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### **April 26<sup>th</sup> UGG-NCR Webinar**

*"V.J. Kaye-Kysilewskyj and the First Wave of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada, 1891-1920" by Myron Momryk*

Myron Momryk began his presentation with a short biography of Dr. Vladimir J. Kaye also known as Volodymyr Kysilewsky. He was born in 1895 in Kolomyia in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, now in Ukraine. He led an interesting life in Ukraine during the First World War, in England and in Canada.



*April speaker: Myron Momryk*

The focus of this presentation was Dr. Kaye's contributions to Ukrainian Canadian genealogy, that is, his research and writing of four books on the first wave of Ukrainian immigration to Canada, 1891-1920. During his work in the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in

Ottawa, he made several trips to western Canada during the Second World War until he retired in 1962. On these trips, he met with the first settlers to Canada and decided to document their experiences and stories as part of the first wave of Ukrainian immigration.

He began his research at the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) in Ottawa and became interested in the role of Dr. Josef Oleskow in promoting Ukrainian immigration to Canada. Based on his research, Dr. Kaye published in 1964 the book, *Early Ukrainian Settlements in Canada 1895-1900, Dr. Josef Oleskow's Role in the Settlement of the Canadian Northwest*.

He continued his research and published in 1975 the book, *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography, Pioneer Settlers of Manitoba 1891-1900*. Dr. Kaye also began to compile historical information on Ukrainian pioneers in Alberta but Dr. Kaye passed away in 1976. His research and writing was continued by the Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta and the book, *Dictionary of Ukrainian Biography, Pioneer Settlers of Alberta 1891-1900* was published in 1984.

Dr. Kaye began to research historical information on Ukrainian pioneers in Saskatchewan in 1965 but the draft manuscript remained unpublished in the Dr. V.J. Kaye fonds at the LAC. The book, *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography, Pioneer Settlers of Saskatchewan-Assiniboia 1892-1904* was finally published by the East European Genealogical Society in Winnipeg in 2018.

These publications are a valuable source of information on the first wave of Ukrainian immigration to Canada and a necessary starting point for researchers who have ancestors that arrived in Canada at that time. These publications include information on the problems on researching Ukrainian names, on individual settlers, their families, places of origin in Ukraine and places of settlement in Canada. In some cases, data on several generations in Canada is also included.

### **Classical Music for Ukraine (Sat June 18)**

When: Saturday June 18 (7:30pm to 9:30pm)  
Where: Bells Corners United Church (3955 Old Richmond Road, Ottawa)

Join us for this benefit recital to raise funds for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation. It will feature classical music for violin and piano with special guests performing traditional Ukrainian music.

Program will be updated as details are finalized but will include:

Bach - Double Violin Concerto in D minor  
Gounod - Ave Maria

List of Performers:

Ileana Buzuloiu (piano)  
Carolyn Ho (violin)  
Daniela Turcanu (violin)  
+more to come

There will be a short intermission where light refreshments will be available thanks to our sponsors:

Metro - Stafford  
Loblaws - Kanata  
Lakomka Deli  
Duke Deli  
Starbucks

Admission is free and donations will be accepted at the door or can be made directly to <https://www.cufoundation.ca>.

### **Maidan Market by UCC Ottawa**

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Ottawa Branch, announces the opening of the Maidan Market; a community hub to connect newcomers with support services in National Capital Region and a place to gather, share and connect.

Located at the Westgate Shopping Centre, 1309 Carling Ave; the location will currently offer the following free support services to newcomers and host families: Clothing/Apparel, Hygiene Supplies (for example, soap, diapers, etc.), Non-Perishable Foods, Basic Medical Supplies.

The Maidan Market will be pleased to meet with newcomers on the following dates and times:

Monday - 9:30am-6pm,  
Thursday - 9:30am-9pm,  
Saturday - 9:30am-6pm.

At this time, we are NOT accepting additional physical donations

For more information and hours, <https://www.maidanmarket.ca/>

### **UCC Triennial Congress (Oct 28-30, 2022)**

May 19, 2022. OTTAWA. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is pleased to announce the opening of registration for delegates and guests to the XXVII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians, taking place October 28-30, 2022 in Winnipeg. The Early Bird deadline is July 31.

For more information about the Congress and how to register, click [here](#).