

### New Interns to Experience Ukraine

As part of Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy's announcement of Canada's Youth International Internship Program to send young Canadians to Europe in 1998, the Canada-Ukraine Internship Program (CUIP) is looking for new interns to Ukraine.

"This project will enhance the public relations, management planning, organizational and co-ordination skills of the interns," said Axworthy. "In return, their work will encourage and develop the cooperation that is vital in building European security." The interns are to be graduates in international relations, political science, strategic studies, history, economics or international business.

CUIP is already working closely with the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce and the Ukrainian Canadian Students Union, and is based in the CUCC office in Toronto. In 1997, CUIP received requests from 24 organizations in Ukraine and successfully placed 9 interns to work with these organizations in Ukraine (see ad below).

One of these interns, Lesya Stangret, interned with the prestigious American law firm Altheimer & Grey in Kyiv. "From a professional perspective, I was in an ideal environment for learning the practice of Ukrain-

ian and international law. The work was demanding but diverse. Coping with Ukrainian legislation is a challenge in itself, and I've learned that peculiarities are enough to keep even experienced lawyers on their toes!" said Lesya.

Lesya said her experiences were more than working in the law office. Every day, it was meeting new people, learning new languages and skills, and going to new places. "Like most Ukrainians living in Canada, I dreamed of going to Ukraine and visit the city where I was born, see the villages where my parents grew up, meet my family for the very first time. I finally did this. I also saw that the spirit we kept alive in Canada was



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*At a recent awards banquet of the Ottawa Ukrainian Professional and Business Association, students from Ukraine presented former Governor-General Ramon Hnatyshyn with a special thank you for his assistance in the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program.*

shared on the other side of the ocean. Despite the economic and cultural differences, I felt completely at home," says Lesya, adding "I can say with certainty, I'll be back."

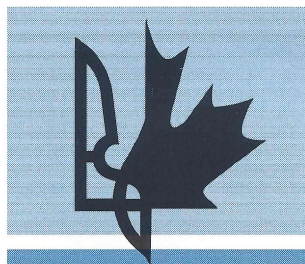
It is anticipated that the CUIP initiative will bring new students such invaluable experiences in their carriers and their lives. ■

### Parliamentary Program Alumni Association

Participants of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program from 1993-1997 met in Kyiv on December 20 to establish an Alumni Association to organize and maintain a network of cooperation among past participants. Director Ihor Bardyn hailed the initiative as a positive extension of the program, which will mark its 10th anniversary in 2000 (see also pages 21-23).

Canadian Amb. Christopher Westdal hosted an Embassy reception and welcomed the formation of CUPPAA, calling it a bridge between Canada and Ukraine that will bring benefits to both countries in the future. A plan of activities was set out and first representatives were chosen.

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## CANADA UKRAINE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Looking for prospective interns and employers Canada Ukraine Internship Program (CUIP), with the financial assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Youth Internship Programme and in partnership with the Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce (CUCC) and the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) had successfully implemented the placement of 9 interns with Canadian Ukrainian, Ukrainian and foreign businesses and non-governmental organizations in Ukraine in 1997. CUIP is currently seeking applications from potential interns and prospective employers to recruit for 20 internships in 1998.

### Young? Unemployed? Willing to travel?

CUIP is looking for recent graduates with degrees in, but not limited to, Business Administration, Marketing, Finance and Accounting, Political Science, Commerce and Law, who are willing to go and work in Ukraine for the period between 6-8 mos. If you are between 19 and 30, unemployed or underemployed, Canadian citizen or legally

permitted to work in Canada, CUIP can provide you with life-enriching experiences as well as opportunities to learn first-hand about business in an international environment. You can gain valuable experience, apply your learning and learn new skills. CUIP will provide interns with airfare to and from Ukraine, monthly living allowance, accommodation, medical insurance and visas.

### Businesses and organizations!

Your organization can utilize a qualified, young, energetic individual, who can carry in fresh ideas and innovative ways of doing business into a rapidly expanding economy of one of the largest countries in Europe - Ukraine - at a little cost to the employer. Interns will have costs such as travel, medical insurance, language training and an allowance provided for by CUIP.

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