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EUROPEAN, CANADIAN/US EXPERTS TO GATHER IN OXFORD TO DISCUSS GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR UKRAINE

Oxford Conference brings together international experts to share knowledge, experience, and ideas in order to improve democratic governance in Ukraine

6-8 April 2011 (Oxford) – This April, experts from across Europe, Canada, the US will gather in Oxford, UK to discuss leading issues in domestic and foreign affairs of Ukraine.

The Oxford Model Ukraine Conference will take place at St. Antony's College and New College at the University of Oxford on April 6, 7 and 8, 2011. It is the third in a four part Model Ukraine Conference.

The conference is sponsored and organized by the alumni of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) and the Oxford University Ukrainian Society. Prominent participants are expected to include: Borys Tarasyuk, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and current head of the parliamentary committee on European integration, Yuriy Yekhanurov, former Prime Minister of Ukraine, HE Leigh Turner, UK Ambassador to Ukraine, HE Volodymyr Khandogiy Ukraine's Ambassador to the UK, Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Giorgi Vashadze, Deputy-Minister of Justice of Georgia and James Sherr of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Andreas Umland and Oleksiy Haran of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kataryna Wolczuk of the University of Birmingham, Andrew Wilson, University College London, Oxana Pachlovska of the University of Rome, Sarah Whitmore of the Oxford Brookes University, and Oxford's leading scholars including Paul Chaisty, Kalypso Nicolaidis and Alex Pravda.

“This will be one of the more significant conferences organized outside of Ukraine,” said Toronto-based lawyer, Ihor Bardyn, Committee Chair of the Oxford Model Ukraine Conference. Oxford University Ukrainian Society President Anzhela Yevgenyeva, St. Hilda's College, added “the conference will draw talented students, prominent scholars, political leaders and professionals from various fields, and may be considered as one of the brightest gatherings of its kind”.

More than 80 individuals from Ukraine, Austria, Canada, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the UK, and the USA have registered for the conference. The Oxford Conference is the third in a cycle of four Model Ukraine Conferences, which brings together CUPP alumni and experts in government, economics, law, diplomacy, education, and health to share knowledge, experience, and ideas in order to improve democratic governance in Ukraine. The aim of the conference is to distil recommendations discussed and present a new model of governance to the Government of Ukraine.

During the conference, organisers together with the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre will launch a fund-raising campaign for a Senior Research Fellow in Ukrainian Studies at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford. Duties of the Fellow will include: research and publication of new work on Ukraine, teaching of Master's students, supervision of postgraduate theses on topics relevant to Ukraine, and organisation of workshops, lectures and seminars, to promote new scholarship on Ukraine. In the first instance, this campaign is targeted at the creation of a five-year post. However, it will be part of a long-term initiative to endow a permanent post and create a larger, more diverse fund which will provide opportunities for scholarship and visiting scholars from the region.

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Backgrounder

Oxford Model Ukraine Conference
“Ukraine’s Domestic and Foreign Affairs: Quo Vadis?”
University of Oxford, April 6-8, 2011

Invited guests and speakers expected to participate include:

- Paul Chaisty, St. Antony's College, Oxford, UK
- Oleksiy Haran, Kyiv-Mohyla University, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Adrian Karatnycky, Atlantic Council of the USA, USA
- Nazar Kholod, Peterson Institute of International Economics, Washington, D.C., USA
- Taras Kuzio, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation, Washington, D.C., USA
- Brigid McCarthy, US National Public Radio, USA
- Kalypso Nicolaidis, St. Antony's College, Oxford, UK
- Oxana Pachlovska, University of Rome, Italy
- Alex Pravda, St. Antony's College, Oxford, UK
- Mykola Ryabchuk, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, D.C., USA
- James Sherr, The Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House, London, UK
- Borys Tarasyuk, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and current head of the parliamentary committee on European integration, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Brussels
- Leigh Turner, UK Ambassador to Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Andres Umland, Kyiv-Mohyla University, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Giorgi Vashadze, Deputy Minister of Justice – Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Bohdan Vitvitsky, US Department of Justice, USA
- Sarah Whitmore, Oxford Brookes University, UK
- Andrew Wilson, University College London, UK
- Kataryna Wolczuk University of Birmingham, UK
- Yuriy Yekhanurov, former Prime Minister of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Sergey Zhuk, author of Rock and Roll in the Rocket City, USA

Details of the Model Ukraine Conference series:

- The first took place at the Elliott School of International Affairs of George Washington University (February 11 and 12, 2010),
- The second took place at the Chair of Ukrainian Studies of the University of Ottawa (November 12 and 13, 2010), and
- The final conference is scheduled for the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, in November 2011.

Information about the previous conferences can be found at:

<http://www.katedra.org/Conferences.aspx>