

## Report for the European Association of Science Editors

### Visit to the Association of University Presses Conference, June 11-13

From June 11-13, the chair of the Ukrainian Chapter of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE), Prof. Iryna Izarova, along with regional chapter members Prof. Ganna Kharlamova and Mag. Yuliia Hartman, attended the Association of University Presses (AUPresses) conference in Montreal, Canada. The AUPresses was officially established in 1937 under the name “Association of American University Presses (AAUP). In 2017, the board and membership voted to change the name to the “Association of University Presses (AUPresses).” Today AUPresses has more than 160 [members](#) located around the world. These nonprofit scholarly publishers meet [high editorial and professional standards](#) and stand with a [common mission](#) to ensure academic excellence and cultivate knowledge.

Prof. Izarova and Prof. Kharlamova were speakers on the panel "Scholarly Publishing in a War Zone: Overview of Ukraine." They discussed Ukraine's experience in maintaining publishing activities during the war, the challenges faced by the Ukrainian publishing community, particularly editors, their strategies to overcome these challenges, the needs of Ukrainian academic publishing, and the emerging opportunities.

Special attention was given to the activities of EASE and its Ukrainian Regional Chapter, emphasizing their support for Ukrainian editors during the war.

A particular highlight was the Editorial School organized by EASE, which provides free training for Ukrainian editors. The format of the school was showcased, where the materials and module discussions are made accessible even to those editors who do not speak English. It is noteworthy that around 35 Ukrainian editors participate in the school yearly. Additionally, the representatives shared insights about regular webinars conducted by the regional chapter in collaboration with EASE.

The audience was informed about the undeniable benefits for Ukrainian editors in gaining such knowledge and enhancing their professionalism despite the current challenges. The need for increasing the number of similar initiatives, such as the Editorial School, to reach a broader audience of Ukrainian scientific editors was emphasized.

Particular attention was also given to the initiative of URC EASE that is aimed at translating into Ukrainian important academic publishing policies, rules, regulations, as well as other standards and ethics guidelines. For example, URC EASE presented the translation of the "Recommendations of EASE for Authors and Translators of Scientific Articles into English"([here](#)). The EASE Standard Retraction Form is also available in both English and Ukrainian ([EASE Standard Retraction Form](#)).

The panel was attended by more than 50 conference participants, reflecting the heightened interest and engagement of the international community. Following the panel, a productive discussion allowed for the exchange of experiences and insights on best practices in the field.

It's worth noting that the visit was organized and funded by [SUPRR](#), headed by Dr. Frances Pinter, who has greatly supported Ukrainian publishers in recent years during the time of war.