

## IFUNA

### 2014 Kyiv Cancelled

In the year 2014, we planned our meeting to take place in Kyiv, Ukraine. Michael Gorbonos was happy and proud about running a congress in the city he was born and lived in as a young boy. But alas, due to the circumstances which nobody wanted to imagine, the meeting had to be cancelled. The circumstances were the so-called “little green men” who had, in February, invaded and occupied part of the country, the Crimea peninsula. Only today almost ten years later, we finally realize the magnitude of the tragedy that had been already obvious to many people from the beginning. I remember in September of the same year, at the EOS congress in Warsaw, Poland, the most icy looks I got in all my life from our Polish hosts when I joked about “little green men” – I well deserved them and will never forget.

Our picture shows the “Salute” Hotel.



Barbara B, August 2022