



**UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' UNION  
СОЮЗ УКРАЇНСЬКОГО СТУДЕНТСТВА КАНАДИ  
UNION DES ÉTUDIANTS UKRAINIENS CANADIENS**

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Conclusion of 53rd National SUSK Congress

SUSK is pleased to report on the successful closing of the 53rd National SUSK Congress held in Ottawa, Ontario from May 5th to 8th 2011. "Over sixty delegates from post secondary institutions from all across Canada and the United States descended on the nation's capital for informative sessions, professional development, and of course, song and dance," said Immediate Past President Danylo Korbabicz. "SUSK has experienced exponential growth since its rebirth in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2007. We have seen attendance at our conferences double and triple. Ukrainian Canadian students are showing our community that they take their responsibilities as future leaders seriously," continued Korbabicz.

The 53<sup>rd</sup> National SUSK Congress was hosted by the local Ukrainian Student's Club at the University of Ottawa. Session speakers included Taras Zalusky (Executive Director) and Paul Grod (President) of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Borys Potapenko (Executive Director) of the League of Ukrainian Canadians, James Temerty (Chairman) of Northland Power, His Excellency Ihor Ostash Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, and John Vellinga (President) of Multiculture Marketing. The four day Congress culminated with the election of the 2011-2012 Executive Committee of SUSK and a keynote address at the SUSK Alumni Banquet and Zabava delivered by Mr. Borys Sirskyj at the National Arts Centre. Mr. Sirskyj's speech was entitled "Ukrainian students as Community Leaders – Yesterday, Today, and in the Future – A voice to be reckoned with!" Thanks to tremendous support from the local Ukrainian community, the Banquet and Zabava serviced a near capacity crowd of over two hundred people.

The Congress also featured a private tour of Parliament Hill, a seminar on the history of Vodka which included a tasting, a pub-crawl in the Ottawa Byward Market district, and a session on personal finance. "It was nice to see a balance between professional and social activities – our club was very glad to make the trip to Ottawa and we look forward to the next Congress" stated Ann Zalucky, a delegate from the University of Calgary.

Incoming President Olena Kit from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, looks forward to building on this legacy and is honoured to play her part in the continued growth of a revived SUSK.

"I would like to thank the outgoing SUSK executive and the immediate Past President Danylo Korbabicz for their commitment to preserving and promoting the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage. They have inspired students nationwide and offered them tremendous support" stated Kit. "A warm thank you to the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club for your generous hospitality in our nation's capital. The success of the 53rd National SUSK Congress would not have happened without your dedication and hard work."

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#### About SUSK

SUSK is a national student organization comprised of Ukrainian student organizations at post-secondary institutions across Canada. It was formed in 1953 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Unfortunately, it fell inactive in 2001. During the XXII Congress of Ukrainian Canadians SUSK was revived. SUSK's mandate is to "advocate concerns relevant to Ukrainian Canadian students".

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Incoming SUSK President Olena Kit with Outgoing President Danylo Korbabicz



Paul Grod, President of Ukrainian Canadian Congress speaks to Students



SUSK Delegates participate in Sessions



SUSK Delegates after touring Parliament Hill



Guest Speaker Jim Temerty, Chairman Northland Power



Ambassador of Ukraine Ihor Ostash addresses SUSK delegates wearing limited edition SUSK Sunglasses



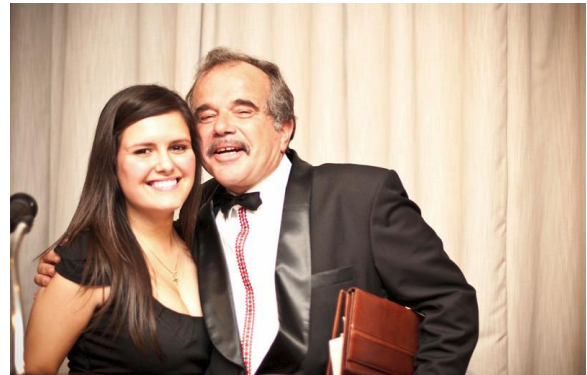
UCC President Paul Grod with Danylo Korbabicz and Nicholas Kalimin preparing for Zabava Banquet



SUSK limited edition T-Shirts "Nadia" / "Hope"



Various SUSK delegates and Alumni



SUSK Congress Chairperson Anda Hirceaga with Keynote Speaker Borys Sirskyj



Members of the 2011/2012 SUSK Executive

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