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January Meeting

The topic of the January meeting was “The 2010 Presidential Elections in Ukraine” by Prof. Dominique Arel, Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa.

Prof. Arel presented an analysis of the present and past political situations in Ukraine, the general voting trends and the political backgrounds of the main candidates, Viktor Yanukovych and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. Since this meeting, the successful candidate for the position of President in the run-off election is Viktor Yanukovych.

Prof. Arel spoke about the hopes raised by the Orange Revolution in 2004 which, in the opinion of many voters, were not realized by President Viktor Yushchenko and this has contributed to the present results. Prof. Arel explained that, according to the first vote, the country is divided into two parts, western Ukraine which largely supported Yulia Tymoshenko and eastern Ukraine which supported Viktor Yanukovych. This division may be explained in terms of Ukrainian history, language, customs and traditions. According to Prof. Arel, this division can be considered in positive terms because it ensures that some form of

democracy will have to exist. Whoever is President and receives his/her support from one part of the country will have to solicit support from the other end and make political compromises which is a fundamental aspect of democratic government.

The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Ivan Franko Memorial Lecture

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa in coordination with the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (Ottawa) have invited Prof. Lubomyr Luciuk to speak on “Righting An Historical Injustice: Canada’s First National Internment Operations”.

Prof. Luciuk is a Professor of Political Geography at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in The Lounge, New Residence, 90 University Private at the University of Ottawa. The lecture will be in English and there is free admission. Those who are interested in attending are asked to register with the Chair of Ukrainian Studies, (613) 562-5800 ext.3692, chairukr@gmail.com

Gene-O-Rama

The Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society in partnership with the Library and Archives Canada will present the 27th Gene-O-Rama on March 26-27, 2010. The topic for this conference is "Researching Female Ancestors". The conference will be held at the Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. For further information: www.ogsottawa.on.ca/

Beginning Genealogy

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) and the Ottawa Branch - Ontario Genealogical Society is presenting a short course entitled, "Beginning Genealogy - The First Steps." Syllabus: Seven Golden Rules, Census Records, Civil Registration and Local Resources.

This course will be held on March 20, 2010 at the Library and Archives Canada from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.
Registration: BIFHSGO/OGS members \$20.00 - Non-members \$25.00

The Registration Form can be located at: http://www.bifhsgo.ca/pdf/BEGINNING_GENEALOGY_webform_2010.pdf

You can also leave a message at their voice mail at (613) 234-2520.

Ancestors in the Attic

There is another opportunity to view the program, "Spirit Lake" dealing with Jerry Bayrak in his search for information regarding the internment of his grandparents at the Spirit Lake Internment Camp during the First World War. This episode can be seen on the History Channel on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m.

Soviet POW Database

The following website contains of Database of Soviet prisoners-of-war including many Ukrainians. Please note that this website is only available in German and Russian.

<http://www.dokst.de/main/node/1117?suchwort=A>

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Submitted by Ted Lomatski

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