, Ukraine.

Education: Law Degree (with honors) of **Lviv University Law School**, 2000; LLM **Amsterdam Law School**, 2001. Professional Experience: 2001 – Present, senior associate at **Van Bael & Bellis**, Brussels, Belgium. Statement: For me, CUPP was a unique experience and I wish to thank Ihor Bardyn and his team for all the work they have done over the years to keep the programme running. Through CUPP we gained a good understanding of the mechanics of a democratic society and tried our hand for a few months of our lives, at working as an MP's assistant. We definitely learned a lot during the programme but we also

had a lot of fun! Now we have our contacts and our memories. We do not meet regularly as many of us are scattered around the world, but we are out there...working, studying, some already teaching and some (I am ready to bet) will soon become MPs in Ukraine.

My CUPP'96 MP: **John Loney**, MP, Edmonton, Alberta.

My Scholarships: **Michael and Anna Bardyn Scholarship** for CUPP'96 and the **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Award** for the **University of Saskatchewan programme on Human Rights and the Rule of Law**.

**Mykhaylo SHAPIRO, CUPP'96**

Born in Chernivtsi. Education: MA in Economics, 1997 **University of Chernivtsi**, Ukraine; MA in International and Financial Affairs, 2000 **University of Amsterdam**, the Netherlands. Currently at **Dresdner Bank AG**, Frankfurt, Germany. Senior Internal Auditor. *"CUPP was my first real encounter with the world of cultural diversity, political democracy and individual freedom. It was the time of tireless learning, discovery and appreciation. It was the place of meeting great leaders, outstanding thinkers and close friends."* My CUPP'96 MP: **Hon. Jean Augustine**, Toronto, Ontario. CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Ramyn Hnatyshyn Scholarship**.

**YULIA STEFANISHINA, CUPP'96 Spring Program**

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I graduated from the CUPP'96 Spring Program some 12 years ago, but I still remember this most fascinating experience. Not only did I learn how the Canadian Legislative Branch functions and how it serves Canadians, but I also met some terrific people with whom I stay in touch to the present day. The Program inspired me to pursue education abroad and awakened the entrepreneurial spirit in me. It pushed me to be what I am today- a successful Ukrainian who sets standards for others. The notion of a "successful Ukrainian" was eradicated during Soviet times and only now is steadily returning to the conscience of my people. A am glad to be in the vanguard of those leaders who were able to resurrect this notion and who lead by example for other Ukrainians. In this way the CUPP Program served as a trigger to all of the participants of the Program. Therefore I would like to conclude with words of gratitude to all those people who were behind this outstanding project. You changed our lives and we will do our best to continue this change in the life of our country.

CUPP Scholarship: **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Scholarship**.

MY CUPP'96 MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP '97

**Alexandre KRAYNYUKOV, CUPP'97**

CUPP SCHOLAR 1999 at University of Dunkurque, France

Hometown: Donetsk. Graduate of **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy** in 1999. Earned MA Degree at the **University of Dunkurque** in Management in 2001. One of 16 CUPP Alumni chosen to deliver paper at **University of Toronto Symposium** on the topic of *"As President of Ukraine, I would implement the following policies to improve the standard of living and unite the country"* in 2000. Since 2001 working with **EXMA**, France as Sales Manager for Benelux countries, Germany and Eastern Europe. Married in 2006. No children yet.

My CUPP'97 MP: **Hon. Allan Rock**, Toronto, Ontario and MPP, **Hon. Gerry Phillips**, Toronto.

CUPP Scholarship: **Humeniuk Family Scholarship**.

**Nataliya MYLENKO, CUPP'97**

Hometown: Zaporizhia. Graduated from **Zaporizhia Technical University** in 1997. As an Edmund Muskie Fellowship recipient received MA Degree from **Vanderbilt University** Nashville Tennessee in 2003. Earned PhD Degree from **George Washington University** in Washington DC, in 2005. From 2001 to 2006 worked as consultant in the Department of Finance of the **World Bank** in Washington DC. Currently working as consultant at **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** (a member of the World Bank Group), in Johannesburg South Africa. IFC provides loans, equity, structured finance and risk management products, and advisory services to build the private sector in developing countries.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.

My MP: **Mario Sergio**, Member of the Provincial **Parliament of Ontario**, Toronto.



Zvenyslava OPEYDA, CUPP'97, Coordinator CUPP'98

Hometown: Donetsk, Ukraine.

Undergraduate degree from **Donetsk National University**, Faculty of Economics and Law in 1998. Awarded **Edmund Muskie Fellowship** to pursue Master of Laws degree at the **University of Illinois**, received degree in 2001. Received short term training in European Union Law at **Queen Mary College, University of London and Durham European Law Institute (UK)** in 1999 and conducted research in **World Trade Organization Law at the University of Cologne** (Germany) in 2007. Currently is an Associate Professor at **Donetsk National University**.

My MP: **Chris Axworthy**, Saskatchewan.

CUPP Scholarships: **Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship** (1997), **Malanchuk Family Scholarship** (1998).



Maxim SELYUK, CUPP'97

Currently employed at **Vorskla Steel in Kyiv** as Regional Manager. Was married in 2000, have a daughter 2 years old. Graduated from the **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University, Institute of International Relations)** in 1998.

My MPP: **Ed Doyle**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.



Tetiana STEPYNINA (SKVORTSOVA), CUPP'97.

CUPP Scholar 1997 St. Paul University, Ottawa. My hometown: Luhansk. Currently Assistant Professor and Head of English Philology Chair at **Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk (University of Luhansk)**. Earned M.A. in Philology at **Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk** in 1999 and Ph.D. in Philosophy at **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (University of Kyiv)** in 2002. Recipient of **Fulbright Scholar Grant** for research at **Columbia University (NYC)** for 2008-2009. In 1997 was a **CUPP Scholar** and completed Certificate Course at the **Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution at St. Paul University**. Awarded scholarship to attend

Harvard University Summer School in 1998. In October 2000 was one of 16 CUPP Alumni invited to present paper at the **International Symposium for Young Scholars at the University of Toronto**. ***CUPP was my very first international experience which promoted my intellectual and professional growth. CUPP is a good school of life which challenges a young person to undergo a rigorous competition. It requires some considerable effort to prove you are the best among the best. The greatest credit must be given to Ihor Bardyn, thanks to whom this amazing Internship project was a complete success over a considerable period of time.***

My 1997 CUPP MPP at the Parliament of Ontario: **The Hon. David Turnbull, PC.**

CUPP 1997 Scholarship: **Michael Starr Scholarship**.

CUPP '98



Hanna KOSSIV, CUPP'98

Born in Lviv. Graduate of **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)** in 1999 with MA Degree. Earned PhD Degree from the **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)** in 2006. The topic of the PhD dissertation was "Translation Method of Vera Rich as the Interpreter of Ukrainian Belle-Lettres". Since September 2001 Assistant Professor in the Department of Translation Studies and Contrastive Linguistics at **Hryhoriy Kochur University of Lviv**. In 1999 married Yuriy Pidlisnyi. ***Since 2006 deputy head of the administrative council of L'Arche set up in Lviv in 2006 to launch the first community of L'Arche in Ukraine. L'Arche is an international network of communities founded in France in 1964, where handicapped people and their assistants share their life in work, friendship, and prayer, living together in modest homes.***

My CUPP'98 MP: **Peter Milliken**, Kingston, Ontario & MPP **Gerard Kennedy**, Toronto.

CUPP Scholarship: **William Kereliuk Scholarship**.



Oleksandr SMOLSKYY, CUPP'97, Co-ordinator CUPP'00 Fall

Hometown: Lviv.

Education:

Lviv College of Applied and Decorative Arts (1988-1992) Artistic design.

Lviv Academy of Arts (1992-1998), Interior design.

Currently working in the field of design: interior design, motion graphics, web design...

Participating in artistic projects and design competitions.

Website: <http://www.simpleidentity.com>

CUPP MP: **Michael Gravelle**, M.P.P.

CUPP'97 Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.

CUPP'00 Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.



Antonina TERESHCHENKO, CUPP'98

Currently completing PhD at the Faculty of Education, **University of Cambridge** (UK).

Working on issues of youth Citizenship identities as they relate to educational programs and space and place.

The fieldwork, undertaken in Ukraine in 2005-06, focused on young people living in two borderland regions: Galicia and Donbas.

Previously, worked in Educational Programs of the **International Renaissance Soros**

Foundation in Kyiv after earning a Master's Degree in Politics, Democracy and Education from the **University of Cambridge**, in 2001.

The learning experience of working in the Liberal Party of Ontario, research office at Toronto Legislature and the freedom of access to great information resources, parliamentary meetings at the House of Commons in Ottawa are among the memorable recollections during my CUPP Internship.

My MP: **Michelle Dockrill**, Nova Scotia.

CUPP Scholar 1999 University of Cambridge, UK.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Michael Starr Scholarship**.



Oksana ZAITSEVA, CUPP'98

Hometown: Zaporizhia, Ukraine.

Graduate of **University of Zaporizhia**, Faculty of Law in 1999 and **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)** Faculty of Journalism in 2003.

Since 2000, working as a lawyer with the **Ukrainian National Foundation "Mutual Understanding and Reconciliation" at the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine**, in Kyiv.

CUPP programme is very important for young people who want to find themselves and choose their own road in this world. As well CUPP introduced to me and other Ukrainian young people Canada, its parliamentary system, its culture, and Canadians. The program changed many of our preconceived views and helped us in determining our views of life and the future. I hope that activity of CUPP programme will continue and that Ukrainian students will continue to have the opportunities to take part in it.

My CUPP'98 MP: **Hon. Dan McTeague**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ukrainian National Federation of Canada Scholarship**.

CUPP '99

**Olha BUDZINSKA (SYNELNYKOVA), CUPP'99.**

Currently working as Technical Writer at German pharmaceutical company **ERWEKA GmbH** in Kyiv. Received bachelor's degree at **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University)** in 2000. Participated in Intensive Course on **European Law (Torun, Poland)**, Kosovo Summer School (**Pristina, Kosovo**), Living Bridges (**Vukovar, Croatia**) and more. Live in Kyiv. Married, have a daughter.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ethel Rose & Michael Makuch Scholarship**.

My MP: **Mac Harb, M.P.**, Ottawa.

**Viktoriya GOLTVYANYTSYA, CUPP'99**

Hometown: Zaporizhia. Graduate of **Zaporizhia Technical University** in 2000.

I recall with fond memories our CUPP'99 group and our Internship in the Canadian Parliament. The opportunity to remain in Canada after the CUPP Program in order to complete the **Conflict Resolution Course at Paul University** in Ottawa was invaluable. **Zhenya Kurachova, Olha Budzinska and Ostap Kohut** also completed the course with me.

During my Internship I had the opportunity to learn about the economic laws of France, Netherlands and the U.K. which knowledge has served me well in my current profession.

I applaud the CUPP Program and its founder and congratulate Ambassador Dann for

recognizing the role the CUPP Program has played in the lives of our generation.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

My CUPP MP: **Hon. Dan McTeague**, Ontario.

**Olga ZAKHARCHENKO (GORUNENKO), CUPP'99**

An expert in civil society development and the NGO sector since 2000.

Currently working on second MSc degree in Social Policy and Development at the **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE, United Kingdom)** as a **Chevening Scholar**.

In 2001 earned first MA Degree in the field of Political Science from **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA)**. Completed undergraduate degree at the NaUKMA in 1999.

The CUPP internship in Canada was a pivotal period in my life which influenced my goals and priorities for the future. My experience after the internship included work at the **International Centre for Policy Studies (ICPS, a Ukrainian think tank)** from 2000 to 2003; publication in co-authorship of the **Citizen Participation Handbook** within the framework of the **People's Voice Project** sponsored jointly by the **World Bank and CIDA**. The Handbook is used widely in Central and Eastern Europe.

Since 2003 I have been the Director of the **Foundation for Responsive Democracy (FRD)**, an NGO in Kyiv. In 2000 married Eduard Zakharchenko. Have 2 children: Sofiyka (5 years) and Erik (2 years).

My CUPP'99 MP: **John Nunziata**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **John & Julia Stashuk Scholarship**.

**Dmytro HYS, CUPP'99**

CUPP Scholar 1999 **University of Toronto**

Currently working with the Refugee Network at **Amnesty International** in Ottawa.

Received undergraduate degree in Foreign Languages and Physics from the **University of Volyn** in 2002. Received a scholarship to complete a Master's Degree in Political Theory at the **University of Toronto**.

Active in the annual CUPP Program both in Toronto and Ottawa.

My MP: **Peter Stoffer**, Nova Scotia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ivan Bodnarchuk Scholarship**.

CUPP gave me a chance to learn how liberal democracy works. Considering the political context in Ukraine in 1999, it was a breath of fresh air to come to Parliament Hill. Canada being one of the most successful multicultural democracies in the world is the best place to learn the value of democratic freedoms. The effect of the CUPP Program was immense: it was profoundly personal and a career starter at the same time.



Anastasiya LEUKHINA, CUPP'99

My Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy**, Department of Sociology in 2001. Earned MA Degree at **University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies**, in 2002. The Kroc Institute conducts research, education, and outreach programs on the causes of violence and conditions for sustainable peace. It was established at the University of Notre Dame by Mrs. Joan B. Kroc in 1986 with a generous endowment Fund. Doctoral work in progress at **UKMA**, Department of Political Science.

Currently, Lecturer at **Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**, since 2005, **KMBS** (Kyiv-Mohyla Business School, since 2004, and Consultant to **International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP)** with the **USA Ministry of Justice**, **US-GUAM Framework Program** with the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**, since 2007.

My MP: **Lou Sekora**, British Columbia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.



Oleh MALSKEYY, CUPP'99, CUPP Scholar 2005 **Georgetown University Law Center**

Born in Lviv.

Graduated from **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University)** in 2001 with Degrees in Law and International Economics. Awarded a scholarship by the **World Trade Institute in Berne, Switzerland** to complete an MA Degree in International Law and Economics in 2002. In 2002-2004 interned and practiced with **UNCTAD (Geneva)**, **European Commission (Brussels)**, **Law firms Wilmer Cutler & Pickering and Herbert Smith (Brussels)**. In 2005 received LL. M Degree with distinction from **Georgetown University Law Center in Washington DC**. Received partial CUPP scholarship. During

studies worked as a Research Assistant for Professor John H. Jackson and was a Fellow of the Institute of International Economic Law. Successfully passed New York State Bar Exam in 2005. In 2005 in co-authored with **Antonina Yaholnyk**. First Handbook on International Trade Law, in Ukraine. Currently is an Associate with the Law firm **Magister & Partners, Kyiv, Ukraine**.

My CUPP'99 MP: **Peter Goldring**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **John & Mary Yaremko Scholarship**.



Yaroslava MARUSYK, CUPP'99

Earned undergraduate degree in 2000 and Master's Degree 2002 in Political Science at **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy**. Received a second Master's Degree in International Relations from the **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles California in 2004. Married in 2007. Currently lives with husband Anton Kurasov in **Guangzhou, China** and works as an ESL Instructor at WEB International English training centre for adults. Closely follows global political and economic developments and analyzes them from her current South Asian perspective.

My MP: **Dr. Rey Pagtakhan**, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship**.



Olga MINKO, CUPP'99 and CUPP'00 Co-ordinator

Hometown: Luhansk.

Successfully completed Aspirantura at **University of Luhansk** (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University) in Comparative Education. Married in April, 2007. Currently lives in Victoria, British Columbia. The experience of the internship in the House of Commons on two occasions was invaluable and remains the most memorable influence on my professional development and life. Is mastering French and looking forward to new challenges.

My CUPP'99 and CUPP'00 MP: **Alex Shepherd**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.



Dr. Alexander ORLOV, CUPP Scholar, B.E. /M.S.E., M.S.E., M.Phil., Ph.D) MRSC Assistant Professor, **State University of New York, Stony Brook, 2008 - onwards** Research Fellow in Science and Engineering, **King's College, University of Cambridge, 2005-2008.**

Birthplace: Vinnitsa, Ukraine.

Earned his undergraduate degree with highest honours in Engineering from the **National Technical University of Ukraine, (Kyiv Polytechnic Institute)** Kyiv Ukraine in 1995

Completed Master of Sciences Degree in Engineering at **University of Michigan** in Ann Arbor in 1997.

Completed a Master of Philosophy Degree in Chemistry at the **University of Cambridge**, United Kingdom in 2000. Awarded Doctoral Degree in Chemistry by the **University of Cambridge**, UK in 2005.

Currently (2005 to 2008) Research Associate, in Chemistry Department, University of Cambridge and Research Fellow (2005 to 2008) in Science and Engineering, **King's College, University of Cambridge.** Appointed Assistant Professor, Material Science and Engineering, **State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 2008 onwards.**

Among his professional duties he was a **Member of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Policy Task Force of the Shadow Government of the United Kingdom**, Chaired by the Hon. Ian Taylor from 2006 to 2007 and Consultant to the First Deputy Minister of the **Ministry for Environmental Protection of Ukraine** from 2000 to 2001.

Currently he holds an appointment to the **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Science Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances for the United Kingdom** (from 2007 to 2010).

Was awarded, among several Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships, a **Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program Scholarship** (CUPP Scholarship), in recognition of his outstanding record as a scholar, in 1999.



Andrei PIVOVARSKY, CUPP'99

Currently employed at **Dragon Capital in Kyiv** as director of investment banking. Was married in 2007. Received undergraduate degree from the **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University)** in 2000. Earned Master's Degree from **Fletcher School, Tufts University in Boston USA** in 2003. The CUPP experience helped to reinforce my passion to pursue international affairs/business studies and played a significant role in my career development.

My MP: **Brenda Chamberlain**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **John Sopinka Scholarship.**



Roman ZAKALUZNY, CUPP 1999 Co-ordinator, CUPP'00 Co-ordinator

Born in Toronto, Ontario.

Graduate of **University of Calgary** in Political Science (2000). Earned MJ Degree in Journalism at **Carleton University**. Has worked as a reporter in Kyiv, Toronto, Kingston, Lindsay, and is currently working at the Ottawa Business Journal.

CUPP'99 MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Olzhych Foundation Scholarship.**

CUPP'00 MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. John & Mary A. Yaremko Scholarship.**

CUPP was one of the most challenging but fulfilling summer responsibility I have ever taken on. Friendships were made and bonds created, personal and political, between two countries and within Ukraine, which will last forever.


Roman ZHOVTULYA, CUPP'99

Hometown: Lutsk, Ukraine.

CUPP Webmaster since 2005.

Graduate of Lutsk **Technical University** in 2000. Earned MA Degree at Offenbourg **University**, Germany in *Communications and Media Engineering* in 2002.

Co-founded **WebServiceCenter Group** (www.WebServiceCenter.net) in 2004 with a goal to establish an affordable custom software industry. Currently responsible for strategic management and global IT. Roman's interests range from politics through economics and stock market (training at Wood Gundy broker's office) to Artificial Intelligence (research on AI for stock market prediction at Delft University of Technology, Netherlands).

My CUPP'00 MP: **John Williams**, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Vasyl Kereliuk Scholarship**.

CUPP provided an invaluable experience and opened up new horizons early in life.

CUPP '00

Mykhailo DANYLKO, CUPP'00 Fall Program

Hometown: Ivano-Frankivsk.

Graduate of **Kyiv International Science and Technology University** in 2000 with Master in Law Degree and in 2004 with Master of Business Administration. In 2003 graduated with LL.M. degree from **Pace University School of Law** (New York, USA) as a recipient of the **Edward Muskie FSA Graduate Fellowship Program**. During 2003-2007 was a partner with Kyiv based law firm **Danylko, Kushnir, Soltys & Yakymyak, LLC**. Currently member of the **Forum of Young Ukrainian Leaders** <http://www.mlu.org.ua/cms>, functioning as its Executive Director. "CUPP was a very valuable experience for me, even more, since I had

two opportunities: to be an intern in the House of Commons providing the necessary assistance to my MP and his office's employees for more than a month in Ottawa, and the other great chance to be a member of my MP's election team and see how the election campaign in Canada works "from the inside". Besides, the program opened new horizons for me in understanding of the political system and the level of democracy in Canada. And of course, new friends, met during the Program, with many of whom I am still in contact and even recently have become a Godfather for one CUPP couple's son in Kyiv.

My MP: **Bill Graham**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **John & Julia Stashuk Scholarship**.


Viktor DOVHAN, CUPP'00 Fall Program

Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)**, Faculty of Law with distinction in 2002. Earned Master of Law Degree from **University of Bonn**, Germany in 2002. Awarded PhD Degree from **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)** Institute of International Relations in 2006.

Professional activity includes work as Economic and Trade Law Expert at the Ukrainian-European Policy Legal Advice Centre (UEPLAC0, from 2003 to 2004; Legal Adviser to USAID's World Trade Organization Accession Project, 2004 to 2005; associate at law firms

Magister & Partners, **Salans** and currently associate at **Chadbourne & Parke**, Kyiv Office.

Currently a lecturing Professor at **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy**.

Has published widely on topics of **WTO, Kyoto Protocol, EU-Ukraine Relations, European Parliament**, etc

My CUPP'00 FALL Program MP: **Walt Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

CUP Scholarship: **Ivan Bodnarchuk Scholarship**.

**Nazar FEDORCHUK, CUPP'00**

My Hometown: Lviv.

CUPP Scholarship: **Yuriy and Oksana Fedyna Scholarship.**

My MP: **Sarmite Bulte**, Toronto Ontario.

Graduate of **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)**, Faculty of Law, in 2001. Continued research and graduate studies at **Oxford University** during 2003-04 academic year. After year long practice of law took up post-graduate studies at **University of Lviv** and earned PhD Degree (Kandydat Nauk) and defended comparative thesis "**Victim Protection in English and American Legal Systems**" in 2007. Since July 2007, working as

a Legal Specialist at **USA Embassy** in Kyiv in the field of criminal justice reform in Ukraine, combating trafficking in persons and anti-money laundering.

**Vasyl HARASYMIV, CUPP'00, CUPP C-ordinator CUPP'01**

CUPP Scholar 2000, **University of Helsinki**. Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of **Lviv Polytechnic University** in 2002. Earned Diploma in Economics of the Baltic Sea Region at **University of Helsinki**, Diploma in EU Monetary System at **University of Vienna** and Diploma in International Management and Global Marketing at **University of Vienna**. *My valued friends whom I met during CUPP'01 remain my lasting reminder of CUPP and Canada.*

My CUPP'00 MP: **Walt Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **John Sopinka Scholarship.**

My CUPP'01 MP: **Walt Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Maria & Josef Siecinsky Scholarship.**

**Anton HORSHKOV, CUPP'00**

My Hometown: Lviv.

CUPP Scholar 2002 at **University of Bonn**, Germany.

Graduate of **University of Lviv** in 2004. Currently working as a lawyer specializing in telecom and media regulation and competition law at **T-Mobile Slovakia**, in Bratislava. Earned most recent degree a Master of European Studies at **Bonn University/Center for European Integration Studies** in 2003 (CUPP Scholar Scholarship).

Field campaigning for my MP Dan McTeague in the elections of 2002 remains most memorable of CUPP experiences. All of us who participated in campaigns for our MPs have had a unique opportunity to personally experience the level of engagement of ordinary Canadians with representative democracy, and to observe the approach to evaluating policymakers performance and general level of scrutiny Canadians place on their politicians.

My MP: **Dan McTeague**, Ontario (Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge) - Special thanks to legislative assistant to Mr. McTeague, Mr. Glenn D. Bradbury.

CUPP Scholarship: **John & Mary Yaremko Scholarship.**

**Yuriy MELNYK, CUPP'00**

Hometown: Kyiv.

Graduate of **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy** in Political Science in 2000.

Earned MA in Political Philosophy at **University of York**, York UK as a **Chevening-OSI/FCO Fellow** in 2002. Earned second MA Degree in Journalism at the **University of Missouri-Columbia as an Edmund Muskie Fellow** in 2006.

From 2002 to 2004 Senior Expert for the **National Television Company of Ukraine (NTU)**.

Co-managed NTU's participation in the **Eurovision Song Contest**. From 2005 to 2006

Washington Correspondent for **BBC Ukrainian Service**, London UK/Washington DC. From

2006 to 2007 **Voice of America**, Ukrainian Service Journalist/Producer/Line Producer Washington DC.

Since March, 2007 the International Communications Manager for **Artist Ruslana** based in Kyiv.

My CUPP'00 MP: **Sophia Leung**, Vancouver, British Columbia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship.**



Evhen SHEVCHENKO, CUPP'00, CUPP'01 Co-ordinator

My Hometown: Odesa.

Graduate of **Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration of Odesa** in 2002. Earned MA Degree in International Affairs at **Carleton University** in Ottawa in 2004. Since 2004 working with Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). ***CUPP was a life changing experience in that it broadened my horizons and attitude toward future career prospects.***

CUPP is unique in its nature and provides opportunities for participants to make informed decisions in their careers. All participants view things differently after the Internship and can make better informed professional choices.

My CUPP 2000 MP: **Lorne Nystrom**, British Columbia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Illia & Paulina Shkilnyk Scholarship**.

My CUPP 2001 MP: **Mac Harb**, Ottawa, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Scholarship**.



Kateryna SKYRUTA, CUPP 2000 Fall Program

Hometown: Luhansk.

Graduate of **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)**, in 2000. Qualification: teacher of English and German Language and Literature. Currently at the **University of Bonn, Germany (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universitaet-Bonn)**. Anticipate earning MA in American Studies, Romance Studies (Spanish) and Psychology in the Fall of 2008.. The **University of Bonn** was founded in 1818 and is one of Germany's largest universities. Among its famous Alumni are six Nobel Laureates as well as **Pope Benedict XVI, Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche and Joseph**

Schumpeter.

*CUPP gave me an opportunity to learn not only about another form of government, another culture and society but also about myself. The time that I spent in Canada in the Autumn of 2000, the wonderful people I met, the new insights into a well functioning and successful society are all experiences which have helped me to understand what I really want to achieve and goals I wish to reach. I believe that many of my CUPP friends will agree with me that the words of **Alfred Lord Tennyson's Poem "Ulysses"** are appropriate to describe our internship, our parliamentary friends and MP's and Ukrainian Diaspora. ***I am a part of all that I have met***", It is sad to learn that the CUPP program is likely to end in 2010. Nevertheless, I want to thank you all for giving us that one chance at an important junction of our lives, to be able to experience Canada. Thank you for doing such a great job.*

My CUPP'00 MP: **Susan Whelan**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Michael Luchkovich Scholarship**.



Valentyna TERESHCHENKO, CUPP'00 Spring Program

Born in Luhansk.

Graduate of **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)** Linguistics & World Literature in 2000. Earned second BA Degree at **St. Benedict University**, St. Joseph Minnesota USA, Political Sciences in 2002.

Worked at **USA Agency for International Development** for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine as Project Assistant from 2002 to 2005. Since 2005 working at **UNESCO** as a Programme Assistant for Culture. Married **Vladimir Kostornichenko** in 2005.

My CUPP'00 MP: **Alexander Shepherd**, Durham, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.

CUPP '01

**Olena HARASYMIV**, CUPP'01

Currently working as a lawyer at the **CMS Cameron McKenna**, Moscow office. Earned most recent degree a Master's in Law at the **University of Edinburgh** in 2003.

Meeting with Minister of Finance **Paul Martin** remains most memorable of the meetings of CUPP. Mr. Martin convinced me that one person can make a significant impact. My perception of the role of each individual in the life of a nation has changed. And it remains my belief that each individual's effort matters and by doing your best you can change the world around you and make it a better place. And citizens of nation acting together as a team, sharing common goals, can contribute to the betterment of the world. And we can also benefit from these changes.

My MP: **Benoit Serre**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ivan Bodnarchuk Scholarship**.

**Ulyana KHROMYAK**, CUPP'01

My Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)**, Faculty of Law & International Relations (2002). Since 2003 an associate of "**Andriy Kravets & Partners Law Offices**" in Kyiv. Practice in fields of corporate, investment, antitrust and oil and gas law.

"CUPP had an important influence on the formation of my personality and opened the gate for my professional career. It was a time of outstanding experience of working in a democratic society and meeting knowledgeable and prominent individuals".

My CUPP'01 MP: **Walt Lastewka**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.

**Aryna KRYZHANOVSKA**, CUPP'02

Hometown: Odesa.

2002 graduate of **Odesa Economic University**: BA in Banking with Honors. Currently pursuing Juris Doctor Degree at **Seattle University School of Law**, Seattle, USA. JD expected in May, 2009. Seattle University was founded in 1891 and is a Jesuit Catholic school.

Recently, U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges 2008" ranked it among the top 10 universities in the American West. Seattle University School of Law is among the country's top-ranked Legal Research and Writing programs. *CUPP was and still is one of the best experiences of my life. Interning at Parliament, meeting so many wonderful people, experiencing beautiful Canada and her diverse culture was amazing and unforgettable. To me, however, the most important part of the Program was the internal change it brought in me: CUPP made me truly proud to be Ukrainian. Before the Program, I often felt alone as a pro-Ukrainian Ukrainian in Odesa. Even when I spoke against russification of Ukrainian South or against people's glorification of Russia and disdain for Ukraine, I felt I was being defensive. CUPP made me truly proud of my country. Now, when I speak up to educate the ignorant or to respond to the skeptics, I do so not from a position of weakness but to assert my identity because I am proud of my homeland, my people, and our accomplishments.*

My CUPP MP: **Peter Goldring**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

**Hanna MAKEDONSKA**, CUPP'01

CUPP Scholar 2005 Georgetown University Law Center

Hometown: Dnipropetrovsk.

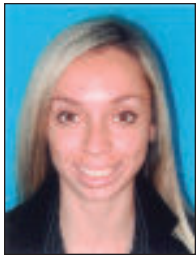
Graduate of **Dnipropetrovsk National University** in 2002. Earned LL.M. Degree from **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington DC, USA in 2006.

Currently working at **Baker & McKenzie Law Office** in Kyiv. Specializing in banking & finance law.

Married **Alexander Sabadosh**, CUPP'01 Alumni, in 2002.

My CUPP'01 MP: **Hon. Eleni Bakopanos**, Ahuntsic, Quebec.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.



Nataliya MATAMOROS, CUPP'02

Hometown: Luhansk.

Graduate of **Taras Shevchenko National University of Luhansk** in 2000 Faculty of Foreign Languages. Earned MA Degree at University of **Luhansk** in (2005) major in English Philology. In 2006 completed Traineeship Program at the **Council of Europe in Strasbourg France**. As component of Traineeship organized Conference on 'Bologna Process' for Ministers of Education of Armenia, Georgia, Russia and Ukraine in Strasbourg (December, 2006). Currently Lecturer at **Taras Shevchenko National University of Luhansk**.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.

My CUPP MP: **Svend Robinson**, Burnaby-Douglas, British Columbia.



Tamara NEFEDOVA, CUPP'01

My hometown: Odesa.

Currently pursuing PhD Degree in Finance at the **University of Lugano, Switzerland**.

Concurrently a teaching assistant in Corporate Finance and Corporate Banking at the University of Lugano. Earned Master of Science Degree in International Finance at the **University of Nice, France** in 2005 where concurrently taught Market Conditions and Employment Policy. Received my undergraduate degree in 2002 and Master in Banking and Finance in 2003 from **Odesa Economic University**. For me, the CUPP Program played a crucial role in my understanding of a democratic society and the role of a citizen in solving

social issues. Participation in CUPP was my first insight into democracy. The Program to a great extent pre-defined my career choices and many of the ideas on how to improve economic and social conditions in Ukraine, which I hope to be able to realize one day. Most memorable words from the CUPP Program are the words of Ihor Bardyn, Director of the Program: "*The higher is the goal you are trying to reach, the more you will reach. So, always set your goal as high as possible.*"

My MP: **Joe Clark**, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.



Inna PLATONOVA, CUPP'01

Hometown: Kotovs'k, Odes'ka Oblast'.

Graduated with Distinction from the **Odesa State Economic University** in 1999. Received Master's degrees, Diploma Cum Laude, from the **Central European University**, Budapest in 2001 and from the **University of Maastricht**, The Netherlands in 2002. Work experience includes international project coordination; strategic planning and policy analysis; research in energy policy, international development and environmental issues, and teaching.

Currently pursuing PhD at the **University of Calgary**, Canada. Married and is raising a son.

CUPP was a unique opportunity to learn first hand about the law making process in an advanced democratic state, meet wonderful people both from Ukraine and Canada and make lasting friendships. I feel very fortunate having been part of the program.

CUPP MP: **Mac Harb**, MP from Ottawa Centre.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Michael Starr Scholarship**.

CUPP '02

**Serhiy PONOMARYOV** CUPP'02

Born in Mykolayiv, Mykolayiv Region. Currently residing therein.

Graduate of **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy**. Additional studies at **Petro Mohyla Mykolayiv State University**, **Wroclaw Winter School** and **Iowa State University**.

Degrees earned: Master of Political Science, Master of Public Administration. Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science.

Currently employed by **Petro Mohyla Mykolayiv State University** as Senior Specialist at the International Affairs Dept., lecturer at the Institute of Public Administration.

<http://www.kma.mk.ua>

**Roman STASIV**, CUPP'02

CUPP Scholar 2004 at the University of Vienna

My Hometown: Morshyn (Lviv oblast).

Graduate of **University of Lviv**.

Graduated from the **University of Oxford** in 2005 with Magister Juris Degree with assistance of OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarship.

Currently working at law firm "**Baker & McKenzie - CIS, Limited**".

My MP: **Randy White**, Langley-Abbotsford, British Columbia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Humeniuk Family Scholarship**.

My CUPP memorable meeting was with the former Governor-General R.Hnatyshyn at his law firm. And walking 10km by foot to watch Formula-1 race in Montreal.

**Anna TARANENKO**, CUPP'02, Co-ordinator CUPP'03

Hometown: Luhansk.

Graduate of **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)** Foreign Languages and Literatures in 2003. Earned MA Degree from **University of Luhansk** in 2004. Currently pursuing second MA Degree under the auspices of the **Fulbright Graduate Studies Program** at the **University of Chicago, USA**. *"Being the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship was due in large part to my participation in the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program. I am most thankful to you for having given me this wonderful opportunity!"*

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"CUPP was a window of opportunity, which not many students from our region get. But those of us from Luhansk Oblast, who succeed to participate in CUPP, try our best to represent our universities and our region. CUPP is a unique program and should continue until real changes come."

My CUPP 2002 MP: **Judy Wasylcia-Leis**, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CUPP 2002 Scholarship: **Michael and Anna Bardyn Scholarship**.

My CUPP 2003 MP: **Dennis Mills**, Toronto, Ontario.

My 2003 Scholarship: **Vasyl Loboda Scholarship**.

**Roman TASHLEETSKY**, CUPP'02, Co-ordinator CUPP'03

Hometown: Rivne.

CUPP MP in 2002: **Hon. Dr. Rey Pagtakhan**, MP Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CUPP'02 Scholarship: **Hon. John & Mary Yaremko Scholarship**.

CUPP MP in 2003: **Inky Mark**, Manitoba.

CUPP'03 Scholarship: **Maria & Joseph Siecinsky Scholarship**.

Received undergraduate Degree from **Lesia Ukrainka Volyn National University** in

Romance & Germanic Philology in 2003. Completed post-graduate studies at **Lesia**

Ukrainka Volyn National University in November 2006. In September 2006 began teach-

ing English at the **International University for Economics & Humanities in Rivne**. Currently pursuing post-graduate studies at the **San Francisco State University**, California USA as a **Fulbright Scholar**. Has been a correspondent for newspapers in Ukraine and Canada.

CUPP '03

**Oleksandra KHAUBULLINA**, CUPP'03

Received Specialist degree in 2004 in International Economics from Crimean Business Institute. Business Analyst in Procter & Gamble, Kyiv. A most remarkable moment of CUPP was inspirational meeting with William Teron.

My MP: **Alexa McDonough**, Halifax.

CUPP Scholarship: **Humeniuk Family Scholarship**.



Oleh KRYKAVSKYY, CUPP'03. Currently working as Research Associate at the **Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting** in Kyiv. Earned Master's Degree at **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (Kyiv Mohyla University)** in 2006. Received Diploma in Political Studies from **University of Warsaw** in 2005. Received undergraduate Degree from **Ostroh University (National University of Ostroh Academy)** in 2005. Memorable meeting during CUPP 2003 was with current President of Ukraine **Viktor Yushchenko** in the Parliament of Canada.

CUPP Scholarship: Hon. **Michael Starr Scholarship**.

My MP: Hon. **Dan McTeague**, Ontario.

**Nataliya KYIAK**, CUPP'03

Hometown: Ivano-Frankivsk.

Graduate of the **National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**, Faculty of Social Sciences and Technologies, specialization – sociology: Bachelor Degree in 2003 and Masters degree in 2005.

Professional activity: at this time I am working for the Ukrainian office of UNICEF – United Nations Children's Fund in Kyiv.

My 2003 CUPP MP: **Allan Rock**, Etobicoke, Ontario.

CUPP 2003 Scholarship: **Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.

**Muhammed MENZATOY**, CUPP'03

Place of birth: Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Hometown: Kyiv.

Graduate of **National Aviation University** of Kyiv, Mechanical Engineering in 2005. From 1993 to 1999 was a student at the **Crimean Republic Boarding School** in Backchysarai. My family returned to Crimea in 1987 and lived in Backchysarai until 1999. In 2004 received CUPP Scholarship to attend the **Washington Group Leadership Program** in Washington, D.C., USA. Currently working as Director at AVS technologies partner of GSM life mobile operator in Kyiv.

My CUPP'03 MP: **Hon. Mac Harb**, Ottawa, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Christina Bardyn Scholarship**.

I am grateful to the CUPP Director for the CUPP Program and for the benefits which I have received as a participant of the Program. I am grateful on behalf of all CUPP Interns who were chosen to participate in the Program, which has done so much for all of us, something which becomes more evident with each passing year. I cannot overestimate the contribution the Program is making towards the development of Ukrainian students as proud citizens of their country. Thank you for helping me reach the goals I have reached to date.

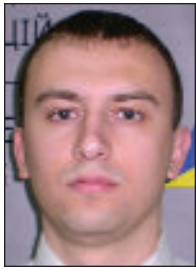
**Yuriy OBRIZA**, CUPP'03

Earned Engineer's degree in 2004 in Computer Science at Lviv National Polytechnic University. Systems Analyst in Procter & Gamble, Kyiv.

Married **Oleksandra Khaybullina**, CUPP'03 in 2007.

I will be always grateful to CUPP and my great MP, who made it possible!

My MP: **Peter Stoffer**, Sackville - Eastern Shore.

**Andriy PROKHOROV**, CUPP'03

My hometown: Rivne.

Currently working at the **Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (IER)** in Kyiv. Earned my most recent degree, in International Public Policy and Management, an MSc from **Erasmus University in Rotterdam** in 2006.

My CUPP memorable impression was observing the NDP's provincial election campaign in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship.**

**Andriy ROMANYUK**, CUPP'03

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

Graduate of **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)** MA in International Economics in 2004. Earned B.L. Degree at **University of Lviv** in 2006.

Professional Experience: 2004 - Business Analyst at **Hewlett Packard EMEA**, Munich, Germany; 2005-2006 – Brand manager in **Logos Corporation**, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine; 2006-2007 – Marketing Manager of **TM President** in **Lactalis**, Kyiv; 2007 to Present – Brand manager of **TM Slavutych, Baltic Beverages Holdings**, Kyiv.

"CUPP was one of the most valuable experiences in my lifetime. It provided a great opportunity to discover not only western culture and lifestyle, but also it helped us to discover ourselves. I think that the best way to express my attitude about this Program and the impact of it on my life is by Marcus Aurelius' quotation: "Take full account of the excellencies which you possess, and in gratitude remember how you would hanker after them, if you had them not". Without this Program we would not become who we have become now. CUPP gave us such motivation to excel that it will guide us in our future endeavors and we will always remember it. Thank you CUPP!"

My CUPP'03 MP: Hon. **Stockwell Day**, Okanagan-Coquihalla, British Columbia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship.**

**Elina SHYSHKINA**, CUPP'03

Birthplace: Kirovohrad.

Graduate of **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (University of Kyiv)**, MA in International Law in 2003. Earned BA Degree at **University of Kyiv** in International Relations in 2005.

My CUPP'03 MP: **Eleni Bakopanos**, Montreal, Quebec.

CUPP Scholarship: **Christina Bardyn Scholarship.**

From June 2004 to May 2006 worked as parliamentary legal assistant to **Victor Mussiyaka**, Member of Ukrainian Parliament (Verkhovna Rada).

From June 2006 to July 2007 worked as parliamentary legal assistant to **Hryhoriy Omelchenko** Member of Ukrainian Parliament (Verkhovna Rada).

Plan to complete PhD Studies at the **Koretzkiy Institute of State and Right at the National Academy of Science in Kyiv in 2008.**

Elected to Verkhovna Rada in the Parliamentary Elections of September 2007 on **Yulia Tymoshenko Block.**

**Olena SKVIRSKA**, CUPP'03

Born in Luhansk.

Graduate of **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National University of Luhansk)** in 2004.

Currently studying business economics at **Philipps University** in Marburg, Germany.

My CUPP'03 MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.



Oleh USTENKO, CUPP'02 Scholar *Brandeis University*

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Graduate of **University of Kyiv**, MA in Economics in 1986.

Earned MA Degree from **Harvard University** in Public Administration in 2001.

Awarded PhD Degree from **Kyiv National Economic University** in 1994.

Attended PhD Program at **Brandeis University** in 2003-2004.

Currently a senior economist at **The Bleyzer Foundation** in Kyiv. His financial and economic research is focused on emerging markets. Prior to joining The Bleyzer Foundation

was actively involved with several economic policy oriented projects of the **World Bank**, **OECD**, Governments of CIS countries and leading research universities including **Harvard University**, **MIT** and **Duke University**.



Alexandra ZALUCKY, Canadian Coordinator of CUPP'03 Spring Program

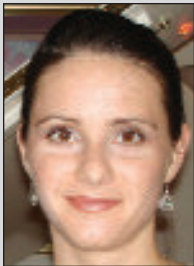
Born in Toronto, Canada.

Graduated in 2005 from the **University of Toronto** with an Honours BA in Political Science, Literature, and History. Master of Social Work candidate from **Wilfrid Laurier University**, class of 2009.

Worked for the **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe**, at the Project Coordinator's Office in Ukraine from 2005 to 2006. In 2007, worked at the **Ukrainian Canadian Social Service**, Toronto Branch. Currently organizing a new initiative for the **Toronto Police Service** at 23 Division.

My CUPP'03 MP: **Hon. Andrew Telegdi**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Cathy Obal Scholarship**.



Halyna ZALUCKY, CUPP'03 & CUPP'04, CUPP'03 and CUPP'04 Co-ordinator
Hometown: Toronto.

Graduate of the University of Toronto, Degree in International Relations and Political Science in 2004. An International Observer for the second round of Ukraine's presidential elections with the Canadian **CANADEM** mission. Has worked for the **International Organization for Migration** as a Project Assistant and as a volunteer with the **Help Us Help the Children**, Anti-Trafficking Initiative which focuses on the prevention of the trafficking of girls and boys out of Ukrainian orphanages.

Currently, pursuing a Master's Degree in Migration Studies at the **University of Kent**, **Brussels School of International Studies** as well as coordinating a one-year certificate program in European Law on Immigration and Asylum.

"CUPP will be remembered as an invaluable opportunity for Canadians and Ukrainians to share new ideas, develop lasting friendships, and work towards a common cause- the strengthening of democracy and civil society in Ukraine."

My CUPP'03 MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

CUPP '04

**Vitaliy BAVIN**, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Hometown: Luhansk.

Graduate of **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)**, MA Degree in Computer Science in 2005. Worked as English language Instructor from 2005 to 2006 at **Luhansk Teacher's College**. Currently working as Marketing Department Consultant for **SP Columb Co** in Luhansk.

My being chosen for the CUPP 2004 Program, was one of my greatest achievements to date. The competition for CUPP was especially strong as there were many applicants from Luhansk universities alone. Through CUPP I got to know Canada, its Parliamentary system, its people and their daily lives, the Ukrainian Diaspora and many other things. In many ways it was a cultural shock for me. For me a university student from far Luhansk as well as a recent recruit of the Ukrainian army, coming to live in Canada, to work on Parliament Hill among the Members of Parliament and sharing experiences with my Canadian friends and my new Ukrainian friends was memorable. All my fellow participants of CUPP'04-FALL wanted to make Ukraine as strong and prosperous as Canada. And we returned home with greater incentive and expectations than ever before. Unfortunately we are still far away from the realization of that dream. Some CUPP'er's have established their lives abroad or are continuing their studies abroad....But changes are coming and the old order cannot return to ruin Ukraine, again. Maybe Canada taught us that even small steps forward count, such as every vote at election. But I am thankful to the initiators of CUPP because they created for Ukrainian students a unique opportunity and a window into a normal country. So we can see and learn. It is very painful to hear that the program may be closed and Ukrainian students will be deprived of such a great opportunity! I still hope that CUPP will survive for another decade or two. The CUPP must go on! Forza Ukraina. Forza CUPP!

**Oleh FURMANCHUK**, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Hometown: Ostroh.

Currently doing a Master's Degree, with the assistance of the **Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs MATRA TRAINING for EUROPEAN COOPERATION (MTEC) Scholarship, in International and European Law, at the University Of Amsterdam School Of Law**. In 2006 I began studies towards a PhD Degree at the **Ukrainian Academy of Foreign Trade** in Kyiv which I hope to complete in 2010. Prior to my moving to **The Netherlands** I taught International Law at my alma mater the **National University of Ostroh Academy (University of Ostroh)**.

*It was my intention to write some comments about the CUPP Program, when I achieved some goals. That time has come and in my humble opinion it is time first of all to thank you Mr. Bardyn for the unique opportunity you gave so many of us in what now seems like a distant autumn of 2004. When I began my work in the Canadian Parliament with **Peter Stoffer**, I could not foresee the great impact which the CUPP Program would have on my life. Since CUPP my appreciation of a foreign education or as you call it 'education abroad' and its influence on our lives and on the future of Ukraine is immeasurably positive. I believe that each one of us individually and our country have benefited by the CUPP experience and we will all be better for it. Thank you once more.*

CUPP Scholarship: **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Scholarship**.MY MP: **Peter Stoffer**, Nova Scotia.**Ismayil KHAYREDINOV**, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Born in: Dzhambai, Uzbekistan. My Hometown: Simferopol, Ukraine.

In summer 2007, received undergraduate degree in Economics from the **University of Simferopol, (Vernadsky Tavrida National University of Simferopol)**. Since then, worked as International Marketing and Communications Administrator with **Civic Concepts International in Prague**. In January 2008, was promoted to the Conference Director of the **International Youth Leadership Conference (IYLC) in Prague**.

Your help to attend the IYLC Conference had a great impact on my life. It got me started. CUPP was important to me in better understanding my country.

My MP: **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, Toronto, Ontario.CUPP Scholarship: **Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer Scholarship**.



Andriy MAKSYMOWYCH, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Hometown: Lviv.

Earned MA in International Financial Relations with distinction from the **University of Lviv** in 2006. Was awarded the Cabinet of Ministers Award for Particular Achievements of Youth in the Development of Ukraine.

Until July 2007 interned in the **Ukrainian Parliament** and worked as Strategy Development and Donor Programs Coordinator at **InvestUkraine**, state FDI promotion agency. In April 2007 completed internship with the Economic Department of the Secretariat of the **President of Ukraine**.

In 2007 was awarded an **Erasmus Mundus Scholarship** to pursue MA Degree in Economic Analysis of Law at the **Universities of Rotterdam, Gent and Vienna**. He is the only Ukrainian participant of the Program.

Organized the **Race for Children National Charitable Marathon** across Ukraine with **Mykola Pekh** CUPP'06 and **Alla Myshalova** CUPP'07. The Race raised \$20,000 USD to date for maternity hospitals in the Lviv region. Memorable experience was the election campaign of MP **David Kilgour** during CUPP.

My MP: **David Kilgour**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ethel Rose & Michael Makuch Scholarship**.



Markiyan MALSKYY, CUPP'04, Spring Program

Native city: Lviv. Favourite city: Paris.

Currently lawyer at **J & L Consulting** - Danish managed consulting firm in Lviv. Main areas of expertise include: corporate/contract/investment/land law, international arbitration/litigation, building, licensing. Earned a **MILE (Master of International Law and Economics Program)** Degree from the **World Trade Institute, Bern** and an LL.M. from **Stockholm University**.

Recently published two books, namely: i.) *Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards* and ii.) *Adverse inference in the WTO and other international dispute settlement*

fora. Extensively continues publishing articles in professional journals and participating in different conferences.

During the student years was the President of the **NGO "Young Diplomacy"**, where worked as Head of the finance committee, Editor-in-chief and President. After graduating from the **Stockholm University** completed an internship at the international law firm **Freshfields Bruckhaus Derringer**, where mainly worked on a major ICC arbitration case. Also completed internships at **PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Leipzig, JSC "Kredobank" and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**.

Working on a PhD thesis on international commercial arbitration.

CUPP Scholarship: **William Kereliuk Scholarship**.

My 2004 Candidate for MP: **Lida Preyma**, Toronto, Ontario.



Olha NESHCHOTNA, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Born in Volynka, Chernihivska Oblast.

Graduate of **University of Donetsk**, Finance and Accounting Faculty in 2005.

Earned MA Degree from **University of Donetsk** in 2006.

Earned Diploma with Merit at **University of Queen Mary of London Summer School** in Legal Aspects of E-Commerce.

Completed with Honours **University of Pittsburgh Summer School** in International Business Law.

Currently employed by **Nadra Bank** in Kyiv, as manager of Funding Department, Financial Institutions Department.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Michael Starr Scholarship**.

My CUPP MP: **Charlie Angus**, Ontario.



Bohdana NOSOVA, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Born in Kyiv.

Completed Master's Degree (Diploma with academic excellence) in Journalism from the Institute of Journalism of **Taras Shevchenko National University (University of Kyiv)** in 2005.

Worked as **foreign desk editor in Ukrainian TV Channel "5 Kanal"** in 2005 – 2006 (March – May).

Was married in 2005.

Completed studies in **Ukrainian School of Political Studies and Summer University for Democracy under the Council of Europe** in Kyiv, Ukraine and Strasbourg, France in 2006 (February - July).

Completed nine months **Internship in Verkhovna Rada (Parliament of Ukraine)** as **Press-secretary to the Head of the European Integration Committee** in 2006 to 2007.

Currently doing post-graduate studies at the **Institute of Journalism, of the University of Kyiv**.

Work as **journalist and host of the TV program "NATO: "pros" and "cons"**, in the State Broadcasting Company **"Ukrainian Television and Radio World Service" (UTR)**

I attribute my achievements to date to my participation in the CUPP Internship and my experience in Canada.

My CUPP'04 MP: **Francoise Boivin**, Gatineau, Quebec.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.



Olena OVCHYNNIKOVA, CUPP'04 Spring Program

CUPP Co-ordinator CUPP'04 Fall Program

Born in Uman, Ukraine.

Graduate of **Pavlo Tychyna State University of Uman** in Education, English & Ukrainian Languages (2005). Awarded Freedom Support Act Fellowship to study Education as an exchange student at **State University of New York at Oswego New York USA (2002-2003)**.

Received a **Council of Europe Grant** to attend the **Human Rights Education Program** in Krzysowa (Poland), 2004. Completed **Harvard University Ukrainian Summer School**,

Cambridge Massachusetts USA in 2006. The program is run jointly by Harvard University

and the Ukrainian Research Institute and has been in existence since 1971. Students can take advantage of Harvard's many research and instructional facilities, including the largest Ucrainica library collection outside of Eastern Europe, museums, and a language resource center.

After completing the summer course on Theories of Democracy in Local Government in **Gothenburg University (Sweden)**, in **August 2007** joined the **Forum of Young Ukrainian Leaders (www.fmlu.org)** as a project coordinator for Education and Professional Development.

My CUPP'04 Spring Program MP: **Dennis Mills**, Toronto-Danforth, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.

My CUPP'04 Fall MP: **Hon. Andrew Tegledi**, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.

Of the many things that I learned as a CUPPer I value two 'lessons' most of all. The first lesson I 'learned' during the election campaign in June 2004: my election candidate Dennis Mills, who served as an M.P. for twenty years, lost his campaign, but that defeat was an example to me of how to stand up when you fall down "How to accept defeat with grace. That recipe of perseverance – success comes to those who don't quit – became my motto.

The second lesson, or better to say lessons, I learned from other CUPP fellows when I was a Ukrainian Coordinator of CUPP Fall 2004. I put those lessons in this way:

Be more responsible - To whom much is given, much is required;

Be useful to people around you - Great people serve people;

Be active and strive for perfection - Discover your abilities and use them, or lose them.

My CUPP experience is one of the keystones in everything I did after coming back from Canada in 2004.



Yevheniya PALIY, CUPP'04

My Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of University of **Lviv** (**Ivan Franko National University of Lviv**) with Master's Degree in Law in 2004.

From 2004 to 2006 worked as a lawyer in the **Ministry of Finance of Ukraine**, Department of International Relations. Later worked as an assistant at the **Department of Constitutional, Administrative and Financial Law at the University of Lviv**, Law Faculty, specializing in International Law.

2006-2007 – Chevening (British Council) Scholar, pursuing LLM degree in Commercial and Corporate Law at **Queen Mary and Kings College, University of London** and working as a legal assistant for **DLA Piper**, London.

Currently working as a lawyer specializing in Banking and Finance Law at **CMS Cameron McKenna**, in Kyiv and doing **PhD at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine** in International Finance Law (expected date of graduation – 2008).

The unique opportunity to assist a prospective MP in the 2004 election campaign gave me the great opportunity to observe true democracy in practice. The observance of a respectful parliamentary candidate canvassing door to door during the election campaign, meeting people, breaking down barriers in the society, demonstrating that indeed she is worthy of election as the people's representative clearly revealed to me the value of the true soul of a democracy.

Working with a woman leader, who came from a developing country in Africa and by her arduous toil and determination achieved such a brilliant success gave me the inspiration, incentive and creative urge and leadership skills to strive to achieve my goals.

Without doubt, CUPP is a real school of leadership, opening new horizons and possibilities for young Ukrainian professionals. The skills we acquired in Canada will benefit our communities in Ukraine, like no other experience. And from the bottom of my heart I'd like to wish everlasting life for this program!

My MP: **Yasmin Ratansi**, Toronto Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Vasyl Loboda Scholarship**.



Olha PONOMARENKO, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Hometown: Woznesensk.

Graduate of **Petro Mohyla State University of Mykolayiv** in 2006.

Qualification: teacher of English and German Language and Literature.

In 2006 worked as an Interpreter for **OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission to Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine**. Currently studying at the **University of Hamburg, Germany**, Faculty of Psychology.

I believe, CUPP was a new positive change and challenge for many of us. It was a great honour for me to be an Intern in Mario Silva's office, learning about the every-day and political life of Canadians as well as the Portuguese and Ukrainian communities in Canada. This experience influenced many aspects of my personal and professional development, therefore my respect and many thanks to Ihor Bardyn and everyone who supports this program.

MY CUPP'04 MP: **Mario Silva**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Paul Yzyk Scholarship**.



Khrystyna PRYSTAYKO (MUSHKEVYCH), CUPP'04 Fall Program

My hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of University of Lviv. Earned Master's Degree from **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University)** in 2004.

After taking part in CUPP'04 Program generously sponsored by William Kereliuk, received a Scholarship from Norwegian NGO **Institusjonen Fritt Ord (The Freedom of Expression Foundation, Oslo)** to participate in summer course in Peace Research in Oslo. Continues to study and attend professional course and studies. Most recent being "Contracts in international software business, organized by the **University of Jyvaskyla, Finland**. Plans to pursue LLM Degree in the West. Since 2004 has been working as in-house legal counsel for one of the largest East European software companies "**SoftServe**". In 2006 married Bohdan Mushkevych.

CUPP Scholarship: **William Kereliuk Scholarship**.

My CUPP'04 Fall Program MP: **Peter Julian Burnaby**, New Westminster, British Columbia.

The most memorable moment of my CUPP'04 Internship was meeting with William Teron, prominent Canadian architect with Ukrainian roots, also known as "Father of Kanata", one of Ottawa's suburbs. Mr. Teron exemplified noble characteristics such as humanity, compassion, and accountability to his fellow citizens.



Emil RAHIMOV, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Place of birth: Baku, Azerbaijan. Hometown: Kyiv.

Graduate of **Inter-regional Academy of Personnel Management of Kyiv**, Degree in Politology in 2005. Earned Master's Degree at **IRAPM** in 2006. Pursuing post-graduate studies at **IRAPM**.

Currently a member of "**Ireli**" **Azerbaijani Political Youth Organization**. Member of the Congress of Azerbaijani Youth in Ukraine. Working at the **Department of Internal Policy of Independent Political Portal in Kyiv**.

My CUPP'04 MP: **Yasmin Ratansi**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **John Sopinka Scholarship**.



Iryna RAK, CUPP'04

Born in Lviv.

CUPP Fall 2004 Internship with **Lynn Myers**, M.P. for Kitchener-Conestoga.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship**.

Bachelor's degree from **Ivan Franko National University** of Lviv in International Economic Relations received in 2006. Master's degree from **Ivan Franko National University of Lviv** in International Finance obtained in 2007. For spring semester of 2006 was granted scholarship from **Swedish Institute** to study Swedish language in Boras, Sweden. Currently student in the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and working at

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Kyiv.



Oleksandra RATUSHNYAK, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Born in Kamyanets-Podilsk.

Working as Associate at **Magister & Partners Attorneys-at-Law** in the Corporate and M&A Department in Kyiv. On October 7, 2007 married CUPP Alumnus **Dmytro CHER-NENKO** C'04 Spring. Memorable moment-meeting Dmytro at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

My MP: **Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship**.



Maryna RAZINKOVA, CUPP'04 Spring Program
CUPP'04 Fall Program Co-ordinator

My Hometown: Luhansk.

Currently studying at the **Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**. Major: Diplomatic and consular service.

Graduate of the **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)**, Department for Foreign Languages, in **2005**.

*During my Internship in Canada in 2004 had the opportunity to work in the re-election campaign of the Hon. **William Graham**, Minister for Foreign Affairs.*

The experience gained working in the Federal Election I was able to implement during the Presidential Elections in Ukraine in 2004, and the Parliamentary Elections in 2006 and 2007.

*During the Fall 2004 term in the House of Commons I completed my Internship in the office of **Jim Prentice**, Calgary Centre North, Alberta. This second term in the Canadian Parliament helped me to understand the area of government management and legislative procedures and motivated me to pursue diplomatic studies for a possible career in the future. The knowledge gained on Parliament Hill was of great help during my internships in the departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.*

I should also admit that CUPP has changed not only my expectations of myself but also my world outlook.

THANK YOU CUPP!!!

CUPP'04 Spring Program MP: **Hon. Bill Graham**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Illya & Paulina Shkilnyk Scholarship**.

My CUPP'04 Fall Program MP: **Jim Prentice**, Calgary, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Illya & Paulina Shkilnyk Scholarship**.



Nataliya SALO, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Hometown: Lviv.

Earned undergraduate degree in International Economic Relations at the **Ivan Franko National University of Lviv** in 2006. Currently a second-year analyst with **JPMorgan Securities Ltd. in London, UK**. Covers Asset Backed Securities in CEEMEA (Central, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa). Meeting with Bill Teron remains a memorable meeting of CUPP'04.

My MP: **Bradley Trost**, Saskatoon-Humboldt.

CUPP Scholarship: **Yuriy & Oksana Fedyna Scholarship**.



Victoria SHABAN, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Currently pursuing LLM Degree in European Law at the **University of Amsterdam** in the Netherlands. Earned Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from **Kyiv International University** in 2006. Was a volunteer in India, Cambodia and Thailand in 2007.

My memorable time was working intensively in my MP's office for his re-election during CUPP'04.

CUPP Scholarship: **Cathy Obal Scholarship**.

My MP: **Tonny Ianno**, Toronto, Ontario.

**Taras STASIV**, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Hometown: Lviv.

Graduated from **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)** with Master's Degree in Law (magna cum laude) in 2006.From October 2006 to July 2007 worked as an Associate with the **Levenets, Maciw & Partners Law Firm in Kyiv**.Currently doing Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.) at the **University of Amsterdam**, the Netherlands with the assistance of Matra Training for European Cooperation (MTEC) Scholarship, which is financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.My CUPP MP: **Leon Benoit**, Alberta.CUPP Scholarship: **John and Mary Yaremko Scholarship**.

My CUPP 2004 memorable event was my visit to my MP Leon Benoit's constituency in Vegreville Alberta. I flew west in order to attend the 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian settlement in Moscow, Alberta. It was quite an experience to sample Ukrainian food and communicate with Mr. Benoit's electors in my native Ukrainian language. I experienced a little "taste of home" here in Wild Rose Country as Alberta is known. I thank Leon for sharing his knowledge of Canada's parliamentary system, his friendship and inviting me as a guest to his home! Ukrainians chose well to settle in Alberta 2 centuries ago!

**Oleksandr TERESHCHENKO**, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Born in Kryvy Rih, Dnipropetrovsk oblast.

Graduate of **Kyiv International University**, International Law in 2005.Professional Experience:2004 – 2005, Project Coordinator, **UN House**, Kyiv.2005 – 2007, Senior Lawyer, "**Ukrainian Helicopters**" Aviation Company, Kyiv.Currently working as an associate with the **Vasyl Kisil and Partners** Law Firm in Kyiv.

"CUPP Program and its charismatic leader Mr. Bardyn gives young people a clear understanding that modern education is the only way to their own and Ukraine's prosperity, success and independence in the future.

The Program, inter alia, promotes inter-cultural dialogue not only with the Western World, Canada and Canadians of Ukrainian descent, but also helps young Ukrainians to better know their own country and their peers with the same interests, ideas and aspiration from across Ukraine. We all returned to Ukraine with a new attitude, values and views of politics, its principles, policy-makers, etc.

It is important to mention another CUPP activist Mr. Hordienko, whose discussions charge you with patriotism and dignity for the rest of your life.

As for me personally, it gave my life a new powerful impetus to study and work harder, reach higher goals as well as always cherish my Homeland, its great history, our unique traditions and, of course, the Ukrainian language.

So, CUPP thank you very much for the incentives you gave me. I'll never forget this great and enjoyable experience!"

CUPP'04 MP: **Hon. Dan McTeague**, Ontario.CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.**Vyacheslav TOMENKO**, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Born in Nova Kakhovka, Kherson region.

Received BBA from **International Christian University, Kyiv** in 2004. Completed a professional internship at the **Council of International Educational Exchange** in Boston, Massachusetts USA in 2005-2007. Currently working as an International Coordinator at **YMCA Kyiv**.

"Apart from being an excellent professional experience, CUPP gave me an opportunity to learn a lot about myself. I am grateful to this program for showing me that it is fine to be different: the Canadian government allows an opportunity to choose and more important legally protects this right. My trip to Canada was my first international trip, so it was eye-opening in terms of a cultural experience. Thanks to CUPP, I met many interesting people with whom I still keep in touch."

My CUPP'04 MP: **Brian Fitzpatrick**, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.



Natalia TSERKLEVYCH, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of **Ukrainian Catholic University of Lviv**, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy with distinction in 2005. Earned Masters Degree in Religious Studies from **Leuven Catholic University** (Belgium) in 2007 and currently finishing Masters in European Studies at **Leuven Catholic University**.

Professional activity includes working in Brussels in the central office of LYMEC (European Liberal Youth) and work on projects in Student European Forum - AEGEE-Leuven.

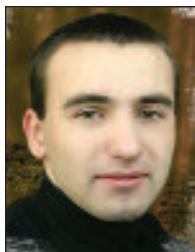
My 2004 CUPP MP: **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP 2004 Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.

Memorable reminders of CUPP Program are:

During our Internship in Canada in Fall of 2004, we had the opportunity to meet with outstanding Members of the Canadian Parliament, but also to organize a Pro-Democracy Demonstration on Parliament Hill, after the first round of the Ukrainian Presidential election in 2004. We distributed leaflets and had Canadians sign a Petition urging the Canadian Parliament to mobilize world opinion for Free and Fair elections in Ukraine. It was a bitterly cold day and ordinary Canadians brought us tea and coffee and supported us in our mission. For the second round of Elections we were already back in Ukraine and in time for the "Orange Revolution." Many of us met again in Kyiv on Maidan to witness history.

It is great to be CUPP Alumna. In February 2008 I was at a Ukrainian party in Antwerp, Belgium and met fellow CUPP Alumnus Andriy Maksymovych, CUPP'04 Spring Program. But I did not realize he was a CUPP Alumnus until after the party and read his name in the Newsletter. What a small CUPP World!



Ruslan TYKHOLAZ, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Graduate of **Vinnitsia Institute of Trade and Economics of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics**, in 2004. Earned MA Degree in Economics and Management at **Vinnitsia Institute of Trade and Economics of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics** in 2007. Currently an Intern assistant at the **Committee on National Security and Defense** of the Parliament of Ukraine. *"The CUPP Program strengthened my interest in the legislative process, devotion to democratic principles and the rule of law."*

My CUPP'04 MP: **Hon. Jean Augustine**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.



Oksana TYSCHENKO-MONASTYRSKA, CUPP'04 Spring Program

Born in Bakhchysaray, Crimea.

Graduate of **University of Simferopol, (Tavrida Vernadsky National University)**, in 2005. Completed Internship of Parliamentary Development Program at **Verkhovna Rada (Parliament of Ukraine)** in 2005. Currently Information and Resource Center Leader at **Kyiv-Mohyla Business School [KMBS]** since 2005. Also writing PhD thesis at **Potebnya Institute of Linguistics, National Academy of Science of Ukraine**. Expected PhD defense in 2009. *CUPP offered me the secret of understanding how to stay ahead of the changing world. Practical and inspiring, this Program gives all of us the right strategies and leadership tools to pursue a goal. For me it was the dynamic that turned opportunities into reality. The world of CUPP is successful people who are the future of Ukraine.*

My CUPP'04 Spring MP: **Hon. Jean Augustine**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Edward Schreyer Scholarship**.



Andriy YASTREB, CUPP'04 Fall Program

Hometown: Kyiv.

Currently in final year of a Master's Degree Program in Economics and Finance at **Brandeis University** in Waltham, Massachusetts, as a **Fulbright Scholar**. During summer of 2007 completed an internship at **Shamrock Holdings**, a private equity investment company owned by the Disney family.

My MP: **Paul Forseth**, British Columbia.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship**.



Arsen ZHUMADILOV, CUPP'04 and CUPP'05 Co-ordinator

Hometown: Simferopol.

In 2007 graduated with honors from **National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy** (*Kyiv Mohyla University*) with BA in Political Science. Currently enrolled as a General Manager of private owned **Intelligence Capital Group** (Investments & Consulting). In 2006 was elected a Head of **Crimean Tatar Community** of Kyiv. In 2005-2007 received various domestic and international scholarships and awards. CUPP shaped and broadened my vision of life in terms of setting right goals and choosing right way of pursuing them. CUPP was my first and the most valuable experience when I stepped out of Ukraine and for the first

time was able to observe events, changes and the operation of a government from the inside. I gained knowledge and information from a fresh perspective.

My CUPP'04 and CUPP'05 MP: **David KILGOUR**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Christina Bardyn Scholarship**.

My CUPP'05 MP: **David Kilgour**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.

CUPP '05



Anna BRYEDOVA, CUPP'05

Born in Donetsk.

Graduate of **Donetsk National University**, Economics and Law Faculty in 2005 (Bachelor's Degree). In 2005 awarded MTEC (Matra Training for European Cooperation) to complete LLM Degree in International and European Law at the **Universiteit van Amsterdam** (University of Amsterdam).

CUPP'05 MP: **Mario Silva**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Christina Bardyn Scholarship**.

"CUPP allows Ukrainian students to observe the parliamentary process from within and to work with the staff of a Member of Parliament which is a unique opportunity for a foreign student. More importantly, except for the obvious advantages that almost any exchange program provides, such as foreign cultural experience and foreign language improvement etc., CUPP helps its participants to find their own national identity and strengthen one's bond with his or her own homeland."



Gayane NURIDZHANYAN, CUPP'05, CUPP'06 Co-ordinator

Hometown: Kyiv.

Earned undergraduate degree and specialist degree in international law at Kyiv International University in 2007. Currently working at Konnov & Sozanovsky, one of Ukraine's leading law firms founded in 1992, as a junior associate for the tax law department. During my studies at the University I was actively involved in youth human rights movement in Ukraine, worked at Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, volunteered for human rights non-governmental organizations, worked as trainer for non-formal human rights education.

My 2005 CUPP MP: **Mark Warawa**, Langley, British Columbia.

My 2006 CUPP MP: **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP 2005 Scholarship: **Michael & Anna Bardyn Scholarship**.

CUPP 2006 Scholarship: **Antin Hlynka Scholarship**.

Memorable reminders of CUPP Program are: I believe that my stay in Canada and participation in CUPP have quite significantly shaped my outlook. Getting familiar with high standards makes you perceive things through comparison and makes you aspire for better. This is what happens when you spend couple of months in Canada surrounded by the brilliant intelligent young Ukrainians. I consider CUPP to be one of the best and brightest experiences in my life. It would be of interest to notice that both times I was in Canada there was sort of political crisis taking place in the country, both related to Liberal Party. The most exciting was to follow those events and experience how self-correcting mechanisms indeed worked out in practice.



Katrusia OBVINTSEVA, CUPP'05, CUPP'06 Co-ordinator

Hometown: Kharkiv.

Earned undergraduate Degree and Master's Degree in Foreign Languages at **Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv** in 2006.

Work experience: Senior Interpreter/ Coordinator of Translation Unit at **EU Border**

Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine working for the improvement of standards of Ukrainian-Moldovan border protection and capacity building of Customs and Border Guard Services of Moldova and Ukraine, including the Transdnistrian segment of the border. The Mission enjoys high profile and keen interest of both the European Commission and senior government officials of Ukraine and Moldova.

Currently studying at the **Institut D Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)** towards a Master's Degree in International Relations/International Public Management. Katrusia's "**Projet collectif**" is on the *Model United Nations in New York representing the USA*. In 2008 Katrusia plans to focus on **Ukraine's representation in international structures and organizations**.

Sciences Po was founded in 1872 primarily to train French politicians and diplomats as it was thought at that time that France's international stature was waning due to inadequate teaching of its political and diplomatic corps. Nowadays Sciences Po is one of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning in France and the campus in Paris is on the left bank of the Seine River nearby Notre Dame Cathedral, the Pantheon, the French National Assembly (Parliament) and the Ukrainian church.

My 2005 CUPP MP: **Dr. Carolyn Bennett**, Toronto, Ontario.

My 2006 CUPP MP: **Brian Storseth**, Alberta.

CUPP 2005 Scholarship: **Michael Starr Scholarship**.

CUPP 2006 Scholarship: **Dopomoha Ukraini Foundation Scholarship**.

Memorable reminders of CUPP Program are:

After CUPP I returned to Ukraine with an increased sense of responsibility for what I can do and how I can be more useful, and a strong determination to learn and study. My initial observation about the functioning of the Canadian government was how close the MP's are to their electorate. This does not compare to the distance between the electors and their government in Ukraine and the other CIS countries. I still recall in vivid details my first day in the office of Carolyn Bennett. The events which have stayed with me are the meetings with Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and MP David Kilgour. I am very happy to be a CUPP Alumna, as this dynamic and highly professional program and the friends I made in this environment keeps on motivating me to continue my studies abroad and gives me a sense of optimism for the future of Ukraine.



Marat OGANYESYAN, CUPP'05

My Hometown: Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Currently doing a Master's Degree in International Relations at the **Katholische Universitaet Eichstaett-Ingolstadt (Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt)**, Bavaria, Germany with the assistance of a **Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Scholarship**. In 2006 received a Specialist's Diploma with Honours in International Economics at the **Ukrainian Academy of Customs, Dnipropetrovsk**.

To be frank, the importance of CUPP in my life is difficult to underestimate. Participating in CUPP helped me a lot to broaden my overview and to understand that there are no limits to what you can achieve or strive for, especially when you have good friends, enough courage and patience. CUPP was like a wide open door leading to the future. Meeting such a great number of interesting Canadians and motivated Ukrainian students, sharing experiences with them, being involved in the work of the Canadian Parliament – the heart of Canada – was a precious thing. I do still feel the Canadian Parliament's rhythm of life, as it has become a part of my life's rhythm. I do believe that CUPP was the best Program I have ever participated in and it has left deep footprints on my life. Here I want to thank all organizers and volunteers of the CUPP Program, the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada, and my friend who urged me to compete for participation in CUPP! Thank you!

CUPP Scholarship: **Josef and Maria Siecinsky Scholarship**.

MY MP: **Peter Julian**, Burnaby, New Westminster, British Columbia.

**Dariya ORLOVA, CUPP'05**

Born in Khmelnytsky.

Graduate of **National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Political Sciences (NaUKMA)**, in 2006. Currently working on a Masters Degree at NaUKMA in Political Sciences (expected to graduate in 2008).

Completed **Harvard University Summer School** in 2007, which provided opportunity for research for my Masters thesis.

Currently a staff writer at the English language weekly the **Kyiv Post**.

The CUPP experience is probably one of the most memorable for me. One reason is that this was my first overseas experience, far from Ukraine in completely new surroundings. Being in Ottawa, learning how the Canadian Parliament works and communicating with Canadian politicians and representatives of the Ukrainian Diaspora changed my views significantly. I noticed that change only after I was back at home. I can firmly say, that the CUPP internship broadened my personal horizons and contributed to my personal development, which I believe is an important step and primary goal. To be able to make changes in your own country or community you must first make and accept changes in yourself. You must broaden and improve your mindset.

CUPP Scholarship: **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Scholarship**.

MY CUPP'05 MP: **Brian Fitzpatrick**, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

**Natalka OSTASH, CUPP'05**

Hometown Kyiv.

Graduate of **University of Kyiv** 2007.

Currently working at **The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Project Coordinator in Ukraine (OSCE PCU)** as National Consultant of the Project as well as on PhD Degree at the Institute of International Relations of **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (University of Kyiv)**. Earned Master's Degree in International Relations at University of Kyiv in 2007.

My MP: **Lynn Myers**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.

CUPP became one of the focal points in my life. The programme broadened my outlook, and made me more confident to take on new undertakings.

**Krystyna SAVCHUK, CUPP'05 Spring Program**

Hometown: Chernivtsi.

Graduate of **University of Chernivtsi (Yuriy Fedkovych National University of Chernivtsi)**, College of Modern European Languages in 2007 with M.A. Degree in English and German Philology. In 2003 – 2004 was an exchange student on FSAU (IREX) grant in the field of American Studies at **Tacoma Community College in Tacoma, WA, USA**.

Currently is pursuing a Ph.D. degree in Linguistics and is teaching English at **University of Chernivtsi**.

"Participation in the spring 2005 session of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program and being an intern in the Canadian House of Commons gave me a unique opportunity to work with members of the Canadian Parliament and meet with prominent political figures, including the Prime Minister of Canada and the Speaker of the House of Commons. I gained an insight into how a parliamentary system works in Canada and I am trying to apply the skills acquired on the program in a variety of community projects and in my everyday professional life. I strongly believe that each and every CUPP participant is thankful to this program as CUPP has a powerful educational and cultural impact on all CUPP alumni. CUPP was an unforgettable experience that enriched me both professionally and culturally. CUPP builds a unique bridge of cooperation between two cultures that are so far away geographically but have so much in common historically and I think it is wonderful."

My MP: **James Bezan**, Selkirk-Interlake, Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: **Vasyl Kereliuk Scholarship**.

**Olena SHCHERBAK, CUPP'05**

Hometown: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Completing Degree at **Kharkiv National University of Economics**, Faculty of International Economics. Expects to earn Degree in 2008.

During Academic year 2006-2007 studied economics with assistance of DAAD Scholarship (Government of Germany) at **University of Passau**, Germany.

From February to May 2007 completed Internship at **McKinsey & Co.** as Junior Management Consultant at Munich and Frankfurt am Main Offices.

CUPP'05 MP: **Bradley Trost**, Alberta, Conservative Party.

CUPP Scholarship: **Yuriy & Oksana Fedyna Scholarship.**

Memorable meeting during CUPP'05 was a meeting with the Governor General Michaëlle Jean, because at that time Yulia Tymoshenko became a Prime Minister of Ukraine, and it was especially interesting to find out about the role of a woman in the government.

**Iryna TEMCHENKO, CUPP'05**

My Hometown: Ternopil.

Graduated with Master's Degree from **National Pedagogical University of Ternopil**, Faculty of Foreign Languages (2006). Master's Thesis was based on Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada.

In 2007 received Master's Degree in School Psychology from the **University of Central Arkansas, USA**. Currently pursuing PhD studies (School Psychology) at the **University of Central Arkansas**. Expect to receive Degree in 2011. Research interests: ADHD, effective learning, child interventions, predictors of school success.

"CUPP is a bridge which connects Ukraine with Canada, which carries an ever-growing exchange of two cultures, two worlds, colorful emotions, positive knowledge and valuable experience. Even now those CUPP experiences continue to compliment my Doctoral studies. I believe that participation in CUPP gave me broader understanding of decision and policy making, professional communications techniques and ethics".

My Spring CUPP'05 MP: **Larry Miller**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship.**

**Anna TROFIMOVA, CUPP'05**

Born in Horlivka, Donetsk Oblast.

Graduate of **Ukrainian Catholic University**, Department of Philosophy and Theology, with Specialist Degree in 2005. Continued studies at **University of Lviv** in the MA program (Cultural Studies and Social Anthropology at the Sociology and Cultural Studies Centre).

In 2008 completed a research project year at the **European College of Liberal Arts** in Berlin Germany.

Currently working as a translator at the British-Ukrainian company "**Landkom**".

My CUPP'05 MP: **Rob Anders**, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship.**

**Viktor VILKHA, CUPP'05**

Hometown: Odesa.

Currently working as an auditor at **Deloitte & Touche USC** in Kyiv. Earned most recent degree in Economics from the **National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (Kyiv Mohyla University)** in 2006. The entire CUPP Program was memorable, however I especially appreciated meeting such impressive individuals as **Senator Raynell Andreychuk** and **Parliamentarian Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, who do much for the Ukrainian community in Canada and the Diaspora and whose image is truly an icon of what a statesman should be.

My MP: **Leon Benoit**, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Humeniuk Family Scholarship.**

**Inna VIRIASOVA, CUPP'05**

Hometown: Brovary, Kyiv Oblast.

Graduate of **National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy** in 2005, Political Sciences. Earned MA Degree at **Central European University** in Budapest, Hungary. In 2006 earned second MA Degree at the **University of Maastricht** in the Netherlands. Currently pursuing PhD Degree at the **University of Western Ontario**, London Canada, at the *Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism*.

"It all started for me at NaUKMA where I first heard about CUPP. I succeeded in becoming an Intern in the House of Commons and right after my return from Ottawa I received my undergraduate degree. The CUPP experience very much influenced my decision to pursue further education abroad. I completed graduate studies in Budapest, Maastricht and now I am back in Canada at Western. I enjoy Canada as I feel I've met my old good friend."

My CUPP'05 MP: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: Hon. Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship.

CUPP '06

**Yuliya BURA, CUPP'06 Fall Program**

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

Currently studying in Bilbao, Spain.

Graduated in 2007 from **Ivan Franko National University of Lviv** with Master's Degree in International Relations/ **Political Science**. Currently doing second Master Degree in International Relations/**Euroculture** with the access to PhD at **Deusto University in Bilbao (Spain)**, with the assistance of **Erasmus Mundus scholarship (ECWLot6)**.

My CUPP MP: Joy Smith, Winnipeg.

CUPP Scholarship: Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship.

My CUPP memories:

In the fall of 2006 I received an opportunity to have an internship at the Canadian Parliament. This was a new kind of professional activity, because I was working in MP's office and Human Rights Committee. But I was able to gain new knowledge quickly and therefore fulfill all of my responsibilities completely and successfully. As part of internship program I was granted an opportunity to meet many politicians, scientists and businessmen. It's really interesting to know new people, particularly Canadian Ukrainians and get their points of view, especially for the things happening in Ukraine. Our world needs changes every second, and one must be aware of this changes. A person's mind needs changes as well! An internship at the House of Commons became one of the main reasons why I decided to research abroad.

**Inna DIDENKO, CUPP'06**

My hometown: Odesa.

Graduate of **University of Odesa** in 2007.

Currently pursuing an MSc Degree in Strategic Project Management at **Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh Scotland**. Heriot-Watt is a university for business and research at the forefront of research and teaching innovation. It is the 8th oldest university in the United Kingdom founded in 1821. The name commemorates **George Heriot** the 16th century financier to King James and **James Watt** the 18th century British inventor and engineer.

As recipient of **Erasmus Mundus Scholarship** is required to complete her studies in 3 years at three universities in Europe. The first cycle of studies at **Heriot-Watt University** followed by the next cycle at **Politecnico di Milano, Italy** and finishing at **Umea University in Sweden**.

Participating in the CUPP Program in 2006 was a unique and memorable experience.

My MP: Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Winnipeg-North, Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship.

**Oleksandr HORCHAK, CUPP'06**

Currently a trainee-instructor in the Department of English Language Practice at the **National University of Ostroh Academy** (Ostroh University). Concurrently pursuing a Specialist's Degree in Business English. Earned most recent degree in Philology, English Language and Literature at **Ostroh University** in 2007. The meeting with Paul Migus, an expert in the areas of government and government relations, public service and real estate remains my memorable reminder of CUPP.

My MP: **Andrew Telegdi**.

**Olena KHADZHYOHOVA, CUPP'06**

Born in Chisineu, Moldova. Hometown: Lutsk.

Earned undergraduate Degree from **Lessya Ukrainka Volyn University of Lutsk** (**University of Volyn**). Currently pursuing Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics at **University of Volyn**.

The first person who came to my mind, from CUPP'06 was Stephen Velychenko, Fellow of the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto. If all Ukrainians shared his viewpoints, Ukraine would be the most prosperous country in the world. I believe it will one day happen! I cannot isolate one event during my Internship in Canada which could be considered the most memorable one. Each individual I got to know was really special and everything put together made CUPP'06 one of the most exciting and interesting experiences in my life.

My MP: **Maurizio Bevilacqua**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Michael Starr Scholarship**.

**Maksym KLYUCHAR, CUPP'06**

Currently employed with **United Nations Development Programme / Crimea Integration and Development Programme in Simferopol** as Communications assistant / interpreter / translator. Received an MA in Interpretation / Translation from **V.I. Vernadskiy Taurida National University (Simferopol)** in 2007. Currently enrolled into a distance education PhD programme at the chair of Translation and Sociolinguistics (Faculty of foreign philology, Taurida National University). The CUPP experience helped me gain a perspective of politics and policy development in a well-developed democratic country and provided for a broader outlook on cultural and economic developments that Ukraine would need to foster in order to

become a true part of the European family.

My MP: **Alex Atamanenko**, British Columbia Southern Interior.

**Yuriy NECHAYEV, CUPP'06**

Born in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Currently working at law firm "Baker & McKenzie - CIS, Limited".

Earned my most recent degree Master of Laws from **Kyiv International University** in 2007 in International Law.

CUPP Scholarship: **Alexander and Irena Hordienko Scholarship**.

My CUPP'06 MP: **Rick Dykstra**, St. Catharines, Ontario.

**Kristina NECHAYEVA (SHUST), CUPP'06**

Born in Snizhne, Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine.

Graduate of **Kyiv International University**, Faculty of Law.

Earned Master of Laws Degree from **Kyiv International University** in 2007, in International Law. Worked at law firm of "**Baker & McKenzie-CIS, Limited**".

Married Yuriy Nechayev CUPP'06. Currently raising son Kristian.

CUPP Scholarship: **Humeniuk Family Scholarship**.

My MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

**Andriy OLENYUK**, CUPP'06 & CUPP'07

Born in Chortkiv, Ternopil Oblast.

Currently completing Master's Degree in Law at **University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)**.

My CUPP'06 MP: **James Bezan**, Selkirk-Interlake, Manitoba.

My CUPP'07 MP **Inky Mark**, Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette, Manitoba.

CUPP 2006 Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.

CUPP 2007 Scholarship: **Kathy Obal Scholarship**.

Participating in CUPP was a breakthrough in my perception of democracy and rule of law in modern world. The Program had a tremendous influence upon my consciousness and plans for future, the effects of which will hopefully be noticeable in the nearest future.

**Mykola PEKH**, CUPP'06

Hometown: Lviv.

Graduate of **University of Lviv**, Department of International relations, in 2006. Currently a student in the LLM Program at **Queen Mary University**, London, UK as a **Chevening Scholar**.

My CUPP'06 MP: **Joy Smith**, Winnipeg Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: **Michael & Anna Baryn Scholarship**.

Vice-co-ordinator of Charitable Cross-Country Marathon "**Race for Children**" since 2005.

Head of Organization for the Protection and Care of the Visually Impaired "**Wings of Hope**" since 2004. *CUPP 2006 was an important stepping stone to understanding parliamentary democracy. The staff of my MP Joy Smith taught me to work as part of a team to achieve results.*

**Pavlo SHOPIN**, CUPP'06

Born in Luhansk.

Currently working on Master's Degree in English Philology and graduate Degree of English and Literature at the **University of Luhansk (Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk)**.

Earned my most recent degrees, Bachelor of English Philology and Bachelor of German Philology, at the University of Luhansk in 2007.

Accepted as a Visiting Student Scholar at the **University of California**, Berkeley for a one year period from September 2009 to conduct research on cultural and cognitive linguistics.

"CUPP was a life-changing experience for me and it gave me a unique opportunity to realize what changes are necessary for shaping the European future of Ukraine. The Program let me see how I can contribute most efficiently to the development of my country and inspired me to toil for the progress of my community".

My MP: **Michael Ignatieff**, Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Walter Tarnopolsky Scholarship**.

**Lidiya SYVKO**, CUPP'06

Hometown: Zaporizhia.

Working at **Ukrainian Independent Centre of Legal Research and Expertise**

"RECHTSSTAAT" in Kyiv. Earned Master's Degree in International Law from the

University of Kyiv (**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**) in 2007. Has started PhD studies at **University of Kyiv**. There were too many memorable moments during CUPP 2006, to isolate one above all others. The entire internship and time in Canada was memorable.

My MP: **Peter Stoffer**, Nova Scotia.

CUPP Scholarship: **William Kereliuk Scholarship**.

**Anna YABLONSKA**, CUPP'06

Hometown: Luhansk.

Currently working for the **American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine**, in Kyiv as Communications Coordinator.

Earned Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from **Volodymyr Dahl University of Luhansk** in 2007.

Meeting with Senator **Raynell Andreychuk** and visit to the Ukrainian Embassy in Ottawa remain my most memorable moments of CUPP'06.

My MP: **Mario Silva**, (Davenport Riding), Toronto.

CUPP Scholarship: **Mazurenko Family Scholarship**.

**Mykhaylo ZAKRYZHEVSKYY**, CUPP'06

Hometown: Horlivka, Donetsk Oblast.

Earned Degree of Specialist in Education and Linguistics from **Horlivka State Institute of Linguistics** in 2006. Currently working at **InvestUkraine** (Ukrainian Centre for Foreign Investment Promotion) as a PR Manager.

"CUPP opened my eyes on the world of educational and professional opportunities. I have begun the process of applying to western universities to get my masters degree in International Relations. The CUPP alumni community is a group of talented Ukrainians, and I am privileged to be one of them and learn from their experience. CUPP was my inspiration to work harder and achieve more. The Program showed me that the Ukrainian community in Canada is strong. Ukrainians may be divided by borders but we are united in a common goal of working towards making our homeland a prosperous land of outstanding intelligent people. Wherever we are..."

My CUPP'06 MP: **Hon. Wayne Marston**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship**.

**Olha ZHDANOVA**, CUPP'06, CUPP Co-ordinator 2007

Birthplace: Luhans'k.

University: **Volodymyr Dahl East-Ukrainian National University**. Area of Studies: Marketing. I will receive my Master's Degree in 2008. Currently working as Internet Access and Training Program representative for Luhans'k region.

My CUPP'06 MP: **Peter Goldring**, Edmonton, Alberta.

CUPP Scholarship: **Eugene & Alexandra Sukniarsky Scholarship**.

My CUPP'07 MP: **Hon. Maria Minna**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Ethel Rose & Michael Makuch Scholarship**.

CUPP '07

**Fevzi AMZAIIEV**, CUPP'07

Born in Almalyk, Uzbekistan.

Currently completing BA in Political Science at the **National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"**.

My CUPP'07 MP: **Hon. Andrew Tegel**, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Edward Schreyer Scholarship**.

"CUPP shaped and broadened my vision of life in terms of setting and achieving right goals. It was my first experience when I for the first time was able to observe events, changes and the operation of government from the inside. I also had a chance to be able to get acquainted with civil society where such principles as responsibility, rationality and concrete nature are dominant, and which are still missing in our country..."

**Roman BRUKH, CUPP'07**

Born in Lviv.

Graduate of **National Technical University of Ukraine "Lviv Polytechnic"** Institute of Computer Sciences and Information Technologies, with MA Degree, in January 2008.

From 2004 to 2006 studied at **Military Institute** of Lviv Polytechnic was conferred the rank of Junior Lieutenant of Reserve.

My CUPP'07 MP: **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, Etobicoke Centre, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Malanchuk Family Scholarship**.

That unforgettable Autumn Internship in Canada lasted only some 5 weeks. The time went by too quickly, yet the memory continues to linger and influence my daily life, without interruption. Like a seed which has sprouted beneath the soil it struggles to come to the surface, but is impeded. The impediment is the environment in which our country still lives in. The suffocating mentality of the past cannot be removed overnight, because it is in the minds of too many of the older generation. In our teachers and politicians. Yet, it seems like we will break out and leave the past to those who slavishly long for it. And we will prevail. On a less philosophical note I cannot forget our daily walks to and from Parliament Hill. Our meetings with friends, community leaders and parliamentary assistants. Our trips to Montreal, Toronto and Niagara Falls. Our group of seven who became delegates from Ukraine to the 53rd Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association, and our lobbying on behalf of our country. It was all a memorable cross-cultural experience, which will not be forgotten. Canada and its people are amazing. They welcomed us, they allowed us into their Parliament and they thanked us for coming. We are grateful to this country and glad to have such friends.

**Diana GLADKA, CUPP'07**

Born in Okhtyrka, Sumy Oblast.

Currently completing Law Studies at **Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine in Kharkiv**, Major in International Law.

In the next 5 years I am considering pursuing a Graduate Degree in the area of Human Rights at a University abroad, a possible Internship or employment at the United Nations, entering the field of political life or public affairs and starting a family.

Cupp was a new experience in my path of life because I had never before participated in such an intensive and multi-faceted program. CUPP'07 broadened my world outlook, deepened my understanding of democracy, civil society and the rule of law. It gave me the chance to glance at the world of government and politics from the inside. I expect that this program will change me a lot, as I could never have anticipated how many diverse ideas, information and experiences it brought into my life.

My CUPP'07 MP: **Hon. Dan McTeague**, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Hon. Michael Starr Scholarship**.

**Oksana HOBA, CUPP'07**

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

CUPP'07 MP: **Dean Del Mastro**, Peterborough, Ontario.

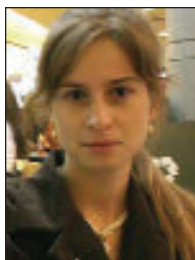
CUPP Scholarship: **Oksana and Yuriy Fedyna Scholarship**.

Currently completing undergraduate/specialist's Degree at **University of Lviv**. In the process of applying for studies at **Carleton University** in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

The most memorable moment for me came when I opened the doors of Parliament, for the first time... It is uncanny, but at that moment I felt like something good and powerful was hidden within these walls. The whole concept of a working democracy and of an orderly functioning government at work for the good of the people. I felt that I had waited my whole life exactly for this moment for this opportunity. I wish for everyone to experience this moment sometime during their life... The Canadian Ambassador's Reception for Canada's first and longest lasting support program to Ukraine was memorable because CUPP 2007 Interns were able to get together again and meet with the Interns from previous years. Communicating with them and listening to their stories of achievements was very useful gain of knowledge. Receptions in the Canadian embassy, every year, help to solidify ties between Ukraine and Canada and strengthen them even more. I also must mention that during the Ambassador's Reception, Ukrainian students had a chance to demonstrate once again, that they are the true future leaders of Ukraine and have great potential. I want to believe that in Canada each of us did everything possible to represent our country in the best way and to prove that Ukrainian students are hardworking and trustworthy people. I trust that it was not only our pleasure to work in the Canadian Parliament, but that our Members of Parliament and their legislative assistants also enjoyed working with us.

My advice to CUPP'08 Interns is appreciate and enjoy every moment of your stay in Canada. Every moment is unforgettable. Every meeting is a discovery of ideas and information. I strongly advise you to bring pen and notepad to every meeting. You will hear many new ideas, concepts and practices. New phrases and parliamentary terms. These will help you to understand the Canadian parliamentary system as well as the western approach to government. You will understand that the Members of parliament are elected to represent their constituents and their concerns. You'll be meeting with knowledgeable and informed speakers and be able to learn from their experience and knowledge. At the time of the meetings you may not appreciate the learning lessons of these meetings until you return home. But keep your eyes and ears open and you will learn in few weeks what some politicians have not learned in a lifetime.

And another very important piece of advice. Do not exaggerate your abilities to try to prove you are better than others. There will a natural competition among the CUPP participants. But realize that the group selected for your CUPP were chosen because they proved to be a very smart group of students. And placing a group of achievers or even over-achievers into one team can be an interesting experiment. But remember who you are and your strengths. Do not exaggerate them and do not reach beyond your abilities. Remember if you were chosen as ONE of the Interns, as such you are already special. You don't really have to compete like you did during the FSM or in the writing of assignments. Enjoy and retain the most important and valuable speakers, meetings and experiences of your Internship. Remember, from this moment on, your fellow Interns will become your family and you'll find true friends amongst.



Ruslana KOSTINA, CUPP'07

Hometown: Mykolayiv.

CUPP'07 MP: **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, Etobicoke, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship**.

Currently completing Specialist's Degree at **University of Mykolayiv** (Applied Linguistics, Economics). Was selected best student in Mykolayiv for 2007 and awarded a scholarship by the Mayor of Mykolayiv for exemplary results in university studies and active community life. A winner of Ukrainian Olympiad in Applied Linguistics, **UNESCO & GOI Peace**

Foundation Award. Winner of project contest of the World Bank and the Victor Pinchuk

Foundation scholarship to represent Ukraine at the international session of the European Youth Parliament in Prague, Czech Republic. Planning to participate a month long internship at the Foundation *Kolegium Europy Wschodniej* in Wroclaw, Poland.

CUPP'07 was memorable, because: ***It was my best achievement to date and it taught me not to be afraid of challenges. This program proved to me that nothing is impossible. If you believe in yourself and test yourself, you will succeed. We are no less capable than many of the people we met – whether politicians or community leaders. We can match their efforts and we can do better! We just have to take initiatives and not stop. Each of us can effect change. Each of us can make a difference in our country!***

The Canadian Ambassador's Reception for Canada's first support program in Ukraine was important because it confirmed the new directions we began to formulate as a result of our Internship and Canadian experience for our homeland, and showed us that Ukraine can and will do better in the future with our help.. My advice to CUPP'08 Interns: Keep your ears, your eyes and hearts open to the changes you will experience during your Internship in Canada!



Olga KROYTOR, CUPP'07, CUPP'08 Co-ordinator

Born in Kerch. My Hometown: Yalta.

Currently completing Specialist's Degree at **Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine in Kharkiv**. Studying at the Faculty of preparing lawyers for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Major in International Law.

My CUPP'07 MP: **Michael Ignatieff**, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Scholarship**.

There was not a single day in Canada when I felt bored or uneasy! It seemed as if I were at home – it is probably due to unique Ukrainian Diaspora. I can't stop saying thank you to all these wonderful people who preserved their culture and state of mind through generations and who have done so much to us!!! It is really hard to highlight one special event or meeting... Probably if I were to choose three of them, they are the evenings at the Chabursky's home (their warmth helped us so much during our stay), the meeting with Fr. Petro Galadza at St. Paul University (his thoughts and considerations about Islam and Christianity impressed me so much!!!) and the meeting with William Teron which was a real inspiration for all of us... My advice to CUPP'08 interns: Be open to everything you happen to meet! It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so don't miss anything!



Oksana LESKIV, CUPP'07 Hometown: Lviv.
Currently completing undergraduate Degree at **Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv**. Planning to continue studies for Masters Degree in Medieval History.
Most memorable moment of CUPP'07 was the first meeting with Ukrainian Diaspora. Their sincerity and openness amazed and moved me and my fellow CUPP Interns. I could not have anticipated how much they preserve their ties with Ukraine and Ukrainian culture. Thanks to Diaspora I have learned a lot about Ukraine and especially about myself.
My advice to CUPP'08 Interns: **Be the best, Do your best and Retain the best of CUPP'08!**
CUPP'07 MP: **Joy Smith**, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
CUPP Scholarship: **Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship**.



Vitaliy LIPICH, CUPP'07 My hometown: Lutsk.
Graduate of Volyn University (Lesya Ukrayinka Volyn University of Lutsk) in Foreign Languages. Pursuing MA Degree at Volyn University. Currently working as a national project coordinator of the international project "**Free Media Bridges from East to West**". Project involves 7 countries and is supported by EU. The project aims at creating youth internet television that would promote ideas of active citizenship, youth mobility and political awareness. Reports from Ukraine as well as 6 other countries will be available in monthly internet Program at www.ngotv.eu. Coordinates media and youth projects at the NGO "**Nasha Sprava**". Part-time assistant at the International Department of **Volyn University**.
Board member of all-European association "Youth4Media" which unites 25 organizations across Europe.
My 2007 CUPP MP: **Peggy Nash**, Toronto, Ontario.
CUPP 2007 Scholarship: **Antin Hlynka Scholarship**.

Most memorable experience: working in the office of Peggy Nash on issues directly related to Ukraine and Ukrainian community. Help and assistance of Ms. Nash and her staff made my internship meaningful and educating. Living in a big group and learning from other interns was another experience that made my stay in Canada unforgettable.



Iryna MAZUR, CUPP'07 Born in Khmilnyk.
Graduated from **Kyiv National Linguistic University** with BA in Italian and English in 2007. Currently working as Operations Manager at VFS Global for the **Embassy of Italy** in Ukraine. Is also holding an Executive Director position for **Nationwide Ukrainian Youth NGO Youth CAN**. Future plans: I would like to complete Master's degree in International Organizations Management in Europe. I enjoy working in international environment and in future plan to work in an international organization/company.
My MP: **Peter Stoffer**, Sackville – Eastern shore.
CUPP Scholarship: **Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship**.

The CUPP is a good program that needs to continue functioning because it gathers together future leaders of Ukraine and the world. CUPP provides a unique experience for many talented young people from our country.



Yulia NUZBAN, CUPP'07 Hometown: Kyiv.
Graduated from **Kyiv International University** with Bachelor Degree in International Relations in 2006 and Specialist Degree in International Law in 2007. Lawyer at Law Firm "**OL&RUST**" since August 2006. Youth Network Coordinator for **Amnesty International Ukraine** since September 2005 (volunteer position). Fellow at **Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights** (Warsaw, Poland) from March 2008 to June 2008.
My CUPP'07 MP: **Rick Dykstra**, St. Catharines.
CUPP Scholarship: **John Sopinka Scholarship**.

I am proud to be member of the CUPP family of highly motivated and talented youth whom some refer to as the future leaders or elite of the country. I believe we will justify the expectations and hopes placed upon us. A special thanks to our father, pan Baryn, for dedicating a lot of time and effort to make our stay in Canada unforgettable, and allowing us to experience one of the most successful democracies from the inside. Though I traveled to Canada for the Internship as a university graduate, I believe that this internship was yet another graduation and made me more mature and confident. I especially cherish meetings with Senator Raynell Andreychuk, MP Peter Goldring and Parliamentary architect William Teron, our Sunday meeting at Paul Migus' house and concert of Bandurists from Detroit, trip to Niagara Falls and farewell dinner at the Mandarin.

**Dmytro PANCHUK, CUPP'07**

Hometown: Dubno, Rivne oblast, Ukraine.

CUPP'07 MP: Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Winnipeg-North, Manitoba.

CUPP Scholarship: Christina Bardyn Scholarship.

Education: **Ostroh University**; currently completing bachelor's Degree in Romance and Germanic Languages (English and French language and literature). Expect to graduate in 2008. Plan to apply for MA studies in the US.

Impressions after completing CUPP'07 internship: Actually, my brightest moment during the Program was not directly connected to the Program itself. It happened in Montreal when all my friends from Canada World Youth Program 2005 came from all across Canada and paid me a visit. I also appreciated taking part at the conference organized by Atlantic Council of Canada, where I made a lot of new friends and enjoyed very much the issues being discussed. I will also never forget our meetings with Ukrainian Diaspora and deputies, rendezvous around Ottawa's sights and, certainly, the unsurpassed nature of Canada.

Canadian Ambassador's Reception in Kyiv on 7 December was very significant in terms of acclaiming an immensely beneficial contribution that CUPP Program has made both for Ukrainian university students and for Canada-Ukraine relations as well. It was encouraging to realize that Canadians are concerned with internships and student programs on its territory... Other countries are not so accommodating to foreign students so as to allow them access to the hub of government. But Canada did welcome us so warmly that we truly felt like at home.

**Oleksandr PERTSOVSKYI, CUPP'07**

Born in Severodonetsk, Luhansk Oblast..

Currently completing undergraduate Degree at **University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv) in Finance.**

My CUPP'07 MP: Hon. Roy Cullen, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: Humeniuk Family Scholarship.

Participating in CUPP I found new friends, both within CUPP'07 and among the Ukrainian Diaspora, with whom I intend to maintain contact and perhaps fulfill some joint projects. The experience of working as an Intern on Parliament Hill cannot be compared to any of my previous professional experiences. Through the Internship I realized not only how much is needed to be done in Ukraine in order to improve significantly our political system, but also the concrete steps and changes needed to be implemented.

**Lyubomyr REGUSH, CUPP'07**

My Hometown: Yalta.

Currently completing Master's Degree in International economics at the **Ukrainian State University of Finance and International Trade.**

Have also have combined work at 3 institutions - ***InvestUkraine***, a state FDI promotion agency (regional cooperation development manager), the ***Chair of the World Economy and International Economical Integration*** of the Ukrainian State University of Finance and International Trade (assistant) and for ***University's Scientific Programs Department*** (leading specialist).

My CUPP'07 MP: Mario Silva, MP for Davenport, Toronto, Ontario.

CUPP Scholarship: Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship.

After my return from Canada I identified some additional practices in Ukraine which should be changed. These changes and challenges are the route Ukraine will need to follow in order to become a successful and powerful European state. The CUPP community is the generation of young active people who could propound and implement these necessary changes and create the New Face of modern Ukraine and a New Ukrainian Identity. My advice to CUPP'08 interns: Take as much from the Program as you can so that you can bring benefits to your homeland, in the future. Be open to the practices of Canadian society and the Ukrainian community in Canada.

**Anatoliy SKLYAROV, CUPP'07**

Hometown: Novomoskovsk.

CUPP'07 MP: **Dean Del Mastro**, Peterborough, Ontario.CUPP Scholarship: **Michael Luchkovich Scholarship**.

Graduate of Poltava State Pedagogical University with BA in 2007.

Currently working as Manager on foundry engineering development at Poltava Turbomechanical Plant; joint owner of tourist agency "Welcome to Poltava"; vice-president of CF 'Helon'.

My most memorable moment of CUPP'07 was the Ukrainian CUPP Interns reception at Ukrainian embassy in Ottawa. This event demonstrated the importance of CUPP for democratic development of Ukraine and its enormous influence in terms of 'raising' the future leaders of our young democratic country. Also the reception demonstrated the deep appreciation Ukrainian authorities for the work of the program, by awarding CUPP Ihor Bardyn, with The President's Award for Merit.

In his speech MP Peter Goldring demonstrated the appreciation and deep respect for the CUPP Program by the Canadian Government, who have hosted Ukrainian Interns for the past 17 years.

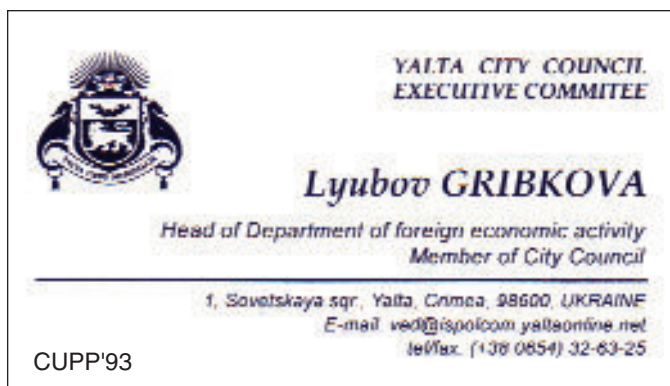
My advice to CUPP'08 Interns:

My dear future colleagues, you do not yet imagine how lucky you are to have been selected for this program! CUPP is your chance to look at Ukraine from a new perspective. Your experience with the Ukrainian community in Canada will be the best stimulus for you to replicate the same community in Ukraine whose main attributes are devotion and love for the Homeland, honesty and respect for the rights of others, and reasonableness and wisdom in making political and community decisions.

But the most crucial advice about CUPP is: dear colleagues, please, don't loose your chance to bind Ukraine with Canada as tightly as possible. Those of you who are involved with organizations dealing with economic issues, please, bind the activities of your organizations with those in Canada, those of you who are involved in different non-governmental and other organization, please, do try to do the same. You should establish a deep connection between Ukraine and Canada, thus, you will make Ukraine more democratic and civilized. If it is possible, you should try to make any joint project between your organizations/companies and Canada's and engage in those matters as many Canadian Ukrainians as you can since the more Ukrainian Canadians (or Canadian Ukrainians) come to Ukraine to implement/carry out different projects, the more democratic it will become.

To me, it will be a crime for a CUPP'08 Intern to come to Canada without a project prepared or considered beforehand. Please, prepare well for Canada, because for many of you it will be a good chance to start or chart your future career, or set out your next area of studies.

DON'T miss this chance to improve especially if you receive this gift from God.



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Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program Alumni Abroad At beginning of 2008

CUPP is a parliamentary democracy internship in the Canadian House of Commons for university students from Ukraine, established by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation in 1991.

CUPP'06 PROGRAM

- ◆ **Inna DIDENKO** (*CUPP'06, Odesa*) is pursuing an MSc Degree at *Heriot-Watt University* in *Edinburgh, Scotland* with the assistance of the **Erasmus Mundus Scholarship**. The Erasmus Mundus Scholarship programme is a co-operation and mobility programme in the field of higher education which promotes the **European Union** as a centre of excellence in learning around the world. EMS supports top quality Masters Programs at EU Universities.
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- ◆ **Mykola PEKH** (*CUPP'06, Lviv*) is at *Queen Mary University, London UK* working on a Master of Laws Degree, with the assistance of the British Council's Chevening **Scholarship**. The Chevening Scholarships are funded by the **Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the UK** and administered by the **British Council**. These prestigious awards enable overseas students to study in the United Kingdom. The Chevening programme provides 2,300 new scholarships each year for postgraduate studies or research at UK institutions of Higher Learning.
www.chevening.com/ www.iie.org
- ◆ **Yuliya BURA** (*CUPP'06, Lviv*), is at *Deusto University in Bilbao, Spain* pursuing a second MA Degree in International Relations/Euro culture with the assistance of an **Erasmus Mundus Scholarship**.

CUPP'05 PROGRAM

- ◆ **Inna VOLKOVA** (*CUPP'05, Luhansk*) completed her MA and was accepted into the PhD Program at *Michigan State University*.
- ◆ **Katrusia OBVINTSEVA** (*CUPP'05 & CUPP'06, Kharkiv*) is at the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)* working on an MA Degree.
The scholarship to study in France is funded by the Government of France- bourse de Gouvernement Francais- see www.ambafrance-ua.org or French Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine.
Sciences Po is a *Grand Etablissement* in Paris. It is an elite and highly selective institution which has traditionally educated the French political and diplomatic elite, but its academic focus spans not only the political and economic sciences, but also law, communications, finance, business, urban policy, management, and journalism. Its campus is just off the *Seine River*, and within walking distance of *Notre Dame de Paris*, the *Pantheon*, the *Assemblée Nationale*, and *St. Volodymyr Le Grand Ukrainian Catholic Church* on *Rue. St. Germain*. In the Spring of 2008 Katrusia Obvintseva will be a member of the *Sciences Po Model Parliament Team* representing the *United States of America* at the **United Nations Model Parliament Assembly**, at the UN in New York, USA. Forza USA!
- ◆ **Olena SHCHERBAK** (*CUPP'05, Kharkiv*) returned to Kharkiv after earning an MA Degree at the *University of Passau, Germany*.
- ◆ **Inna VIRIASOVA** (*CUPP'05, Brovary, and Kyiv Oblast*) has started work on her PhD Degree at the *University of Western Ontario, London Ontario*. The *University of Western Ontario* has available a Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS) for International students. See WGRS at www.uwo.ca – graduate scholarships & awards.

- ◆ **Serhiy PETUKHOV** (*CUPP'05, Donetsk*) Has been admitted to the 2008-2009 European Master of Law and Economics Programme, under the auspices of the *Erasmus Mundus Programme*. Has selected to complete his three successive stages at the *University of Hamburg, Germany; University of Bologna, Italy*; and the *University of Aix-en-Provence/Marseille III, France*. Earned a Master of Law Degree and an advanced Diploma in German at *Cambridge University in 2007*. He returned to Kyiv and is the coach of the Jessup Moot Court Competition Team of the *National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy* which became the National Champions of Ukraine by defeating the *Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine* Jessup Cup Team. Serhiy will travel with the NaUKMA Team to Washington DC for the world championship competition on April 6-13, 2008.
- ◆ **Marat OGANYESYAN** (*CUPP'05, Dnipropetrovs'k*) is at *Catholic University of Eichstaet-Ingolstadt* doing an MA with the assistance of a *Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Scholarship*. The KAS was established in 1952 as a systemic civic-education programme inspired by Christian Democratic values. KAS has 4 Divisions, namely *International Cooperation; Politics and Consulting; Political Education*; and *Scholarships and Cultural Activities*. KAS awards scholarships to students and graduates of exceptional academic achievement and outstanding political or social commitment. Since 1994 KAS has worked with Verkhovna Rada, the Presidential administration, political parties, NGO's, universities and think tanks.
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- ◆ **Iryna TEMCHENKO** (*CUPP'05, Ternopil*) Earned MS Degree at *University of Central Arkansas*. Received University of Central Arkansas scholarship to pursue PhD Studies at *University of Central Arkansas*.
- ◆ **Gayane NURIDZHANYAN** (*CUPP'05 and CUPP'06, Ternopil*) has been appointed to the *European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France* as Ukrainian Assistant Lawyer by the Human Resources Directorate of the *Council of Europe*.

CUPP'04 PROGRAM

- ◆ **Ismail KHAYREDINOV** (*CUPP'04, Simferopol*) has been appointed Director of *Civic Concepts International* in Prague, Czech Republic. Its official name is *hlavni mesto Praha*, meaning Prague – the Capital City. The *Ukrainian Free University* was founded in Vienna, January 17, 1921. In the Fall of 1921 the UFU was moved to Prague, then capital of the Czechoslovak Republic. Toward the end of World War II, to avoid being liquidated by the Soviets, the UFU moved to Munich, Germany.
- ◆ **Victoria SHABAN** (*CUPP'04, Ternopil*) is at the *University of Amsterdam* doing an MA Degree in law. During the Dutch Golden Age (the 17th century) Amsterdam was one of the most important ports in the world, with innovative developments in trade, and became the leading centre for finance and diamonds.
- ◆ **Taras STASIV** (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) is working on a Master of Laws Degree at the *University of Amsterdam*, Amsterdam the Netherlands. Its name is derived from "*Amstel dam*", pointing to the city's origin: a dam on the river Amstel.
- ◆ **Oleh FURMANCHUK** (*CUPP'04, Ostroh*) at the *University of Amsterdam* working on a Master's Degree in Law, Amsterdam the Netherlands. The city is known for its historic port, the Rijksmuseum, its liberal coffeehouses and its many canals which have led Amsterdam being called the "Venice of the North." Although the charming city of Bruges, Belgium is also called the "Venice of the North" by some tourist agencies.
- ◆ **Andriy MAKSYMОВYCH** (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) at *Erasmus University of Rotterdam*, the Netherlands. The University is named after one of the city's former inhabitants, *Desiderius Erasmus*.

- ◆ Nataliya SALO (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) is at *JP MORGAN Securities* in London, UK.
- ◆ Andriy YASTREB (*CUPP'04, Kyiv*) is on a *Fulbright Scholarship* at *Brandeis University*, USA.
- ◆ Markiyan MALSKYY (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) earned a Masters of International Law and Economics at the *World Trade Institute* in Bern, Switzerland and now plans to pursue a PhD.
- ◆ Andriana SMOLSKA (MALSKA) (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) received *Erasmus Mundus Scholarship* to pursue MA Studies at the *University of Utrecht, Netherlands, and the University of Linkoping, Sweden*.
- ◆ Natalia TSERKLEVYCH (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) is pursuing an MA Degree in European Studies at *Leuven Catholic University* in Belgium. Also doing an Internship with the *European Liberal Youth (LYMEC)*, which is a member of the *European Liberal Democrats (ELDR)*. LYMEC has contacts with PORA. The ELDR is represented in the European Parliament by a political group called the *Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)*. The ALDE is an alliance between two European political parties; *The European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party* and the *European Democratic Party*. ALDE is a political group active in the *European Parliament*, in the *EU Committee of the Regions*, in the *Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe* and in the *NATO Parliamentary Assembly*.
- ◆ Olena OVCHYNNIKOVA (*CUPP'04, Uman*) has been accepted into the MA Program at the *University of Oxford*, beginning in the Fall of 2008.
- ◆ Ivan SKRYPKA (*CUPP'04, Kyiv*) is with *Procter & Gamble* Head Office in London, UK.
- ◆ Yevhenia PALIY (*CUPP'04, Lviv*) Received a *Chevening Scholarship* to complete an MA Degree in *Law at Queen Mary and Kings College, University of London* in 2007. Began PhD studies at the *National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv*.
- ◆ Olha PONOMARENKO (*CUPP'04, Mykolayiv*) pursuing an MA Degree at the *University of Hamburg Faculty of Psychology*.

CUPP'03 PROGRAM

- ◆ Yulia ZABYELINA (*CUPP'03, Luhansk*) received a *Konrad Adenauer Scholarship* to do MA Degree at *University of Bremen*.
In 2006 Dr. Oleksa Pidluts kij a Ukrainian journalist published an article about the co-founder of KAS in the Kyiv Newspaper Zerkalo Nedeli titled "Konrad Adenauer" - the Father of New Germany. Earlier Dr. Pidluts kij was a KAS Journalism Scholarship recipient and attended the Academy of Klausenhof. The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (subsequently also Konrad Adenauer Scholarship Institute) actively works with political parties and student groups. In February, 2008 KAS together with the Youth Wing of the Batkivshchyna Party organized a seminar on the topic "Responsibility for the Constitutional State". The consensus of this seminar was that the future development of a constitutional state in Ukraine depends on its own responsible conduct in every-day life.
Also in February KAS together with the Youth Wing of the Party of Regions organized panel discussion on the topics of the Schengen Zone, current questions about the EU, NATO and relations between Ukraine and Russia.
In February 2008, KAS together with the Board of Christian Churches organized a discussion on the topic of "The Churches' Role in Promoting Civil Society."
- ◆ Roman IVASHKIV (*CUPP'03, Lviv*) is at the *University of Alberta* working on a PhD.
- ◆ Olena SKVIRSKA (*CUPP'03, Luhansk*) is studying business economics at *Philips-Universitat of Marburg, Germany*. Philips University is one of Europe's older universities, founded in 1527.

CUPP'02 PROGRAM

- ◆ Anna TARANENKO (*CUPP'02, Luhansk*) has received a ***Fulbright Fellowship*** to study at the ***University of Chicago***.
- ◆ Roman TASHLEETSKY (*CUPP'02, Rivne*) is at ***San Francisco State University*** doing a PhD with the assistance of a ***Fulbright Fellowship***.
- ◆ Aryna KRYZHANOVSKA (*CUPP'02, Odesa*) is in her second year of Law Studies at ***Seattle University School of Law***.

CUPP'01 PROGRAM

- ◆ Tamara NEFEDOVA (*CUPP'01, Odesa*) at ***University of Lugano Switzerland*** doing a PhD.
- ◆ Olena HARASYMIV (*CUPP'01, Lviv*) is practicing law with ***CMS Cameron. McKenna*** Law Office in ***Moscow, Russia***.
- ◆ Inna PLATONOVA (*CUPP'01, Odesa Oblast*) is at the ***University of Calgary*** working on a PhD.

CUPP'00 PROGRAM

- ◆ Andriy PANASENKO (*CUPP'00, Poltava*) is with ***Investcorp Bank B.S.C.*** in ***Kingdom of Bahrain***.
- ◆ Evhen SHEVCHENKO (*CUPP'00, Odesa*) is in ***Ottawa*** working for the ***Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)***.
- ◆ Valentyna TERESHCHENKO (*CUPP'00, Luhansk*) (***Kostornichenko***) Working for ***UNESCO*** as Programme Assistant for Culture, in ***Moscow, Russia***.
- ◆ Alla LUKASHENKO (*CUPP'00, Luhansk*) is with the ***Oklahoma National Guard*** in ***Oklahoma City***. The National Guard is the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
- ◆ Anton HORSHKOV (*CUPP'00, Lviv*) earned his Masters Degree at the ***University of Bonn, Germany***, currently working as lawyer at ***T-Mobile Slovakia***.

CUPP'99 PROGRAM

- ◆ Alexander ORLOV (*CUPP'99, Kyiv*), CUPP SCHOLAR 1999 is leaving ***University of Cambridge*** UK to take up an Assistant Professor position at ***State University of New York, Stony Brook*** Material Sciences & Engineering Department.
- ◆ Dmytro HYS (*CUPP'99, Lutsk*) has moved to ***Ottawa*** to work with ***Amnesty International***.
- ◆ Olga MINKO (*CUPP'99, Luhansk*) completed her MA Studies at the ***University of Victoria, British Columbia***.
- ◆ Olga GORUNENKO (*CUPP'99, Kyiv*) (***ZAKHARCHENKO***) is currently pursuing her second MSc Degree at ***the London School of Economics and Political Science as a Chevening Scholar***.

- ◆ **Tina KRYVONOGIKH** (*CUPP'99, Donetsk*) (**RADCHENKO**) Completed her law degree at *Duke University* and is working in *New York*.
- ◆ **Volodymyr OMELIAN** (*CUPP'99, Lviv*) is Third Secretary of the *Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations* in *Vienna, Austria*.
- ◆ **Yaroslava MARUSYK** (*CUPP'99, Kyiv*) Together with husband Anton Kurasov lives in *Guangzhou, China* and teaches English as a Second Language.
- ◆ **Roman ZHOVTULYA** (*CUPP'99, Lutsk*) Co-founded Web Service Center www.WebServiceCenter.net in 2004. Is *CUPP Webmaster* & lives in *Offenburg, Germany*.

CUPP'98 PROGRAM

- ◆ **Vadym BOBROV** (*CUPP'98, Kyiv*) is with *ANZER IT Solutions* and *TNS Smart Network Inc.* in *Toronto*.
- ◆ **Veronica ROMANOVA** (*CUPP'98, Luhansk*) is with *London & Quadrant Housing Trust* in *London UK*.
- ◆ **Antonina TERESHCHENKO** (*CUPP'98, Luhansk*) will receive her PhD Degree from the *University of Cambridge UK* this Spring.

CUPP'97 PROGRAM

- ◆ **Tetyana SKVORTSOVA** (*CUPP'97, Luhansk*) has been awarded a *Fulbright Scholarship* to do research at *Columbia University* in *New York City* 2008 to 2009.
- ◆ **Ivan TSIBULSKY** (*CUPP'97, Lviv*) is with *Proctor & Gamble* in *Geneva, Switzerland*.
- ◆ **Mykhaylo SHAPIRO** (*CUPP'97, Chernivtsi*) is with *Dreznner Bank AG* in *Frankfurt, Germany*.
- ◆ **Oleksandr KRAYNYUKOV** (*CUPP'97, Donetsk*) is with *EXMA* in *Metz, France*.
- ◆ **Nataliya MYLENKO** (*CUPP'97, Zaporizhia*) is consultant at the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* currently stationed in *Johannesburg South Africa*. IFC has 179 member countries, which collectively determine its policies and approve investments. IFC provides loans, equity, structured finance and risk management products, and advisory services to build the private sector in developing countries. Together with the *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development*; the *International Development Association*; the *Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)*; the *International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)* these five institutions together make up the *World Bank Group*. Ukraine joined the IFC in 1993.

CUPP'96 PROGRAM

- ◆ **Roman DIDENKO** (*CUPP'96, Luhansk*) is sector specialist in charge of a portfolio of financial sector development projects around the globe at the *World Bank* in *Washington, DC*.
- ◆ **Victoria HLADILOVA** (*CUPP'96, Lviv*) is with the *World Health Organization* in *Geneva, Switzerland*.

- ◆ Serhiy FILIPOV (*CUPP'96, Chernivtsi*) is Senior Vice President in Proprietary Trading and Special Situations, at *Lehman Brothers, New York, USA*.
- ◆ Yuri RUDIUK (*CUPP'96, Rivne*) is practicing law with the Firm of *Van Bael & Bellis* in *Brussels, Belgium*.

CUPP'95 PROGRAM

- ◆ Oksana KOZLOVSKA (*CUPP'95, Ternopil*) is with Foreign Affairs of Ukraine as *Second Secretary, Head of Euro-Atlantic Division*.
- ◆ Natalka HOSTYLO (*CUPP'95, Rohatyn*) is with *Market Regulation Services Inc. in Toronto*.
- ◆ Dmytro GLADKOV (*CUPP'95, Chernivtsi*) is Executive Director in Debt Capital Markets at *J.P.Morgan, London UK*.
- ◆ Alexandra ZVARYCH (*CUPP'95, Kyiv*) is with *Sun Life Financial in Toronto*.
- ◆ Andriy KHOMENKO (*CUPP'95 & CUPP'97, Kyiv*) is with *AT&T Mobility in Atlanta Georgia*.

CUPP'94 PROGRAM

- ◆ Nazar BOBITSKI (*CUPP'94, Lviv*) is at the *Ukrainian Mission to the European Union in Brussels Belgium*.

CUPP'93 PROGRAM

- ◆ Alexander PIVOVARSKY (*Kyiv; CUPP Scholar Harvard University 1993-1995*) is an economist at International Monetary Fund in *Washington, DC, USA*. After completing the *John F.Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University*, taught at Harvard before taking up the position at the IMF. The IMF is an international organization of 185 member countries. It was established to promote international monetary cooperation, exchange stability, and orderly exchange arrangements; to foster economic growth and high levels of employment; and to provide temporary financial assistance to countries to help ease balance of payments adjustment.

CUPP'92 PROGRAM

- ◆ Taras MALYSHEVSKY (*CUPP'92, Kyiv*) is at the *Embassy of Ukraine in Athens, Greece*.



(L to R): Olena Hyzha of Koleso Publisher, Ukrainian books, Andriy Sawchuk, Slava Tomenko CUPP'04, Ihor Ponomarenko CUPP'06, Andriy Olenyuk CUPP'06, Mykhaylo Zakryzhevskyy CUPP'06.



Yuliya Bura CUPP'06 with MP Joy Smith in Embassy.



Alla Myshalova, Oksana Kleutina, Iryna Mazur, Olha Zhdanova, Oksna Leskiv at Niagara Falls.



Ihor Bardyn and CUPP'ers 2007 - our last picture at the airport.



CUPP'07 in front of the Rideau Hall.



Andriy Olenyuk, Ulyana Kononyanko, Olga Kroytor, Anatoliy Sklyarov, Yaroslav Udovenko, Dmytro Synyak, Diana Gladka, Evhen Shevchenko.



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Clockwise: 1. Head of Registered Cossacks. 2. Ihor Bardyn with Professor Volodymyr Navrotsky at Shevchenko unveiling in Yalta. 3. Ambassadors Reception for CUPP at Canadian Embassy in Kyiv. 4. Ihor Bardyn, Posol Abina Dann, Oleksander Hordienko, Volodymyr Stretovych, Lucia Hicks, Iryna Hordienko, Viktor Shyshkin at Ambassadors Reception in Kyiv. 5. Trio Bayda at Ambassadors Reception for CUPP. 6. T. Shevchenko monument in Yalta.

