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January Meeting

Reports on Trips to Ukraine and Poland by Mike Dowhan and Frank Cedar

Mike Dowhan and Frank Cedar gave very informative reports on their recent trips to Ukraine and Poland. Mike emphasized the benefits of travel planning before leaving home. He suggested that travelers to Ukraine should check various alternative options regarding hotels, air travel, trains and also the use of rental cars. The problem with rental cars in Ukraine is the state of the roads while renting cars in Poland is not a problem. Travel later in the Fall may be more economical but the days are shorter which limits sightseeing. Mike suggested that information regarding travel to Ukraine may be obtained from travel agencies that specialize in trips to Ukraine such as Bloor Travel in Toronto.

Frank Cedar is an experienced traveler and researcher who has made several research trips to Ukraine and Poland. On this trip, he traveled in January and spent three weeks in Poland and Ukraine. He visited with relatives and celebrated the traditional Ukrainian Christmas. He had the opportunity to examine and identify family photos. His trip to Poland was particularly successful and he visited various archives and examined documents which were formerly restricted. He also visited villages in Poland and renewed acquaintances with parish priests and officials. During his presentation, Frank showed copies of documents with information relevant to his family history.

Both presentations were well prepared and instructive. The presentations were followed by a questions period.

Ivan Franko Memorial Lecture

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies has announced that the speaker at the 25th Annual Ivan Franko Memorial Lecture will be Dr. Charles King, Professor of International Affairs and Government at Georgetown University. His lecture will be based on his new book: *Odessa: Genius and Death in a City of Dreams*.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:30 PM, in the Lounge, The New Residence, 90 University Private, University of Ottawa Campus.

Those coming by car should use the parking located under Desmarais Hall (55 Laurier Avenue East) or the underground parking under the Brooks Residence (access via King Edward Avenue), since the parking located next to the conference room is for University of Ottawa employees only.

The event is free, but please register in advance at chairukr@gmail.com since seating is limited.

Ukrainian Radio Program

A reminder to our members to listen to the Ukrainian Radio Program hosted by Irena Bell every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on CHIN 97.9 FM. The program features Ukrainian songs and music, interviews and community announcements in a bilingual format..

March Meeting

The topic for the presentation on March 22 will be Ukrainian workers in Germany during the Second World War. The presenter will be Stephan Telka who wrote his MA thesis on this subject at Carleton University.