

The Ukrainian Association of WA Inc.

has the pleasure of inviting you to a Sundowner Evening

with Professor Serhiy Kvit and Dr Lesa Melnychuk

at the Somerset Hotel, 185 St Georges Terrace Perth

on Monday, 7 May 2012 commencing at 6pm



Dr Serhiy Kvit is the current president of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine, founded in 1615. He and only one other university rector in Ukraine, Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic University, have openly voiced concerns about the policies being implemented by Ukraine's newly-appointed education minister, Dmytro Tabachnyk. The Ukrainian press has reported that most other rectors have been critical of the previous leadership, which was instrumental in implementing the early stages of reforms according to the Bologna system of education that Ukraine joined in 2005. Monday evening's Sundowner with Professor Serhiy Kvit will offer a glimpse of the changes that can be expected in Ukraine under the new administration.

Professor Serhiy Kvit, who is a prominent commentator on educational issues, has been rector of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy since 2007. In 2002-07 he was Dean of the University's social studies faculty. He founded the Kyiv-Mohyla School of Journalism in 2001 and became president of the Media Reform Centre, set up to initiate open debate and promote more transparent media and government. He currently serves as chairman of the Consortium of University Autonomy. Dr Kvit's research focuses on mass communications, university management and philosophical hermeneutics; he has published several books and numerous articles. He has a PhD from the Ukrainian Free University in Munich and also holds a doctorate in philology. He subsequently held a Fulbright scholarship at Ohio University, USA, a Kennan Institute scholarship at the Woodrow Wilson International Centre in Washington DC and a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship at the University of Cologne.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to meet with Dr Lesa Melnychuk whose new book *"Silent Memories — Traumatic Lives: Ukrainian Migrant Refugees in Western Australia"*, will be launched.



Dr Lesa Melnychuk has spent some years working on her Doctoral research project primarily focused upon Ukraine's Holodomor during 1932-1933. The material has been edited into a more readable format for publication. Her book reveals valuable information about the lives of the Ukrainian migrant refugees in Western Australia who fled war-torn Europe after WWII. Lesa's book begins with the years of the Holodomor 1932-1933 and ends with the last years of life for the Ukrainian migrants in Western Australia.

A complimentary drink and light refreshments will be available on arrival.

As numbers are limited, please RSVP by April 30, 2012 via email to uawaperth@gmail.com