

# DISCOVERING OUR ROOTS FROM EAST EUROPE TO THE NEW WORLD

Presented by the

East European Genealogical Society  
and the  
Federation of East European Family History Societies

August 4 - 6, 2006



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Victoria Inn  
1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

## SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

Please note that the number preceding the session description corresponds with the number on the registration form. (More details on presentations and presenters are available on the EEFS website: [www.eegsociety.org](http://www.eegsociety.org))

### FRIDAY

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Conference Check-In

- 7:30 - 15 How Family History Library Films are Acquired from  
8:30 p.m. the Former Soviet Sphere (*Kahlile B. Mehr*)

### SATURDAY

7:30-8:00 a.m. - Conference Check-In

- 8:00 - 22 Locating Places in Poland: Gazetteers, Maps, and  
9:00 a.m. other Sources (*Daniel M. Schlyter*)  
26 Emigration: the Decision, Preparations to Leave, and  
the Paper Trail (*Maralyn A. Wellauer-Lenius*)  
10 Researching the Germans from Russia (*Thomas K. Edlund*)  
31 Getting Started in Genealogy (*Joan Whiston*)

- 9:30 - 1 Vital Records of Galicia / Halychyna (Poland / Ukraine)  
10:30 a.m. (*Matthew Bielawa*)  
18 Russian Empire Genealogical Primer (Ukraine &  
Belarus) (*Kahlile B. Mehr*)  
19 Adventures in Volhynia: Experience Western Ukraine  
Today (*Dave Obee*)  
11 Let's Get Organized (*Thelma Findlay*)

- 11:00 a.m. - 14 Galician Examples of Empire-wide Austrian Records  
12:00 p.m. (*Brian J. Lenius*)  
17 Finding Places in the Former Russian Empire (*Kahlile B. Mehr*)  
21 EWZ: World War Two Immigration Records of  
Germans from East Europe (*Dave Obee*)  
12 Genealogy Using the Internet (*Denise Kolesar*)

- 1:15 - 2 One Way Ticket: Polish Repatriation Records From  
2:15 p.m. the Post WWII Period (*Matthew Bielawa*)  
24 Sources and Procedures for Genealogical Research in  
the Czech Republic (*Daniel M. Schlyter*)  
20 Researching the German Colonies in Volhynia (*Dave Obee*)  
34 Palaeography – An Introduction to Reading and  
Interpreting Old Handwriting (*Elizabeth Briggs*)

### SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

- 2:30 - 16 Northern Bukovina Records (Ukraine & Romania)  
3:30 p.m. (*Kahlile B. Mehr*)  
8 The 1897 Census of Imperial Russia (*Thomas K. Edlund*)  
5 Genealogical Records in the Prussian East (*Edward R. Brandt*)  
30 Manitoba Genealogical Society Resources (*Mary Bole*)

- 4:00 - 23 Vital Records and other Resources in the Three  
5:00 p.m. Partitions of Poland (*Daniel M. Schlyter*)  
4 Hands-on Approach to Learning the Cyrillic Alphabets  
(*Matthew Bielawa*)  
6 German Migration to Linguistic Enclaves in the East  
(*Edward R. Brandt*)  
28 Researching Your Slovak Roots in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
(*Lisa A. Alzo*)

- 8:00 - 29 Heroes and Villains of the Ukrainian Church of  
9:15 p.m. Western Canada (*Felix Kuehn*)

### SUNDAY

- 7 Reading Vital Records and Other Local History  
Documents in Latin (*Thomas K. Edlund*)  
27 German Ports, Emigration Literature, and the Voyage  
(*Maralyn A. Wellauer-Lenius*)  
8:00 - 13 A Primer for Galiziendeutschen (Germans from  
9:00 a.m. Galicia) Research (*Brian J. Lenius*)  
32 Mennonites and Hutterites - Beginning and Early  
Developments (*John J. Friesen*)

- 3 Researching Polish Roots Across Poland and Its  
Three Partitions (*Matthew Bielawa*)  
25 Changes in Eastern Europe and Family History Library  
Microfilming (*Daniel M. Schlyter*)  
9:30 - 9 Die Ahnenstammkartei des Deutschen Volkes (Central  
10:30 a.m. Index of the German People) (*Thomas K. Edlund*)  
33 Mennonites and Hutterites, Migration and Settlement  
(*John J. Friesen*)

11:30 - 12:00 Ask the Experts – Question and Answers with the Speakers

**FREE CONSULTATION WITH SPEAKERS** – A special service provided by Conference Speakers will be a free consultation (up to 15 minutes) offered on a first-registered, first serve basis, to be held throughout the conference.

## REGISTRATION

Please complete the registration form and mail it with your payment to:  
**Virginia Braun, EEGS Conference Treasurer,**  
**74 Malone Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3R 2N8** (one form per registrant)

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Early Bird Registration (postmarked before June 15, 2006) . . \$95.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 After June 15, 2006 . . . . . \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Syllabus . . . . . \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Banquet . . . . . tickets x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Registration includes 1 Lunch and 3 Refreshment Breaks*

*Early bird registrations will be entered in a draw for a free conference registration.*

Please indicate if you require a special diet for the lunch or banquet \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle one session in each time slot:**

| SATURDAY            |    |    |    |    |                 |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM      | 22 | 26 | 10 | 31 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | 1  | 18 | 19 | 11 |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 14 | 17 | 21 | 12 | 1:15 - 2:15 PM  | 2  | 24 | 20 | 34 |
| 2:30 - 3:30 PM      | 16 | 8  | 5  | 30 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM  | 23 | 4  | 6  | 28 |
| SUNDAY              |    |    |    |    |                 |    |    |    |    |
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM      | 7  | 27 | 13 | 32 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | 3  | 25 | 9  | 33 |

**Free Consultation with Speakers** for attendees of the conference - Please indicate your first and second choice. Consultations are limited - register without delay!

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The conference will feature presentations by renowned specialists from the U.S.A. and Canada focusing on areas in present day Poland and Ukraine as well as the Russian, Austro-Hungarian, and German Empires. Presentations will cover research procedures, records, languages and scripts, sources, and many other topics. There will also be a generic track for beginners of genealogy with general research topics including computers and others.

Winnipeg is the “Gateway to the West” for East European settlement in Canada. It has many Ukrainian, Mennonite, Jewish, Polish, and other ethnic museums and research centres as well as institutions of genealogical importance such as the provincial archives, provincial genealogical society, two universities with Slavic and German studies and others.

Folklorama – Winnipeg hosts the Folklorama Festival, a two week event that begins on the last day of the conference and features over 40 pavilions with ethnic food, entertainment, and cultural displays for many areas of east and central Europe. Pavilions include Warsaw-Poland, Krakow-Poland, Ukraine-Lviv, Ukraine-Kyiv, Russian, Czech and Slovak, German, Hungarian, and others. They also offer VIP bus tours. For more information, go to [www.folklorama.ca](http://www.folklorama.ca), call 204-982-6210 or toll free 1-800-665-0234 (anywhere in North America), or e-mail [folkarts@folklorama.ca](mailto:folkarts@folklorama.ca).

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Please reserve your rooms as early as possible to ensure availability. A conference discount is available for the first 50 booked rooms so please advise the hotel that you will be attending the seminar and mention code 071076 for conference rate.

### **For Reservations:**

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