

CUPP Participants say it best:

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

"Mr. Speaker, today I wish to thank the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation, the sponsor of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program. Because of the hard work and financial support of this Foundation, seven young students from Ukraine are now in Ottawa participating in the Program. This is the fourth year of the Program, and if the demand for these industrious and personable interns is any indication, this Program will continue for many years.

This Program is one that will ensure a close working relationship with the new Ukraine as it evolves into a strong and viable entity in the global community."

Morris Bodnar, M.P. - June 16, 1994,

"Thank you Canada, Canadians and especially those people who have created and worked on the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, who have opened this great opportunity for me. And I truly believe that some day one of us will be in a position to repay Canada and its people for their understanding and generosity."

**Boris Kormich - CUPP '96,
University of Odesa.
My MP: Clifford Lincoln**

"We are very pleased to see and recognize the efforts by both the Canadian Government and certain non-governmental agencies in extending a hand to the newly formed states in Eastern Europe. Initiatives such as the CUPP are very effective tools in bridging between both worlds and leading toward mutual understanding and caring. We hope that, in the near future, our Ukrainian brothers and sisters will be joined by others from the CIS, including Armenia."

**Ambassador Garnik NaNagoulian,
Embassy of Armenia**

"I am certain that the achievements and lessons learned from participating in CUPP will, for a long time, influence and stay with us. We are all convinced that by learning from the experiences of other countries and making new friends, it is easier to understand oneself and one's own country."

**Dmytro Hladkov - CUPP '95,
Chernivtsi University.
My MP: Preston Manning**

"The Program has given me an opportunity to gain new knowledge, to see the government of a country at work, as well as to meet new and fascinating people, people whom I will not soon forget."

**Yuri Rudjuk - CUPP '96 Alumni,
Lviv University.
My MP: John Loney**

"I've tried to absorb the best of Canada to take back to Ukraine, and if asked what one characteristic about Canadians I will share with students back home, it will be Canadian's quiet patriotism and love of their country."

**Roman Didenko - CUPP '96,
Luhansk Pedagogical Institute.
My MP: The Hon. Lawrence A. MacAulay**

"The experience of working in the Hamilton East By-election, in addition to working on Parliament Hill and observing Canadian society from a bird's eye view, has enabled me to have a greater understanding of Canadian politics, and from my perspective, this is the only way to understand the heartbeat of a country."

**Svitlana Taraban - CUPP '96,
Zaporizhia University.
My MP: John Cummings**

"Ukraine is going to be in good hands if this group of young, energetic and resourceful friends ever choose to go into the political arena in Ukraine."

**Sarmen M. Khosdeghian - June 1996,
Canada-USA Parliamentary Program.
University of Arizona**

"The benefits of CUPP are unquestionable. The experience and knowledge acquired in those several months of my participation in the CUPP program helped me break stereotypes and see new solutions to old problems, as well as to learn much that is new, and to receive practical experience through work. I learned how one needs to work to succeed."

**Alexandra Zvarych - CUPP '95,
Boston University.
My MP: The Hon. Anne McLellan**