



# Inside ACCC

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Denyse Blanchet who is the new Director General of Collège Montmorency, replacing François Allard.  
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## World Congress of Colleges and Polytechnics

The 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Colleges and Polytechnics, *Developing Global Partnerships*, was held February 18-20 in New York City. ACCC was strongly represented by both members and staff. More than 350 participants from 37 countries accepted our proposal to create the first International Affinity Group on Environmental Sustainability and Renewable Energy. The Affinity Group will provide a platform for environmental experts from colleges and polytechnics worldwide to collaborate on environmental projects and share best practices. The founding meeting of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics was hosted by ACCC in Québec City in 1999. *Paul Brennan, Vice-President, Partnership Programs, ext. 3132, pbrennan@acc.ca*

## Advocacy for College and Institute Students

The Association has been awarded a contract by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to conduct research and make recommendations on how the federal government can redesign scholarship programs to support increased participation by college and institute students in Canada and abroad. *Marie-Josée Fortin, Manager, Canadian College Partnership Program, ext. 3137, mjfortin@acc.ca*

## Canadian Immigration Integration Project

Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) has approved an extension of the Canadian Immigration Integration Project to November 2010. The additional funds will allow for offsite delivery of program services as well as more emphasis on tracking immigrants after they move to Canada. A number of member institutions are providing support to the program. *Katrina Murray, CIIP Project Director, ext. 3148, kmurray@acc.ca*

## Agreement with Chile

The Association signed a Collaboration Agreement on March 6 with the Chilean Ministry of Education to allow Chilean technical education graduates funded by Chilean government scholarships to undertake practical technical and English language training at ACCC member institutions. Over a three-year period, Canadian colleges and institutes can expect to receive over 250 Chilean students from the mining and metallurgy technology, tourism and culinary arts, aquaculture management, renewable energy technology, business management and financial services, as well as other sectors. *Mehdi Abdelwahab, Senior Program Officer, Partnership Programs, ext. 3161, mabdelwahab@acc.ca*

## Meetings and Conferences

Don't miss the April 15 deadline for earlybird registration for the 2008 ACCC Annual Conference, to be held May 25-27 in Prince George, B.C. Several events will take place before and after the conference, so be sure to factor this into your travel planning. The conference hotels are filling up quickly; please make your reservations now to avoid disappointment. For more information, visit <http://conference.acc.ca>. *Gail Mulhall, Manager, Events and Special Initiatives, ext. 3115, gmulhall@acc.ca*

The 8th Annual Serving Rural and Remote Community Initiative Symposium will take place May 23-24 in Prince George. Under the theme "Creating a Competitive Rural Economy," this year's symposium will focus on practical applications for improving labour market productivity and effective competition in the global knowledge economy. For more information, visit <http://conference.acc.ca/2008/prog/friday.htm>. *Sarah Moreault, Senior Program Officer, ext. 3147, smoreault@acc.ca*

The next Immigration Affinity Group meeting, *Leaders and Champions of Immigrant Education and Integration Continue to Partner, Network and Showcase* will be held May 28 in Prince George, B.C. For information, visit [http://conference.acc.ca/2008/program/post\\_conference.htm](http://conference.acc.ca/2008/program/post_conference.htm). Mark your calendars for the symposium Colleges and Institutes Supporting the Integration of Immigrants into the Canadian Labour Market, to be held June 19-20 in Ottawa. Registration information will soon be available at [www.acc.ca/events](http://www.acc.ca/events). *Anna Toneguzzo, Senior Research Officer, ext. 3103, atoneguzzo@acc.ca*

The 2008 ACCC Presidents' Academy will be held July 5-10 within the walls of old Québec, during the City's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Registration is limited; only three places remain. Past participants praise the Academy as an invaluable development experience. For information, visit [www.accc.ca/events](http://www.accc.ca/events). *James Knight, President, ext. 6492, [jknight@accc.ca](mailto:jknight@accc.ca)*

The 5<sup>th</sup> ACCC Apparel Affinity Group meeting will be held June 2-4 in Toronto under the theme "It's all about change." To be hosted by Seneca College, the meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to network and share best practices. Registration information will soon be available at [www.accc.ca/events](http://www.accc.ca/events). *Sarah Moreault, Senior Program Officer, ext. 3147, [smoreault@accc.ca](mailto:smoreault@accc.ca)*

ACCC will host the Canada-Vietnam Partnership Symposium on Technical and Professional Education and Training in Hanoi, Vietnam from June 10-12. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for representatives from Vietnamese and Canadian institutions to identify lessons learned, examine successful case studies, and build networks. For information, visit [www.accc.ca/events](http://www.accc.ca/events). *Dominique Van de Maele, Senior Training and Research Officer, ext. 3163, [dvandemaele@accc.ca](mailto:dvandemaele@accc.ca)*

Mark your calendars for the ACCC Early Childhood Education Faculty Forum to be held November 13-15 in Montréal. Registration information is available at [www.accc.ca/events](http://www.accc.ca/events). *Gail Mulhall, Manager, Events and Special Initiatives, ext. 3115, [gmulhall@accc.ca](mailto:gmulhall@accc.ca)*

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8th Annual Rural Symposium  
ACCC Annual Conference  
Immigration Affinity Group Meeting  
Apparel Affinity Group Meeting  
Canada-Vietnam Partnership Symposium  
Immigrants Integration Symposium  
National Executive Leadership Institute  
9th Presidents' Academy  
VP-NELI  
Early Childhood Education Faculty Forum

May 23-24, 2008  
May 25-27, 2008  
May 28, 2008  
June 2-4, 2008  
June 10-12, 2008  
June 19-20, 2008  
June 28-July 3, 2008  
July 5-10, 2008  
July 6-11, 2008  
November 13-15, 2008

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