

Pavlo KRYVONOS,
Second-class Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
GDIP Director-General,
Full Cavalier of Orders of Merit,
Merited Builder of Ukraine,
Honorary Professor of the National University of Ostroh Academy,
West Ukrainian National University,
Open International University of Human Development 'Ukraine',
and Mykhailo Drahomanov Ukrainian State University

**CREATING THE CHRONICLE
OF UKRAINIAN DIPLOMACY**
**(marking the 25th anniversary
of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook)**

Way back in 2000, we released the first issue of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook that would become a unique series among contemporary periodicals. At the time, publishing materials related to the diplomatic corps and research on the history of Ukraine's international relations was essentially a brand-new concept for our young country. Therefore, Merited Journalist of Ukraine, PhD in History Anatolii Denysenko and I — the two authors of this idea and founders of the yearbook — felt the need to create such a publication that would become a chronicle of Ukrainian diplomacy.

Its founding institutions were the Diplomatic Academy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the Directorate-General for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions under the Kyiv City State Administration, and the Planeta Historical Club, which Mr Denysenko presided over for more than two decades. In his *The Story of Me* — a book of memoirs released as part of the 'Library of the scientific yearbook *Diplomatic Ukraine*' series — Anatolii Denysenko wrote the following about the idea to create the yearbook: 'At some point since Ukraine's independence, Mr Volodymyr [Yalovy] and Director-General Pavlo Kryvonos of the Directorate-General for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions attended a traditional gathering of Kyiv-based scholars of history, diplomats, and journalists at the Planeta International History Club, where the former took interest in that academic NGO. Conversations with famous scholars, such as Ivan Kuras (then Vice-President of the NAS of Ukraine), Leonid Huberskyi (academician of the NAS of Ukraine, former Director of the Institute of International Relations, and current Rector of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv), and various diplomats and journalists led to the idea of launching a new, so far unique in the world, publication: *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook.'



По центру: Геннадій Удовенко, Міністр закордонних справ України (1994–1998 рр.), 52-й президент Генеральної Асамблеї ООН; праворуч: Діна Удовенко та Анатолій Зленко, Міністр закордонних справ України (1990–1994, 2000–2003 рр.), 2006 р.

In the centre: Hennadii Udovenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (1994–98), 52nd President of the UN General Assembly; right: Dina Udovenko and Anatolii Zlenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (1990–4, 2000–3), 2006.

Initially, its primary goal was to broadly acquaint its readers with the history of Ukrainian diplomacy, chronicle the current development of international relations, and highlight biographies of the serving members of the foreign and Ukrainian diplomatic corps (currently, the reference section contains a list of heads of Ukrainian and foreign diplomatic missions and international organisations, displaying their respective years in office). Today, it also serves to provide a platform for communication between actors in the diplomatic field, representatives of international organisations, political scientists, academics, and historians; to promote a positive image of Ukraine within the international community; to facilitate the continuity of generations of diplomats in the field of international relations; and to foster the development of the Ukrainian diplomatic school.

Our impressive editorial council, editorial board, and team view the book's purpose as covering the activities of Ukrainian and foreign diplomatic services, presenting a global analysis of current trends and topical issues of international relations and international law, and examining the accomplishments and shortcomings of the Ukrainian diplomatic service. Although we initially focused on history, nowadays, each issue includes many more articles on international relations and geopolitics.

The names of the sections are aligned with the publication's thematic scope: 'History of diplomacy', 'Institutional history of Ukrainian diplomacy through the eyes of those involved', 'Diplomat's professional opinion', 'Diplomatic corps of Ukraine', 'Modern diplomacy: concepts and realities', 'Geopolitics in modern world', 'Public diplomacy', 'Figures and events', 'Bibliography', etc. Sections are not static across different issues and change in line with today's evolving context.

Since the presentation of the yearbook's first issue, the release of each subsequent issue has become an essential academic and cultural event. We continue to receive support from the academic community, most notably from the institutes of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, scientists from Ukraine's top universities, and diplomats.

When we presented the first issue of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook in 2000, the book's founders and authors were highly pleased with the reactions of the guests (among whom were well-known historians, diplomats, public figures, and politicians). The consensus of the academic community and the press coverage was that it was high time to begin a substantive and periodic account of the history of Ukraine's diplomatic life, to publish informative and in-depth studies of the work of foreign policymakers, and to introduce the masses to the writings of famous diplomats and the thorough scientific and theoretical research into this critical aspect of international relations. Ivan Kuras — then Director of the Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies of the NAS of Ukraine, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for Humanitarian Policy (1994–97), member of the Council for Science and Scientific Policy under the President of Ukraine (starting in 1996), Vice-President of the NAS of Ukraine — gave the first issue of the yearbook the following professional review: 'It is no exaggeration to assert that the new periodical, the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook, is worthy of attention of the general readership. The elegant book of over 400 pages features fine print quality and coloured illustrations. More importantly, it is highly academic and informative. Nearly a third of the yearbook revolves around the diplomatic corps, and it offers a first-ever collection of biographies of our current Ukrainian and foreign ambassadors. The contents of the yearbook's first issue demonstrate that the efforts of its compilers (Anatolii Denysenko, Borys Humeniuk, Pavlo Kryvonos), a fairly representative editorial board, which includes scholars from the Diplomatic Academy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Hrushevskyy Institute of Ukrainian Archeography and Source Studies of the NAS of Ukraine, Institute of Biographical Research of the Vernadskyi National Library of Ukraine, Institute of International Relations, Institute of Journalism, and Centre of Ukrainian Studies of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukrainian Research Institute of Archival Affairs and Records Management, all culminated in the creation of an extensive academic study of the history and modernity of Ukrainian diplomacy.'



Володимир Огризко, Міністр закордонних справ України (2007–2009 рр.), під час презентації 18 випуску щорічника «Україна дипломатична»; у президії зліва направо: Анатолій Денисенко, голова історичного клубу «Планета», Сергій Пирожков, Надзвичайний і Повноважний Посол, Сергій Корсунський, директор Дипломатичної академії при МЗС України (2017–2020 рр.), 30.11.2017 р.

Volodymyr Ohryzko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2007–9), during the presentation of the 18th issue of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* yearbook; in the presidium left to right: Anatolii Denysenko, Head of the Planeta Historical Club, Serhii Pyrozhkov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Serhii Korsunskyi, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine at the MFA of Ukraine (2017–20), 30 November 2017.

Current realities shaped the course of the yearbook's development; each year, the circle of authors grew, and the list of sections evolved and expanded: the 'Research and essays' section contains articles related to Ukraine's issues in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine; 'Geopolitics in modern world. Russia's war against Ukraine' comprises several studies addressing various aspects of international life in the context of Russian aggression against Ukraine; 'Diplomat's professional opinion' section features articles by Ukrainian ambassadors, Chargés d'Affaires and representatives of our country in international organisations, as well as by foreign diplomats in Ukraine; 'Public diplomacy' section includes materials imbued with the idea of defending Ukraine, preserving its sovereignty, caring about the fate of Ukrainians, and condemning Russian aggression; 'Modern diplomacy: concepts and realities' section brings together authors who write on a wide range of international relations issues.

Currently, research support, preparation of the yearbook, and recommendations for publishing are the responsibility of organisations such as the State Institution 'Institute of World History of the NAS of Ukraine' and the 'Foreign Policy Research Institute' NGO. The Planeta Historical Club remains among the project's founders and inspirators.

Anatolii Denysenko (1939–2020) remained the editor-in-chief of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook. He assembled a wide circle of prominent Ukrainian and foreign diplomats, humanities scholars, art historians, religious leaders, and journalists around the book. Preparation of historical periodicals and roundtable discussions on topical issues of diplomatic relations were his main areas of work throughout the decades. Owing to Mr Denysenko's determination and professionalism, this book not only saw the light of day but also became an established professional publication of international standing.

While focusing on the distinctive features of our work, I should mention the editorial board's friendly, good-willed, harmonious, and creative teamwork. Analysing the work in quantitative terms, we see the following figures: the first issue contains 21 articles (424 pages), the second — 43 (608 pages), the third — 55 (824 pages), the fourth — 42 (784 pages), the fifth — 45 (795 pages), the sixth — 37 (784 pages), the seventh — 27 (707 pages), the eighth — 40 (824 pages), the ninth — 50 (792 pages), the tenth — 62 (1,120 pages), the eleventh — 43 (928 pages), twelfth — 45 (1,040 pages), thirteenth — 51 (1,088 pages), fourteenth — 62 (1,200 pages), fifteenth — 66 (922 pages), sixteenth — 69 (1,008 pages), seventeenth — 66 (1,009 pages), eighteenth — 67 (800 pages), nineteenth — 59 (864 pages), twentieth — 59 (832 pages), twenty-first — 48 (880 pages), twenty-second — 54 (900 pages), twenty-third — 34 (488 pages), twenty-fourth — 47 (800 pages). Altogether, 1,192 scientific publications.

From the start, the yearbook has been published by the Directorate-General for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions, which became a publishing entity of its own, constantly launching and releasing books on diplomacy, biographies, teaching aids and academic textbooks, branded calendars, and souvenir printed products. Presentations of all such publications provide representatives of the diplomatic corps with an excellent occasion to make interpersonal contacts through informal networking. Over the years, apart from the branded products, we have released 34 books under the 'Library of the scientific yearbook *Diplomatic Ukraine*' series launched in 2005. Creating that series was a logical next step in the yearbook's development. Its first issue was *Activity of the Extraordinary Diplomatic Mission of UPR in Hungary* (by Iryna Matiash and Yurii Mushka) — a monograph featuring a selection of important documents and unique photographs. In 2011, the series was expanded with two separately released biographical essays: *A Man of the Planet* (about outstanding Ukrainian diplomat Hennadii Udovenko) and *The Permanent Representative of Ukraine* (about Ukrainian diplomat Ivan Hryshchenko). By the GDIP's 20th and 30th anniversaries, the Library was complemented with insightful books about the operations of the Directorate-General and the broad panorama of Ukraine's foreign relations. The books called *Leader of Two Epochs* (about Heydar Aliyev)



Під час презентації наукового щорічника «Україна дипломатична», 2014 р.

Зліва направо: Павло Кривонос, генеральний директор ДП «ГДІП», Віктор Андрущенко, ректор НПУ імені М.П. Драгоманова, Микола Кулініч, Надзвичайний і Повноважний Посол, Святійший Патріарх Київський і всієї Руси-України Філарет

During the presentation of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook, 2014.

Left to right: Pavlo Kryvonos, GDIP Director-General, Viktor Andrushchenko, Rector of the Mykhailo Drahomanov National Pedagogical University, Mykola Kulinich, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, His Holiness the Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus-Ukraine Filaret

and *The Honour of the Nation. Citizens of Ukrainian Descent — Eminent Figures of Israel* even got released in the English language. Other releases in the same series include *Legacy of Peace. Life and Achievements of Doctor Sun Myung Moon*, Ihor Lossovskyi's *International Legal Status of Budapest Memorandum*, memoirs, research, and reflections of prominent Ukrainian diplomats such as Serhii Borshchevskyi, Borys Humeniuk, Mykhailo Dashkevych, Stanislav Lazebnyk, Mykola Makarevych, Volodymyr Ohryzko, Oleksandr Slipchenko, and Volodymyr Chorny, and bilingual literature published in cooperation with the Embassy of Spain. We donate our books to universities and major libraries and make them available on the GDIP website.

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine recognised the *Diplomatic Ukraine* as a professional academic publication with its Order No. 886 of 2 July 2020. In 2024, the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine included the yearbook in the list of print media with its Decision No. 2012.

The State Enterprise 'Directorate-General for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions' constantly improves and expands close information and communication cooperation with Ukrainian and foreign individuals, communities, and organisations. In this context, our publishing work plays a vital role. We thank the contributing authors for their active involvement and academic

integrity, the members of the Editorial Council and Board for their fruitful work on compiling and peer-reviewing the contents and continuous commitment to improvement, and the editing team for their dedication to the cause and persistent and tireless work amidst all the current challenges. Thanks to each of you, diplomacy will continue to gain even more recognition and weight in the modern world.

For decades, we have enjoyed the unwavering partnership with the faculty of the Institute of International Relations (now known as the Educational and Scientific Institute of International Relations) of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv under the leadership of Leonid Huberskyi, Volodymyr Buhrov, and Valerii Kopiika. The Institute's 80th anniversary is an event marked by many destinies, success stories, and triumphs; it represents the institutionalisation of Ukrainian diplomacy, its bedrock and potential. I am pleased that we jointly presented the scientific yearbook during the Institute's 75th anniversary. I am likewise delighted that such joint events are becoming a tradition as we are sharing our anniversaries again this year. I would like to believe that we will celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Institute and the 30th anniversary of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* in the same way, side by side, but with peace in Ukraine.



Презентація 20-го випуску наукового щорічника «Україна дипломатична» та святкування 75-річчя заснування Інституту міжнародних відносин КНУ імені Т. Шевченка, 2019 р.

Presentation of the 20th issue of the *Diplomatic Ukraine* scientific yearbook and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, 2019.