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On November 2 and 3, ACCC held an important meeting between senior officials of federal government departments and community college and institute Presidents. Entitled "**Strengthening the Relationship - a Meeting between Colleges and Institutes and the Federal Government**", the goals of this event were to: explore avenues for building and strengthening productive partnerships between the federal government and colleges and institutes; promote the capacities of Canada's colleges and institutes as a vehicle to assist the federal government in meeting its policy objectives; and, enhance the ability of college and institute senior leaders to participate more fully in federal policy development. This very successful event involved 81 members of parliament from all parties, keynote speech by the Honourable Joseph Volpe, Minister, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, and presentations by key stakeholders, such as the Canadian Labour Congress and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities. **Gerry Brown, President, ext. 6492, [gbrown@acc.ca](mailto:gbrown@acc.ca)**

On November 23, ACCC appeared before the **House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance** to present college and institute priorities in the area of access to post-secondary education and strengthening the innovative capacity of communities. To view the Brief, visit "ACCC Updates" at [www.acc.ca](http://www.acc.ca). **Judy Barbeau, Constituency and Government Relations Officer, Government Relations, ext. 5656, [jbarbeau@acc.ca](mailto:jbarbeau@acc.ca)**

Nomination forms for this year's **ACCC Awards of Excellence** are available on the web at <http://www.acc.ca/english/services/awards/acc/>. The deadline for submitting nominations is December 10. **Gail Mulhall, Manager, Events and Special Initiatives, ext. 3115, [gmulhall@acc.ca](mailto:gmulhall@acc.ca)**

As part of the **Models of Accelerated Labour Market Integration of Immigrants project**, funded by the Government of Canada's Foreign Credential Recognition Program, ACCC will host a Roundtable meeting on January 8-9, 2005 with stakeholders from various constituencies. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the pros and cons of several models that could be considered for implementation. **Branka Gudelj, Project Officer, ext. 3142, [bgudelj@acc.ca](mailto:bgudelj@acc.ca)**

The **Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation** has rewarded the hard work of six Georgian College students with its national in-course award, recognizing their exceptional achievements and contributions to society. **Congratulations** to Kristina Burns and Holly Davies, both in the Veterinary Technician program; Marianne Mask, Development Services Worker; Matthew Phillips, Aviation Management; Kimberly Reid, Early Childhood Education; and Elaine Wood, Police Foundations. The Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation has provided more than \$20,000 in scholarships to these students. **Gerry Brown, President, ext. 6492, [gbrown@acc.ca](mailto:gbrown@acc.ca)**

**Congratulations** to the following two college programs on receiving the **2004 Yves Landry Foundation Award of Excellence**. The Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association "Diamond Cutting and Polishing Program" at Aurora College was the recipient of the Outstanding Innovation in Education Award, while the Integration Technician Apprenticeship Program at Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology received the Outstanding Technical Cooperative Education Program Award. **Gerry Brown, President, ext. 6492, [gbrown@acc.ca](mailto:gbrown@acc.ca)**

ACCC participated in the Canadian Policy Research Network Roundtable on the **Factors Influencing the Participation of Low-Income Canadians in Post-Secondary Education** on November 17 in Ottawa. One of the components of the roundtable was a consultation with key stakeholders holding policy responsibilities in the post-secondary sector or in providing assistance and services to low-income families regarding post-secondary education. **Terry Anne Boyles, Vice-President, Member Services and Public Policy, ext. 2853, [taboyles@acc.ca](mailto:taboyles@acc.ca)**

ACCC met with the Public Policy Forum during a **Roundtable on Bringing Employers into the Immigration Debate** on November 4 in Ottawa. ACCC also provided information to participants from member institutions on the Public Policy Forum's work at the November 28-30 Immigrant Settlement-College Programs Services Symposium in Toronto. **Terry Anne Boyles, Vice-President, Member Services and Public Policy, ext. 2853, [taboyles@acc.ca](mailto:taboyles@acc.ca)**

The 2004 issue of **College Canada**, "Innovation & Community Economic Development", was distributed in mid-November. It can be found on the Web at [http://www.acc.ca/english/publications/college\\_canada.cfm](http://www.acc.ca/english/publications/college_canada.cfm). **Lorna Malcolmson, Manager, Communication and Information Services, ext. 3123, [lmalcolmson@acc.ca](mailto:lmalcolmson@acc.ca)**

On November 15-16, ACCC and the Software Human Resources Council organized the **1st National Human Resources Forum for the Information Technology (IT) Sector**. Held at Microsoft Headquarters in Toronto, the Forum brought together 50 Deans of colleges and institutes and 60 Directors of Human Resources from Canadian employers of college/institute graduates to discuss how to work together to increase enrolment in college/institute IT programs and increase the relevancy of these programs. A Deans of IT Affinity group was established, with Morris Uremovich, Dean at Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology, selected as the Chair. **Paul Brennan, Director, Community and Corporate Relations, ext. 3132, [pbrennan@acc.ca](mailto:pbrennan@acc.ca)**

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On October 22-23, 40 college and institute Vice-Presidents met in Québec City to attend a **Forum on Innovative Succession Planning Models for College/Institute Staff**. The group and its coordinating committee set up a working group to plan a Vice-Presidents' Institute, a National Service Learning Initiative and develop a proposal for the creation of competency profiles for the VP position. **Paul Brennan, Director, Community and Corporate Relations, ext. 3132, pbrennan@acc.ca**

The **Coordinating Committee (CC) for Continuing Education and Contract Training** met on October 29 in Gatineau, Québec, for the official launch of their Affinity Group (AG). Made up of representatives from the six ACCC regions, the CC agreed on the importance of having such an affinity group at the national level. The CC will host a national meeting for all the stakeholders in continuing education in order to identify projects that would be interesting for all. Register for the Continuing Education and Contract Training Affinity Group on the ACCC website at <http://www.accc.ca/english/services/networking.cfm>. The CC will contact the members of the AG shortly to inform them of the group's orientations. **Lucie Brien, Senior Sectoral Relations Officer, Sectoral Liaison Unit, ext. 3124, lbrien@acc.ca**

On November 3-6, ACCC participated in a seminar entitled **"The Role of Mobility in Promoting Participation and Inclusion of Young People"**. Sponsored by DFAIT, HRSDC and Heritage Canada, and hosted at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, this event focused on exploring new opportunities for developing transatlantic ties between young Canadians and Europeans in the areas of citizenship and cultural diversity. **Sean Hinton, Information and Communications Coordinator, Corporate and Community Relations, ext. 3162, shinton@acc.ca**

ACCC met with **Student Connections** Coordinators and Senior Managers at the Working Together regional meetings in order to identify strategies which would increase awareness of programs and service to small - and medium- sized businesses in their respective regions. The meetings took place in Montreal on November 18-19, in Moncton on November 25-26, and more are scheduled for December 2-3 in Toronto and December 9-10 in Winnipeg. **Paul Toupin, Manager, Student Connections program, xt. 3153, ptoupin@acc.ca**

The **Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration** met in November to discuss CIC's International Student Program and various issues relating to international student recruitment. Various sub-committees or working groups have been established to address specific issues such as the appointment of education agents and immigration regulations. **Nejat Gorica, Vice-President, Business Development & Technical Assistance, ext. 3872, ngorica@acc.ca**

Held in November, the **6th National Education Marketing Roundtable** focused on the responsibilities of the newly-created International Trade Canada, marketing initiatives, and updates on the various activities of the many groups under the umbrella of International Trade Canada. **Nejat Gorica, Vice-President, Business Development & Technical Assistance, ext. 3872, ngorica@acc.ca**

The **Canadian International Development Agency's International Cooperation Days** were held this month in Ottawa with the theme of The Millennium Development Goals - Moving from Consensus to Momentum. Discussions were held on the prospects for the world's future in the context of the global roadmap for change and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. **Nejat Gorica, Vice-President, Business Development & Technical Assistance, ext. 3872, ngorica@acc.ca**

Provincial and territorial ministries and departments of education were pleased to support **International Education Week (IEW)**, held for the first time in Ottawa from November 15-19, 2004. The purpose of IEW was to raise awareness of the benefits of international education. For more information on the International Education Week, visit [www.iew-sei.ca](http://www.iew-sei.ca). **Nejat Gorica, Vice-President, Business Development & Technical Assistance, ext. 3872, ngorica@acc.ca**

Given the need for **succession planning in colleges and institutes** and a high degree of interest in the issue, ACCC is supporting a study on succession planning and leadership development for colleges and institutes. **Anna Toneguzzo, Senior Research Officer, ext. 3103, atoneguzzo@acc.ca**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Symposium for Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs	January 21-23, 2005	Victoria, British Columbia
Student Connections National Meeting	February 21-22, 2005	Ottawa, Ontario
Forum on Advancement, Fundraising and Friend Raising	February 3-5, 2005	Victoria, British Columbia
ACCC College and Institute Applied Research Forum	February 23-25, 2005	Ottawa, Ontario
Canadian College Partnership Program Forum	June 2-4, 2005	Moncton, New Brunswick
ACCC 2005 Annual Conference	June 5-7, 2005	Moncton, New Brunswick

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