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### **2002 Educational Exchange Continues to Progress**

When Galina Moskalenko returned to Kyiv Hospital No. 10 the "next phase" of the educational exchange began. Consulting with her pathologist, Dr. Eugene Deneka, they are discussing her training and its implementation at their hospital. We have received a number of excellent questions and ideas from our newest partners which tell us the training was very successful and conducted with the right candidates. Transferring complex technology across the miles is not easy but as we have seen before, when the right people are involved, positive results surely follow.

Dr. Deneka will be consulting with our other Ukrainian partners as he establishes immunohistochemistry at his hospital. Given the intensity of Galina's instruction, she will probably be able to improve our partners' IHC repertoire or technique, too. We have already received letters describing a whole new level of collaboration between our colleagues. Throughout the summer we will be developing a physician training regimen for Dr. Deneka to help him make the most of immunohistochemistry and some of the American histological techniques which are coming into his hospital.

### **Sister Cities International, the US Ukraine Foundation and AUMP**

Sister Cities International (SCI) and the US Ukraine Foundation have joined in sponsoring a first-ever Ukraine Forum at the SCI International Convention in Toledo, Ohio, next month. This will be an opportunity for the forty American - Ukrainian Sister City Associations to meet, learn about each other's programs, and perhaps choose to collaborate where they have common interests. It has long been our belief that there is a great deal of potential for synergistic collaboration among American and Ukrainian civil society and humanitarian projects. The sponsors seem to agree as they have invited AUMP's President, Russ Ayers, to give a presentation during the Ukraine Forum July 17. His trip is made possible in part by Sister Cities International and the Kent - Kherson Sister City Committee in Washington state.

### **IRS Letter of Determination Arrives**

Just a week ago we received our Letter of Determination of Tax Exempt Status from the US IRS. Prior to its arrival we operated on a presumption of approval which, while within the law, was less "concrete" than actually having the letter of determination. As a result of

having this document it is now simpler for AUMP to pursue fundraising opportunities of all sorts. The timing is excellent, too, as AUMP needs additional monetary donations in order to continue. Copy or click on:

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to reach our no-cost, secure online donation button at Network for Good.

### **AUMP Website ( [www.aump.org](http://www.aump.org) ) News**

Yet another round of technical upgrades have been installed onto [www.aump.org](http://www.aump.org). These upgrades are part of our webmaster's ongoing effort to speed page loading for viewers while continuing database development and integration. One of many benefits of this effort is an ever-increasing speed and ease of page updates. Obviously, this will lead to simplified processes for page creation and uploading, too, as research and our needs continue to push the development of the website. As much as it has changed already, the website to come will be much different from today as we develop the internal medical support and communication features.

Our online Donations button is now "live" and ready to accept and process your credit or debit card donations. This feature has been waiting all Spring for the IRS letter of determination. Now that it has arrived, Network for Good has activated our online donation capability. Donations are processed through a secure, encrypted server. 100% of your donation is remitted to AUMP, too. There are no fees to you or us for this very helpful service. If you have any questions about it, please drop me a line or contact Network for Good ([www.NetworkForGood.org](http://www.NetworkForGood.org)). And thank you for your support - over 90% of cash donations to AUMP go directly to supporting our volunteer programs to advance international healthcare.

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