

# **TWG Fellowship Fund – 2005 Annual Report**

## **By Michael Drabyk, Fund Chair**

As it has done annually since 1996, the TWG Fellowship Fund placed a summer intern in 2004 at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington DC. That intern was Diana Medvedeva, a law student at Kyiv National Economic University, who received a \$1,500 stipend.

Response to the annual TWG Fellowship Fund Ukrainian Embassy Internship this year has been very positive, with a total of nearly 50 applications received from students in this country and abroad. The selection process is taking longer this year, due to the increased volume. It is expected that final recommendations will be going to the Ukrainian Embassy shortly, with a decision expected soon afterward. The 2005 Embassy Intern will receive a \$1,500 stipend from the Fellowship Fund.

After the Embassy Intern is selected, the TWG Fellowship Fund will be referring applications to the Voice of America Ukrainian Desk. One or more of these individuals may be offered unpaid internships this summer at VoA.

Two fund-raising drives benefiting the TWG Fellowship Fund were held in the recent past, one in December 2003 and the other in April 2005. Results of the fund drives, along with other contributions during this time, totaled nearly \$6,500. The 2004 TWG intern was paid a stipend from this amount, as will this year's intern. There is also enough funding for another internship in 2006. The TWG Fellowship Fund thanks all those who generously contributed.

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