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MAUP
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Background

- Founded in Kiev in 1989 by Georgiy Schokin, MAUP has become the most infamous purveyor of anti-Semitic material in Ukraine and is allegedly funded by several Middle Eastern governments.
- Schokin is also the leader of the new Ukrainian Conservative Party, which is linked to David Duke, the U.S.-based Neo-Nazi and former Klu Klux Klan Grand Wizard.
- According to the Ukrainian Jewish organization Va'ad, MAUP is responsible for 85 percent of anti-Jewish publications disseminated in Ukraine.
- The Ukrainian Conservative Party advocated the re-insertion of ethnic identity of Ukrainian citizens in their passports, which has led to discrimination against Jews in the past. The Ukrainian media has labeled Schokin's political party the "Ukrainian Klu Klux Klan."
- MAUP is the largest non-state higher education institution in Ukraine. Among MAUP graduates, there are chairmen of state committees and deputy ministers, national deputies and mayors, diplomats, leading members of the President's administration, heads of universities and schools, businessmen and military commanders.
- MAUP is licensed by the Ministry of Education of Ukraine in 10 higher education majors (specialties) and is authorized to issue state- and internationally-accredited diplomas.
- MAUP provides continuing education to large groups, including employees from Ukraine's Pensionary Fund, State Patent Bureau, and the State Center of Employment. Private employers participating include the joint pharmaceutical firm Darnytsa, as well as numerous banks, industrial enterprises and commercial firms.
- MAUP has published in excess of 300 study plans and manuals and 200 books for a variety of educational programs. Their *Personnel* journal is registered by the Presidium of the State Accreditation Committee as a supplement on economics, law, psychology, pedagogy, philosophy, social and political sciences. MAUP editions have been recommended for use by the Ministry of Education.

Anti-Semitic Activity:

- In a 2004 publication of the monthly journal *Personnel*, Schokin wrote that “anti-Semitism is an artificial invention of Jewish racists [Zionists] for frightening their race and gathering them in the Zionist State of Israel, as well as using the ‘bugaboo’ of anti-Semitism in a struggle against everyone who opposes the racist doctrine of ‘chosenness’, in particular the Jews... We warn about a real Judeo-Nazism [or Jewish-Fascism], which pretends to power over all Jews and through them to power over the world.”
- *Personnel Plus*, the MAUP weekly newspaper, published in its April 14-19, 2005 edition an “open letter” to President Yushchenko, Rada Speaker Lytvyn and Supreme Court Chief Justice Malyarenko calling for a parliamentary investigation into the “criminal activities of organized Jewry in Ukraine.” *Personnel Plus* claimed this letter was signed by more than 100 scientific, civic, and political leaders.
- In the summer of 2005, MAUP convened a conference entitled “Zionism: Threat to World Peace.” A number of Ukrainian politicians and public figures took part in the conference. David Duke received a doctorate for a thesis entitled, “Zionism as a Form of Ethnic Supremacism.” The *Kyiv Post* called the gathering “a disgusting orgy of racism and hatred”.
- In November 2005, MAUP President Georgy Schokin issued a statement of solidarity with Iranian President Ahmadinejad’s threat to wipe out Israel stating, “We’d like to remind that the Living God Jesus Christ said to Jews two thousand years ago: ‘Your father is a devil.’”
- In March 2006, leaders of MAUP visited the grave of a Christian boy whose murder resulted in the trial of Mendel Beilis, a Jewish man who in 1911 was accused and acquitted of ritual murder. “The boy Yuschinsky was sacrificed to dedicate the Chasidic Lubavitch central synagogue,” read an article in the *Personnel Plus* magazine.
- In October 2006, David Duke returned to Ukraine and lectured to a MAUP audience about the control of “Jewish and Zionist extremists” over academic and political freedom in Ukraine.
- In November 2006, MAUP successfully appealed the decision to close its branches and their license was renewed to reopen 26 regional offices.

Ukrainian Government Response

- In December 2005, President Yushchenko issued a statement that “urged society to jointly condemn all manifestations of anti-Semitism and xenophobia, and claimed that the state would not tolerate them.” The President stressed that government should protect citizens of all nationalities and religious beliefs. He pledged that the government would consistently fight national, racial or religious.

“There can be no national issue in a civilized country,” he said. He condemned the Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM) as an institution that systematically publishes anti-Semitic articles in its publication *Personnel*.

Yushchenko said he had left the supervisory council of the journal to protest against this inhumane policy. He called on professors of the IAPM to respect citizens of all nationalities and confessions and to “stop rousing national hatred.”

- On February 16, the Our Ukraine Bloc, the Presidential party made a statement condemning the anti-Semitic activities of this institution, noting, “Inflaming hostility, anti-Semitism and xenophobia by leaders of MAUP is a blatant violation of the rights and freedoms of the people. It casts a shadow on Ukraine, a country pursuing the way of democracy.”
- In May 2006, Kyiv Mayor Leonid Chernovetsky, attending an Israeli Independence Day reception, said “everybody who offends Jews” should be prosecuted. “All those who hurt Jews are doomed,” the mayor said, adding that those who refer to Jews in derogatory terms are “the rubbish of the Ukrainian people.”
- On June 29, 2006, Ukraine’s Education Ministry called for seven branches of MAUP to be disbanded due to its breaking national law.
- In September 2006, at the Babi Yar commemoration in Kyiv, President Yushchenko stated, “I clearly and straightforwardly promise that there will never be ethnic intolerance and religious hatred in Ukraine. Like all Ukrainians, I refuse to accept and tolerate the slightest manifestations of xenophobia and anti-Semitism.”
- In October 2006, The Ministry of Education and Sciences of Ukraine decided to deny the MAUP University official recognition of 4655 diplomas issued to MAUP graduates in 2006. The ministry based this decision on blatant violations of the state license agreement on the part of MAUP. They announced that 30 regional MAUP offices were to be closed within the next months. The MAUP leadership declared its intentions to sue the Government of Ukraine for “political prosecution, inspired by Zionist forces.”

NCSJ Action

- In his October 2004 testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on International Relations, Mark Levin, Executive Director of NCSJ, stated that MAUP is dangerous because it “plays a critical role in conferring credibility and legitimacy on extremist views and transforming them into mainstream beliefs.”
- In March and April 2005, NCSJ raised the issue of MAUP with Foreign Minister Boris Tarasyuk in a meeting in Washington, D.C. and with President Yushchenko at a meeting hosted by NCSJ with Jewish leaders.
- In June 2005, the issue of MAUP was raised again with Ukraine’s President, the Secretary of National Security and Defense Council, the Parliamentary Commission on Human Rights, Minorities, and Ethnic Relations, and Jewish community leaders during an NCSJ mission to Ukraine, urging them to apply the Criminal Code of Ukraine, which provides for punishment of willful actions inciting national, racial, or religious enmity and hatred.
- At the suggestion of NCSJ, the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation and the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council both issued statements in English and Ukrainian condemning the anti-Semitic statements by MAUP, supporting the President of Iran’s call for Israel to be wiped off the map.
- In December 2005, NCSJ sent recommendations for action to the Embassy of Ukraine which included the application of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, banning extremist speakers from entering Ukraine, and a review of MAUP’s accreditation and registration status.
- Throughout 2006, in meetings with senior Ukrainian officials in Ukraine and in the U.S, NCSJ expressed concern about MAUP and urged concrete steps be taken to address this institution.
- In December, 2006, in a meeting with Prime Minister Yanukovich, NCSJ received a commitment from the Prime Minister that the Ukrainian government will appeal the courts decision to reopen the regional offices.