



SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA – CHERNIVTSI OBLAST*, UKRAINE

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF COLLABORATION 1977 – 2008

* *Oblast* – a region in Ukraine which is similar to a Canadian province or territory.

1977 **Post-Secondary Agreement**

The first five-year agreement was signed (and later extended) between the ***University of Saskatchewan*** and the ***State University of Chernivtsi, Ukraine***. The agreement allowed for academic and cultural exchanges of faculty, scholars and students at the post-secondary level. This was the first formal agreement between a North American university and a university in Ukraine.

1978 **First University Exchange Group**

University exchanges began in 1978 and continued ***each year*** until the early 1990's. About 120 Saskatchewan students and several faculty members participated in this program.

1990 **Province to Country Agreement**

An Agreement for Cooperation in Education was signed between ***Saskatchewan Education*** and the ***Ukrainian National Ministry of Education, Kyiv***. This agreement established national permission for collaboration in education with the province of Saskatchewan and the national and regional governments of Ukraine.

1991 **Province to Oblast* Agreement**

An Agreement for Collaboration in Education was signed between Saskatchewan Education and the Chernivtsi Oblast Administration of Public Education, which allowed for collaboration in all sectors of education.

1991 Official Twinning of Cities: ***Saskatoon – Chernivtsi***

A delegation of officials from Chernivtsi visited Saskatoon in June to sign an agreement declaring the two cities officially twinned.

1992 **First High School Exchange and Teachers' Conference**

As a result of the Agreement, a ***high school student exchange*** took place in 1992 between Ukrainian language students from Saskatoon and English language students from Chernivtsi. An ***international teacher conference*** also took place between Saskatchewan educators and educators in three major centres of Ukraine (Kyiv, Lviv, Chernivtsi).



- 1994** Second High School Exchange and Teachers' Conference in three southern centres of Ukraine (Odesa, Mykolayiv, Kherson).
- 1996** Third High School Exchange; Collaboration begins on the Saskatchewan-Ukraine Curriculum Project (Chernivtsi) and the Partners in Health Project (Kyiv).
- 1998** Fourth High School Exchange; Pilot Phase of the Saskatchewan-Ukraine Curriculum Project.
- 2000** Fifth High School Exchange; Revision of the Saskatchewan – Chernivtsi Curriculum Project.
- 2002** Sixth High School Exchange; Completion of the Saskatchewan – Chernivtsi Curriculum Project.
- 2004** Seventh High School Exchange.
- 2006** Eighth High School Exchange.
- 2008** Ninth High School Exchange; request by the Chernivtsi Oblast Ministry of Education and Sciences to **renew agreements** for Collaboration in Education with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education.

The year 2008 also marks the **600th Anniversary of the City of Chernivtsi** and surrounding region. In a formal ceremony in October, there will be recognition of the historic relationship with the province of Saskatchewan, the provincial Ministry of Education, the University of Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon.