

# CIDA'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM WITH UKRAINE

## DIRECTOR OF UKRAINIAN ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN CANADA



*Information session in Ottawa. L-r: Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko; Anatoliy Chemerys (Lviv); Serhiy Seryogin (Dnipropetrovsk); Patricia Campbell (CBIE); Volodymyr Luhovyi, UAPA Director; Oleksiy Yakubovskiy (Odesa); Grygoriy Mostovyi (Kharkiv).*

From March 8th to 23rd, 1996, the Director of the Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration (UAPA), Volodymyr Luhovyi, was in Canada for a series of meetings with partners involved in Canada's continuing technical cooperation project in support of public service training in Ukraine. The Canadian project with the Academy (formerly known as the Institute of Public Administration and Local Government - IPALG) is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and managed by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE).

For three years, IPALG offered a one year Master's of Public Administration (MPA) program, with an annual enrolment of more



*UAPA Directors visited the School of Public Administration of Carleton University, where they also met with the Dr. Fraser Taylor, Assistant V-P (International) at Carleton (centre front).*

than 100 students. Through this project, the Canadian government was the leading international donor in support of public service training in Ukraine. This was facilitated by the coordination of project efforts in Canada by CBIE and by the leadership of a Canadian, Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko, who was Director-General of IPALG for its first three years. As a result of the Canadian support and involvement of other international donors, there is no other institute in Ukraine with the same status and influence on the development of the public

service. Through the IPALG project several accomplishments can be noted, including the development and delivery of MPA courses, a highly successful Women's Executive Development Program, language training development using Language Training Canada materials, short courses in Canada for Ukrainian managers, and internship and fellowship opportunities in Canada for over 150 students and academics from IPALG.

Despite the many successes of the IPALG project, public service training was very much at a crossroads. In June 1995, President Kuchma issued a decree on establishing a system of training, re-training and improving the qualifications of the public service. This essentially transformed IPALG into the Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration (UAPA) attached to the Office of the President of Ukraine. Under this decree, the Academy became an integral part of the Executive Branch of government and the management staff at the UAPA received the status of civil servants. Furthermore, the UAPA's mandate was expanded to include the establishment of three new regional branches (in Lviv, Odesa, and Kharkiv), in addition to the branch already established in Dnipropetrovsk.

Accompanying Dr. Luhovyi on his visit to Canada

were the recently appointed directors of the new regional branches of the Academy: Oleksiy Yakubovskiy (Odesa), Grygoriy Mostovyi (Kharkiv), Serhiy Seryogin (Dnipropetrovsk) and Anatoliy Chemerys (Lviv). A representative from the President's Administration, Mrs. Halyna Kruchenyuk, was also part of the delegation.

The delegation participated in several sessions in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto with institutions involved with the training and development of public servants in Canada. The purpose of these sessions was to enhance the delegates' understanding of the relationships and paradigms related to the strengthening of the Canadian public service. Discussions and presentations covered several topics, including:

- the professional development of public servants;
- the activities of professional associations of public servants in Canada;
- the relationship between governments, associations and institutes concerned with public service training;
- the design and implementation of in-service training programs within the public service; and
- the evaluation and impact assessment of short and long term training courses.

New challenges in Ukraine require innovative approaches which can only be advanced by strong leadership and further developments in training public servants. Support for UAPA has not only provided a window of opportunity for Canadian support to Ukraine as a whole, it has provided Canadians with contacts and partners within the current and future leadership of Ukraine. The facilitation of people-to-people cooperation in the area of public service training supports and enhances the already established relationship between Canada and Ukraine. Professional bonds with Canadians and Canadian institutions supports a positive image of Canada which goes beyond the mere "romantic" vision Ukrainians have traditionally held. Undoubtedly, this reinforces Canada's track record in Ukraine as a leading supporter of the reform process.

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