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From the President's Desk

As 2003 draws to a close, we're entering another holiday season. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a safe, happy, and fulfilling Thanksgiving. Soon we'll be enjoying both 'new' and the 'traditional' Christmas and the New Year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New York City Chapter, I would like to thank our members for their support and participation over the past year. Further, we wish all our members all the best for the coming holiday season and the New Year.

Now on to some administrative details. As you can see, this month the newsletter was shipped in a "self-mailing" format instead of the standard letter envelope which we have been using for over a year. The reason for the change is that the format increases the efficiency of the mailing process.

I would appreciate if members could let us know whether the "self-mailing" format is getting damaged or significantly delayed by the post office. An e-mail or a short note would be helpful. If this format becomes a problem, we'll switch back over to envelopes.

Next, I would like to personally apologize to anyone that tried to attend the lecture which was scheduled for November 19th. Scheduling issues forced the cancellation of the lecture at the last minute. As we work out the kinks in the lecture series, we will develop a schedule and system which will more appropriately accommodate such issues.

Looking forward, however, our Lecture Coordinator Ivan Durbak has lined up another very interesting topic. UESA New Jersey chapter member Bohdan Kramarchuk will speak on the topic of "Product Assurance - Reliability Engineering and Quality Control." (A more detailed announcement is located

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*We would like to wish all
of our members
a Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year*

at the end of this newsletter).

On the membership front there has been an adjustment in the total number of the Chapter's active members. Currently, the Chapter has approximately 72 "active" members who have fulfilled their membership dues obligations. As was noted in the last newsletter, those who have failed to pay their dues by this point have been switched to an "inactive" status. If you know of anyone who would like to return to "active" status, please have them contact the National Board of Directors.

The New York City Chapter has also been fortunate to continue adding new members. On that note, I would like to welcome the following new "full" members:

- Mr. Oleg Kritsun
- Mr. Greg Woloszyn

Finally, I would like to encourage all our members to continue to participate in UESA functions, to support our projects and to contribute to our various publications.

Contributions are always welcome regardless of whether they are written by hand or on a computer or whether they are composed in English or Ukrainian.

That's all for this month. I hope to see everyone at the Yalynka in New York City on December 13th.

Until next time.....

Marco Shmerykowsky, PE
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2003 Fall Zabava in New York City

The annual *Fall Zabava in New York City* took place back on Saturday, October 18, 2003 at the elegant home of the Ukrainian Institute of America in New York City.

Although this year's event was rather lightly attended, the approximately 75 guests that did travel in to the heart of New York City for this annual event were not disappointed. The music was pulsing, the bar was humming, and the food, as provided by long time caterer of UESA events Wasyl Kravetz, was delectable. In addition to all of this, the guests were able to enjoy the distinctive space and architecture of a building which is not only a New York City landmark, but also a jewel of the Ukrainian-American

community. UESA is proud to continue its long standing, decades old, relationship with the Institute.

In addition to members from Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America (UESA), the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), and the Ukrainian Institute of America (UIA), the zabava attracted a rather pleasant mix of youth, "experience," American born Ukrainians, and 4th wave Ukrainians. Ultimately, it showed that even though we all tend to work in different circles, we are still part of the same community.



Guests enjoying an evening of music & conversation

The evening's entertainment was provided by the headliners of the Ukrainian zabava scene in the eastern United States - Tempo.



Orchestra Tempo at the Ukrainian Institute

We were honored that Tempo added the NYC Fall Zabava to their list of distinguished events such as Chervona Kalyna and Labor Day at Soyuzivka. Guests were able to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and

drinks while dancing to the early hours of the morning.



Zabava guests enjoying the evening

It appears that the general consensus from those that were able to attend this year's event was that the zabava provided for a very enjoyable social evening .

For those that missed out on this unique event, there is always next year to look forward to. In time and with the support of all of our collective members and friends, we hope to build the fall zabava up to the point where it is a cornerstone of the community's social calendar just like the NYC Debutante ball once was and the Philadelphia Engineers' Ball still is.



New York City UESA Chapter members Jurij Pylyp and Alex Mehrl with friends



New York City UESA Chapter Board Member
Adrian Berezowsky tending bar

Finally, we would like to thank all the members of the Society that pitched in to organize and run the event. We would also like to thank UESA New York City Chapter member Adrian Berezowsky for taking the lead on coordinating and organizing this year's zabava.

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The Fall Zabava in New York City was sponsored jointly by the New York chapter of the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America (UESA), the Metro New York chapter of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), the Ukrainian Institute of America (UIA).

Dr. Stakhiv Lectures on "Water Resource Management in Iraq"

by Ivan Durbak

On Oct. 28 Dr. Eugene Z. Stakhiv, Chief of Planning, Policy and Special Studies Division of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Institute for Water Resources (IWR), and recent Interim Minister and Senior Advisor to Iraq's Ministry of Irrigation, delivered a presentation on "Water Resource Management: Theory and Practice in the Iraqi Reconstruction Project" to a packed audience at the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of NYC lecture series at the Ukrainian Institute on East 79th Street, New York.



Dr. Eugene Z. Stakhiv addressing the audience

As interim Minister in Iraq from April through August, 2003, Dr. Stakhiv was responsible for managing 18,000 employees, 11 State-owned companies and 5 State Commissions; this included responsibility for 10 major dams, 22 large barrages, 271 pumping stations; generation of 2,500 MW of hydropower; providing irrigation water for 9 million acres, and delivering water to all the larger municipalities in Iraq.



UESA-NYC Lecture Coordinator and Board Member Ivan Durbak leading the Question & Answer session

Dr. Stakhiv, in his informative and entertaining lecture with over 200 colorful slides, began with a lively treatise on ancient hydraulic systems in Iraq going back to the Iridu civilization in 5,000 BC, followed by a comprehensive overview of the vast water resource system in Iraq. He then detailed the chronology and planning efforts leading to his arrival in Iraq on April 25, his work with Ambassador Bremer, and the strategic initiatives to repair all hydraulic and irrigation resources in Iraq, as well as reconstruction of many looted office buildings in Baghdad and over 100 district offices, and emergency security for and replacement of pumps, generators and dam safety repairs, and all warehouses.



Dr. Stakhiv describes his meeting with local Iraqis

Other highlights included the 100,000-man Irrigation Jobs program and the fascinating restoration of the huge southern marshes. In his slides and diagrams, Dr. Stakhiv focused in particular on the intricate engineering challenges of the Marsh Restoration projects, together with the political and cultural complexities in working daily with the Marsh Arabs. Dr. Stakhiv further explained in detail how much of

the \$87 billion recently approved by Congress had been planned out early this year, well before his arrival in Iraq.

The evening finished with informal and convivial discussions over food and drinks.



Lecture attendees filled the UESA meeting to standing room only

In addition to Iraq Dr. Stakhiv also has extensive international experience serving as senior advisor to the water Ministries of Bangladesh, Ukraine, Armenia, and the Aral Sea Basin countries, with over 30 years' experience in regional and river basin planning, reservoir operations studies, ecosystem restoration studies, climate change and climate variability studies; he has served as study manager for several large comprehensive river basin studies and metropolitan water supply studies, including Washington, DC and New York City, and currently co-directs a five-year \$20M effort of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Study Board.

Dr. Stakhiv has a doctorate in water resources systems engineering from Johns Hopkins University, has authored over 100 published papers, and is a member of the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America.

This was the first in a series of engineering & scientific lectures presented by the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of NYC during the 2003/2004 year. The next lecture will be held on Dec. 17 at 7:30 PM at the Ukrainian Institute of America on "PRODUCT ASSURANCE - Reliability Engineering and Quality Control"; speaker is Bohdan Kramarchuk, Manager, Product Assurance & Performance Management, ITT AVIONICS

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Chapter Event – UESA Lecture Series – December 17, 2003

Subject: PRODUCT ASSURANCE - Reliability Engineering and Quality Control

Speaker: Bohdan Kramarchuk Manager, Product Assurance & Performance Management, ITT AVIONICS

Location: UESA Meeting Room at the Ukrainian Institute of America
2 East 79th Street, New York City

Time: Sign-in Registration – 6:45pm, Lecture 7:30pm

Admission: \$5 per person, Students free (with valid school ID)

(The lecture will be in English, the Questions and Answers may be in either Ukrainian or English)

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