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2002 Educational Exchange Progressing Very Well

Our first official exchange visitor, Galina Moskalenko, arrived safely in Seattle on May 3. Since then she has been very busy learning immunohistochemistry, American style histology and much more. With the help of our onsite volunteers and Seattle-area supporters this visit is already very successful. By the time Mrs. Moskalenko departs Seattle May 17 she will be proficient with most aspects of American histology and special stains as well as many IHC tests. And yes, she is also having great fun taking in the sights and cultural events of Seattle as part of her very full schedule.

Another important part of her training involves learning how to use some of our donated equipment such as microtomes, tissue processors, embedding centers and related machines. Some of this equipment will soon be shipped to her hospital in Kyiv. There she will also be one of our technical experts who will help train other Ukrainian histology technicians in the use and care of additional equipment, which will arrive later on. This is part of our ongoing and developing support for both new Partners and to maintain the laboratories of our current Partners. By having such technical experts in Ukraine we can also reduce our need for expensive travel to Ukraine.

Summer Intern Volunteer at AUMP

Dr. Oleksander Rakul, MD, Ph.D., has agreed to serve as an Intern with us this summer. He is a winner of the prestigious Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship and is enrolled at California State University where he is working on his Master of Healthcare Administration degree. In partnership with our Ukrainian Medical Advisory Board we are developing a suitable program for him to work on this summer. We are very fortunate to have him working with us.

Volunteerism at AUMP

April and May have been busy in our new volunteers department. AUMP is proud to say we have over 45 active volunteers now, working in America, Ukraine, Canada and now Pakistan. We have volunteers in over half the American states now helping us to build a better website, translate for visitors and documents, develop educational, medical and promotional material and more. Thank you all, and welcome! Your contributions of time

and talent have been a great help to us.

AUMP on the Internet

Last month AUMP was selected to join UkrMED, one of Ukraine's largest medical reference and search sites. In addition to listing us as a medical resource working in and available to Ukraine, UkrMED also rates listed sites. Our website was awarded a "five" ranking, the highest ranking given! This is a great tribute to the hard work of our website development team and translators who have helped to really polish aump.org. To see our listing, visit <http://ukrmed.org.ua/cat.php?cat=10120> and scroll down to the sixth listing.

AUMP Website (www.aump.org) News

Much continues to develop behind the scenes at aump.org. Several of our pages are now fully supported by database "modules" which are being developed to speed our support and your use of our website. Among the first such working module is our Volunteer Profiles Page. It is a page we are very proud of because it allows us to highlight the contributions of our forty-plus volunteers. As our ranks have grown it has become a greater challenge to manage all the activities of our volunteers. The database behind this page is a big step in the direction of "working smarter".

Coming soon is our new logo, which will be added to our webpage and eventually documents, too. It was designed by one of our talented volunteers, Vessela Kouzova. It is a very nice improvement upon our existing logo. Mr. Kouzova has also furnished us with single-color versions for business cards and stationery. It gives AUMP a welcome and professional touch, communicating our mission and name in a clear and attractive image.

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