

Impressions About Ukraine

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This is my second visit to Ukraine and first visit to Horlovka. I came to Ukraine last year for the 8th TESOL Ukraine Conference in Vinnytsia.

The conference was more than I expected. There were improvements in the conference venue, services and hospitality. The computer lab and internet connection were better than last year.

I liked the students at the Gorlovka State Pedagogical Institute for Foreign Languages. They are active, enthusiastic and did a great job at the conference, and were smiling all the time. I liked the student journalists who interviewed me for their hard work and professionalism. They were able to write, edit, typeset and print their newsletter in a matter of few hours and hand it out before the end of the conference. I wish them all a bright future.

Special thanks are due to Iryna and Helena who escorted me, entertained me, and took care of me throughout my stay in Gorlovka. They shared with me information about educational, social and cultural life in Ukraine.

Of course. I had many enriching conversations with Ukrainian colleagues and students who attended the conference and sat in my workshops. I enjoyed talking and listening to Muslim students from Crimea who attended my workshop and invited me to visit their university in Semferopol.

Ukrainians have a beautiful country, great culture, long history and wonderful human relations skills. I wish Ukrainian people could promote tourism in their country to give people from around the world a chance to visit their country.

