



**UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Annual Report

Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

OUR MISSION:

To be a collaborative association in South Africa which strives to promote **Ukraine**, its culture, language, and interests – as an independent democratic country.

What has been done according to UAZA objectives:

Objective 1: To unite and support Ukrainians of all generations and all backgrounds in South Africa, to be a valid representation of Ukrainian community in South Africa;

- NPO UAZA has open membership and currently unites: 61 person (12 junior; 35 full; 14 associated)
- Ukrainian School – temporarily closed;
- Successful reporting for the first year of our activities to SARS;
- UAZA web-page developed and working (!!!)
- Information mailing list for 146 for Ukrainians include 146 ppl;
- Whats' app group for Ukrainians to support information exchange (79 ppl from different places in SA) ; Durban whats' app (22 participants)
- Visit of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to South Africa **29 Mar – 5 April** – Agreement for Ukrainian priest to start mission in South Africa in 2020 with the support of Roman Catholic Church.
- Joint celebrations (Christmas, Forum of Ukrainians in South Africa dedicated to Metropolitan Archbishop Sheptytsky (tabir); Independence Day)

Objective 2: To develop network of South Africans as well as other nationalities who are interested in Ukrainian culture, language or other aspects of its social, economic, academic or political life

- English mailing list about Ukraine and Ukraine-related events in South Africa (187)
- Support research family stories by foreigners with Ukrainian origins (3 families in Cape Town researching their Ukrainian roots) – we supported (non-financially) their visit to Ukraine & research;
- Co-operations with other associations (participation in Greek Orthodox celebrations, meetings with Belgian association);

Objective 3: To promote Ukrainian culture, language and expand the information about Ukraine in South Africa;

- II Ukrainian Festival at Root 44;
- Support of Ukrainian sportman/woman in SA: Ice Hockey; Boxing; Fishing.

- Petrykivka classes – 2 petrykivka classes this year in Lambertsbay and Newlands;
- Presentation of Ukrainian Art at IPAF – Mural “Lighthouse” by Tatiana Hurn & Alexandr Nikitiuk
- Ukrainian music at SA radio;
- Ukrainian library – collection of English language books on Ukraine and kids books in Ukrainian – consulting academics researching Ukraine-related issues;

Objective 4: To promote academic, social, cultural and economic cooperation between South Africa and Ukraine;

- Riversdale Ukrainian Museum
- Cooperation between Ukrainian and South African poets (visit of Taras Malkovych and Myroslav Laiuk to Poetry Africa Festival);
- Presentation on Economic cooperation with Ukraine (1 Nov by Eugene Czolij, Liubov Abravitova and Christiaan Basson)
- Meeting of the Victors project with South African disability organisations at the Artscape Theatre;
- Representative of Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce in Cape Town and Western Cape
- Promo of information about Ukrainians in South Africa in media (newspapers, radio and TV interviews for Ukrainian Media) – 1+1; Газета «День», інтернет видання та ін.

Objective 5: To support and promote the territorial integrity, national identity, pride, security, humanitarian projects and economic prosperity of Ukraine.

- the Appeal to condemn Russian aggression against Ukraine in the Azov Sea sent to MP’s at the National Assembly and Senators at NCOP
- Events to commemorate 85th anniversary of **Holodomor** in Cape Town talk by Nadia Kravets (42 people attended), video recording available https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4ko_sAVVyo ;
- Talk at SAIIA on Russian aggression against Ukraine By Eugene Czolij visit (92 attended) -
- Visit of **the Victors** Project 20 May – 2 June

Objective 6: To cooperate with governments, nations, organizations, and individuals, to accomplish the above goals in the spirit of peace, freedom, equality and justice.

- Parliament of South Africa (meeting with Eugene Czolij in November; visit to Peremozhtsi exhibition in May& tour for Volodia & Olia at the Parliament);
- Embassy of Ukraine to South Africa
- Embassy of Republic of South Africa to Ukraine
- World Congress of Ukrainians (monthly meetings in the group of New World countries & Oceania)

Proposed activities for Sep 2019 – Aug 2020 :

Objective 1: To unite and support Ukrainians of all generations and all backgrounds in South Africa, to be a valid representation of Ukrainian community in South Africa;

- To increase membership of UAZA
- To improve cooperation between Ukrainians in Cape Town/Joburg/Pretoria/Durban
- Support of Ukrainian Entrepreneurs
- Develop a support group – get together with presentation on topic that is interesting for the group;
- To run a survey to understand better the demographics and needs of Ukrainians in SA;

Objective 2: To develop network of South Africans as well as other nationalities who are interested in Ukrainian culture, language or other aspects of its social, economic, academic or political life

- Presentation of Ukraine at schools and other spaces;
- Cooperate with other communities in SA;

Objective 3: To promote Ukrainian culture, language and expand the information about Ukraine in South Africa;

- III Ukrainian Festival at ? Quoin Rock?
- Re-opening of Ukrainian school;
- Continue Petrykivka classes and potentially doing other classes (?)

Objective 4: To promote academic, social, cultural and economic cooperation between South Africa and Ukraine;

- Establish connections with businesses interested in economic cooperation with Ukraine
- Continue supporting Ukrainian artists visiting SA & SA artists visiting Ukraine;
- Improve cooperation with Riversdale;
- Promote Ukrainian library among academics in SA;

Objective 5: To support and promote the territorial integrity, national identity, pride, security, humanitarian projects and economic prosperity of Ukraine.

- Exhibit the Victors project in other places of SA;
- Holodomor commemoration event in Cape Town & Durban;

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- Improve cooperation with the Parliament
- Promote cooperation with diplomats in Cape Town;
- Continue cooperation with UWC, Embassy of Ukraine in SA & Embassy of SA in Ukraine.

Events organized by UAZA in Aug 2018 – Aug 2019

12 September – participation of representatives of UAZA at Diplomatic reception to celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day at the Ukrainian Embassy to South Africa: Alex Ischenko, Nadia Pryimak, Antonina Dariyenko, Dzvinka Kachur

12 October – UAZA in cooperation with Ukrainian Embassy organised event “Ukrainian political prisoners: Continuing the fight” with the participation of Ukrainian poet Myroslav Laiuk. The continuation of the event was flesh mob to support political prisoners of Kremlin near the Embassy of Ukraine in Pretoria “Let My People Go”.

In Russia currently there are over 30,000 Ukrainian political prisoners. During the event Ukrainian poet Myroslav Laiuk will read his poetry. The movie about Ukrainian Political Prisoners will be shown and discussion about “silenced voices” will be held.

Myroslav Laiuk a poet and novelist whose work has been translated into German, English, Spanish, Bulgarian, Czech, Polish, Azerbaijani, Russian, Lithuanian and American languages.

13 October – poet Taras Malkovych presented his poetry and did a talk on «Image Transfusion: Where is that bridge between movies and poetry?» at the Central Library, Cape Town

Taras Malkovych is a Ukrainian poet and translator, the author of the poetry collection “The one who loves long words”, and a Visiting Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University in New York (2014-2015), where he compiled an anthology of young poetry of the USA in his own Ukrainian translations. He started his African connection with taking part in "I'll Be Waiting For You Under The Kaice-drat", an intercultural poetry project of Ukraine and Africa. His poetry is as cinematographic as the dreams he sees at night, thus his first literary project was an anthology of writer's dreams called “The Sleepwalkers”.

15-21 October – UAZA facilitated participation of Ukrainian poets Taras Malkovych and Myroslav Laiuk at the “Poetry Africa” festival, Durban

23 October - the talk ‘Death by Starvation: Geography and Legacy of Stalin’s Terror-Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine’ by Dr. Nadia Kravets (Harvard University) at the Cape Town Holocaust and Genocides Centre. Talk attended by 62 people. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4ko_sAVVyo

In Commemoration of the 85th Anniversary of Ukraine’s Great Famine of 1932-1933 that took lives of 3-7 millions of Ukrainians,

Pubic Lecture, Community Prayer, and a Candle Lighting Ceremony

This lecture will present newest findings from the research team at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, who use cutting-edge geographic digital tools to explore demographic, environmental, political and economic factors, including collectivization, a form of the land reform, that contributed to this man-made famine.

23-29 October – exhibition at the Cape Town Holocaust and Genocides Centre «PEOPLE OF THE TRUTH», about Holodomor (the Great Famine) in Ukraine 1932-1933 via memoirs of witnesses. The exhibition designed by the Institute of National Memory of Ukraine.

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28 October – II Ukrainian Festival at Root 44 – presentation of Ukrainian culture – songs, dancing, cuisine, bandura, potential for economic cooperation. As well as masterclasses: Petrykivka style painting, Hopak, varenyky making, dolls. The Festival was attended by 6067 people.

29 October – information session on Ukraine at the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce with the participation of Eugen Czolij, the President of the Ukrainian World Congress (Canada); H.E. Mr C.A. Basson, Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Ukraine 2015-2018; Mrs Olesya Matviyas, Representative of Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Cape Town; Ms Dzvinka Kachur, President of Ukrainian Association of South Africa

30 October – meeting with the MPs of National Assembly of South Africa to inform about the situation in Ukraine and opportunities for inter-parliament cooperation, with Dzvinka Kachur (UAZA) and Eugen Czolij (World Congress of Ukrainians).

30 October – organised talk by Eugen Czolij, the President of the Ukrainian World Congress with the discussant Sara Pienaar, expert on Eastern Europe, ex-National Director of South African Institute International Affairs with the support of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung “Ukraine, Russia and Hybrid War». Attended by 84 people

1 November – meeting of UAZA members with Eugen Czolij, the President of the Ukrainian World Congress to discuss the development of Ukrainian diaspora in the world and cooperation between UAZA and UWC.

12 November – The Council of Directors of UWC voted to accept Ukrainian Association of South Africa as an Associate member of UWC.

21 November – candles lighting to commemorate the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundreds and celebrate the Day of Dignity and Freedom Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkm1-pWU0Ak>

27 November – the Appeal to condemn Russian aggression against Ukraine in the Azov Sea sent to MP's at the National Assembly and Senators at NCOP

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8 December – singing Christmas Carols at the Greek Orthodox Church of Cape Town Karavaki celebration. Ukrainian Association of South Africa was invited to represent Ukrainian community at the Karavaki celebration where we sang few Ukrainian carols and wished all the best to Greek and other Orthodox communities.

13 January – Christmas celebration Cape Town

13-17 January – Supporting Ukrainian Ice Hockey team! And they won 😊

20 February - we remembering the Heavenly Hundreds and those who lost their lives to protect our right for freedom. We remember those lives by lighting the candles in different parts of South Africa and we continue to do all possible to have Ukraine that respects Freedom, is transparent, free of corruption, nepotism and bad governance.

22 February 2019 at 7 pm, Wynberg Military Sport Complex (Cape Town) come to support Ukrainian Boxing! Taras NEUDACHYN and DENYS LAZAREV former Ukrainian Otaman's Boxing team would do their best to raise Ukrainian flag. Denys Lazarev is 29 years old, welterweight from Khmelnytskyi and is famous with his knockouts. Taras Neudachyn is 26 years old, heavyweight from Oleksandria has join professional boxing only last year. His first fight at the pro ranks took place in Cape Town 25th on January 2019 where he scored second round knockout victory against South African Nqobany Hlophe.

21 March – Opening of Maria Prymachenko exhibition in Pretoria with life drawing by Tatiana Hurn

29 Mar – 5 Apr the Bishop Josef (Milian) and Fr. Andrew Gakh representatives of Missionary Department of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) are visiting South Africa to discuss the spiritual needs of Ukrainians in South Africa and to commemorate Metropolitan Archbishop UGCC Andrey Sheptycky (born 1865 – died 1944).

31 March – the Mess and screening of the movie about Metropolitan Archbihop Andrey Sheptytsky at the St John Fischer Catholic Church, **Pretoria**

4 April (11 am) – the Mess at St Bernard Church, Newlands, **Cape Town** and screening of the movie.

13 April – Meeting of Ukrainians with the Ambassador in Durban

26-28 April Forum of Ukrainians in South Africa dedicated to Metropolitan Archbishop Sheptytsky.

1st May from 11h00-13h00 in Lambertsbay – Petrykivka Art Classes

12th May from 11h00-13h00 in Newlands (10 Thistle Street, 7700) – Petrykivka Art Classes (Don't miss the opportunity to have a magical Sunday painting 2 hours in the colourful Ukrainian folk painting style with Tatiana Hurn)

21 May – 2 June – Visit of the Victors project to South Africa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd-9udeLhAw&t=62s>

A Conversation on Sport and the Human Abilities of People with Disabilities

This conversation will start with the inspirational photographic exhibition of the Victor's Project that shows Paralympians, veterans, and volunteers of Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) who became amputees as result of the Russian aggression against in Ukraine. The exhibition consists of 17 photos made by well-known artist Alexander Morderer and Tatiana Rubliova.

The project was created to support veteran's psychological rehabilitation and reintegration into social life via sport.

We will also draw inspiration from disabled South Africans who are involved in sport to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

We hope the conversation will highlight the enabling factors for others to participate in sport and explore how we can upscale such initiatives to make them more accessible for more people.

The event is organized by Disability Innovations Africa, University of Cape Town, Ukrainian Association of South Africa, Embassy of Ukraine in RSA in association with Artscape Theatre Centre.

The social multimedia project THE VICTORS is a joint initiative of TSN (Television Service of News, 1+1 TV Channel) and VIVA! Magazine.

20 May 2.30- 5 pm at the Embassy of Ukraine in South Africa (RSVP: emb_za@mfa.gov.ua)

22 May 11 am and 2 pm at Lambertsbay School

23 May 10am – 1 pm – Exhibition opening at the Artscape Theatre - the Exhibition will be available for observation till 2nd June.

25 May 10-12 am – Informal conversations with veterans and project presentation in Newlands, Cape TOWN

29 May 2019 Ukrainian Music from 10 pm till midnight on FINE MUSIC RADIO (LIVE)

Wednesday, from 10pm till midnight to www.fmr.co.za (listen live) and enjoy Ukrainian folk!

[Ukrainians of South Africa Українська Асоціація в ПАР](#) will be hosted by Dragana Jevtovic in her programme 'What a Wonderful World'. You will hear Ukrainian traditional instrument Bandura LIVE (!) played by [Nadia Pryimak](#) as well as recording of Donetsk folk band [Дивина](#) (Дывуна) who performed in Cape Town and Durban in 2017 and 2018. Enjoy vivid sounds of Carpathian mountains in Kolomyiky and learn melodic sounds of Ukrainian step.

16 Jun – 1 Jul – creation of Ukrainian mural by Aleksandr Nikitiuk and Tatiana Hurn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYoETtNqSjU>

For the first time in the CBD, a large scale mural has been painted by 3 artists as a collaboration between Ukraine and South Africa. This gigantic Crimean lighthouse will provide a new landmark in the Cape Town art scene.