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SUSK Eastern Conference Organising Committee from McMaster University: proud and happy

McMaster USO's SUSK Eastern Conference a Mcblast

By Stephan Patten

It rained and it poured - for the second year in a row nonetheless - but they still came.

In spite of less than perfect weather, about 30 Ukrainian students from 6 universities in Ontario and Quebec congregated in Hamilton on November 10th - 11th for the second annual SUSK Eastern Conference.

The conference was organised by the Hamilton Ukrainian Students Organisation (USO), a club that has only very recently re-emerged on the USO map.

The conference chair was Hamilton USO co president Larysa Chalupa. Her organising committee included Orest Essep, Anna Morzotto (also co president), Anthony Marzotto, Marta Sangret, and Mike Wesolowsky.

It was kicked off by the Ukrainian Dance soloists at a party on Friday night at The Rat, a

McMaster Pub. Delegates from UofT, McMaster, Waterloo, Western, McGill, and Brock USOs all had a great time.

Saturday morning began with a presentation about Toronto's Ukrainian Professional and Business Association's Career Mentorship Program. The CMP, in its first year, matches young Ukrainian students with particular career interests and appropriate professionals in the Ukrainian community as mentors.

Bob Kushnir, the CMP co ordinator, spoke briefly at the conference about the program, and its benefits. This year the program matched a only handful of Ukrainian students with professionals in fields such as journalism, engineering, and medicine.

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January 12th-13th: **SUSK Western Conference in
Edmonton**

February 17th-18th: **Brock USO's annual Volleyball
Tournament.** For more details,
please contact Brock USO.

January 23rd-25th: **The annual SUSK Congress in
Montreal.** For more details, please
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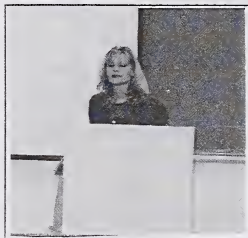
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SUSK Eastern Conference Photo Album

Photos by Adrianna Tatarka



← The delegates to the SUSK Eastern Conference from McMaster, McGill, Western, Brock, Waterloo, University of Toronto, and University of Alberta USO's.



← Former UofT USO member Larissa O'Coin speaks about her experience in the P&B's Mentorship program.

Conference, continued....

Larissa O'Coin, a former member of UofT USO and a participant in the mentorship program, spoke about her experiences in the program. O'Coin, who is interested in journalism, has volunteered at CITY-TV, CFTO-TV and CHIN Radio because of the CMP.

Raya Shadursky, President of the UCPBF, the national coordinating body of the UCPBA branches, spoke about the possibility of expanding the mentorship program from Toronto to encompass the entire nation.

A series of workshops followed a delicious home cooked lasagne lunch. The workshops allowed delegates to exchange ideas on how to conduct membership drives and how to organise successful social events. One workshop was designed to familiarise delegates about the many and far reaching activities of SUSK.

The conference was concluded with the help of Ukrainian band Burya at a Zabava that nite that lasted, well, quite a long time and....

Delegates reaction to the conference was overwhelmingly positive. The popular Toronto Ukrainian TV show, Світогляд, reported on the SUSK Eastern Conference.

News Briefs.

- The SUSK Western Conference is taking place in Edmonton on January 12th and 13th. USO's expected to participate include University of Alberta, University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Calgary.
- The SUSK Congress is being held in Montreal from February 23rd to 25th. For further details, please contact SUSK President Jon Tomas.
- SUSK Alumni Director Lisa McDonald spent a week in eastern Canada compiling a database of SUSK alumni. While on her way to Ottawa to dig through volumes of SUSK archives at the National Archives of Canada, she visited the SUSK Eastern Conference.
- A Canada-Ukraine Student Partnership Programme is being organised by SUSK Project Director, Paul Grod in collaboration with the International Civic Communication Foundation's general director Vladyslav Kaskiw (Kyiv).

The more things change.... thoughts of a SUSK Past President.

by Michael (Mykhailo) Bociurkiw

When I read that members of SUSK executive were looking into the status of the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America (SUSTA), it struck me that this was a case of history repeating itself.

About 10 years ago, before, during and after my two-year stint as SUSK National President, I was able to play a role in helping to mobilize a number of USO's on the US East coast into a loose coalition. At the time, few of the USOs really counted themselves as members of a national body. In fact, many, especially those in the mid-West and West Coast of the US had never heard of SUSTA.

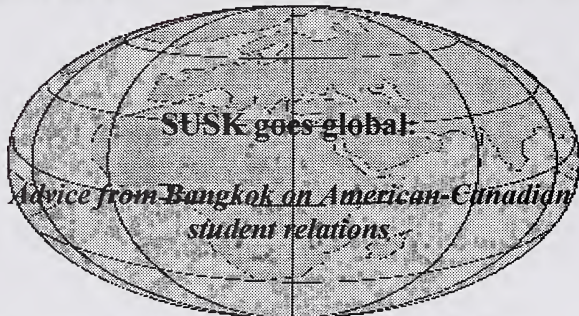
CeSUS - the international Ukrainian students body - was well-known to SUSK as we spent a huge amount of time and energy arguing with our US counterparts - mostly members of mainstream Ukrainian organizations such as SUM and PLAST - about revitalizing that body. What we frequently got from them were empty promises to bring CeSUS back on its feet.

The situation with SUSTA in the early 80s was that a group of Ukrainian-American "students" held on to their positions for years and never bothered to call a congress to pass on the torch, as it were. I recall efforts to connect with them going back to 1980-81, when my good friend Mykhailo Maryn was president.

The SUSTA "president" at the time was Ronya Stoiko-Lozynskyj, who was married to Askold Lozynskyj, the current head of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA). The two were aligned with nationalist Banderite organizations and were common fixtures at congresses, demonstrations. Needless to say, working with them was not easy - especially since they seemed to have little desire in relinquishing their hold on SUSTA or working with people who did not see eye-to-eye with their myopic view of the community.

Being based in the New York/New Jersey area at the time, I had a personal interest in helping to either revitalize SUSTA or create a new coordinating body of Ukrainian students' clubs. Having been involved with SUSK for a number of years, I saw what such an organization could do in terms of bringing people together, upgrading clubs' organizational skills and promoting exchange of information and ideas.

To make a long story short, a small group of us in the New York/New Jersey area created an informal coordinating body. We had no mandate from any national or parent body, not that we felt one was needed. Our first meeting was held in the Ukrainian Restaurant on New York's Second



Avenue and attracted club members from as far away as Philadelphia. Subsequent get-togethers were held in New Jersey and Chicago. The first sessions were pleasant get-acquainted meetings, but we quickly moved on to compiling mailing lists, creating newsletters and organizing events. Most of the students involved had little interest in party politics, instead looking for an effective way of communicating with each other.

The *Ukrainian Weekly*, where I worked as an assistant editor, helped tremendously in terms of publicizing our plans and events. Once we got up-and-running, we felt a genuine sense of achievement. The diversity of students attracted to our group was truly amazing, from across the political spectrum and from various backgrounds. Also amazing was how the nationalist and moderate elements worked

together. Of course, we had great social events which invariably carried on until the wee hours of the morning.

Before long, American students were traveling to Canada to participate in SUSK's national events. What we found were that US clubs, on the whole, were far behind Canadian clubs in organizational skills, resource people, creativity - you name it. There was nothing in the US on par with the then-*Student*, which many Ukrainian-American students envied our monthly newspaper.

One of the biggest problems US clubs had was fundraising. We were able to share with them our experiences, from holding lucrative zabavy to applying for grants from governments and Ukrainian community organizations.

The point of re-telling this piece of history: there is no need for SUSK-ites to wait for (another)

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revitalization of SUSTA in order to make contact with your Ukrainian-American counterparts. Just go ahead and contact individual clubs directly.

It would not surprise me in the least if the old dinosaurs did not want to let go of SUSTA. The UCCA, if still controlled by dinosaurs of Askold Lozynskyj's ilk, can be expected to stymie attempts to sanction a revitalization. If this is the case, then the USO's south of the border should initiate their own regional/national organization. SUSTA is merely an acronym for an organization which has all but died because of the laziness and greed of its previous leadership.

SUSK, with its collective experience and networks, could play an instrumental role in helping our American friends get up on their feet. A few key players should be invited to Canada to take part in regional conferences and the national congress. This would serve as quite the elixir for them, I am sure. On occasions when we had US students attend SUSK events, they were taken aback at the

enthusiasm that abounded at the time and our organizational skills.

Go for it and good luck.

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All past, present and future students, and interested individuals are invited to attend:

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По своїй натурі він був відданим громадсько-корисній роботі для України. Сім'я була для нього на другому місці і я це розуміла, тому що ми були єдині у своїй любові до України. Орест мені говорив, що попрашуємо для Держави, хоча б до 30 років, ми ще молоді, все попереду. Але до 30-ти він не дожив, його отруїли „друзі“, які заздрили гуманітарній допомозі, яка була в його руках і пахла їм збагаченням. Комусь вигідно зараз.

Можливо він відчував близьку свою смерть, але не уступив. Орест був людиною із несхитною власною позицією і твердим особистим „я“. Він був людиною з великої літери і може служити живим прикладом для нас. Я вірю в ЦеСУС, він стане діючою студентською організацією.

Слава українським студентам!

Марта Васильців

Орест, вічна тобі слава і пам'ять

Орест Васильців
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Щоб захищати сьогодні студентство до активної громадської діяльності потрібно мати хоча б якісь скромні суспільно-економічні бачення. А для цього першочергово потрібна реєстрація ЦеСУСу, як організації, на державній основі. Це дасть можливість на державному рівні взяти хоча б де-які молодіжні питання на себе разом з державним фінансуванням.

Зрозуміло, що така постановка питання викличе в уряді опір, але це справа серйозна і за неї треба боротися;

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Марта Васильців

Why to avoid the SUSK Congress in Montreal like the plague.

by *Stephan Patten*

OK. That's probably slightly misleading because my rant will focus on convincing you to come to the SUSK Congress in Montreal on February 23rd to 25th.

But first.....

Congress the code name for the annual event organised by the outgoing SUSK executive. It includes interesting speakers, (previous years have featured Toronto entrepreneur Borys Wrzesnewskij, professor Roman Serbyn, Alberta Liberal leader Lawrence Decore and others.). Come to discuss issues that concern Ukrainian Canadians, often with those at the centre of the them.

Other than these discussions, the future of SUSK is determined by ONLY those present at the Congress. This is accomplished in a number of ways: elections, resolutions and constitutional amendments.

Amendments to the SUSK Constitution may only be made at Congress.

Elections, obviously, decide which people will be at SUSK's helm until the next congress - ALL those present at Congress may run for any of the 13 executive positions. Improve the Ukrainian Canadian student movement by volunteering some of your time with work on the SUSK national executive.

Resolutions are simple agreements made between the delegates present at Congress and the new executive. They are one or two sentence contracts that bind the new executive to do something over the course of their year term, e.g. SUSK shall publish *Майже Студент* 5 times a year. Through resolutions, guide the years activity of the new SUSK executive.

But there's still more.....

Congress is attended by Ukrainian students from the University of Alberta to Concordia - meet fellow Ukrainian students from universities across Canada.

There's always a zabava....

And....Montreal - great clubs (open 'til 3), awesome skiing, and delicious smoked meat. So there you have it! I must humbly acknowledge failure to provide you with reasons to 'avoid the SUSK Congress like the plague' - I couldn't come up with any. Hope to see ya all in Montreal February 23rd to 25th for Congress!

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