

PANDEMIC COMPELS CHANGE

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The COVID19 pandemic has pushed UMANA members to quickly adapt to a ever-changing situation never encountered in our 70 year history. Professional association activity is being hampered by social distancing guidelines, limits on meeting groups, and availability of meeting venues. Financial pressures on medical professionals have been serious, with some businesses not able to survive the economic downturn. Our sympathies go out to any of our members who have been affected by coronavirus.

So, is there good news?

First, the majority of UMANA members are experiencing good health, despite being active in a risky health care environment, while performing their professional duties. We hope that this remains a positive trend.

Second, thanks to member dedication, UMANA's financial state remains stable. Expenses are down due to a decrease in activity and aggressive budgeting. Members have maintained their financial obligations by continuing to pay their annual dues — the rate of dues payment is comparable to non-COVID years. We thank each and every member for staying active and believing in the benefit of UMANA.

Third, chapters have quickly pivoted to virtual activity — meetings are being conducted on various internet platforms that enable participation by members from safe locations while interacting with colleagues and speakers.

Fourth, UMANA activity is now conducted on-line, with minimal impact of functionality. We have experienced no problems with communication.

Fifth, the publication of our newsletter, *UMANA News* continues uninterrupted, and the next issue of *Лікарський Вісник/JUMANA* is currently in preparation.

Finally, we are working hard to continue adapting to whatever the Pandemic throws at us. Keep up your spirits and best wishes to all.

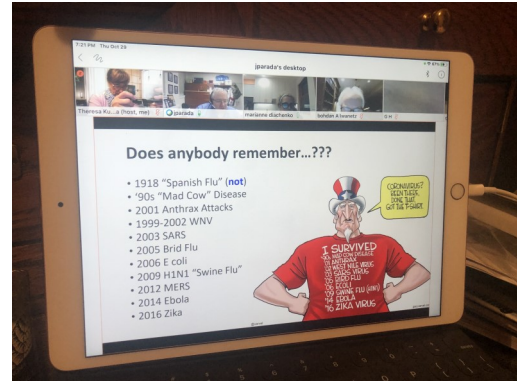
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Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile educational cause.



UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

ILLINOIS BRANCH — On October 29, 2020, Illinois Chapter members participated in a live teleconference with Dr. Jorge Parada, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA Medical Director Infection Prevention & Control Hospital Epidemiologist — Division of Infectious Diseases Loyola Medical Center. Dr. Parada informed the members of the current status of COVID-19 infection and the efforts underway to combat this pandemic. The conference host, **Theresa Kuritza, DO**, entertained questions from the audience about various aspects of the impact of COVID-19 on life in America.



The wildly popular “Robotic Applications in General Surgery” presentation moderated by **Yevhen Pavelko, MD**, that was scheduled for March 2020, was canceled due to the COVID-19 shut down. The chapter will be making every effort to present this talk at a time yet to be determined. Please watch your emails.



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UMANA News

The Newsletter of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America is published quarterly by UMANA with the objective to promote good fellowship and to uphold and enhance the best interests of UMANA. The newsletter serves as an impartial forum for the information for its members. UMANA cannot guarantee the accuracy of all information contained herein. Some information has been obtained from third party published and oral sources and may not have been independently verified. The treatment of articles, view, and opinions expressed in UMANA News is not necessarily endorsed by UMANA.

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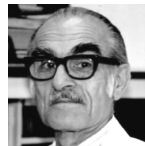
FARION MD, Dmytro, age 99, *Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München* 1950, member UMANA Ohio Branch, died August 21, 2020.



ORYSHKEVICH, MD, Joseph, age 94, *Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg* 1947, member of UMANA NY Metro Branch, died April 23, 2009.



SAS-PODLUSKY, MD, George, age 97, *Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München* 1950, member of UMANA Illinois Branch, died October 18, 2020.



STRILBYCKYJ, MD, Alexander, age 99, *Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg*, 1949, member of UMANA Illinois Branch, died March 12, 2020.



President's Message

НЕМАЄ ЛИХА БЕЗ ДОБРА

We are in the ninth month of COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. It has affected our daily lives including professional and social interactions between people.

Despite mostly negative effects of the corona virus we have been able to experience a positive aspect with a fast development and implementation of virtual meetings, webinars, conferences by using different platforms like Zoom, Webex and others.

In August I was invited via Zoom to join the meeting of Maryland/DC Metro Chapter of UMANA organized by chapter president **Dr. Roxolana Horbowyj** where I shared our COVID-19 experience in New York area during the height of the pandemic. Many doctors and members were able to join and participate in interesting discussion.

More recently I was able to join the Illinois Chapter meeting organized by chapter president **Dr. Igor Prus** and hosted by **Dr. Theresa Kuritza** where Dr. Jorge Parada, ID specialist from Loyola University gave an informative "COVID-19 update".

In early October the World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Associations (WFUMA/СФУЖТ) held its 18th Clinical Congress virtually in Lviv. Thanks again to virtual format many of us were able to participate in lectures and discussions. I was able to address the Congress via Zoom during the opening ceremony. The Congress was followed by the Assembly of Delegates where we had a fruitful business meeting. Many international Ukrainian physicians were in attendance.

I find it incredible that this new technology which was unintentionally forced upon us by the pandemic allows for wider participation and more interactions between physicians from different chapters, states and even countries. I would like to ask chapter presidents and meeting organizers to inform UMANA about your future conferences, chapter meetings and events so that we can distribute this information to allow more members to join in.

This wide utilization of virtual technology across a variety of organizations throughout the world including UMANA and WFUMA is echoed in the Ukrainian saying "Немає лиха без добра".

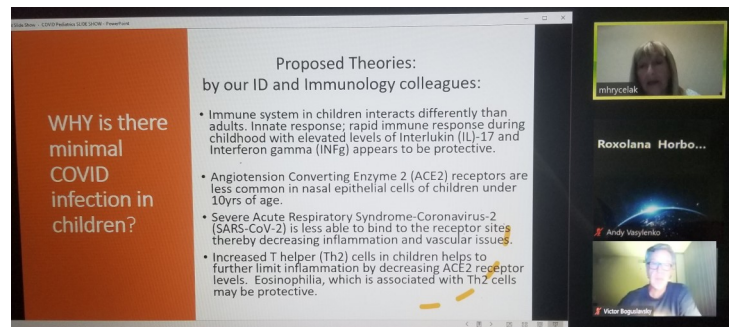
*Sincerely,
Petro Lenchur, MD*

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MARYLAND/DC Metro BRANCH — Chapter President **Roxolana Horbowyj, MD**, has embraced virtual platforms for education and held several meetings on the internet. August 7, 2020, **Peter Lenchur, MD**, New York Metro Branch, presented COVID-19: NYC Cardiologist's Experience, and on September 11, Chapter member and dermatologist **Inia Tunstall, MD**, discussed COVID-19 and skin. **Maria Hrycelak, MD**, Illinois Branch, presented her experiences with COVID-19 in pediatrics on November 6. All speakers used the Zoom platform successfully, which enabled conversation between listeners and the speakers. In December Victor Bogulavsky, MD,

a global health and development professional will present COVID-19: Neurological implications. More presentations are planned in the upcoming months. Please keep an eye on your emails.



UMANA Member News



Markian BOJKO, MD, MPH (New England Branch) graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine, and will be starting his residency in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.



Andrew OLEARCHYK, MD (Pennsylvania Branch) just published his sixth book *The Evolution of Medicine* (co-authored by †Renata Olearchyk). The book was

available through

online retailers like Amazon and Authorhouse.

WFUMA (СФУЛІТ) Virtual Conference October 1-3, 2020



The World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Associations (WFUMA) in Lviv, Ukraine, held their biennial conference in a virtual format this October 1-3. UMANA is one of the latest members of WFUMA.

UMANA President **Petro Lenchur, MD**, took part in the plenary sessions as did **Roxolana Horbowyj, MD**, - WFUMA US President.

In our 70 years....

Three time Academy Award nominee and winner for “City Slickers” in 1991, actor **Jack Palance** (born Volodymyr Palahniuk) visited with UMANA members at the 6th Scientific Conference held in Chicago, Illinois in 1966 at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

From left: Mrs. Lida & Dr. Wolodymyr Kassaraba, unknown, Jack Palance, unknown, Dr. Vasyl Truchly, Dr. Orest & Mrs. Roma Jachtorowycz, and veterinarian Dr. Ivan Rudawsky

Dr. Horbowyj also organized two round table sessions: Burns-Global Perspectives and COVID-19 in Ukraine and the World. Over 25 speakers from all over the world participated in the round table. UMANA members who participated were **Roxolana Horbowyj, MD**, who presented in both round tables: *Quality of Burn Care* and *Quality of Treatment in Coronavirus Illness*. **Maria Hrycelak, MD**, presented *COVID-19 in Pediatrics* and **Inia Tunstall, MD**, discussed *Skin Findings in COVID-19*. **Leo Wolansky, MD**, helped organize an International Neuroradiology Symposium on the last day of the conference through the collaboration of Friends of Radiology in Ukraine. Dr. Wolansky presented: *Gadolinium induced marrow signal changes with metabolic correlation after monthly triple-dose Gadolinium administration for a year*. Research carried out by: John J. DeBevits, Devin Bageac, Ivan Wolansky, Paul DiCamillo, Rong Wu, Chaoran Hu, David Karimedini, Leo Wolansky.

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