UCCA delegates have gathered at the 2024 Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) Summit in Bucharest, Romania, where they will represent the different viewpoints and opinions from Ukrainians in America at the international event featuring over 200 leaders and representatives of Ukrainian communities from 55 countries and five continents. The Summit is taking place in the halls of the Parliament of Romania, with the participation of Ukrainian and Romanian government representatives.
Prior to the start of the summit in Bucharest, a UWC delegation featuring UCCA President Andriy Futey held an official meeting with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy across the border from Romania in Ukraine at the historic **Residence of Bukovinian and Dalmatian Metropolitans**, now part of Chernivtsi University and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Discussions centered on the promotion of **President Zelenskyy’s Peace Formula**, Ukraine’s **promised accession to NATO** and the European Union, as well as the Ukrainian diaspora’s role in securing victory and rebuilding Ukraine.
In Bucharest, UCCA delegates have engaged in panel discussions focusing on invigorating the development of diaspora organizations and initiatives, towards realizing the summit’s goal of setting an agenda for the global Ukrainian community.

An **award ceremony** for the St. Volodymyr the Great Medal — the global diaspora’s highest honor — was held on the opening day of the summit in Bucharest. The nominees were approved by a special Commission, the honoree list was adopted by the UWC Board of Directors, and the 2023 slate was announced during the XII Congress of the UWC on October 22, 2023.

More than 40 leaders from global Ukrainian organizations and communities were honored in Bucharest for their outstanding contributions to Ukrainian life in the diaspora and the development of Ukraine itself, including Ihor Diaczun of **UCCA’s Illinois Division**, and the late Yuri Hreshchyshyn, longtime head of **UCCA’s Buffalo Chapter**.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America would like to sincerely congratulate **all the recipients of the 2023 St. Volodymyr the Great Medal** on the occasion of their honor.

**TOGETHER TO VICTORY**

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Ukrainian Congress Committee of America is deeply saddened by the recent passing of Yuri Hreshchyshyn, well known both locally and abroad as a tireless advocate for his Ukrainian American community.

Within the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Yuri was not only an active member, but a delegate to several of UCCA's quadrennial conventions, a voice of reason and experience on UCCA's National Council, the highest ruling body between UCCA's conventions, and a longtime chapter President in Western New York. He also represented his Western New York community internationally as an Election Observer registered with Ukraine's Central Election Commission, where he would bring along colleagues and legislators from Erie County to witness a nation fight to maintain its independence one vote at a time.

Among his many honors and recognitions, UCCA's National Executive recognized Yuri's decades of service to the community in a local ceremony at the Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center in 2023. Just a few weeks
later, Yuri’s lifetime of community service was recognized by the Ukrainian World Congress with their highest award, the St. Volodymyr the Great Medal. This honor has been presented in 12 ceremonies since 1967, and reserved for those individuals or organizations who demonstrate an exceptional contribution to the development of Ukrainian life in the diaspora and the development of Ukraine. In his class of honorees, Mr. Hreshchyshyn received the same level of distinction as Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur of Ohio, Member of the UK Parliament Pauline Latham, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada Chrystia Freeland, as well as the entire Parliament of the Republic of Estonia.

Yuri was a member of many community organizations and through the good will and respect he had garnered over the years, he was able to help innumerable souls both here and throughout Ukraine. This includes all the Ukrainian families displaced by today’s war which Yuri dedicated himself to assisting during the final years of his life.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America expresses its deepest condolences to the members of Yuri Hreshchyshyn’s family, his church and his community.

Вічна Пам’ять! May His Memory Be Eternal!

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Keep Calling for Ukraine

With only several days left before another congressional recess, is it expected that Speaker Johnson will bring a Ukraine supplemental bill to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote next week.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, DC public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) – urge you to contact Speaker Johnson’s office IMMEDIATELY and urge the Speaker to bring a supplemental national security assistance bill to a vote.
HOW TO CONTACT SPEAKER JOHNSON:

- Call Speaker Johnson's Capitol office: **202 225-4000**
- Leave a message with the operator about the importance of Ukraine security supplemental assistance:

*As a concerned citizen, I urge you to bring a national security supplemental bill to the floor for a vote.*

*At a recent hearing on Capitol Hill, U.S. European Commander Gen. Christopher Cavoli emphatically stated that "Ukraine will be outgunned by Russia ten-to-one in weeks without U.S. support."*

*I implore you to bring a Ukraine security supplemental bill to the floor for a vote NOW! Every day in Ukraine without critical weaponry costs the precious lives of innocents!*

*Thank you!*
Upcoming Events

13 квітня, Філадельфія

**MY FINAL TERRITORY AT WAR:**
AN EVENING WITH UKRAINIAN WRITER
YURI ANDRUKHOVYCH

April 13, 2024 at 7PM

Yuri Andrukhovych will read from recent publications of his writing in English translation, including *Ukraine 22: Ukrainian Writers Respond to War* (Penguin, 2023) and *My Final Territory: Selected Essays* (University of Toronto Press, reprinted 2023). Mr. Andrukhovych will also provide new translations of his poetry and prose from forthcoming publications and discuss Ukraine two years after Russia’s full-scale invasion.

Free admission

Ukrainian League of Philadelphia
600 N. 23rd Street, Phila., PA 19130

Ukrainian and English language event
Sponsored by The Fifth Column Trust and
The Ukrainian Self-Help Federal Credit Union

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14 квітня, Лос-Анджелес

**Pysanka Festival**

Sunday
April 14, 2024
Noon to 5:00pm

FREE ADMISSION

Pysanka Festival

811 6th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90029

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13 квітня, Скенектаді НЙ

**THE EIGHTH STEP PRESENTS**

**UKRAINE, UKRAINE!**
A MUSICAL GATHERING HONORING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SAT, APRIL 13 | 7PM

8TH STEP AT PROCTOR'S (GE THEATRE)

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT MEDICAL RELIEF TO UKRAINE

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13-14 квітня, Провіденс/Бостон

16 квітня, Вашингтон

25 квітня, Дженкінтаун

You are cordially invited to a lecture in English, in a series of scholarly events:

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 3:00 PM

ANDREW BAZARCO, PhD
Simons Observatory Project Manager, Princeton University

GLIMPING COSMIC ORIGINS WITH THE SIMONS OBSERVATORY
at St. Sophia Association
7811 Willow Rd., Elkins Park, PA

Goodwill donations

You are cordially invited to a lecture in English, in a series of scholarly events:

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

DIPLOMACY IN WAR: ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF AN AMBASSADOR

Register at Manor.edu/Ukraine

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ЦЮ ТАКЕ УККА?
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.

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New York, NY 10003

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With more than 200,000 charities rated, Charity Navigator provides free access to data, tools, and resources to guide philanthropic decision-making. According to their comprehensive ratings program, the cost-effectiveness and overall health of a UCCA’s programs merit a 3-Star Charity rating. By the measures of UCCA’s stability, efficiency, and sustainability, UCCA ranks as a standout organization.

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