



# Canadian Embassy Key Player in the International Trade Club in Ukraine

It is well-known that Ukraine at the present time does not have the necessary experience in relations with foreign diplomats. The necessary information base and permanent contact of the diplomats with government representatives is not established in a needed way. In order to establish decent conditions for the activity of diplomatic representatives, 1992, with the support of the Ministry of external Economic Relations, as well as economic advisors and attaches of several foreign embassies, the International Trade Club was formed. The main goal of the Club was to establish the free of its members with the Ukrainian government and business representatives in order to extend a mutually profitable international economic relations. The Club is registered with the Ministry of Justice and has its own bank account.

The members of the Club are the representatives of 47 foreign countries and international organizations, the representatives of the Ministry of External Economic Relations of Ukraine, of the Ministry of Finances of Ukraine, and representatives of many kinds of

industrial as well as stock-holders' organizations.

According to the Club regulations, there can be three kinds of membership. The actual members are the representatives and attaches of the foreign countries. They have the right to make decisions. Every country has one delegate who has this right. All other representatives of embassies, Ministry of External Economic Relations of Ukraine, and the Ministry of Finances of Ukraine have the status of a member-correspondent with the right to counsel. They don't have the right to make decisions. The representatives of the business organizations can have the status of member-observer.

The work of the Club is coordinated by a committee of seven people elected for two years. The President of the Club is Ann Boti, counsellor of the Swiss Confederation. The Vice-Presidents are Michael Uemblo - Trade Attache of the Polish Republic, and Denis Goresky, Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy in Ukraine. The Secretary-in-Chief is Mr. Boliansky, Deputy Chief of Ukraine's Ministry of External Economic Relations. Other members of the Committee

include: Philip Pegorie, Counsellor of the French Embassy, George Segua, Counsellor of the Georgian Embassy, and Mr. Goncharuk, Deputy Minister of Ukraine's Ministry of External Economic Relations.

The activity of the Club is financed with the money from members' fees.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

In the last two and a half years the meetings of the Club were visited by numerous government representatives: Mr. Hertz, Minister of External Economic Relations; Mr. Terekin, Deputy Minister of Economics; Mr. Yegurov, Deputy Director of National Customs; Mr. Lanovoy, the Chief of the National Committee of economic Research; etc. Economic Counsellors and attaches visited the Arsenal enterprise, the Institute of Technological Research named after Antonov, Kyiv's Institute of Super-Solid Materials, and were welcomed by Mr. Paton in Kyiv's Institute of Electro-Welding. Having visited these enterprises, they had a chance to learn about contemporary technologies and also offered different



*Members of the International Trade Club meeting in Lviv as part of a series of regional familiarization meetings.*