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## From the President's Desk

I'd like to start this column by reminding everyone about the "membership drive" I mentioned in the last newsletter. In order to help alleviate some of the confusion surrounding the "do you have to be an engineer to join UESA: question, three separate membership applications have been created – professional, associate, and student.

The "professional" application is the same application that has been filled out by traditional UESA members. The "associate" application, although similar to the traditional application, is geared for people that work in fields which are considered "complimentary" to the technical fields of a professional member. A degree in a technical field is not required. For example, contractors who work with architects and engineers would be eligible for "associate membership."

The "student" application is a simplified version of the traditional application in that it only asks information which is relevant to a student's studies.

All of these applications are available by request or , alternately, they can be downloaded from the membership section of the UESA web site ([www.uesa.org](http://www.uesa.org)).

Next, I would like to thank Mr. Jaroslaw Kryshtalksy and Dr. Lew Dobrjansky for their efforts in helping to verify our membership roles. We have made great strides in confirming the validity of the information. At this point, the status of approximately 75% of the New York City Chapter's members has been verified.

We have been unable to establish contact with the remaining people on our lists either by mail or telephone. We would greatly appreciate if the general membership can help us obtain some

contact information (mailing address, e-mail or phone) for the following members:

Mr. Mark Bach \*  
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If you are on this list and have been receiving UESA mailings, then please contact me via e-mail, regular mail, or phone (212-719-9700) so that I can update your membership status.

Finally, I would like to touch on UESA's event schedule. The National Board is planning on holding the next Plenary Meeting in early October. I would urge everyone to attend so that they can lend their feedback on what UESA is doing and should be doing.

As was noted previously, the New York City Chapter has plans to begin monthly meetings come September. In addition to reviewing Chapter business, we plan to have short lectures on technical and cultural issues. The success of these lectures will be entirely dependant on the feedback and attendance of our members. I hope to see many of you there. Also, whenever possible please make an effort to RSVP. A valid pre-event head count is important for our planning needs.

Thank you. Until next time.....

*Marco Shmerykowsky, PE*  
*Марко Шмеряковскыя*

### **Small New Jersey overhead crane dealer makes big difference in New York City Transit Authority Iron Shop**

New Jersey Chapter UESA member and president of Moye Handling Systems, Yaroslav "Russ" Chelak, recently contributed to New York City's wide spread efforts to rebuild after the World Trade Center Tragedy.

Moye Handling Systems, a Somerville, NJ dealer and installer of overhead hoist and crane equipment, donated a \$70,000 overhead crane to the New York City Transit Authority, in honor of the terrible tragedy suffered at the World Trade Center nearly a year ago. In the process, Moye pretty much revolutionized operations at the facility.



Photo of Crane Installation at NYCTA Tiffany Street Shop

"Not enough can be said of the terrible loss New York City suffered on September 11, 2001. We provided the specified crane at no cost, to fulfill our need to 'do something' in the face of this atrocity," said Russ Chelak. "In all likelihood, it will be used to help rebuild the subway infrastructure destroyed in the disaster."

Moye Handling installed a Demag 5-ton capacity ZKKE model crane in NYCTA's Tiffany Street Shop in the Bronx, the iron shop which fabricates the structural steel used throughout the New York City subway system.

Transit Authority representatives were somewhat stunned during the bidding process. Competitors questioned the validity of their bid, when Moye's bid for the job was \$70,000 lower than the next lowest bidder--exactly the wholesale value of the equipment being donated. Indeed, Moye's bid included only labor and shipping costs required to complete the installation. As the oldest and largest Demag dealer in the northeast US, Moye was able to negotiate a special arrangement with Demag, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Due to its design simplicity and ease of maintenance, Demag has provided more overhead cranes to NYCTA than any other manufacturer.

Moye's installation included the 5-ton, double girder top-running overhead crane, with an LED load display and radio remote control. The new Demag crane sizably increases productivity at the Tiffany Street shop, without the need to hire electronic technicians to maintain the crane.

Demag has provided more cranes to NYCTA than any other manufacturer, largely due to its heavy-duty performance, reliability and ease of maintenance. Twenty are currently in operation at NYC Transits' Coney Island Overhaul Shop, North America's largest subway repair facility. All of them were installed by Moye. Daryl Lucas, maintenance superintendent at the site, attributes reduced maintenance to Demag's design.

Minimizing maintenance and downtime at the Tiffany Iron Shop will prove especially important once the monumental task of rebuilding the subway infrastructure in downtown Manhattan begins.

Robert Brady, Senior Director of NYC Transit's Department of Subway Maintenance, thanked Moye profusely for their donation. Chelak and his company modestly admit, "We're proud that in some small way, we can be part of rebuilding the City of New York."

## **The Ukrainian Universe**

By Ihor Wyslotsky – *ihorchicago@aol.com*

The events of major historic proportions, of barely a decade ago, have forever eradicated the Soviet Union from the map. The threat of the bolsheviks taking over the world has vanished, gone. Ukraine, the “*The Unexpected Nation*” emerged and claimed it’s natural right to exist free.. Armed with world’s third largest nuclear arsenal Ukraine had, for a time, the ace card. The world powers had to negotiate and to agree to Ukraine’s independence and to it’s security. For this the *Economist* named Ukraine “The Unruly Child of Europe”, an influential western intelligence agency issued a report predicting a very short lived statehood for Ukraine. Russia’s foreign minister Kozyrev used that report to the detriment of the fledgling new state.

In spite of the adversity, Mr. Krawchuk stayed the course and Ukraine obtained the right to exist as an independent country. Ukraine also gained the security assurances. For a while, at least, Ukraine became the “obedient child”, even something of a darling of the West. This, however did not last long. Very soon Ukraine became the forgotten child. With all tangible and non-tangible state assets of USSR located in the world having been awarded to Russia, Ukraine was left to it’s own devices and at a mercy of academic prodigy wunderkinds, each with impressive academic backgrounds and rather limited understanding of the unfolding historic event and a deep human drama. The laissez-faire capitalism has a place in a legislated, democratic and open society with a strong and independent judiciary. A functioning democracy is built from the bottom up. For the democracy to function, the society has to reach a compact and form the laws within that compact. Only then the government is elected to implement the law. Ukraine followed the free market teachings. The economy was set free and a loosely legislated, lawless market economy was created. In this vacuum a window of opportunity was offered, for those in power, to strip the country of it’s assets and to acquire the license to exploit the population. In a society ruled by law the individuals with such initiative would have been very constructive for the country. In the haste to implement the “shock therapy” no legislative base for such drastic changes was provided. Being in a haste to capitalize on the newly acquired status, the new overlords started dumping on the world markets the goods that their new assets were producing. The world markets reacted and soon exorbitant duties were imposed on goods from Ukraine. The Ukrainian business acquired a terrible name. The markets closed for the Ukrainian goods.

The Ukrainian diaspora’s acceptance of the independence, at first spontaneously exuberant, then clouded by reports of it’s doubtful future was accepted with mixed emotions. To many it was a disappointment. Ukraine was not what we dreamed about and what our forefathers left behind, now generations ago. The experiment was not what we expected and the politicians of Ukraine were not listening to our advise. This was, and still is heard more frequently than not. For the dreamers of ideal Ukraine it is difficult to accept that the genesis of the political development is taking place in Ukraine and not abroad. Yet slowly the reality is setting in and ever more we come to terms with the new landscape which emerged after the plate tectonics shifted in the Ukrainian Universe.

### **The New Landscape**

The historic developments and the consequent catharsis of the diaspora community made clear that the centripetal forces in our community and the circled wagons around our camp, are now much less relevant to our self preservation. It is ever more obvious that circled wagons philosophy must be disbanded and replaced with a live and active ideological position based on our moral and cultural strength coupled with our desire to be part of the world. In order to be alive, this process must continually tap the source, it must be continually strengthened from it’s fountain. Equipped with continually replenishing cultural strength from Ukraine, bolstered by economic progress, we in the diaspora, for the first time in the modern history, are able to enter the mainstream of our communities as contributors and as partners. We have witnessed the shifting of the tectonic plates. This displacement has created a new landscape and it is still undergoing the aftershocks as it is gradually settling. This newly created landscape is by far more favorable to Ukrainians, world wide, and in Ukraine. We need to react, learn and adjust to it. In the process of returning to a growth pattern, Ukraine offers the opportunity of economic growth to the diaspora as well. It offers the unprecedented opportunities for business entrepreneurship for the open minded and willing to persevere. The developing well being of Ukraine has a great potential to reflect directly on the well being of Ukrainians in the whole world.

### **Diaspora Organizations**

Most Ukrainian organizations in the diaspora are fulfilling functions which are needed by our communities. Others, in the new landscape, are going through the process of soul searching for their

missions in the new landscape. As the result, some may become obsolete. UESA was formed half a century ago by a group of Ukrainian engineers for the purpose of keeping us together, learning from each other about employment and other opportunities and, yes, to get together now and then and to play a game of bridge, usually after the monthly meeting of the branch. This was the motivation. As time passed, every one understood that for a true professional development one had to belong to professional American engineering society. UESA could not offer the services of such large organizations.. The need to periodic meetings gradually waned as other social interests and gathering venues for each member developed. Rightfully so, we are questioning ourselves what is UESA's mission today. This questioning is very healthy. It means that the Society is alive.

Within the new landscape, many organizations, which are alert and which are reacting to the new landscape, are researching for new missions and many are finding them. The Ukrainian Medical Group is doing a wonderful work in medicine in many parts of Ukraine, the Ukrainian National Association (UNA) is organizing an insurance promotion drive for it's own strengthening yet, ultimately for the benefit of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America. This action is strengthening UNA and it is building intellectual strength at Kyiv Mohyla Academy. Self Reliance, FCU is actively pursuing the founding and cooperating in the establishment and operation of similar institutions in Ukraine. Other organizations, with alert leadership are restructuring as well. UESA, as an engineering and technology body, by definition, has a very important function in any society. UESA functions for the benefit of the Ukrainian community, contributing to it's strength. The Society can also be a vehicle for the economic improvement of the Ukrainian community in the world. Such improvement is very feasible when coupled with the development of business.

In parallel with this the Ukrainian Engineering Society of America can perform a unique and outstanding service for the community and for itself. The proposed service can materialize in a project which will be tying together, to a center in Kyiv, all Ukrainian communities around the world into one electronic communications network which will bring us all together. A continuous stream of culture would emanate from the center to all Ukrainian settlements in the whole world. Taking advantage of the modern means of communications, we can today create a surrogate equivalent to the German Goethe Institute or French Alliance Francaise with a much more cost effective base. The IT center at Kyiv Mohyla Academy in Kyiv is anxious to launch this program. The proposed electronic network would serve the needs of a Ukrainian school in Curitiba, Brazil or in

Obera, Argentina or Ridna Shkola in Chicago, New York, Luhansk, Lviv or elsewhere. The most remote locations would be informed on all developments in Ukraine through an open, non controlled e-media. It would be accessible to every school, organization or individuals everywhere. The Ukrainian Engineering Society of America, by sponsoring such a program, would have a mission, purpose and a function to fulfill. Funding for a project of this magnitude is low and the benefits can be immeasurably large. It can have a historic significance.

Once established the network can be amplified to the business development of the Ukrainian communities. Never before was business more tied to the technology or the technology to the business. It is in our hands. In the hands of the engineers.

Written in Ottawa, Ontario

July 14, 2002.-

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### **Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America Participates at 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Verkhovyna Youth Festival**

Glen Spey, New York

This year the 27th Annual Verkhovyna Ukrainian Youth Festival was back in the green mountains of Glen Spey, New York. The Ukrainian American Cultural Foundation is working hard to modernize the facilities so that future generations of Ukrainian-Americans can continue to enjoy the property.

The Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America decided to hold a small fundraising effort to help support the Ukrainian American Cultural Foundation's efforts to rebuild the resort. The Society set up a booth which in addition to having information about the organization had high quality, 100% cotton white polo shirts emblazed with the UESA or "TYIA" logo, the Society's web site address, and our new slogan - "*Your link to the future*" The Society will donate all the profits from the sale of the shirts at the Festival to the UACF.



**Marco Shmerykowsky PE and Wasyl Kinach PE**

The booth at the Festival was a complete success entirely to the efforts of Wasyl Kinach, his brother Mykola Kinach and their niece Catherine Anderson. In addition to selling the shirts, the Kinachs distributed several applications and UESA informational pamphlets. Thanks to their efforts, several young professionals learned more about UESA.



**National Board Member Wasyl Kinach PE**

If you would like to purchase a UESA shirt, please send an e-mail to [nyc@uesa.org](mailto:nyc@uesa.org) or write to us at: Ukrainian Engineers Society of America, 2 East 79th Street, NY, NY 10021



**UESA shirts on display at Verkhovyna**

### **News Items**

- We would like to welcome new professional member Tad Sendzimir and new Student members Adrian Berezowsky of The Cooper Union and Roman Podpirka of Columbia University.

### **Upcoming Events**

- August 10<sup>th</sup> - "Tovarska Zustrich" / Summer Get-Together at Soyuzivka in Kerhonksen, NY. Come enjoy a day of casual socializing and conversation, volleyball, and tennis, A Soyuzivka Zabava with music by *Tempo* will take place in the evening.
- Early October – UESA Plenary Meeting to be held at the Ramada Inn in East Hanover.
- September – NYC Chapter Elections.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – UESA/UMANA/UIA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "**Fall Zabava in New York City**" to be held at the Ukrainian Institute of America.
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Technical Seminar on BioTerrorism to be held jointly by the New York Chapters of UESA and UMANA.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Traditional New York City Yalynka to be held at the Ukrainian Institute of America.

(Note: Calendar subject to change. Notice will be given in advance of any changes.)

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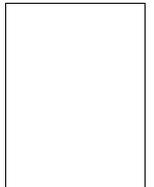
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