



will have to meet an acceptable standard."

"The process of learning is non-stop," says Mr. Lochaninov. "And, there is never enough time for it. But we will continue to learn from the books we will take home with us."

IPAC was selected to administer the public administration component of the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program.

"When the Soviet Union collapsed, the government of Canada felt it was very important for Canada to play a major role in assisting Ukraine with its transition into a democratic state with a free-market economy," explains Mr. Melnichuk. "Canada has a large Ukrainian population, and we must remember the contribution Ukrainian immigrant farmers made in developing the Canadian west. So, in a way, our involvement now is an opportunity to say thank you for what they did for us all those years ago - a nationalistic way of giving back.

"But more important, it was felt that Canada could help ensure peace and security in the region as Ukraine works through its transition into a democratic society with a free market economy."

Down the road, the investment will pay off, predicts Gerald Fedchun, president of ITT Canada Limited, member of Humber's Canada-Ukraine Advisory Board, and newly-elected President of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce.

"We have found from experience when educational and training ties are established, business will follow. This is what happened 20 years ago with China, and in a few years, when Ukraine wants goods and services, they will turn to us because they know us.

"There are tremendous network building capabilities here and training programs are the perfect way to develop them."

The engineers' working visit to Canada allowed time for shopping and Mr. Valentinovich made the most of it.

After careful comparisons, he made his choice and bought a bicycle. "It was the best quality at the best price," he said. Now there's a man who understands perfectly how a free market economy works.



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## Environmental Impact Assessment in Ukrainian Agriculture

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Recently, an Environmental Specialist on leave from Agriculture and Agri-food Canada (AAFC), Mr. Jim Dyer, brought a sample of western style environmental management to Ukraine. This mission was carried out at the State Academy of Agriculture and Ecology of Ukraine in Zhytomyr from June 15 to July 12, 1995, under the support of the Canada Ukraine Partners Program (CUPP).

The goal of the mission to Ukraine was to introduce environmental impact assessment to Ukrainian agriculture as a form of environmental management and protection. The principle means of achieving this goal was to develop a user-friendly Environmental Impact Assessment Handbook with the essential features of the impact assessment process described in an easy-to-use manner. Development of the handbook was done in cooperation with the Environmental Economics and Eco-sociology Department of the Academy.

The principles from the handbook were also taught in a six-hour course at the Academy as part of the mission. The course was developed at the Academy and presented to eight fourth year

students of the Economics and Agri-business Faculty on June 28, 29 and 30, 1995. It drew on practical applications of environmental impact assessment based on the Canadian experience, but Ukrainian situations were used to develop case studies. Lessons learned from teaching the course to Ukrainian agricultural students were then incorporated into the Handbook.

As part of the Academy's new emphasis on ecology, the Environmental Economics and Eco-sociology Department must train agri-environmental specialists and familiarize other students with ecological issues. The ecological management abilities of students will be improved through a new environmental management course. Environmental impact assessment as described by the handbook will be part of that course. With the strong involvement of this department, continuity of the mission goals are assured. Eventually, the environmental impact assessment process could be offered to government staff, to students at other institutions in Ukraine and to other project managers outside the academic community.

### AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN UKRAINE

An awareness is growing throughout Ukraine that the land which sustains a people has a need from that population to receive care and protection in return. This environmental ethic is enshrined internationally as the principle of