

UMANA Celebrates 75 Years of Professional Service



Members and Guests of the UMANA XLVII Scientific Conference

Seated 8th and 9th from left: Dr. Marta Lopatynsky – UMANA National President and Dr. Olena Gordon – UMANA National President-Elect

UMANA's 75th Anniversary Gala and XLVII Scientific Convention were held at the historic Ukrainian Institute of America (UIA) in New York City the last week of April, 2025. UMANA President **Marta Lopatynsky, MD**, welcomed members and guests from around the nation as well as Ukraine. On Friday, an informative series of lectures, accredited for 8 hours of category I CME credit, on the topic of “*Micro Invaders – Problem Creators*” offered the nearly 90 attendees a current overview of the status of infectious diseases in the world. A post-session for brief student research submissions concluded the scientific portion, followed by a social meet-and-greet among the many friends and members.

Saturday, amid the historic architectural splendor of the UIA, nearly 150 guests were treated to a film produced by **Maria Hrycelak, MD**, reviewing the history of UMANA from its founding in 1950 to present. Dr. Lopatynsky then introduced long-time UMANA executive director **George Hrycelak, MD** who gave an inspirational presentation on the future of the association – “*Because history is not done with UMANA*”.

Friday's event was tastefully catered by local talent: New York's own *Veselka Restaurant* in the East Village, and in the evening by Soyuzivka's renowned Executive chef extraordinaire Andrey Sonevtsky. Saturday's memorable gala dinner was served by New York's caterer, *Elegant Affairs*.

The historic weekend concluded with a spirited reunion among new and old members, supportive guests, and friends of UMANA. The goal was set high: meet again in 2050 to celebrate 100 years on continuous service!

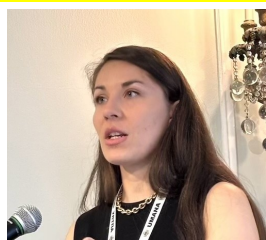


Watch the 75 Year History of UMANA on YouTube.com on our page: UMANAORG
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL8tuOOfre8>

Our UMANA member speakers for the Scientific Conference:



Orest Bauer, DMD



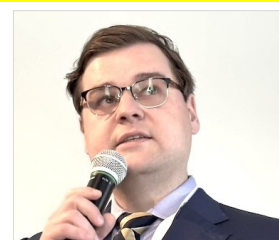
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Stephanie Hanchuk, MD



Irena Karanetz, MD



Nazary Nebeluk, MD PhD



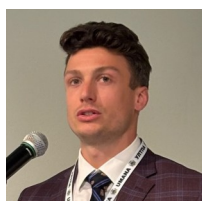
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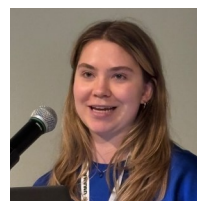
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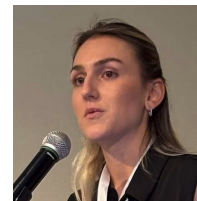
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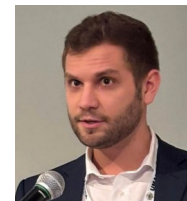
Jonathan Holuka, DO



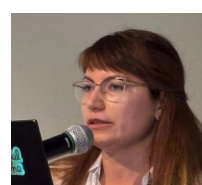
Julia Minkevitch, BS



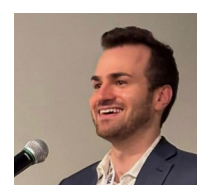
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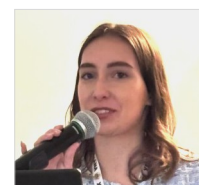
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Iryna Vasylyv



Ivan Wolansky, BA



Daryna Zaitseva, BS

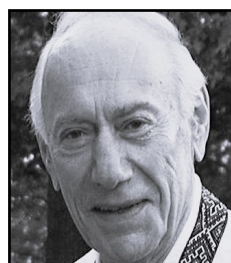
OBITUARIES



BORYSLAVSKA-ANDRUSEYKO MD, Halyna, age 66, *Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University* 1984, member of UMANA Illinois Branch, April 4, 2025.



MELNYK, MD, George, age 68, *University of Perpetual Help Philippines* 1983, member of UMANA Illinois Branch, April 18, 2025.



TRUCHLY MD, Vasil, age 99, *Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg* 1950, Past President National Office of UMANA (1977-79), Past President of Illinois Branch (1965-67), member of UMANA Illinois Branch, died April 5, 2025.



UMANA News

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2025, I am filled with gratitude and great hope for our organization. This milestone reflects the ongoing dedication of our members, whose shared vision has driven impactful initiatives, from medical education to providing critical humanitarian and medical aid. Our ability to embrace challenges has not only strengthened our organization but also amplified our contributions to healthcare, both locally and in Ukraine.

I am particularly inspired by the vibrant energy of our young members, who bring fresh perspectives and enthusiasm. Our young professionals and students are actively engaging, participating in events, and fostering connections that ensure UMANA's future. All of us have an opportunity to contribute either locally or in Ukraine. Every action or donation is meaningful. Across our entire membership I encourage all of us to participate, volunteer or help organize one educational activity (attend a Zoom or live lecture) and one social or cultural activity with other UMANA members. Be the difference in your local areas. Our partnerships with Ukraine present our members with other ways to be involved either as a lecturer, or clinically providing much needed patient care.

As we mark this historic anniversary, let us continue to shape a brighter future together!

Warm regards and Slava Ukraini!

Marta Lopatynsky, MD



*UMANA Presidents – Past, Present and Future (from left to right):
Drs. Bohdan Iwanetz, Ihor Voyevodka, George Hrycelak, Marta Lopatynsky, Maria Hrycelak, Olena Gordon,
Leo Wolansky, Peter Lenchur, Borys Buniak*



UMANA MEMBER NEWS



Bohdan CHARKEWYCZ, MD (Illinois Branch), became a founding member and shareholder of a new anesthesia service called Chicago Anesthesia Leaders.



Larissa MASNYK, DO (Illinois Branch), will graduate in May 2025 from Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and will start her residency in General Surgery at the University of Vermont.



Christina KARGOL, MD (At-Large Member in Kentucky) graduated medical school from University of Cincinnati in May 2025 and has matched for a neurology residency at University of Virginia.



Viktoria TARANTO, MD (New York Metro Branch), completed her transitional year at Stony Brook Southampton and will be joining St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY, to complete her dermatology residency.



Severyn KUSHMELIUK, MD (Maryland/DC Metro Branch), will graduate Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in May 2025 and will start his Internal Medicine residency in the Fall at Mt. Sinai in New York, NY.



Natalie Wozny Glebiv, OD (Illinois Branch), has recently opened her optometric practice Luminous Eyecare & Luxury Eyewear in the Sauganash neighborhood of Chicago, IL.



More photos available: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fLzfHjaS9UfyWhbx9_r6LqigRRwHv2j