



## Democracy through Education

# THE INTERNET: A WINDOW TO DEMOCRACY

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On February 14, 1997, the Chernivtsi State University opened a (brand) new INTERNET Centre enabling access to the wide world of international information. This event is of great importance and represents one of the many achievements of the Ukrainian-Canadian collaboration, in existence since July 1977, when the former Rector of Chernivtsi State University, Oleksander Chervinskiy, and the President of the University of Saskatchewan, Robert William Bagg, signed a cooperation agreement.

On this occasion, thanks to the financial support of the Canadian Embassy in Ukraine and the assistance of Counsellor Emil Baran and the Canadian Fund for Cooperation (specifically Kati Csaba and Volodymyr Seniuk) Chernivtsi has been given the ability to communicate not only with Saskatoon but with the whole world.

A powerful server has been installed at the faculty of mathematics, and a local network has been created which has linked three computer classes, the computer laboratory and the Dean's office to the INTERNET.

Active support by the Mayor of Chernivtsi Mykola Fedoruk, the Regional Executive Committee, the Rector of the Chernivtsi State University, Prof. S. Kostyshyn, and Vice-Rectors Dr. V. Vashchenko and Dr. M. Tkach helped to connect the central buildings of Chernivtsi State University (the Rector's office and the faculty of foreign languages). Scientists and students at the university, can now easily use any informational centre or library in the world.

The idea for the creation of the INTERNET Centre belongs to a popular Chernivtsi youth organization called the "Bukovinian Youth Block" (president Taras Kost). The organization brought to life its project "To democracy through education: The INTERNET as a window to the world of democracy".

For the first time in the course of twenty years of cooperation between Ukraine and Canada distances have been shortened



Opening of the INTERNET Centre in Chernivtsi.  
R-l: Valeriy Mykhailenko, Head of the English Language Faculty; Volodymyr Seniuk, Cdn. Embassy; Stefan Kostyshyn, Rector of Chernivtsi State University; and Chernivtsi Mayor Mykola Fedoruk.

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