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Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada

58th National Convention Arrangements Committee

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The Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (USRL/CYC) of Canada will hold its biennial national convention in Saskatoon, SK from August 21 to August 25th, 2013 at Saskatoon's recently renovated, landmark hotel, the Delta Bessborough.

Since its founding the League has provided leadership and service to its component organizations. The USRL is a strong promoter for the preservation and enrichment of the Ukrainian Canadian culture and is a vibrant organization affiliated with the Ukrainian Orthodox community in Canada,

The Convention provides a forum for the USRL's member organizations.* This convention's theme "Embracing Change" will provide a platform from which to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the USRL and to formulate plans for the future. "One of the significant opportunities available today is electronic communications and data sharing. I expect that our future plans will exploit to the fullest electronic technology for engaging our youth to create a greater awareness and appreciation of our culture and for implementing exciting projects", states USRL's National President Dr. Tony Harras.

The League will mark the 85th anniversary of its founding in 1927. This will be complimented by the 75th anniversary of the men's component, the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association.

There is a strong tie between the USRL and the City of Saskatoon, given that the League was founded here. There is considerable enthusiasm being generated about the venue for the Convention being the Delta Bessborough. After spending \$7 million on its renovation last year, the Hotel was recently designated a four diamond hotel by the CAA. This is the only hotel in Saskatchewan with this designation. The hotel is located on the scenic bank of the South Saskatchewan River in the heart of the Saskatoon's downtown.

Convention planning committee chairperson, Cecilia Kachkowski, is enthusiastic about the hosting the Convention in Saskatoon. "The goal of our committee is to welcome our delegates and make the Convention experience in Saskatoon as positive an experience as possible," she said. "The USRL was founded in Saskatoon and we look forward to hosting everyone here for the 58th Convention."

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* The member organizations of the USRL are: the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC) (men), the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (CYK) (women), the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association - Ukrainian Orthodox Youth (CYMK-UOY); the St. John Fraternal Society have fostered the use and development of Ukrainian language, culture and the Orthodox Faith in Canada. The SUS Foundation endowment fund provides financial support. USRL/CYC's institutional members, the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, the student residences/cultural centres, namely; the St. Petro Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon, St. John's Institute in Edmonton and St. Vladimir Institute in Toronto.