

Ukrainian Folklore Conference in Kyiv for Young Scholars

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Another Ukrainian folklore conference, this one focusing on younger scholars and their work, is scheduled for April 17 and 18, 1999. It is to take place at the Kyiv Taras Shevchenko University, formerly known as the University of Kiev, Volodymyrska street 60, Room 329. Kyiv 33, Ukraine 252033.

The topic of the conference is THE ETHNIC HISTORY OF EUROPE'S NATIONS with the following subtopics emphasized:

- Ethnocultural parallels between the nations of Western and Eastern Europe
- Traditional ethnic culture of the Slavs
- Ethnic processes and the problem of ethnic identity preservation
- National minorities and the problem of ethnic identity preservation
- Problems of Europe's nations traditional cultural preservation

The sponsors of the conference are:

- The Kyiv Taras Shevchenko University
- The Institute for Political and Ethnosoical Research of the National Academy of Science
- The International fund "Renaissance"
- The State Committee of Ukraine on the Affairs of Nationalities and Migrations

Accommodation for conference participants will be at the university hotel. The program will include the paper sessions and a cultural program. (I assume the latter means performances by various folklore groups. Trips outside of Kyiv can probably be arranged if you ask well enough in advance. The cost, in my experience, has been quite reasonable: \$100 plus gas for a driver and car for one week and the University owns a field research station in Kaniv which can be used as a hotel and base for field work.)

To participate, please send a 6-8 page abstract of your proposed talk plus a registration fee of \$89 to:

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The materials are due by Jan. 1 but will probably continue to be accepted. I would suggest that you send them by fax. When I was there, the e-mail was NOT functioning, so be forewarned. Valentyna Borysenko, the person who gave me this announcement, says that it is intended to focus on young researchers, to encourage them, and to provide a venue for them to present their work to the public. So, if you have graduate students or even older undergraduates who would like to spend April in Kyiv and meet the very charming and well-educated young folklorists and ethnologists of Kyiv, this is their chance. Dr. Borysenko tells me that, even though the focus is on young researchers, there will be no age limit to conference participants, so you can spend

April in Kyiv too.

As with the other conference announcements which I posted, I request that you first try contacting Dr. Borysenko directly. If, despite earnest effort, this does not work, get back to me and I will see what I can do. My email address is nkm@virginia.edu