



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **October 24 2017 Meeting**

#### *Ukrainian DNA*

The topic, *Ukrainian DNA*, continues to be a popular subject among our members and we had another large turnout for this meeting. For our February, 2017 meeting we had invited Christine Downs to provide a basic introduction to DNA research. For this meeting, we invited a panel of four presenters and each gave a summary of their research interests, their DNA test results and plans for further research.



*Ukrainian DNA Panel Discussion – October 2017*

Mike Dowhan, who received the latest results from his DNA test, described the procedure for submitting his DNA sample which was analyzed in Ireland. His results were described in percentages and confirmed the information based on his own research regarding his family tree to date. The results also provided information on other individuals with close similarities to his DNA results and among them was Gary Filmon, former Premier of Manitoba.

Richard Mischook took the DNA test to confirm some of the information about the family origins on his father's side. Previous information that his grandfather was of Ukrainian origin and his grandmother was of Jewish origin was confirmed by the test results.

Irena Bell was interested in the origins of her family name which suggested that the ancestor was a 'newcomer or stranger.' Her DNA test results suggested origins in the Balkans. Irena speculated that this individual was possibly someone who escaped compulsory recruitment into the Turkish military and made his way to Halychyna.

Brian Bullock discovered as a teenager that he was adopted and this revelation led to his life-long search for his birth parents. After several years of research and making contacts, he was able to identify his birth family. But during these early years, he had interesting encounters with individuals who later turned out to be relatives. His DNA results confirmed the results of his own research. All presenters stated that they were satisfied with the results of their DNA tests and encouraged members to also take this test. This panel discussion was followed by a question and answer period.

If there are other members that plan to take the DNA test, it may be possible to arrange another meeting on the subject of Ukrainian DNA in the new year.

## Ukrainian Canadian Film Festival

This Festival presents four documentaries on human rights; Friday, December 8 and Monday, December 11, 2017 at the University of Ottawa;

Free admission and donations are welcome.

Details at:

<http://kino-fest.ca>

<https://www.facebook.com/ukiefilms>

<https://twitter.com/UCFF2017>

RSVP: [ukiefilms@gmail.com](mailto:ukiefilms@gmail.com) or 613-276-2105 before December 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

## Census Canada Study 2016

*Ukrainian Ethnic Population (2016 Census) and Mother Tongue Population (2016 Census) in Canada by Bohdan Leshchyshen, MBA, CFA November 2017.*

2016 National Household Survey Rate Tables. Ethnic Ukrainians ranked by highest growth per municipality

Census Metropolitan area – Ottawa; Ukrainian Ethnic

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Growth</i>
2006	21,580	
2011	22,155	3.0%
2016	28,150	27.1%

## Community Events

*December 2, Sat. 11:00 am to 2:30 pm*

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League will hold their **Christmas Bazaar** at the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Crescent, on Saturday, December 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Traditional food will be available for eat-in and take-out. Bake table, light lunch, varenyky, cabbage rolls, rohalyky, kovbasa, honey, Christmas cards, decorations, embroidery, candles, ceramics, traditional crafts, Baba's Attic and more.

For additional information, contact [ucwlcottawa@gmail.com](mailto:ucwlcottawa@gmail.com)

*December 3, Sunday 4:15 pm to 6:15 pm*

The Ottawa School of Ukrainian Dance launches its new adult workshop series entitled "Podorozh! Journey with OSUD!".

Workshop #1 - Prepare for the Next Zabava by learning and improving your polka and waltz moves, Ukrainian-style. Led by professional ballroom dancer/instructor Alexander Pauk and professional music educator Larisa Lysenko. Light refreshments served. No experience needed - all are welcome!

Location: The School of Dance, 200 Crichton Street  
\$10/person  
To register or for more info: [svitanok.ottawa@gmail.com](mailto:svitanok.ottawa@gmail.com)

*December 10, Sunday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.*

12th Annual "Koliady and Pyrohy" dinner and Ukrainian caroling concert. Ukrainian Orthodox hall, 1000 Byron Avenue.