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## **Media Release**

### **New leadership elected for UCC Ontario Provincial Council**

June 25, 2010 – Ukrainian Canadians in Ontario elected the new leadership for the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) several weeks ago in Hamilton. Representing the interests of over 335,000 Ukrainian Canadians in Ontario, the UCC regional Congress is mandated to connect people across the province, to lead a dynamic and rich community and to engage the Government of Ontario on key issues.

“Ukrainian Canadians in Ontario along with so many other communities are a foundation of Canada’s multicultural fabric”, stated Yvan Baker, newly elected President of the Ontario Congress. “They expect strong leadership to represent them on issues of concern not only to the Ukrainian Canadian community, but to all Canadians”. Baker, former Vice President of the UCC Toronto Branch, is currently a management consultant and former staff member to a federal Member of Parliament.

He is joined on the Executive by Vice President, Chrystia Chudczak (Ottawa), Treasurer, Fr Bohdan Hladio (Durham), Secretary, Marika Kobzan-Diakow (St. Catharines), and Past President, Olya Sheweli (Hamilton).

“Our goal is two-fold. First, it is to build connections to strengthen the community. Second, it is to speak in a united voice to governments so that they understand the issues of concern to the community and our vision for Ontario and Canada.”

“Ontario has a large and very active Ukrainian Canadian community”, says Paul Grod, National President of the national Ukrainian Canadian Congress. “The Ontario Council will be a strong and important platform for raising issues to the Province on matters of importance to Ukrainian Canadians living in Ontario”

#### About the Ukrainian Canadian Congress

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Congress) is the voice of Canada's Ukrainian community. The Congress brings together under one umbrella all the national, provincial and local Ukrainian Canadian organizations. Together with its member organizations, the UCC has been leading, coordinating and representing the interests of one of Canada's largest ethnic communities (1.2 million) for 70 years and instrumental in shaping Canada’s social, economic and political landscape.

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