



Program Update

Giving Ukraine Friendly Assistance: Canada-Ukraine Partners Program (CUPP)

The Canadian Government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, has established a technical cooperation program with Ukraine. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) manages the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program which consists of four components: Partners for Civil Society, Partners in Agri-Food, Partners in Public Management, and Partners in Health. In this issue of the Monitor, in addition to the CUPP program directions, each of these four sectors focuses on one or two of their most interesting recent projects.

SUCCESSES AND PRIORITIES

If December and January saw intensive planning in practical projects of technical assistance to Ukraine in four key sectors of the Canada Ukraine Partners Program (CUPP), - namely, public administration, civil society, health and agri-food, - with the coming of spring the tempo of their implementation increased.

Most of the projects are our response to requests submitted by various Ukrainian governmental, scientific or educational institutions, seeking Canadian experts with adequate professional and practical experience in their fields to assist them with a multitude of tasks. They include, in

particular, university lecture and seminar series in a variety of disciplines, curriculum and methodology development in Ukrainian public school system, transfer of modern management techniques or application of the latest computer technology. In cases when project proposals were submitted by individuals or institutions from Canada, they had to receive pre-approval and full support from respective institutions in Ukraine.

Until now CUPP's priorities included reaching agreements on parameters to each project and identifying tasks for Canadian experts in Ukraine and Ukrainian specialists invited to train in Canada. Such agreements have already been reached with many governmental and public institutions in Ukraine. By May 1995, 96 Canadian experts (41 women and 55 men) had either already

worked in Ukraine, or were planning for an upcoming assignment.

A possibility for creating a base for future long-term partnership relations between Ukrainian and Canadian institutions is always considered in agreement negotiations. This is an important criterion in evaluating individual proposals and for the future evaluation of the success of the whole program. To better illustrate the variety and merits of the projects that receive full support from CUPP, below is a description of a few interesting ventures from each sector.

One of the most prominent partner organizations within CUPP in the area of science and education was the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy University (UKMA), re-opened in 1991 as a self-governing institution with the first student enrollment in 1992. Assistance for UKMA is directed into a number of areas. Most importantly, it includes support for proposals of Canadian professors to hold courses and seminars in various disciplines at social studies faculties (economics, sociology, and public administration) and arts departments (philosophy and literature). This year a series of one to three month projects of this kind will be implemented at UKMA.

Another area involves continuation of last year's project of connecting UKMA to the world communication network INTERNET and E-mail, training of students and teaching personnel to use it and developing programs to establish permanent computer connections with scientific and educational institutions across the globe. The importance of this project for the Academy, its graduates and, in a wider sense, for the development of science in Ukraine is self-evident and does not require additional explanations.

In addition, UKMA is being given assistance to establish an employment



The Kyiv-Mohyla Academy University (UKMA) has hosted a large number of CUPP projects over the past year.