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NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ELECTED

The 22nd Conference of the Ukrainian Youth Association of Australia has concluded with the election of a relatively young National Executive to continue its work for the challenges in the upcoming three year period.

Delegates representing six of its eight branches in Australia reviewed the activities of the previous National Executive, and provided praise for its effective three year term, before electing a new Executive to be chaired by Dr Stephen Duma.

The new National Executive now comprises:

President
Vice President/Director of National Youth Activities
Director of Organisational Development
Secretary
Financial Officer
Director of Druzhynnyk Activities
Director of Communication
Directors of Seniors Activities

Dr. Stephen Duma
Katerina Kobryn
Paul Kaminskyj
Adam Jartym
Paul Herczaniwski
Lisa Rudewych
Andrew Duma
Odarka Brecko

Aiming to further rejuvenate some of the branches and activities of its membership, together with the challenges of encouraging new membership from the new migrants coming to Australia, as well as building on the heritage of the grand-children of the post war migrants, the President of the UYA of Australia outlined the importance of maintaining heritage and culture in a diverse society such Australia.

“In Australia, we are able to build a caring society, which allows us to remain true to our heritage, whilst simultaneously being an integral part of the broader mainstream community,” said Dr Duma in his acceptance speech. He said, “...our 60 plus years history of educating and training our youth into becoming good citizens of the country of the adopted homeland of our forebears, should now stand us in good stead to promote further harmony in our community, and enable us to also help in the country of origin of our grandparents, who at this time are faced with the many dangers of an inept political and social system”.

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