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Feb 28 2017 Meeting

Introduction to DNA

We were particularly fortunate to have Christine Downs give an introductory presentation on DNA at the February meeting. The study of DNA as an aid to family history research among genealogical groups is a relatively new source of information that sometimes can provide clues to ancestry dating back to pre-historic times. This is especially relevant to researchers who have no other information on their family origins.



Christine Downs – presenter at our Feb 2017 meeting

Christine began her presentation with an explanation of the sources of DNA and how it is inherited from a father and mother (X and Y chromosome analysis). DNA is a very useful tool in researching ancestry because it is 99% accurate with 1% difference or variation. She explained how the DNA is identified and analyzed for investigation purposes. A profile is established and the goal is the interpretation of the profile. Christine gave one example of a connection between a father and his daughters. She also answered questions dealing with various DNA

packages that are advertised on television. Some packages provide only a ‘pie-chart’ of origins while other packages provide detailed ancestry information. She cautioned that researchers should investigate these packages with some thoroughness and read the privacy rules because this information can be used by insurance companies to conduct their business.

Since this was an introductory presentation, researchers who wish to obtain more detailed information can consult the following publications:

- Colleen Fitzpatrick and Andrew Yeiser, *DNA and Genealogy*, Rice Book Press, Fountain Valley, CA, 2005.
- David R Dowell, *Nextgen genealogy: the DNA connection*, Libraries Unlimited, Santa Barbara, California, 2015.
- George G. Morgan, *Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques*, Bacobooks, Los Angeles, USA, 2017.

Members who locate information on DNA studies relating to Ukraine are encouraged to share this information with the Ukrainian Genealogy Group.

Ukrainian Canadian Online Survey

PhD student Brent Bezo asks for Ukrainian Canadians whose parents/ancestors immigrated to Canada before or after the Holodomor to complete an online survey for his Ukrainian Canadian research.

See the following link for more information:
https://carletonpsych.col.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_07ywYr1jtshk1CZ

New Book (from Amazon.ca)

When Eternities Met: A true story of terror, mutiny, loss, and love in a disremembered Second World War (Paperback – Jan 5 2017) by Matt Rohde (Author)

"When Eternities Met" is the true story of the wartime odyssey of five young lives, two boys and a girl coming of age in a small town in the American Midwest and another teenage boy and girl mired in the 'bloodlands' of Central Europe. Their vantage point illuminates a Second World War not found in the great histories, a war of ambiguity and ambivalence.

A ground-level spotlight is cast on the war's lesser-known, including a mutiny by Ukrainian Waffen-SS troops in France who then join the local resistance while attracting the attention of the OSS, the SOE, and the NKVD. A wartime chronicle with a particular twenty-first century resonance, *When Eternities Met* is drawn from numerous interviews, hundreds of letters and other personal documents, and archival research in France, Germany, London, and Washington.

The main text of the nonfiction tale is buttressed by an additional hundred pages that include almost eight hundred endnotes documenting the sources used, while also providing additional tidbits of information and musings on the war, war historians, and some of the surprising connections to issues faced in our current disjointed age.

Next Meeting:

April 28, Tuesday 7:30 pm.

We have just confirmed that our April meeting will feature the launch of the new book *Konowal A Canadian Hero* by Lubomyr Luciuk and Ron Sorobey. This event is being co-sponsored by the UGG-NCR and the Ottawa branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (UCPBA).

The meeting will also include a short presentation by the authors on the life of Filip Konowal. Look for more information about this event in our future UGG emails and posters.

Community Events

April 2, Sunday; 12 – 2:30 pm

The Ukrainian Women's Association annual Easter Bazaar at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Byron Avenue. Pysanka decorating supplies and books available. Ukrainian luncheon available, and you will be able to stock up on varenyky, borshch, holubtsi, local raw honey, Ukrainian handicrafts, and home-baked goodies including lemon poppyseeds cake and breads. Admission is free. Parking on Byron Ave and the church parking lot. Info: Lisa Malarek 613- 830-1472

April 4, Tuesday; 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Members of the Ukrainian community are invited to the presentation of the Ivan Franko International Prize, at the University of Ottawa, Tabaret Building (550 Cumberland), room 0019 (Former Chapel). The event will be in English/Ukrainian. Among members of the delegation is Mr. Roland Franko, grandson of Ivan Franko. The Organizing Committee includes the Ivan Franko International Fund, The Literary and Artistic Association of Canada, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Toronto Branch, Embassy of Ukraine in Canada, Ukrainian Students Club - University of Ottawa, Ukrainian National Federation – Ottawa Branch www.frankoprize.com.ua ..

April 8, Saturday, 11 – 3 pm.

Ukrainian Catholic Women's League Easter Bazaar at the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, 952 Green Valley Crescent. For sale: Easter foods, varenyky, pysanky, pysanka-making supplies, cards and gifts. Borshch, coffee, tea and sweets will be served. Contact: ucwlcottawa@gmail.com.