



## News Release

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### **Book Launch of Adolph Slyz's Published Memoirs**

16 October 2014— On 11 October 2014, a presentation of Adolph Slyz's published Ukrainian-language memoirs "The Years of My Life: Reminiscences" (Lviv: Manuscript, 2014; 140 pages) was held in the conference hall of the Department of Law at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (IFNUL). The book was published by the Institute of Historical Research at the IFNUL together with the Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Modern Ukrainian History and Society at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies. This book is the second volume published as part of the "Memoirs, Diaries and Interviews" series of the *Moderna Ukraina* journal's library.

Adolph Slyz (1889–1971), Doctor of Law of the Ukrainian Free University in Munich, served as a judge in Belz and Lviv and was a well-known Ukrainian community activist in Ukraine and in emigration. The Slyz family is renowned for its support of Ukrainian educational and cultural projects in Ukraine, Canada, and the US. Adolph Slyz' memoirs offer an account of his education, professional, and public activities, which are portrayed in the context of the political and social events in Ukraine and during Slyz's life as an emigrant in Germany and the US. The book also chronicles his family life and mentions many Ukrainian activists from the Halychchyna (Galicia) region, with whom Adolph Slyz interacted in Ukraine and while in emigration. The volume is illustrated with photographs and documents of the Slyz family. Bishop Borys Gudziak, apostolic exarch of France, the Benelux countries, and Switzerland, contributed an afterword about the Slyz family, especially Dr. Maria Fischer Slysh.

Dr. Oleh Pavlyshyn, author of the volume's introduction, opened the book launch by discussing the volume's content and acknowledging the work of specialists who made this publication possible. Professor Frank E. Sysyn, who wrote a preface to "The Years of My Life...", spoke about the Slyz family's history and its relation to the history of the post-WWII emigration from Galicia and the circumstances of the post-World War II emigration. The speaker emphasized and praised the role of Dr. Maria Fischer-Slyz as a benefactor. The next presenter, Fr. Dr. Bohdan Prach, rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, spoke about the Dr. Slyz's close connection with the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the services to the church of his wife Olha's family, the Zholkewyches.

The dean of the Department of History (IFNUL), Professor Roman Shust, in his speech underscored the timeliness of memoir publications for the historical research in Ukraine. According to him, the importance of such publications is further augmented by the development and inclusion of commentaries and indices, which is the case with this edition. The director of the Lviv College of Law, Dr. Taras Andrusiak, noted that the task of bringing to the readers back the little-known names of Ukrainian intelligentsia, particularly lawyers, revealing the great

intellectual potential of the Ukrainians of the early twentieth century dedicated their country's independence.

Dr. Stepan Bilostotskyi, a law historian presented his findings about the group of judges of Ukrainian origin, who were active in their profession in Galicia during the Polish rule. Last, but not least, a member of the Slyz family, Ihor Shchur, expressed his thoughts about the importance of this book and shared some of the memories about Adolph Slyz that were cherished by the members of his family in Ukraine.

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**Photos:**

(1) Book launch attendees, including members of the Slyz family.

(2) Dr. Frank Sysyn receives commendation from the city of Kolomyia for publicizing the work of its distinguished former inhabitant Dr. Adolf Slyz. Dr. Taras Andrusiak conveyed the award in the presence of Dr. Oleh Pavlyshyn

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