**History of the CMI  
by John Taylor  
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**1990-94               Preparation**

* Pastors invited ABWE to start training program for them
* Series of informal seminars
* Nov 93 – designed CMI curriculum in Verklabruck, Austria at the first CEEMed regional conference
* Feb 94 – meeting with pastors in Kremenchug to start CMI (we stated our goal of turning over CMI to Ukrainians in 5-8 years)
* Fall 94 – first classes at Kuyalnik sanatorium, rented an apartment as our first secretary Galya’s home and office

**1995-96               Foundation**

* Fall 95 – moved into new Training Center, hired additional staff (Valenitin Khinshegashvili as Business Manager, Anatoli & Zhenya Kostyenko, guards, Lusa)
* Began to offer classes in other locations (Tiraspol, Kharkiv, Kremenchug)
* John became Academic Dean, Scott Dean of Students
* Curriculum review led to opening of Diploma program (later B.Min. or Junior Bachelor of Church Ministries)

**1997-99               Organization**

* Bible school system developed, new Bible schools added
* Volodya hired as Director of Student Ministries
* ministry seminars started
* Duane Early became first president, Donn Messenger took over as Dean of Students, Bruce Bagley as Business Manager
* Viktor Kiryanov became translator & librarian

**2000-05               Expansion**

* John became second president at beginning of 2000
* 15 Bible schools coordinated by Volodya as Dean of Students
* New administrators: Yuri Moroz (Business Manager), Oleg Standrichuk (Academic Dean), Inna Chelarskaya (secretary / registrar)
* Plans developed to build new dorm
* 2005 – CMI was legally registered

**2005-09               Trials**

* April 2005 fire, building was partially repaired
* Plans to build were canceled; decision to return to original vision of local church centered focus
* Inna passed away, Viktor dismissed, Oleg resigned
* 6 core courses completed in Certificate program
* Regional Directors were appointed
* Extreme Institute begun
* Began researching online training
* Ted welch arrived
* 2007-09 while John on sabbatical, Caleb filled in as Interim Administrator
* Financial struggles, most classes canceled in 08-09

**2009-14               New Beginnings**

* new strategy adopted, focusing on Certificate and Diploma programs, online training, and Bible schools (B.Th. program was canceled)
* Vlad Makeyev became Director of Development & Academic Dean
* Began considering partnership with KTS
* 2010 – new Training Center & office opened in Odessa
* Caleb & Misha Nunyayev developed online courses
* Received accreditation

**2014-                    New Organization**

* 2014-15 – Rick Ferrari was Interim President until Volodya became third president in 2015
* Odessa facility sold and office moved to KTS
* Teachers’ guides completed for Certificate program
* New administrative team formed

***What has remained unique about the CMI’s culture through all of these years?***

1. Emphasis on the local church & church planting
2. Broad network among many church groups
3. Development of practical ministry skills
4. Emphasis on continuing learning & high academic standards