CIUS at 20: Looking to the Future

ctober 1996 marked a prestigious anniversary -- 20 years for the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), based at the University of Alberta.

To mark the occasion, CIUS sponsored a conference entitled *Building the Future* '96 in cooperation with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), Alberta Provincial Council. Three hundred scholars, businessmen, educators, legal and medical experts, and community activists came together to discuss Ukrainian studies and Ukrainian language education; Canadian unity and multiculturalism; the religious, political and economic situation in Ukraine; technical assistance projects; energy and business investment opportunities in Ukraine; and Ukrainian culture in Canada.

Among CIUS's major accomplishments is the publication of the five-volume English-language *Encyclopedia of Ukraine*, the largest scholarly project undertaken by Ukrainians in the diaspora. CIUS is currently translating Mykhailo Hrushevky's authoritative ten-volume *History of Ukraine-Rus*' into English. During the past 20 years, it has published more than 100 books and 58 research reports.

The institute organizes conferences, offers many scholarships, fellowships and research grants, and has promoted Ukrainian studies at universities in Canada, Ukraine and elsewhere. Through the Ukrainian Language Education

Centre (ULEC), it publishes Nova, an innovative comprehensive Ukrainian language development series for bilingual schools.

Recently CIUS opened a Kyiv office, and is becoming more active in Ukraine,



Three of CIUS Directors: Dr. Zenon Kohut (top), Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko (top rt), and Dr. Manoly Lupul

publishing, awarding grants to scholars and

assisting institutions in re-establishing Ukrainian studies. CIUS has also embarked upon a \$2.2 million project, funded largely by CIDA, to help

senior policy-makers introduce legislative reform.

The Conference drew prominent speakers from its own ranks - Dr. Zenon Kohut, CIUS

Director; Dr. David Marples, Director of the Stasiuk Program for the Study of Contemporary Ukraine at CIUS and professor of history; Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko, Vice-Rector of the Academy of Public Administration in Ukraine and former CIUS Director; Dr. Bohdan Bociurkiw, adjunct research professor at Carleton University in Ottawa; Dr. Serhii Pokhy, Director of CIUS' Church Studies Program; Dmytro Jacuta, outgoing President of the UCC Alberta Provincial Council; and Dr. Manoly Lupul, former CIUS Director and leading multicultural spokesman in Canada.

Faced with new political realities both in Canada and Ukraine, the challenges ahead are clear. "CIUS will continue to develop and preserve the Ukrainian language and culture, assist in the rebuilding of an independent Ukraine, and represent Ukrainian scholarship to the English-speaking world," said Dr. Kohut. "Its work has never been more critical."

"Towards a New Ukraine 1: Ukraine and the New World Order, 1991-1996"

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"Towards a New Ukraine 1: Ukraine and the New World Order, 1991-1996" is the first conference to be held by the University of Ottawa's Chair of Ukrainian Studies, in cooperation with the Departments of Political Science and Economics and St. Paul University's Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies.

The objective of the conference is to examine a spectrum of issues pertaining to the ongoing process of the transformation of civil society, politics, economics, culture, education, and religion in Ukraine, in the years 1991-1996.

The multidisciplinary approach of the conference mirrors the Chair's mission, which is to become a scholarly-analytical centre focusing on contemporary Ukraine in a wider international context. The Chair's mission is also to foster contacts in numerous fields among scholars, professionals, government and corporate officials. As the Chair's first major scholarly project, the conference signals to the international scholarly community its special focus on contemporary Ukraine, one that it intends to significantly develop.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

Ivan Dziuba, Editor of *Suchasnist*, "The Problematics of Culture in a New Ukraine";

Boris Gudziak, Vice-Rector, Lviv Theological Academy, "Ukrainian Religious Life During the First Five Years of Independence";

Bohdan Hawrylyshyn, Chairman, International Management Institute, Kyiv, "Ukraine, 1991-1996: Changes in the Economic System and Structure";

Ihor Kharchenko, Head, Policy Analysis and Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine, "Foreign Policy Strategy of Ukraine";

Bohdan Krawchenko, Chair, Graduate Studies Council, University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, "The Building of a New Civil Society and Political System in Ukraine, 1991-1996";

Taras Kuzio, Research Fellow, Centre for Russian and East
European Studies, University of Birmingham, "The Domestic
Sources of Ukrainian Security Policy";

Anatoli Zlenko, Ukraine's Minister to the U.N., "The Development of the Foreign Policy of Ukraine, 1991-1996".

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