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Next Meeting

As in previous years, there will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2008. Fr. Peter Galadza has agreed to give a presentation on Death and Dying in the Ukrainian Tradition. Suggestions for future speakers and topics are always welcome. Contributions to the Newsletter are also appreciated

October Meeting

Prof. Roman Wysocki gave a detailed presentation entitled, *The Political Landscape of Ukrainian Galicia in the Period 1929-1939*.

He based his presentation on a number of topics: Political life including Ukrainian political parties and Members of the Polish Parliament; Development of the Ukrainian economy in Galicia with references to landholdings and the cooperative movement; Cultural and youth organizations such as Prosvita, Sokil, Luh, Plast; the School situation with the large increase of bilingual Polish-Ukrainian Schools, Ridna Shkola, private schools and Universities; and Ukrainian national awareness in Galicia and Volhynia.

These topics were discussed against the background of the economic depression of the 1930's, the lack of agricultural reforms; the parliamentary/political crisis and the political dictatorship in Poland. National awareness among Ukrainians in Galicia and especially in Volhynia varied and in some parts of Volhynia they preferred to call themselves 'Tutaishi' that is, 'locals' in the Polish government census.

He mentioned that the private business sector among Ukrainians was practically non-existent if the Ukrainian cooperatives were excluded. The landholdings were growing smaller and the industrial sector was too small to absorb the growing population. As a result, there was a strong emigration movement to Canada, the United States and Argentina. There was a rise in Ukrainian nationalist political activity which became more militant and radical towards the late 1930's. Some of these developments were reflected in the politics of Ukrainian organizations in Canada.

We hope that Prof. Wysocki's research and writing on Galicia will eventually be available in English for those who trace their roots to western Ukraine.

Public Lecture

Feeding the Dead: Ukrainian Myth and Memory on the Canadian Prairies by S. Holyck Hunchuck.

This lecture and slide presentation will be held in the auditorium at Saint Paul University, 7:30 p.m. on January 24, 2008. Free admission.

On-line Access to Archive from Nazi-era on Nazi Victims

According to recent newspaper reports from Berlin, Germany, in a move meant to speed up an often-slow process, a large archive of Nazi-era documents started accepting online requests for information from victims of Nazi crimes and people tracing relatives.

The archive, based Bad Arolsen, Germany, should make it easier for people to get information from the 50 million files of the International Tracing Service. The site, www.its-arolsen.org, will not, however, allow victims or researchers direct access to the files over the Internet.

Until now, people hoping for data from the files had to submit a written request either directly, or through their local Red Cross chapter. The International Committee of the Red Cross administers the International Tracing Service.

Researchers can contact the following for further information:

<http://www.its-arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html>

Ukrainian Events Calendar

To receive the Events Calendar each month by e-mail, send your e-mail address to Irena Bell at ib@magma.ca.

Book Review

submitted by Alexandra Opar

Anne Applebaum, *Between East and West: Across the Borderlands of Europe*, (New York: Pantheon Books, 1994). OPL 914.7A648

"Between East and West" by Anne Applebaum, an American news correspondent, is the result of her journey along Europe's forgotten edge - its eastern edge. The lands she explored stretch east of Poland and west of Russia, from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea - Kaliningrad, Belarus, Lithuania, Moldavia, Bessarabia and Western Ukraine (Lviv, Drohobych, Odessa, Kamianets Podilskyj, Bukovyna, Zakarpattia).

The author refers to these lands as Europe's borderlands. seeing these vast regions as a single land mass inhabited by a number of populations each with a vital history and its own traditions, historically in conflict with each other and with intermittent waves of invaders.

Anne Applebaum's journey is both into the past of these borderlands and the then present as she reports on the new burgeoning post-Soviet nations forming at the time. The book is well-written, the travelogues vivid and the historical assessments penetrating and often insightful, if however somewhat biased even though the realities of these borderlands have always been and remain to this day complicated and ambiguous.

Victims of Political Terror in the USSR – Zhertvy politicheskogo terrora v SSSR

This site is a list of victims of political terror in the Soviet Union. However it is in Russian so it is necessary to know the

spelling of the names in Russian. But the site is searchable according to alphabet and contains names of many Ukrainians from western Ukraine. The list is not complete and names of some Ukrainians who perished in the Gulags are missing.

<http://lists.memo.ru/index1.htm>

Community Events

December 2, 2007; Sunday; 12-2:30 pm.
Christmas Bazaar at the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Crescent

December 2, 2007; Sunday; 11:30 am- 3:00 pm
Christmas Bazaar at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 1000 Byron Avenue.

Ukrainian & Genealogy Programs

Several TV and radio programs with Ukrainian and/or genealogy themes are available in the Ottawa area:

- CHIN Radio 97.9 FM – *Ukrainian Hour* Friday 10:00 pm-11:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- Rogers Community Channel (Rogers channel 22). *Ukrainian Profile*. First Sunday of the month from 9:30 am to 10 am. Repeated the following Saturday also from 9:30 am to 10 am.
- Omni 1 (Rogers cable 16). *Kontakt*. Saturdays from 1 pm to 2 pm
- Omni 1 (Rogers cable 16). Saturdays 8 pm to 9 pm (*Svitohliad* and *Objectyv*). Repeated on Monday from 7am to 8am.

- CBC (Rogers cable 8) – *Who do you think you are*. Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- History Channel (Rogers cable 55) – *Ancestors in the Attic*. Saturdays from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
- Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (Rogers cable 70) - *Mixed Blessing* Tuesdays 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm.