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Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to attend a **Ukrainian Language Assessment Symposium** on October 13-14, 2017. The purpose of this gathering – **Phase One** of a three-year project – is to:

- share current information about the use of the Common European Framework for Languages (CEFR//CFR) both in Canada and in Ukraine; and
- consider how we might utilize this framework more fully for Ukrainian language education programs across Canada.

At the conclusion of this symposium, participants will be asked to join a working group to help realize several goals in **Phases Two** and **Three**. These include:

- select/adapt descriptors that identify what students “know and can do” using the Ukrainian language (Canadian context) at various stages of the CFR, regardless of the type of language program they attend;
- discuss ways to select (or adapt) Ukrainian language resources using the lens of the CFR;
- decide on how to implement the products of this initiative in an effective and cost-efficient manner; and
- consider additional needs that may be valuable to this initiative.

This symposium is organized and sponsored by the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage with the financial assistance of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian (STU). We are grateful to have presenters from the Ukrainian Language Education Centre at the University of Alberta participate in this symposium.

Please join us in this important initiative, which has the potential to unify our efforts in designing and delivering quality Ukrainian language programs for Canadian students.

Your response to this invitation may be sent by email to [nadia.prokopchuk@usask.ca](mailto:nadia.prokopchuk@usask.ca) or call 306-717-3588. RSVP by September 15, 2017. The schedule for the symposium is attached. Please note that there is no registration fee. However, transportation/accommodation must be covered by participants.

Regards,

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