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We are very pleased to present our new e-publication featuring CBIE membership news and up-to-date information in the field of international education. We hope you enjoy it! Please contact smercure@cbie.ca for comments or suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Annual Conference 2006

CBIE's conference, held at the Hilton Québec, Québec City, November 12-15, was a great success. Over 350 participants attended the various sessions, meetings and plenaries presented under the theme "Convergent Views: Cooperating for Results in International Education". The 40th anniversary celebration was a fantastic reunion of past Board Chairs, one of the founders of CBIE's original organization, Friendly Relations with Overseas Students - FROS; CBIE's first employee and present staff; CBIE's past president, and Conference delegates. It was a memorable evening of celebration, commemoration, and entertainment. "Les Painchauds" gave an astonishing performance and kept us dancing 'til late!

You can now download conference session presentations and speeches from our website: http://www.cbie.ca/conference/2006/index_e.html

Showcasing

CBIE has been active in the successful showcasing of the membership at NAFSA (May, 2006) and EAIE (September, 2006). The Destination Canada pavilion at NAFSA was voted by attendees the most attractive and noteworthy exhibit of the NAFSA exhibit hall, and represented more than 80 member institutions, 6 provinces, 4 federal departments, and other associations and attracting more than 1000 visitors and potential partners. The Destination Canada exhibit at EAIE was a smaller version but equally successful as it had an ideal location and interest was high among the mostly European conference attendees. Most member institutions that participated in these events were highly satisfied and would repeat the experience. CBIE is now preparing a Destination Canada exhibit at the Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) Conference on *Asia-Pacific Renaissance in Higher Education* in Singapore, March 7-9, 2007. Showcasing is being evaluated to determine whether it can be a self-sustaining core activity of CBIE.

Regional Meetings

- CBIE Regional Conferences take place annually in the West, Ontario, Québec and the Atlantic region of Canada. Organized and developed by CBIE members, the conferences - usually 1.5 days - provide professional development activities for those working with international students or engaged in recruitment and project development. The seminars give our members the opportunity to address regional and provincial issues.
- In 2006, the Ontario Regional was hosted jointly by St. Lawrence College and Queen's University, May 10-12, and the Atlantic Regional was hosted by Mount Saint Vincent

University in Halifax, June 1-2. Both offered valuable information and networking, and were very well attended.

- The Western Regional meeting will be hosted by the Collège Universitaire de St-Boniface, in St-Boniface, Manitoba, May 8-9, 2007. Check our website later in the winter for details, under “Regional Conferences”.
- The 2007 Ontario Regional meeting will be hosted by the University of Windsor and St. Clair College (tentative dates, May 1-3).

Annual Report 2006

CBIE’s Annual Report 2006 is now available on our website at :

http://www.cbie.ca/download/publications/CBIE_AR06e.pdf

Welcome New Members 2006!

Athabasca University (Institution) <http://www.athabascau.ca/>

Collège St-Charles Garnier (Institution) <http://www.collegegarnier.qc.ca/international/>

EduNova (Associate) <http://www.edunova.ca/>

Ideal Educational School (Associate) <http://www.idealeducationschool.com/>

Loyalist College (Institution) <http://www.loyalistic.on.ca/>

Medicine Hat College (Institution) <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/international/default.php>

NSCAD University (Institution) <http://www.nscad.ns.ca/index.php>

Quest University (Institution) http://www.questu.ca/admissions/international_students.php

School District No. 42 (Institution) <http://www.sd42.ca:16080/inted/>

The International Institute of Health Studies (Associate) <http://www.iihs.ca/>

University of Alberta (Institution) <http://www.international.ualberta.ca/>

Lan Nguyen, Ontario (Supporting)

Bak Chauhan, Ontario (Supporting)

Claire Sormany, Québec (Supporting)

ADVOCACY / LOBBYING

- **Immigration:** On October 2, Jim Fox, Jennifer Humphries and Nadia Morin met with Immigration Minister Monte Solberg to discuss new policies at immigration and CBIE’s proposal to continue its national service. CBIE continues to follow up on the Iranian student admission matter and other issues of importance to our membership.
- **Coalition-building:** Together with AUCC and ACCC, we are working on a common advocacy statement on international education that can be used with the national political parties in the next federal election and perhaps more broadly. We have also succeeded in drawing in the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME).
- **Advantage Canada:** The Hon. Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, in his Economic and Fiscal Update of November 23 launched a consultation on the Government’s economic plan: *Advantage Canada: Building a Strong Economy for Canadians*. The Minister asked for Canadians’ views on how to implement the plan. Below are the key recommendations offered by CBIE in our submission to the consultation:

Canadians Abroad: A substantial international learning grants program permitting our students to do a semester or year abroad while enrolled at their Canadian institution – including a field study component for college students.

International Linkages: A major new prestige program to bring top international students to Canada, increased investment in the Commonwealth Scholarship Program in time for its 50th anniversary in 2009, and a further program of multifaceted research, joint programs and distance education partnerships with strategic countries.

Promoting Study in Canada: Pursue the recent branding initiative undertaken by Foreign Affairs and International Trade, providing sustained funding and focusing on promotion at major world events such as the Vancouver/Whistler Olympic Games in 2010.

International Graduates: Support to research, building on CBIE's newly initiated project sponsored by the Canadian Council on Learning, and support to measures arising from the research, designed to assist international graduates to integrate into the Canadian labour market and Canadian society.

Development Cooperation: Engage school boards and districts in our official aid in support of Education for All. This sector is currently left out of the Canadian effort despite its obvious expertise in basic education design and delivery.

Education Exports: Supportive, risk mitigation measures to enhance export initiatives of educational institutions, including establishment schools and campuses abroad.

We welcome your views and would appreciate a copy of your own submissions to the consultation.

PARTNERSHIPS

- On behalf of Export Development Canada, CBIE has launched a major new scholarship program for business and economics students, offering them the opportunity for an award and the possibility of an exciting internship at EDC. See www.edc.ca/cbie for details. STEPH, EN FRANCAIS, USE www.edc.ca/bcej
- CBIE's training of Saudi college faculty is taking place at Georgian College, Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, University of Winnipeg and Okanagan College (institutions were selected through competition).
- Conference 2006 mobilized substantial support from CBIE member institution Université Laval. The university provided overall program contributions and organized local events.
- CBIE's training of Kuwait college faculty is taking place at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Niagara College, University of Windsor and University of Ottawa (selected by Kuwait).
- CBIE has obtained funding from the Canadian Council on Learning, under its Work and Education competition, to conduct pioneering research on international graduates of our institutions and their role within the Canadian labour force.
- CBIE assisted a private company to negotiate a partner for a college in Kuwait – in this case Algonquin College (selected by the client).
- The Canadian Consortium of Management Schools (CCMS) has offered to CBIE a charitable donation of \$56,000 to be invested in its development activities. The CCMS was created in 1990 to promote Management Schools' contribution to development. The Consortium, having

reached its objectives, has dissolved and its 33 members are now able to pursue their development work separately.

- The Canadian International School of Egypt (CISE) held its first Secondary School commencement in June 2006. For the very first time in Egypt, graduating students received Ontario Secondary School Diplomas. CBIE is the Canadian management partner for CISE, which opened its doors in 2002 and now offers Grades K through 12 with an approximate enrolment of 350 in September 2006.

CBIE NEWS

New Projects and Contracts

- CIDA – Civil Service Reform, Ukraine, three years;
- CIDA Youth Education and Training for Africa, three years;
- CIDA International Development Day, one year;
- Canadian Council on Learning, Research, one year;
- Kuwait training of diplomats, one year;
- Kuwait training of education leaders, one month;
- Qatar K-12 School, advisory services, one year

Staff News

Welcome our new staff:

Basel Alashi, Director, International Partnerships

Tommy Grouev, Administrative Assistant, International Scholarships

Natalia Johanson, Program Coordinator, International Scholarships

Janine Knight, Executive Assistant to the President

Rayna Sanford, Program Coordinator, International Scholarships

Holiday Schedule

CBIE's office will close at the end of day on Friday December 22 and re-open on Tuesday January 2, 2007. Staff will be checking for urgent faxes and phone calls during the holiday period. Emergency messages can be left on our general number: (613) 237-4820 or by fax (613) 237-1073.

Seasons's Greetings and Happy New Year from all at CBIE!

FEATURE FROM THE FIELD

Major US commitment to international education

We are following closely the US Congress Lincoln Commission Study Abroad initiative in the United States, which calls on the US to be sending one million students for study abroad annually, a seven-fold increase, with a federal leveraging fund climbing to \$125M within five years. The Commission's report, in setting out a well-argued, strengthened commitment to international education for American youth, provides those of us interested in expanding international opportunities for Canadians with ammunition for our own lobby efforts with a current Canadian government that seems uncertain about international education. Worth noting: Harvard University recently announced that study abroad would be a degree requirement. The report of the Commission is available at www.lincolncommission.org.

Thank you all for your membership in CBIE. We appreciate your advice and participation in Canada's international education agenda.