

UMANA 2013 Biennial Convention Concluded in Naples, Florida

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Andrea, the first tropical storm of this season, failed to disrupt the 42nd Scientific Convention and the 35th Assembly of Delegates of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) held at The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, FL, June 6-9, 2013. Despite a warm rain and persistent wind, over 80 members and guests gathered in this resort town on the Gulf Coast, ready to enhance their knowledge about “Safe and Healthy Travel” and enjoy their biennial gathering of medical professional colleagues.

UMANA, the largest organized group of Ukrainian healthcare professionals in North America, co-sponsored the medical convention with the Chicago Medical Society, presenting 10 hours of category I continuing medical education (CME) on topics related to risks and dangers associated with traveling. UMANA’s Scientific Course Director, **Liza Pilch, MD**, recruited nine speakers qualified in their area of expertise, to each present a 45-minute discussion on a variety of topics useful to physicians and their increasingly traveling patients. People are often traveling to more diverse locales, exposing themselves to a host of possible diseases and injuries, many of which are preventable with proper preparation and analysis of risks inherent in certain travel destinations.

The beachfront location of the hotel inspired a casual atmosphere, with attendees leaving their suits, ties, and high heels at home,

in favor of tropical shirts, shorts, sundresses, and sandals. Despite the laid-back vibe, participation in the presentations was exemplary, with vibrant question-and-answer sessions accompanying the talks. Some even found time to get in a few rounds of golf at the hotel’s 18-hole par 72 championship course.

The biennial UMANA business meeting was held on Saturday, June 9, with a review of the prior two years of organizational activity. Officers and committee chairpersons submitted written reports and reviewed the financial details of the organization. Outgoing president **Andrew Melnyk, MD**, (Illinois) summarized the prior two years of activity and presented his suggestions for the coming term. Local branch presidents representing their chapters were

Diana Iwanik, MD, (Illinois), **Borys Buniak, MD**, (Syracuse), **Ihor Fedoriw, OD**, (Pennsylvania) and **Roxolana Horbowyj, MD** (Maryland-DC Metro). The delegates delivered a vote of approbation to the outgoing Board of Directors and elected a new slate of officers to lead the association for the next two years. The incoming officers elected are: president **Andrew Dzul, MD** (Michigan), president-elect **Borys Buniak, MD** (Syracuse), vice-president **George Kuritza, MD**, (Illinois) and secretary-treasurer **Liza Pilch, MD**, (Illinois). The new president and his executive committee will select the chairpersons of the standing committees as their first assignment of the year.

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Conference speakers (from left): Drs. Inya Yevich-Tunstall, Daniel Hryhorczuk, Christine Hryhorczuk, George Hrycelak, Maria Hrycelak, Liza Pilch, Borys Buniak, and Andrew Dzul (not pictured, Marko Jachtorowycz)



Dr. Andrew Dzul (left) awarding the president’s recognition plaque to Dr. Andrew Melnyk

UMANA CHAPTER NEWS



Illinois Branch

The Illinois branch resumed holding its traditional summer picnic at the Oselya in Round Lake, Illinois on August 3, 2013. First, second, and third generation members with their families enjoyed a warm and sunny afternoon of relaxation and barbecues, at the location that had been an oft-used venue for chapter picnics in decades past. Branch President **Dr. Diana Iwanik** welcomed the members and potential applicants, wishing them all a pleasant day.



Maryland-DC Metro Branch

The Maryland-DC Metro branch held a regular meeting at Maggiano's on Saturday, May, 11, 2013, to celebrate collaborative accomplishments and to plan for the chapter's next steps.

OBITUARIES



UMANA News

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IWANETZ MD, Jaroslaus T., age 93, *Ludwig Maxmilians Universität, Munich, Germany, 1949,* member UMANA Illinois Branch, died June 20, 2013.



LYSYJ MD, Anatol, age 87, *Ludwig Maxmilians Universität, Munich, Germany, 1951;* member UMANA Minnesota Branch, died June 5, 2013.



OCERETKO MD, Jaroslav, age 89, *Medizinische Fakultät der Friedrich Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, 1950;* member UMANA New York Metro Branch, died July 16, 2012.



PASTUSHAK PhD, Roman, age 68, *Temple University, Pennsylvania, 1978;* member UMANA Pennsylvania Branch, died April 29, 2013.

UMANA Branch Officers

Please let us know of activity
in your local branch.

E-mail news and photos
to umana@umana.org

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



President's Message

I am very excited about being president of UMANA for the next 2 years. I wish to thank Drs. Liza Pilch and Maria Hrycelak for organizing such a fine meeting in Naples, FL. Of course it would be hard to beat the fine meeting Dr. Ihor Fedoriw organized in Philadelphia two years ago. My wife and I have attended the last eight UMANA scientific meetings and have always found them unique and rewarding social and educational experiences. Where else can we share our common experiences of being Ukrainian, our practices of medicine, raising our children, and stories of our parents. We haven't decided where the next UMANA scientific meeting will be, but you can be sure it will be in a beautiful spot and memorable.

We've had some very rewarding projects with Ukraine these past two years, and we have to thank our past president, Dr. Andrew Melnyk, for these. I personally wish to thank him for his commitment to Ukrainian medicine and health issues and a successful term as president.

We are all awaiting the next issue of *JUMANA*, which we understand has been compiled and will soon be published. I hope UMANA members will have more of a chance to participate in compiling

the Journal's content and scope. Also, we would like to hear more from the UMANA chapters in Cleveland and Toronto. And lastly, we'd like to thank Dr. Borys Buniak for accepting the President-elect position. This will ensure us of dedicated and quality leadership in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Andrew Dzul

UMANA MEMBER NEWS



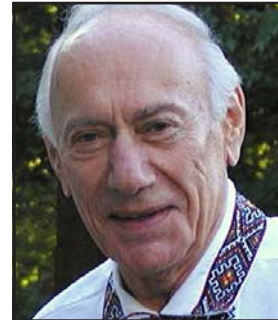
Marko Jachtorowycz, MD (Illinois Branch) was featured in the May 2013 issue of *Chicago Medicine* magazine. The "Who's Who"

column included an extensive biographical interview with Dr. Jachtorowycz, who was a recent speaker at our UMANA biennial Scientific Convention in Naples, FL. His specialty is urogynecology.



Daniel Oscislowski, MD (member at-large) is Chief Medical Officer with MedAire, an international medical assistance and security

company based in Phoenix, AZ, and a subsidiary of International SOS. He is responsible for day-to-day operations and running a global response center for major airline, merchant marine, and superyacht clients from around the globe.



Vasil Truchly, MD (Illinois Branch) was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Board of Trustees of Rush University Medical Center "in recognition

of 50 years of faithful and dedicated service as a member of the medical staff at Rush University Medical Center" in Chicago.



Boris Lushniak, MD (Maryland - DC Metro Branch) will serve as interim U.S. Surgeon General until a candidate is nominated to replace U.S. Surgeon General

Regina Benjamin, who announced June 12th that she would step down from this position in July. Deputy Surgeon General Boris D. Lushniak is a long-time member and participant in UMANA activities.



Nicholas Skyba II, DO (Illinois Branch) held a public information presentation on "How to Age Gracefully While Living in a Western Lifestyle" at St.

Andrew's Church in Bloomingdale, IL, in conjunction with the Alexian Brothers Medical Group.



Stephan Yevich, MD (Maryland Branch) has completed his radiology residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Houston, TX, and has been

accepted to the Interventional Radiology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

UMANA Biennial 2013 Convention...

SAFE AND HEALTHY TRAVEL COURSE FACULTY

Travelers Diarrhea
Borys Buniak, MD
Gastroenterologist
Liverpool, NY

Travel Related ENT Issues
Andrew Dzul, MD
Attending Surgeon
St. John's Hospital and Medical Center, Detroit, MI

Post-operative Travel—Is it a good Idea?
George Hrycelak, MD
Attending Surgeon Emeritus
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Traveling with Infants and Children
Maria Hrycelak, MD
Director
Park Ridge Pediatrics, Park Ridge, IL

Managing Dental Emergencies While Traveling
Christine Hryhorczuk, DDS, MSPH
Clinical Associate Professor
University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Chicago, IL

*From Ciguatera to Man-of-war:
Toxic Hazards on Your Beach Vacation*
Daniel Hryhorczuk, MD, MPH, FACMT
Director, Center for Global Health
University of Illinois School of Public Health, Chicago, IL

Safe Travel in Pregnancy
Marko Jachtorowycz, MD, FACOG
Director of Medical Education
Presence St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, IL

Fun in the Sun Emergencies and The Well Packed Traveler
Liza Pilch, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Rush Medical College, Chicago, IL

Travel Hazards: Have Fun—Beware of Bugs
Inia Yevich-Tunstall, MD
Director
Dermatology Services, Springfield, VA

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With tropical storm Andrea finally releasing her grip on Saturday, a beautiful sunny day concluded with an outdoor awards dinner held in the hotel's Chickee tiki hut on the Gulf shore. Upholding a long-standing tradition, UMANA archivist **Maria Hrycelak, MD** (Illinois) presented a lyrical review of Dr. Andrew Melnyk's two-year



Newly elected UMANA officers for 2013-2015 term (from left): Drs. George Kuritza, Andrew Dzul, Liza Pilch, and Borys Buniak

term, introducing newly-elected Dr. Andrew Dzul, and supplementing the poetry with a graphic novel entitled "An Evening with Two Andrews – the Tale of Two Docs". Dr. Dzul recognized Dr. Melnyk's commitment and dedication to UMANA, presenting him with a personalized award plaque.

The evening continued with a pleasant meal and concluded with extended conversations and reminiscences among the many colleagues from throughout the country. With the weather continuing to improve, some attendees reluctantly began preparations to depart on Sunday, while others had the foresight to extend their stay a few more days. Members began discussing plans for the upcoming conference in two years. Though the exact location and topic are still undecided, UMANA hopes to repeat this experience with an equally informative and relaxing convention in 2015. You can view a slide show of the conference at www.umana.org.



Conference attendees absorb a morning lecture on "Safe and Healthy Travel".