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Military Training Assistance Program (MTAP)

MTAP is a Canadian Department of National Defence initiative designed to assist countries of Central and Eastern Europe with their ongoing political and economic reforms. In 1997, the Program committed \$9.4 mln. from the defence budget to a variety of reform efforts.

Ukraine has been participating in MTAP since 1993, when a single officer came to Canada. It was an expansion of the language training program a couple of years later which really opened the doors for Ukraine. Since then, approximately 175 members of the Ukrainian military have come to Canada to attend various seminars and training courses. There is a spectrum of training programs ranging from Defense Resource Management and Civil Emergency Preparedness to a U.N. Logistics Course. In addition, the "Canada-Ukraine Seminar" was developed in 1996 specifically for Ukraine and alternates in venue from Kingston to Kyiv every year (see Monitor Vol5/#3).

Nevertheless, most Ukrainians come for either the English or French language training seminars. These courses range in duration from 9 weeks to 6 months and take place at either Camp Borden in Ontario (English) or l'Ecole de Langues des Forces canadiens in St. Jean, Quebec (French).

An increase in participation by Ukrainians is expected for 1998: since January, 10 officers have been stationed at Camp Borden for a six month session; 3 officers are attending a five week Democratic Military Relations Program in Ottawa from January to March; and Lt. Col. Valeriy Bondarenko in participating in a one year Staff School program at the Canadian Forces Military College in Toronto.



Top photo - Graduation mess dinner in Dec. 1997. Lt. Col. Rousseau holds sculpture of Ukrainian eagle presented to the Ecole de Langues des Forces canadiens, St-Jean, Quebec, by Col. Chernenco. L-r: Warrant Officer Normand Boule, Course coordinator; Mme. Lyne Lacerte, instructor; Col. Chernenco, Ukrainian Army, senior delegation officer; Lt. Col. Guy Rousseau, ELFC Commandant; Mme. Christel Permegeat, instructor; Lt. (Navy) Patrick Cameron, Course coordinator.

Bottom photo - l-r: Major Goubenko, Major Sadovnik, both Ukrainian Army; Lt. (Navy) Cameron; Capt. Brisebois, ELFC Administration Officer.