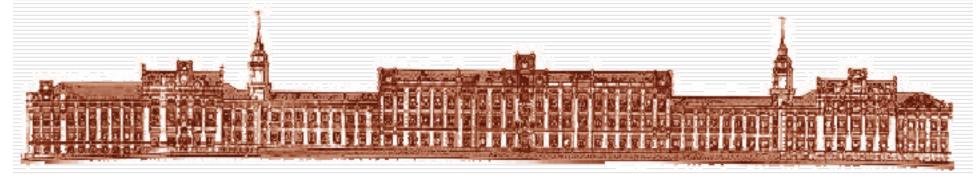
Ukraine: Potential Possibilities and Deterrents For Innovation

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As Rector of the

National Technical University of Ukraine
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I would like to welcome all of the participants of
the conference today.

I would especially like to welcome the experts and participants from outside of Ukraine who are taking time out from their busy schedules to be here in Kyiv and to help with this important topic of Entrepreneurship, Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Commercialization of Innovation in Ukraine



And a special thank you to the dedicated organizers from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Welcome to Mr. Andrey Vasiliev, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE.

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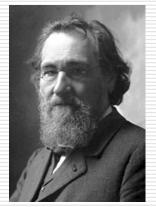








Nobel Prize Winners of Ukrainian Origin



Ilya Ilyich Mechnikov 15 May, 1845 – 15 Jul., 1916

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1908)



Lew Davidovich Landau

9 Jan., 1908 – 1 Apr., 1968

The Nobel Prize in Physics (1962)



Roald Hoffmann Born on July,18,1937

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1981)



Selman Abraham Waksman

22 Jul., 1888 – 16 Aug., 1973

The Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine (1952)



Simon Smith Kuznets

30 Apr., 1901 – 8 Jul., 1985

The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences (1971)

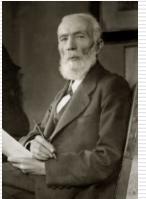


Georges Charpak

8 Mar., 1924 - 29 Sep., 2010

The Nobel Prize in Physics (1992)

Some Selected Famous Scientists and Engineers of Ukrainian Origin



Ivan Pavlovych Pulyui 2 Feb., 1845 – 31 Jan., 1918

Physicist, inventor, has been championed as an early developer of X-rays usage for medical imaging.



Stepan Prokopovych Tymoshenko 22 Dec., 1878 – 29 May, 1972

Engineering mechanics, elasticity and strength of materials, Timoshenko beam theory.



Evgeny Oscarovich Paton 5 Mar., 1870 – 12 Jul., 1953

Welding and bridge construction engineer, the hea of the Institute of Welding, Academy of Science, Ukraine.



Igor Ivanovich Sikorsky 25 May, 1889 – 26 Oct., 1972

A pioneer of aviation in both helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft; designed and flew the world's first multi-engine fixed-wing aircraft and the first airliner.



Sergey Pavlovich Korolyov

12 Jan., 1907 – 14 Jan., 1966 A rocket engineer and designer.



Oleg Konstantinovich Antonov

7 Feb., 1906 – 4 Apr., 1984

Aircraft designer, the founder of Antonov ASTC, a world-famous aircraft company in Ukraine.

Innovation potential of Ukraine

EDUCATION

SCIENCE

HIGH-TECH COMPANIES

Higher educational institutions of the III-IV accreditation levels - 350

Number of students -2,245 MI.

Number of students per 10 thousand of the population at higher educational institutions of the III-IV accreditation levels – 488

Ukraine is ranked the 40th in the world by its education level

Doctors of science – 17 000.

Candidate of sciences – 48 000.

Carried out research –technical works:

- 4400 doctors of science
- 17100 candidates of sciences
- -Specific weight of the executed research-technical works volume in GDP - 0,95 %

Specific weight of enterprises which introduced innovations - 10,7 % Specific weight of sold innovative products in the total industrial output - 4,8% In the world competitiveness rating of 2009-2010 Ukraine is ranked 82nd.

By the "ability for innovations" in 2009-2010 Ukraine is ranked 32nd.

Ukrainian Strategic Priority Directions For Innovation Activities 2003- 2013

- 1. Modernization of electric power plants, new and renewable energy sources, innovative resource saving technologies;
- Machine building and instrument making as the basis for high technological updating of all industries, development of high quality metallurgy;
- 3. Nanotechnologies, micro electronics, information technologies, telecommunication;
- 4. Improvement of chemical technologies, new materials, development of biotechnologies;
- High technological development of agriculture and processing industry;
- 6. Transportation systems, construction and reconstruction;
- 7. Protection and improvement of people's health and environment;
- 8. Development of innovation awareness of the society, production of land transportation facilities, aircraft, water transport and connected with them devices and equipment, necessary components, development and introduction of innovative technologies for their production.

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Priority Directions of Scientific and Technical Development Up To 2020

- Fundamental scientific research for important problems of scientific-technical, social-political, human potential development to ensure competitiveness of Ukraine in the world and sustainable development of the society and country;
- 2. Information and communication technologies;
- 3. Power engineering and energy efficiency;
- Rational environmental management;
- Life sciences, new technologies in prevention and treatment of most widely disseminated diseases;
- New substances and materials.

Main Deterrents for Innovation Development in Ukraine

- 1. Imperfection of Ukrainian legislation on intellectual property;
- 2. Patenting problems. Absence of experience of patents preparation by Ukrainian patent attorneys.
- 3. Gap between patenting and implementation;
- 4. Absence of investment stimulation mechanisms in Ukraine;
- 5. There is not enough foreign investors in Ukraine.

We are here to listen and learn from our UNECE colleagues, from the experts from abroad, and from our own Ukrainian experts and government officials.

We wish all of you success at this conference, and a warm welcome to Kyiv and Ukraine