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I would like to welcome all, to thank the JAMS for the opportunity to be part of JAMS-community. I am gratified over the opportunity to share briefly information about what is going with mediation in Ukraine.

In 2010 UMC got award from CEDR (UK) as finalist 20th Anniversary Awards for Excellence 2010 in the best communication Category. Our film is possible to see with English subtitles on <http://ukrmediation.com.ua/en/>

In 2010 there was established the coalition "For the development of mediation" in Ukraine. Experience from other countries shows that mediators often begin to compete in markets, which are not created, that interferes the development of mediation as a service. The goal is the development of market services and adherence the quality. The standards and the Code of ethics are being developing. Those, who admit the standards and the Code, and undertake to act in accordance with them, become a member of the coalition. The reformation of the coalition into a broad movement to show the state that mediation is not a phenomenon from the future but from the present in Ukraine, and that it has many influential supporters, is possible.

On September, 2012 we are planning to conduct International Conference "MODERN PRACTICE OF MEDIATION: types, techniques, approaches".

In 2011, an international alumni network was created by CEDR (UK) and trainers of Ukrainian Mediation Center become the members of that international network. UMC has wide international activity. Our trainers has conducted trainings for mediators of Kazakhstan, Belarus, Moldova and Tajikistan.

The Draft of Law "On mediation" was considered in the Parliament in autumn 2011 and was rejected. The new version of the bill was applied and registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on April 5th 2012. The bill has a framework character. It was supported by public authorities - the Ministry of Justice. I am one of the co-authors. The alternative version of the bill was applied and registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on April 12th 2012. So it supposes to be some kind of competition between two drafts in Parliament.

There is a tendency towards increasing the number of teams' participants for teaching the basic skills of a mediator. Generally members are lawyers. A lot of presentations are being held for lawyers in order to overcome the resistance to mediation, as well as to convince them that mediation and legal services are not competing, but mutually complementary.

2011, we called the competition "Usuriously about serious issues". Some results represented on facebook.com/pages/Ukrainian-Mediation-Center.

There are some groups of volunteers created for the development of mediation practices. The pilot projects are organized and conducted with state authorities on children affairs, protection of consumers, as well as with one of the leading insurance companies of Ukraine, at the expense of Ukrainian Mediation Center.

In April 2012 The Commission for mediation was established in the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Ukraine). I was appointed as the Head of the Commission on Mediation and the Advisor to the President of the ICC (Ukraine)