

# SUSK participates in President Poroshenko's Visit and in the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Annual General Meeting

As an active member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), the Ukrainian Students' Union (SUSK) participated in various community initiatives this month. On Wednesday September 17, 2014, SUSK President Christine Czoli joined a UCC delegation in greeting the Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on his first official visit to Canada.

President Poroshenko was very well received by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Canadian political representatives, as well as by the local Ukrainian Canadian community in Ottawa. He expressed gratitude to all of Canada, stating "I have a long list of sincere gratitude. I really feel your support. I am confident that we will have peace, we will stop the war with the assistance of the whole world. We will do everything for the world to be united. Canada helps us, it shows that it is with Ukraine. Thank you! Without this support provided by the Government of Canada, by all parliamentarians and by the Ukrainian Canadian community under the leadership of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, it would be much harder for Ukraine to face the challenges of today."



#### President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko addresses the crowd gathered in Ottawa

\* Photo credit: Christine Czoli

For a full transcript of President Poroshenko's address to Parliament please <u>click here</u>.

To view a video of President Poroshenko's address to Parliament please <u>click here</u>.



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Leaders of the Ukrainian Canadian community, under the leadership of the UCC, also had an opportunity to meet with President Poroshenko. This meeting represented a special opportunity to understand the situation in Ukraine and discuss ways in which our community can work with and help Ukraine in today's challenging circumstances.



President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and SUSK President Christine Czoli

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From Friday September 19, 2014 through Sunday September 21, 2014, SUSK representatives also took part in the Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting of the UCC in Winnipeg. In attendance were SUSK President Christine Czoli and SUSK Past President Danylo Korbabicz, who also chairs the UCC National Youth Advisory Committee.

The weekend began with a reception hosted by the Honourable Philip S. Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. Throughout the next few days, community leaders and representatives reviewed activities of the past year and discussed priorities for the upcoming year, with particular emphasis on today's challenging circumstances in Ukraine. Participants also had the opportunity to tour the newly opened Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee with SUSK Past President Danylo Korbabicz and SUSK President Christine Czoli \* Photo credit: Julia Zubrytska





Ukrainian Canadian Congress Annual General Meeting Delegates

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SUSK President Christine Czoli and SUSK Past President Danylo Korbabicz at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights \* Photo credits: Norbert K. Iwan

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SUSK looks forward to working together with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in the future.

On behalf of the SUSK National Executive,

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