Conference Description
UMANA’s XLIV Scientific Conference is dedicated to advancing the practice of rehabilitation medicine in Ukraine. This is especially urgent due to the ever-growing number of military and civilian casualties of the Donbas war. The need is great not only to rehabilitate the injured, both mentally and physically, but to reintegrate them back into productive society. Up to 25 Category II credits available to participants.

Tentative Program

Wednesday, June 14
Welcome reception 6:00 PM
Thursday, June 15
Breakfast 9:00 AM
Opening sessions 10:30 AM
Evening Reception at Embassy of Ukraine for registrants only
Friday, June 16
Breakfast 8:30 AM
Seminars & Lunch 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Member Reunion Dinner 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 17
Breakfast 8:30 AM
Seminars 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Assembly of Delegates to follow.
Tour of Ukrainian DC sites
UMANA Keynote Dinner 7:00 PM
Guest speaker: Dr. Ulana Suprun, Acting Minister of Health, Ukraine
Public invited for dinner
Register on-line or call (773) 278-6262
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR.

Registration
For more information, go online at: www.umana.org. Go to “Events” tab for Program Brochure and online registration. Go to “Hotel Registration” for online reservation. Or, call for phone reservation: Key Bridge Marriott Hotel 1-800-676-2959. Preferred Room Rate: $189/night. Rate available until May 12, 2017. Use group name “UMANA Scientific Convention”.

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UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

Illinois Branch

The UMANA Illinois Branch held its first meeting of the new year on Friday, March 10, 2017, at Tryzub Ukrainian Kitchen in Chicago’s Ukrainian Village. This striking ethnic eatery is a labor of love, a culinary creation by none other than UMANA Illinois President Myron Lewyckyj, MD.

Dr. Rostyslav Petruniak, a Ukrainian OB/GYN physician and surgeon, spent a recent tour of duty in the Donbas area of conflict. He presented photographs depicting scenes from his experiences, describing an interesting perspective as a soldier and physician on the Eastern Front. The presentation and slides were informative and compelling, stimulating lively discussion after a delicious meal.

On March 27, 2017, UMANA Illinois member Solomiya Grushchak, a second-year medical student, organized six of her fellow medical students rotating through Loyola Medical School’s dermatology program to speak to students at St. Nicholas Cathedral School in Chicago. The approaching summer season prompted a need to review skin cancer awareness and prevention. The “SunSmart Kids” initiative is sponsored by the Women’s Dermatologic Society and Loyola Dermatology Department, for grades 1-8. They have been at several other Chicago schools discussing the topic of skin cancer. Solomiya’s group of volunteers interested in Dermatology spoke to the children about skin cancer, how it presents, and how to prevent it. At the end of the visit, each student received a goody bag of UV bracelets, crossword puzzles, and sunscreen. The team will be returning May 12th to talk on acne and hygiene for students in grades 5-8.
**President’s Message**

Preparation for our June 14-18 Scientific Conference on “Rehabilitation and Reintegration” in Washington, DC is nearly complete. Thank you to Drs. Andriy Ripeckyj, George Hrycelak and Marika Hrycelak for organizing this multidisciplinary, international meeting. The information presented on Ukraine’s current state of affairs will no doubt broaden our knowledge of the hardships of post-traumatic recuperation, while comparing and contrasting rehabilitation programs available both here and in Ukraine. Thanks to the tireless work of Dr. Roxolana Horbowyj and Dr. Andrew Dzul, the summaries of the conference rehabilitation lectures will be available for reference in our next issue of JUMAN.

I would like to personally thank the Executive Committee and UMANA members for their support and contributions during my two years as President. It was a truly fascinating, busy, and active tenure. Traveling to Lviv to meet with members of UCU, the administrators of several rehabilitation facilities, members of the Lvivske Likarske Tovarysvo, and professors at the Danylo Halyskyy Lviv National Medical University in 2016 was an enlightening and moving experience. My visit to Kyiv in February of 2017 to meet with members of USAID, Caritas-Ukraine, Eleos-Ukraine, and the acting Health Minister of Ukraine, Dr. Ulana Suprun, was productive and widen a channel of communication between our efforts in the diaspora with the delivery of health services and education to Ukraine.

It is of utmost importance to continue to recruit and engage young physicians and other healthcare providers in our efforts to help Ukraine and our local communities. Furthermore, with the work of Dr. Marta Boyko, who is currently in Ukraine as a Fulbright Scholar, we can facilitate the organization of exchange programs with Ukrainian medical universities. I am inspired by the efforts of Dr. Luke Tomycz and his wife Mariya Soroka in organizing a training program for Neurosurgery in Kyiv with the assistance of RAZOM. We need to harness this type of enthusiasm from our young physicians, medical students, dentists, physical therapists, psychologists, social workers, and other healthcare providers toward making UMANA a more vibrant, influential, and productive organization. Building a network of Ukrainian physicians throughout the U.S. and Canada to help our students obtain healthcare positions in our institutions can be beneficial in achieving this type of goal. For example, numerous foreign medical students have brought to my attention that assisting prospective Ukrainian physicians/students with the application process for a J1 visa would be tremendously appreciated. The experience and knowledge obtained by these foreign trainees in our facilities can be brought back to benefit numerous Ukrainian clinics, medical Schools, and hospitals.

Our decision to rejoin UCCA buttresses our goal of becoming a more persuasive and influential organization. We are making contributions in Ukraine by backing Dr. Suprun’s programs and lobbying our government to support her efforts to reform health care. Healthcare reform in both Ukraine and the U.S. appears to be a critical topic. During our approaching Scientific Conference, we are honored that Dr. Suprun will be in attendance to discuss her initiatives and accomplishments as Health Minister and founder of Patriot Defense.

Also, the Ukrainian American Business and Professional Association invited UMANA to attend or co-sponsor some of its activities. This group would like to help healthcare professionals “grow their practice, prosper, and eventually influence local communities in a positive way.” Members can contact them via their website (www.uabpa.org). We intend to explore this potential relationship, particularly for our young entrepreneurs.

It has been an exciting and gratifying two years. My tenue as President has opened my eyes to the many needs of our community and Ukraine. My goal was to make UMANA more influential and visible within the U.S. and Ukraine. I hope I was able to accomplish that objective. Our recent activity will hopefully motivate younger healthcare providers to join UMANA and become more active participants. Thank you for a productive, memorable, and educational term. Wishing the incoming Executive Committee equal or even greater success.

Sincerely,

Borys Buniak, MD, FACP

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**UMANA MEMBER NEWS**

Natalia BILCHUK, MS2 (Ohio Branch) is finishing her term as President of the Medical Student Council at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Marko GUDZIAK, MD (Michigan Branch) sits on the executive committee of his 55-member urology group and is chief of urology at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospitals. He is president of Oakland Physician Network Services, an over 450-doctor Physician Organization (PO) fighting for doctor’s fair reimbursement.

Daniel KUNCIO, DDS (NY Metro Branch) has been appointed clinical attending/assistant professor of orthodontics at the Bronx Lebanon /Carl Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

Lydia Tymiak Lindell, MD (Florida Branch) is doing a fellowship in functional medicine at the University of South Florida Medical School and the Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine.

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Let us know what you’re up to!
Scientific Conference and Assembly of Delegates
Faculty and Topics

From Ukraine

Ulana Suprun MD
Acting Minister of Health of Ukraine, Kyiv
Keynote Speaker at Saturday night dinner.

Serhiy Bogdanov MD
Director of Psychological Rehabilitation Centers, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv

Viktoria Gorbunkova MA
Клинична психологія в Україні: від освіти до практики
Director Educational Projects, Mental Health Institute of The Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

Vitaly Klymchuk PhD
Інститут психічного здоров'я УКУ: локальні ДБ для глобального впливу
Director and Professor Department of Psychology, The Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

Orest Suvalo MD
Охорона психічного здоров'я в Україні. Нові виклики та старі проблеми
Lviv Regional Psychiatric Hospital

Vadim Sviridenko
Special Advisor to the President of Ukraine
Petro Poroshenko, Kyiv, Ukraine

From North America

Martha J. Bojko, PhD
Assessing Traumatic Stress and Biopsychosocial Approaches to Treatment and Care in Ukraine: Challenges and Opportunities for Risk Reduction, Rehabilitation and Recovery
Yale University School of Medicine, U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Ukraine

Oksana Bunia, PT, DPT, LSVT
Assisting a Change in the Regulation of PT Practice in Ukraine
Regional Director, Fox Rehabilitation, Brooklyn

Major (Ret.) Stuart Campbell, MPT
EACE Global Health Engagement
Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio

Roman Hayda, MD
The Complex Extremity War Injury: Lessons Shared from Care of U.S. Combatants
Associate Professor, Orthopedic Trauma, Brown Alpert Medical School, Providence

Daniel Hryhorczuk, MD, MPH
Health, Work, and Environment in Conflict Zones
Emeritus Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago
Director, Environmental Global Health

George Jaskiw, MD
PTSD – From Neurobiology to Rehabilitation
Professor, Psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland

Vassyl Lonchyna, MD
Rehabilitation Medicine in Ukraine: The Ripple Effect
Assistant Professor, Surgery, University of Chicago
U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Ukraine

Seth Messinger, PhD
The Afterlife of Rehabilitative Care on Social Reintegration and Life in the Community
Director, Center of Rehabilitation Sciences Research, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda

Colonel (Ret.) Paul Pasquina, MD
Rehabilitation of the Blast Injured Patient
Chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda

Chrystyna Rakoczy, OD
Bringing Traumatic Brain Injury and Vision into Focus
Staff Optometrist, Dept. of Ophthalmology, James A. Haley VA Hospital and Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, Tampa

Namrita Singh, PhD
Global Mental Health Approaches to Promoting Community Recovery and Reintegration after Conflict: a Randomized Control Trial of a Psychotherapy Intervention in Ukraine
Faculty Research Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore

Luke Tomycz, MD
Neurosurgery Training in Ukraine: Exploring New Paradigms
Pediatric Neurosurgery, Dell Childrens Hospital, Austin

UUARC Representative
Projects Supporting Health Care in Ukraine
Philadelphia

Steven Yevich, MD
Tubes, Drains, Lines and Injections: Practical IR Solutions to Address Sequela of Traumatic Injuries
Assistant Professor, Interventional Radiology, University of Texas, MD Anderson Center, Houston

Natalie Zaraska, BSc (OT), MSc (Rehab)
Bringing Occupational Therapy to Ukraine
Zaraska Rehab Associates, Toronto