# UMANA News



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# Get Ready for UMANA Biennial Convention: Philadelphia – Hilton Inn at Penn, June 22-26, 2011

UMANA, established in January 1950, is commemorating 60 years of professional service to the community. UMANA met in Philadelphia 25 years ago and is now going back for the 41st Scientific Conference and 34th Assembly of Delegates. Celebrate with us and start packing your bags!

#### Need reasons for going?

- Scientific Program jointly sponsored with the Chicago Medical Society
- 10.0 credits in category I CME with excellent speaker program "Updates in Medicine"
- Assembly of Delegates your ultimate representative body open to all members
- 60 years of UMANA Retrospective at Gala Banquet in the historic Hall of Flags
- 25 years since Chornobyl where do we stand now?
- Distinguished member recognition awards
- Easy to get to from the entire East Coast
- Family oriented bring your kids
- Bus tour of historic Philadelphia
- On location at the University of Pennsylvania – the first medical school in the USA
- See the Liberty Bell Center for the actual bell used on the Forever Stamp

#### Our Hilton Inn at Penn rate is \$199.

**Room availability is limited!** Call NOW to reserve rooms: 1-800-445-8667 and mention UMANA or Ukrainian Medical Association. You can reserve rooms by following the Hilton link on our website, www.umana.org.

Paper registration forms will be mailed to all members in March, and registration also will be available on our website. If you have any questions, please call UMANA at (773) 278-6262.

### "Updates in Medicine" Conference Faculty

Radiation from Medical Imaging: What the Doctor Needs to Know

Oksana Baltarowich, MD Associate Professor of Radiology

Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Evolution of Imaging techniques in Diagnosis of Pediatric CNS Diseases

Larissa Bilaniuk, MD Professor of Radiology

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gluten Enteropathy - The Bread and Butter of an Elusive Disease

Borys Buniak, MD Gastroenterologist

Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Liverpool, New York

Small Bowel Obstruction in Children: A Hairy Issue

Maria Hrycelak, MD Director

Park Ridge Pediatrics, Park Ridge, Illinois

Oral Medicine

Marta Kaczaj, DMD Adjunct Clinical Faculty

Kornberg School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Shedding Light on Vitamin D

Olga Kaczaj, MD Internist, Co-owner

Millville Medical Center, Millville, New Jersey

Alcohol and Cardiovascular Risk

Andrew Kohut, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine

Drexel College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Acoustic Surgery – MR Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS)

George Kuritza, MD Director

Edgebrook Radiology, Chicago, Illinois

Lesson of Chornobyl

Ihor Masnyk, PhD Head, Chornobyl Research Unit (Ret)

National Cancer Institute, NIH, Rockville, Maryland

25 Years after Chornobyl – Is the Crisis Over?

Andrew Melnyk, MD Director Section of Cytogenetics

Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois

Sport Concussion – A Game Changer and CME: Does It Work?

Liza Pilch, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine

Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois

Do Care Gaps Still Exist in the Treatment of Acute Coronary Syndrome?

Wayne Tymchak, MD Professor of Medicine

University of Alberta Hospitals, Edmonton, Alberta Canada

# **UMANA CHAPTER NEWS**

#### ILLINOIS BRANCH

Sunday, January 9, 2011 the UMANA Illinois Branch held its biennial business meeting and election of new officers, followed by the traditional Yalynka, at the home of the SelfReliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union on Chicago Avenue in Ukrainian Village. Elected for the coming two-year term were **Dr. George Charuk**, president; **Dr. Diana Iwanik**, vice-president, **Dr. Theresa Kuritza**, treasurer. Outgoing President **Dr. Peter Liber** thanked the nearly 90 members and their families for their support and urged everyone to attend the upcoming UMANA Biennial Convention celebrating 60 years of UMANA service.

Saturday, January 29, 2011 the Illinois Branch held its Traditional Ball and Presentation of Debutantes in Chicago, celebrating 50 years of debut presentations. The gala affair included a video-DVD revue of debutantes 1961-2011, edited by **Dr. Theresa Kuritza**, and the publication of a retrospective coffee table book of all of the participants at their respective events, edited by **Dr. Maria Hrycelak**.

#### NEW YORK METRO BRANCH

Saturday, December 18, 2010, the Traditional Yalynka, Continued on page 3



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UMANA Illinois Branch Officers 2011-2013: (From left)
Dr. Diana Iwanik, vice president, Dr. Peter Liber,
outgoing president, Dr. George Charuk, president, and
Dr. Theresa Kuritza, treasurer.

#### **OBITUARIES**

**BROVINS**, Walter G., MD, age 81, *Medizinische Universität Innsbruck*, *Austria*, 1956; UMANA Michigan Branch, died April 2, 2010

**SHEGEDYN,** Taras, MD, age 85, *Medizinische Fakultät, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany,* 1951; UMANANY Metro member and past president, died December 21, 2008.

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

After a very successful January UMANA Board meeting I am reassured that our up and coming conference in Philadelphia will be a great success. **Dr. Liza Pilch** and her committee have done an outstanding job to date in planning this event. We have a great venue, and the program is complete. The intent is to disseminate conference topics as soon as possible. As you know, this will be an extra special meeting, as we are celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UMANA and commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> year post-Chornobyl nuclear disaster. I would like to encourage all of you to attend our meeting in June of this year. This will be one you will not want to miss!

Regards, Wayne Tymchak

# Biennial Convention CME Course Planning Committee

The CMS and UMANA Planning Committee members involved in the Biennial Convention have no significant financial relationships to disclose.

Liza Pilch, MD Course Director UMANA George Hrycelak, MD Executive Director UMANA

Maria Hrycelak, MD Conference Coordinator Andrew Melnyk, MD Conference coordinator

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sponsored by the Ukrainian Engineers Society of America New York Chapter, along with the UMANA New York Metro Branch, was held at the Ukrainian Institute of America. This event is becoming one of our most crowded holiday soirees, with attendance including a wide swath of generations from all of the "waves", elegantly dressed and enjoying the evening 'til well past midnight.

Saturday, December 22, 2010, the UMANA New York Metro Branch, in conjunction with the Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh), gathered to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UMANA professional existence. Held at the imposing headquarters of NTSh in Manhattan, **Dr. Viktor Gribenko**, UMANA New York Metro Branch president, presented a photo-retrospective of the association's

(From left) Orest Popowych, Dr. Peter Lenchur, Daria Dykyj, Dr. Tatiana Zinchuk, Dr. Viktor Gribenko, Dr. Ronald Liteplo, Miroslava Kautsis, Dr. Walter Szczupak, Anna Szczupak, Dr. Oleh Slupchynskyj, Dr. Christine Sapka, and Mrs. Slupchynskyj.

history, followed by an evening of refreshments, socializing, and reflections by the members of both organizations.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

On Friday, January 21, 2011, the Pennsylvania Chapter of UMANA, under the leadership of Dr. Ihor Fedoriw, generously donated a Defibtech Automated External Defibrillator for use in the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, PA. Included in the package was the initial training of 8-10 UECC members and/or staff. Dr. Fedoriw congratulated UECC President Borys Pawluk and Executive Director Mark Tarnawsky for their insight in enhancing the healthcare of the center's members, visitors, staff, and management.



(From left) Dr. Markian Shust, UMANA Pennsylvania Secretary Dr. Ihor Zalipsky, UECC Executive Director Mark Tarnawsky, UMANA Pennsylvania President Dr. Ihor Fedoriw, and UMANA Pennsylvania Treasurer Dr. Orest Hawryluk dedicate a defibrillator in Jenkintown.

## **UMANA MEMBER NEWS**



Oksana Baltarowich, MD (Pennsylvania Branch) has been appointed Professor of Radiology, and serves as Director of Medical Student Education and Associate Director of International Education at the Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Educational Institute at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Wolodymyr Korol, MD (Florida Branch) has lectured at the St. Andrew's Ukrainian Religious and Cultural Center in North Port, Florida, Edison State College, and the Mid-Florida University, and is mentioned in the first volume of the Encyclopedia of Ukrainian Diaspora.



Roman Bilynsky, MD (New York Metro Branch) Colonel Roman Bilynsky is currently serving as the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services (Chief Medical Officer) at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. He is Board Certified in Neurology with Special Qualifications in Child Neurology, Pediatrics, and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities.

**Timothy "Tymish" Korytko, MD** (Illinois Branch) has accepted a new position as Radiation Oncologist at St. Agnes Hospital/Agnesian Healthcare in the Central Wisconsin Cancer Program as of July 2010.





Alexander O. Daniv, PhD (Member at Large), Professor of Psychology at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine, has helped develop a two year graduate program in Cognitive Behavior Therapy in their new School of Consulting Psychology, which opened on October 30, 2010.

Roman Kozyckyj, MD (Illinois Branch) has been named Director of Palliative Care at Advocate Christ Medical Center and Chairman of the Ethics Committee at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Illinois, in addition to maintaining a private practice of internal medicine.





Marko Jachtorowycz, MD (Illinois Branch) was noted in the January 2011 issue of Chicago Magazine "Top Doctors for Women" list, specializing in urogynecology, incontinence, and pelvic reconstruction at St. Francis Hospital.

**Oksana Lukashonak** (Illinois Branch) has accepted a position at the Rush-Copley Hospital in Aurora, Illinois, as an ultrasonographer.





**Peter Klim, DO** (Illinois Branch) Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology, was elected Chief of the Department of Surgery at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo, Indiana. **Orest Stecyk, MD** (Ohio Branch) is now accepting new patients in his family practice at the Wellpointe Pavilion of the Parma Community General Hospital in Broadview Heights, Ohio.





Mary Klodnycky-Procyk, MD (Illinois Branch) was noted in the January 2011 issue of Chicago Magazine "Top Doctors for Women" list, specializing in pacemakers, congestive heart failure, and coronary artery disease at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital.

George W. Turiansky, MD (New York Metro Branch) has relocated to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland as of July 2010. He is also the Deputy Director of the National Capital Consortium, sponsoring institution for 65 residences and fellowships with approximately 800 trainees.

