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**DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR
THE 2017 HOLODOMOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

February 14, 2017—The Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) has announced the program for *The 2017 Holodomor Education Conference: “Education – Awareness – Action,”* to be held May 5-7, 2017, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The conference engages educators who are interested in issues of human rights, social justice, democracy and the genocides of the 20th Century in the issues, methodologies, resources, and technologies of how to integrate the Holodomor into their teaching. It is especially designed for educators wanting to teach about human rights and the Holodomor—the murder by starvation of millions of Ukrainian citizens that was carried out by authorities in the Soviet Union in 1932-33.

The conference is co-sponsored together with the Faculty of Education—University of Manitoba, Manitoba Education and Training, the Faculty of Education—The University of Winnipeg, Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies—University of Manitoba, the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre—Toronto (UCRDC), the National Holodomor Education Committee of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the Holodomor Awareness and Education Committee of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress—Manitoba Branch, the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in Canada, The Shevchenko Foundation, and in cooperation with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights—Winnipeg. The program and other conference details, application form and travel grant information are available at www.holodomor.ca.

This is the second Holodomor Education Conference in Canada and highlights how far education on this genocide has come from Holodomor denial, to a growing acceptance and embrace of Holodomor study by university faculties of education and major historians, genocide scholars, teachers and museum directors. The conference will be highlighted by Dr. Joyce Apsel, human rights activist and President of the Institute for the Study of Genocide at NYU, who as the keynote speaker, presents on the Holodomor as a case study in teaching human rights and genocide. Dr. Norman Naimark, author of *Stalin’s Genocides* and Stanford University’s Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor in Eastern European Studies Chair, speaks to the Holodomor within the history of genocide.

A panel discussion on various aspects of teaching human rights and the Holodomor, moderated by Dr. Richard Hector, Acting Department Head of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning at the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba—Winnipeg, features six presenters. Tony Tavares, Diversity Consultant at Manitoba Education and Training—Winnipeg, presents on teaching sensitive topics at various age levels; Linda Connor, Social Studies Consultant, Manitoba Education and Training—Winnipeg, presents on teaching human rights and the Holodomor within the Manitoba experience;

Michael Anthony, Department Head of History and Social Sciences at the Toronto District School Board presents on the key themes in teaching about genocide and the Holodomor; Lana Babij, Librarian and Coordinator of the Holodomor Education Network (Hartford, Connecticut) presents on the challenges of terminology and resources in teaching the Holodomor in the US context; Lise Pinkos, Manager of Education Programs at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and Dr. John Wiens, Dean Emeritus and Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba–Winnipeg will also both be presenting from their disciplines.

The conference’s multidisciplinary approach aims to extend the knowledge base and provide strategies and methodologies for teaching this significant world event. Methodologies and approaches for teaching the Holodomor to primary grades will be addressed by teacher and music specialist Natalia Onychuk, Edmonton Catholic School District, Edmonton, Alberta. Lise Pinkos and Ian Martens of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights will be presenting the Middle Years Lesson on the Holodomor followed by teacher Jeff Kozak, Springfield Middle School, Sunrise School Division, Winnipeg. The senior grades (high school) will focus on methodologies for teaching the Holodomor within the context of teaching a genocide course, presented by Tamara Mischna of the Toronto Catholic District School Board and on the new Holodomor online teaching resource project “Voices into Action,” presented by Nadia Prokopchuk and David Katzman, educators from the Holodomor Education and Awareness Committee of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress–Saskatchewan. Valentina Kuryliw, Teacher, Chair of the National Holodomor Education Committee (Canada) and Director of Education at HREC, will present on the latest teaching resources available on the Holodomor. Dr. Denis Hlynka and Dr. Orest Cap, Professors, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning at the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba–Winnipeg, will present a special session on the use of technology in the teaching of human rights and the Holodomor.

The conference also includes a special tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, dinner at the Fort Garry, lunch on the Legislative Grounds and closing remarks by Valentina Kuryliw and Val Noseworthy, Middle Years Consultant for Manitoba Education and Training–Winnipeg.

HREC was established through a gift of the Temerty Family Foundation (Toronto) to the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies of the University of Alberta. HREC has as its mandate to research and disseminate information about the Holodomor and to ensure it is represented in the teaching of history and genocide in schools across Canada. HREC may be reached at hrec@ualberta.ca; phone: 416 923-4732.

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