



economy, promote democratic development and increase Canadian trade and investment links with the region. More than \$25 million has been committed to date in support of some 40 regional projects in the priority sectors of private-sector development, democratization and good governance, health and agriculture.

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### UKRAINE LOOKS ABROAD FOR MEDICINE

March 1994 ... Expenditures of over \$116.9 million US and \$7 billion rubles in 1993 provided only 3 percent of Ukraine's medicine needs and drained the government health budget, based on assistance of \$80 million from Germany and \$36.9 million by the European Community.

First quarter 1994 imports of medicine projections appeared gloomy, as only \$18.5 million in credits were forthcoming from Germany, the European Union and Hungary. France is extending credit for much of Ukraine's current need for glucose, Novocain, and lactonic solution. Ukrpharmacia, the association that administers the government's health budget, is cash-strapped and scrambling to try to provide insulin for Ukraine's one million diabetics, including over 5,000 children. Currently, insulin is not produced in Ukraine. (*Slavia Digest*)

### OSVITA MEDICAL PROJECT

Under this 2-year, \$2.5 million project, part of Canada's recent assistance projects announcement, Osvita (which means "enlightenment") will provide training to Ukrainian physicians in the areas of maternal and infant health care. University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine in co-operation with the City of Kyiv's Department of Health and three children's hospitals, 120 volunteer Canadian physicians will teach in

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### 1ST INTERNATIONAL TOURIST FAIR IN UKRAINE - FALL 1994

The State Committee of Ukraine for Tourism is holding UKRAINE '94, the first International Tourist Fair in Kyiv this fall. Tourism organizations and travel agencies from across the world are invited to join the festivities and participate with their presence and marketing support. Dates and times for special tours and special attractions are to be announced shortly.

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Ukraine and some 40 promising Ukrainian physicians will complete four-month internships at medical institutions across Canada. Canadian laboratory technologists in Kyiv will help modernize medical laboratory procedures and improve the quality control of medical testing. In addition, senior Ukrainian medical administrators will study medical systems and models in Canada. Building on an earlier \$900,000 initiative, the project aims to contribute to a reduction in maternal and infant mortality and to establish a continuing medical education program in Ukraine.

### RED CROSS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

A \$4 million humanitarian assistance package, part of the recent government announcement, will address emergency health needs in Ukraine. The package includes a \$3-million contribution to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the provision of essential drugs and medical supplies for pregnant women, children and seniors. In response to a United

Nation's appeal, \$1 million will be donated to the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund for the purchase and delivery of vaccines. This package brings Canada's total humanitarian assistance to Ukraine to \$8 million.

### UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENTARY INTERNS IN OTTAWA

Seven university students from Ukraine have commenced parliamentary internships with Canadian Members of Parliament through a program sponsored by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation in Toronto. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program is designed to acquaint university students from Ukraine with the Canadian parliamentary system, while providing them with an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the direct roles played by various political, social, judicial, bureaucratic and economic institutions within Canada.

The Ukrainian interns included Alexander Lysenko (Kyiv), Nazar Bobitskij (Lviv), Olha Makara (Kyiv), Serhij Myskiv (Chernivtsi), Rouslan Deinitchenko (Sumy), Hlib Krivenko (Kharkiv) and Irena Shinkarenko (Kharkiv).

The Ukrainian students will spend over a month working in the House of Commons followed by several weeks in the Member's constituency office, where they will gain valuable work experience and a broader knowledge of Canada's legislative and decision-making processes.