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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW INTERNEE DESCENDANT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT COUNCIL OF THE CANADIAN FIRST WORLD WAR INTERNMENT RECOGNITION FUND

The Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko has appointed Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch to the Endowment Council as the internee descendant representative for a one year term commencing on April 1, 2014. Her grandfather, Yuri Feschuk (George Forchuk), was interned at Jasper Internment Camp. Marsha is the critically acclaimed and bestselling author of eighteen books, two of which are set during the First World War



internment operations in Canada: "Silver Threads", illustrated by Michael Martchenko;



and "Prisoners in the Promised Land: The Ukrainian Internment Diary of Anya Soloniuk". A third book set during the internment entitled "Dance of the Banished" will be published on August 22, 2014.

On behalf of all the members of the Endowment Council, Chair Ivan Grbešić officially extended thanks and good wishes to Jerry Bayrak, internee descendant representative, for his contributions to the work of the Endowment Council during his one-year term.

## **About CFWWIRF**

The CFWWIRF was established to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of all of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

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