

## UMANA Snapshot

Active membership has rebounded from the economic downturn experienced nationally in 2008. For the second year in a row it has remained stable near the 485 mark. Dues payments for 2013 confirm this trend.

**GAINS:** Since the revamping of our website, we have experienced solid growth in new applicants in various categories. Primarily, these applicants are younger individuals, students, residents, and colleagues just starting their practices. Over 40 new members have applied so far since the last Assembly in June 2011.

**LOSSES:** There has been a slight increase in demographic losses, and we have seen a number of colleagues leaving the organization due to advancing age and infirmity. We have also noted a slight trend in members just stopping to pay dues, with no clear-cut reasons given.

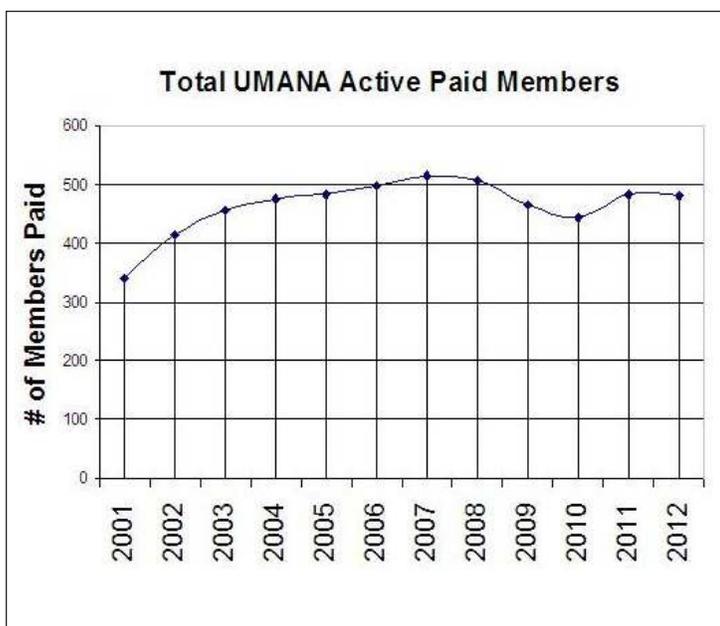
**ADDRESS ISSUES:** We continue to be confounded by multiple changes of addresses that occur between geographic migrations from college, medical school, residency, fellowship, and starting place of business. This is an ongoing problem, and we need cooperation from everyone who can help with these updates.

## Scientific Conference: Naples, Florida

UMANA will hold its 42<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Convention and 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Delegates at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, Florida, June 6-9, 2013. UMANA, in conjunction with the Chicago Medical Society, will present a seminar on “*Safe and Healthy Travel*”, educating health practitioners in the nuances of various medical aspects of touring and voyaging.



*Naples Hotel and Beach Club*



An interesting and varied program awaits the attendees in this warm weather location on the breezy Gulf of Mexico. In addition to Category I CME lectures, there are a host of recreational activities available to all, including swimming, hiking, shopping, and tours of historic downtown Naples.

The UMANA room block is sold out. Rooms at the hotel are now very limited, call now for room availability.

**Reservations: 1-800-237-7600.** Mention the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America.

**June 3, 2013** – Final deadline for registration  
Go to [www.umana.org](http://www.umana.org) for the registration form.

We are looking forward to a casual, relaxing atmosphere in which our members can enhance their medical knowledge, hone their clinical skills, and recharge their psychic batteries.

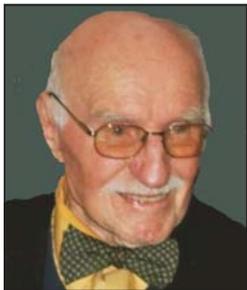
## UMANA MEMBER NEWS



**Andrew Browar, DDS**, (Illinois Branch) has joined the faculty of Midwestern University Dental School in Downers Grove, Illinois.



**Wolodymyr Korol, DVM, PhD**, (Florida Branch) continues to lecture in Ukrainian centers throughout Florida. In March and April 2013, he gave a presentation on “*The Aging Process*” at various Ukrainian churches in Miami and Northport, Florida.



**Wasyl Fedorciw, MD**, (New York Metro Branch) celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in January 2013 in the company of his family and son Boris J. Fedorciw, MD (New York Metro Branch). Mnohaya lita and best wishes in the next century!



**Mark Kozicky, MD**, (New York Metro Branch) will be starting his first year of residency in internal medicine at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Jacobi Medical Center.



### UMANA News

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**Olga Vasylieva, MD**, (New York Metro Branch) has been accepted into the infectious diseases fellowship program at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY, for 2013-2015.

**UMANA Branch Officers**  
Please let us know of activity  
in your local branch.  
E-mail news and photos  
to [umana@umana.org](mailto:umana@umana.org)

**We will make every effort to include reports of your events in an upcoming issue of UMANA News!**



## President's Message

Dear colleagues,

The UMANA Scientific Conference and Assembly of Delegates will take place in only one month from now, and a new president and Executive Committee will take over the reins of leadership. This is therefore my final President's Message, so I wish to thank all members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their support, cooperation, and dedication during the last two years.

Our foremost initiative was to strengthen the relationship between UMANA and medical professionals and organizations in Ukraine. I, therefore, had the honor and privilege to represent UMANA at a number of venues and events. These included participation at meetings with the ambassador of Ukraine in Washington, DC and with Ukraine's vice-minister of health in New York City, with past and present presidents of the Lviv Medical Association, and with Father Boyko and his staff at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. Our Executive Committee and Board of Directors also passed several

resolutions aimed at promoting collaborative work with organizations in Ukraine.

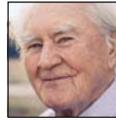
I will be providing details of all these activities in my report at the Assembly of Delegates. I look forward to seeing all of you who plan to be there.

Regards,  
Andriy Melnyk

## OBITUARIES



**BACHYNSKI, MD, Bohdan (Borden)**, age 85, *University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada 1947*; member UMANA Saskatchewan Branch, died July 7, 2010.



**PEREYMA, MD, Constantine**, age 92, *Medizinische Fakultät der Friedrich Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg, 1948*; member UMANA Ohio Branch, died March 21, 2012.



**GNOY, MD, Andrew W**, age 40, *University Of Medicine and Dentistry New Jersey 1998*; member UMANA NY Metro Branch, died September 27, 2011.



**RUDENSKY, DDS, George**, age 90, *Columbia University College of Dentistry, New York, 1958*; member UMANA NY Metro Branch, died January 31, 2013.



**GWOZDECKY, MD, George**, age 93, *Univerzita Karlova, Lekarska Fakulta, Prague, Czechoslovakia 1945*; member UMANA Toronto Branch, died February 2, 2013.



**SMULSKI, MD, John**, age 95, *University of Alberta College of Medicine, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 1942*, member UMANA Edmonton Branch, died October 30, 2011.



**HORUN, MD, Nina**, age 91, *Medizinische Fakultät, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, 1949*; member UMANA Illinois Branch; died February 7, 2013.



**STETKEVYCH, MD, Alexander**, age 84, *Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg, Germany, 1959*; member UMANA New England Branch, died December 30, 2012.



**KULCZYCKY, RPh, Kwiatoslawa**, age 66, *University of Illinois College of Pharmacy Chicago, 1969*; member UMANA Illinois Branch, died March 18, 2013.



## UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

### Illinois Branch

**Save the Date:** Saturday, August 3, 2013 1pm. The Illinois Branch will be reviving a long-standing tradition that goes back many years – the picnic, summer social, and barbeque at Oselya at Round Lake, Illinois. Stay tuned for info.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013 **Sophie Worobec, MD**, UMANA Illinois board member, represented UMANA at an informational meeting of Chicago's Ukrainian hromada with HE Ambassador Oleksander Motsyk at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. In attendance was the Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago Andrij Pravendyk. Ambassador Motsyk represented himself well. He spoke of Ukraine's accomplishments and the budget for the year. UMANA Illinois Branch members took part in a spirited question and answer period. The Tymoshenko case and the appointment of Minister Tabachnyk were brought up. Dr. Worobec mentioned her affiliation with the University of Illinois and **Danylo Hryhorczuk, MD, PhD's** affiliation and membership in the Ukrainian Academy of Science. **Vasil Truchly, MD** spoke of the need to preserve the Ukrainian language in Ukraine.

Sunday, April 7, 2013 members experienced a fascinating presentation on the "Field Museum Collections Inside and Out: X-ray Computed Tomography Applied to Cultural Heritage." JP Brown, Regenstein



*JP Brown with Illinois Branch President Diana Iwanik, MD*

Conservator at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, informed the group of 70 that the largest collection of ancient mummies in the Americas is at the Field Museum in Chicago. A CT scan, in three dimensions,

allows researchers an unparalleled look at what lies with the ornate 3,000 year old coffins. The CT scans have helped determine sex, age, and cause of death of the mummies, as well as providing details about mummification techniques and burial objects.



*Illinois Branch Secretary Adrienne Kovalsky, DO, MPH (left) and assistant Katya Iwanik issue CME Category 2 certificates at Field Museum.*

### Edmonton Branch

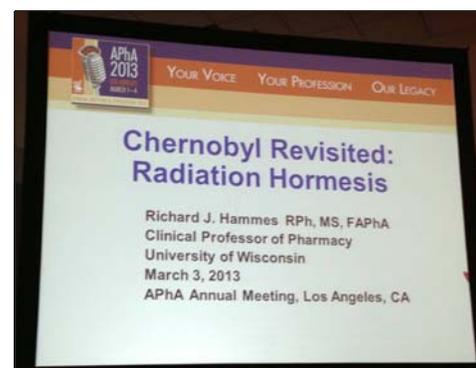
Edmonton Branch president **Dr. Wayne Tymchak, MD**, has succeeded in doubling his branch membership in the last few years, with the largest increase occurring among student applicants. On March 15, 2013, the expanding Edmonton Branch held a informational gathering specially geared to medical students at Earls Kitchen and Bar on Bourbon Street in the West Edmonton Mall. The focus of the meeting was "Heart Health – Risk Factor Assessment".

In the academic milieu, the Edmonton Branch sponsored Vasyi Matviyiv, MD, of Lviv, Ukraine, in a 2-month sabbatical

at the University of Alberta in Edmonton in October and November 2012. His specialty involves advances in new robotic and laser surgery techniques in urologic surgery. Dr. Matviyiv plans to implement aspects of his experience at his clinic in Lviv and is considering a formal fellowship in urology in Canada in the near future.

### UMANA Pharmacy Section News

**Mariana Ivanylo, PharmD** (Illinois Branch) attended the American Pharmacists Association Meeting in Los Angeles, CA, March 1-4, 2013. On the eve of the 27th anniversary of the disaster, the long-term effects of radiation exposure from the Chernobyl reactor incident were discussed at the nuclear pharmacy educational session. The lecture "Chernobyl Revisited: Radiation Hormesis" was presented by Richard J. Hammes, RPh, MSPharm, clinical nuclear pharmacist and professor at the University of Wisconsin Madison School of Pharmacy. He used the example of thriving wildlife, currently observed in the "dead zone" and documented in the film "Radioactive Wolves", to explain the hypothesis of radiation



*Prof. Hammes' title slide at the APA meeting in Los Angeles 2013*

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hormesis. It speculates that certain low doses of ionizing radiation have favorable biological effects by activating the repair mechanisms that protect against diseases. Although it is counter-intuitive, this hypothesis brings hope for new life in the "dead zone" for years to come.