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## Rapport de la Coordinatrice

Par Sarah Shima

Voici une brève mise à jour des activités du bureau du CACI depuis le dernier rapport en octobre, 2002.

### Bureau (BD) de direction du CACI

Nous avons comblé le poste vacant au BD avec Léona Arsenault, du "PEI Environmental Network". Léona est présidente du journal francophone "La Voix Acadienne" et de l'un des partis provinciaux de l'ÎPÉ. Par ailleurs, Léona était également membre du Comité d'action du Premier ministre sur la violence familiale durant les six dernières années. La plupart de son expérience en matière d'emploi porte sur la tenue de livre et l'administration du bureau. Elle a aussi travaillé avec des organisations à but non lucratif sur des projets abordant les enjeux du changement climatique. Le CACI souhaite la bienvenue à Léona en tant que notre nouvelle membre du BD, représentante francophone, et aussi en tant que Trésorière.

### Personnel du CACI

Le CACI est béni par la présence de deux stagiaires de l'ACDI contribués par Falls Brook Centre. Andrea Germann est présentement en Jamaïque où elle travaille sur les enjeux du tourisme soutenable avec le "Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust" (NEPT) et elle reviendra au Canada vers la fin de mai, 2003.

Carly Chunick a commencé à travailler au bureau du CACI vers la mi-février. Nous anticipons travailler avec Carly durant les 12 prochaines semaines alors qu'elle va prêter main forte avec le projet du tourisme durable, avec des ateliers de développement professionnel, ainsi qu'avec les préparatifs de l'Assemblée générale annuelle du CACI qui aura lieu à Conception Bay South, T.-N., du 30 avril au 3 mai, 2003.

### Projet d'engagement du public en matière de voyages culturellement et écologiquement appropriés

Tel que mentionné dans le numéro de Rendez-Vous, en octobre 2002, le CACI va mettre l'accent sur les enjeux reliés au tourisme et aux voyages écologiquement et culturellement appropriés au cours des deux prochaines années.

Cette année, nous mettons l'accent sur l'engagement des intervenants de l'industrie touristique du Canada Atlantique en matière de tourisme et de coopération internationale par l'entremise d'ateliers préparés à partir de l'analyse d'études de cas effectuées par

## Coordinator's Report

By Sarah Shima

The following is a quick update of ACIC's office activities since the last report in October 2002.

### ACIC's Board of Directors

We have filled the last opening for Board Member with Leona Arsenault, of the PEI Environmental Network. Leona is President of the French newspaper "La Voix Acadiennes" and of one of the Provincial Parties of PEI. Leona has also been on the Premier's Action Committee on family violence for the past six years. Most of Leona's employment experience has been in bookkeeping and office management. She has also worked with non-profit organizations on projects that dealt with climate change issues. ACIC would like to welcome Leona as our newest Board Member, Francophone representative, and as Treasurer.

### ACIC Staff

ACIC is blessed with two CIDA interns donated from Falls Brook Centre. Andrea Germann is currently in Jamaica, working on sustainable tourism issues with the Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT) and will return to Canada in late May 2003.

Carly Chunick started working at the ACIC office in mid-February. We look forward to working with Carly during the next 12 weeks, during which time she'll be assisting with the sustainable tourism project, professional development workshops, and ACIC's Annual General Meeting to be held in Conception Bay South, NF, from April 30 – May 3, 2003.

### Culturally and Environmentally Appropriate Travel and Tourism Public Engagement Project

As mentioned in our October 2002 issue of Rendez-Vous, ACIC will be focussing on the issues surrounding culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism over the next couple of years.

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des organisations membres du CACI qui développent des opportunités touristiques à l'étranger. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur ce projet, veuillez consulter l'article intitulé "Travelling Wisely" à la page 13.

#### Rencontres / événements

##### - Rencontre avec le général Roméo Dallaire

Le général Roméo A. Dallaire, Conseiller spécial du ministre et de l'ACDI sur les enfants victimes de la guerre, est venu à Halifax en novembre, 2002, où il a rencontré des représentants de la communauté des ONG du Canada Atlantique afin de discuter la question des enfants affectés par la guerre et sur le travail de défense de leurs droits qu'il espère accomplir au Canada. Quatorze membres de CACI étaient présents à cette rencontre.

##### - Conseil canadien pour la coopération internationale (CCCI)

En décembre, j'ai participé à une deuxième rencontre du BD où l'on discuta les enjeux concernant l'examen de la Stratégie d'engagement du public par l'ACDI, ainsi que le financement du programme / projet d'engagement du public. La prochaine rencontre du BD aura lieu les 7 et 8 mars, 2003.

##### - Forum sur le leadership du Conseil canadien pour la coopération internationale (CCCI)

En janvier, Neil Tilley participait au Forum sur le leadership du CCCI à Ottawa. Le but principal du Forum était l'échange de perspectives sur les défis et les implications pour notre communauté découlant de la politique de l'ACDI intitulée "Canada Making a Difference in the World". Les participants ont également discuté l'état des rela-

This year, we are focussing on engaging stakeholders in the Atlantic Canadian travel industry on issues of tourism and international cooperation through workshops developed through the analysis of case studies by ACIC member organizations developing tourism opportunities overseas. For more information on this project, please refer to the article entitled Travelling Wisely on page 13.

#### Meetings/Events

##### - Meeting with General Romeo Dallaire

General Roméo A. Dallaire, Special Advisor on War-affected Children to the Canadian International Development Agency and to the Minister, visited Halifax in November 2002, where he met with representatives from the Atlantic Canada NGO community to discuss the issue of war-affected children and the advocacy work that he hopes to accomplish in Canada. Fourteen ACIC members were present at this meeting.

##### - Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)

In December, I attended a second Board Meeting, where issues surrounding CIDA's review of the Public Engagement Strategy, and Public Engagement Project/Program funding were discussed. The next Board Meeting will be on March 7 and 8, 2003.

##### - Canadian Council for International Cooperation's (CCIC) Leadership Forum

In January, Neil Tilley attended CCIC's Leadership Forum in Ottawa. The main goal of the Forum was to exchange perspectives on the challenges and implications for our community of CIDA's policy: "Canada Making a Difference in the

#### ACIC Board of Directors Conseil d'Administration du CACI

Neil Tilley, Chair & Nfld/Lab Representative (Extension Community Development Cooperative)

Leona Arsenault, Treasurer, Francophone Representative and Member-at-Large (PEI Environmental Network)

Jean Arnold, NB Representative (Falls Brook Centre)

Maureen MacLean, Member-at-Large (Canadian Cooperative Association)

Carolyn Davison, NS Representative (Nova Scotia Gambia Association)

Marian White, PEI Representative (CUSO)

Sarah Shima, Ex officio, Coordinator

tions actuelles avec l'ACDI, ainsi que les stratégies et les approches du CCCI vis à vis ces défis.

### Le CACI entame un partenariat au Nigéria

Dans le cadre d'un consortium d'organisations canadiennes et nigériennes, le CACI a mis sur pied un partenariat avec la "NGO Coalition for the Environment – NGOCE" (Coalition des ONG pour l'environnement), un groupe basé à Calabar, au Nigéria. Cette coalition est en train de se consolider et elle travaille avec le CACI pour renforcer sa structure administrative, y compris les politiques et les règlements en matière d'adhésion, ainsi que les structures de gouvernance. Ce projet est financé par l'entremise de la Division bilatérale de l'ACDI et il va continuer durant les deux prochaines années.

En janvier, j'ai visité Calabar pour rencontrer nos partenaires de projet et pour entamer le travail avec la NGOCE. La première partie de notre travail est de bâtir la confiance des intervenants dans le réseau et de déterminer leurs besoins. Pour entamer ceci, nous avons organisé un atelier pour les intervenants afin de discuter les directions futures de la NGOCE et pour former une équipe qui commencerait à aborder les structures de gouvernance de la NGOCE. L'atelier comptait plus de 30 différentes organisations et le feedback en fut très positif. Les intervenants en ont vraiment acquis un sentiment d'appartenance et le développement éventuel de la NGOCE en une coalition solide est assuré par toutes les parties voulant travailler ensemble.

Dans un pays inscrit sur la liste de Transparency International comme étant le pays le plus corrompu au monde (en 2000), il est encourageant de voir la société civile travailler de concert pour bâtir un réseau basé sur l'appui mutuel et l'entraide. Voici certains des bienfaits de ce travail pour le CACI et ses membres :

- Une opportunité pour le CACI et ses membres de mieux s'informer sur les Programmes bilatéraux de l'ACDI et sur comment ils fonctionnent ;
- De l'expérience pratique grâce au travail au sein d'un consortium.

L'un des secteurs de croissance souligné dans le Plan stratégique de trois ans du CACI est le développement de consortiums. Ce projet présente une excellente opportunité de voir un consortium se former et se développer durant les premières années ;

- Augmenter l'expertise du personnel du CACI en matière de coopération internationale ;
- Augmenter le financement pour le CACI grâce au travail de consultation ;
- Développer des partenariats à l'étranger dans lesquels les membres du CACI peuvent réseauter et participer ; et,
- Apprendre de nouvelles techniques de la part d'organisations dans d'autres pays pour aider à renforcer le CACI.

Comme d'habitude, si vous aimeriez de plus amples renseignements sur l'un ou l'autre des points soulevés ci-haut, n'hésitez surtout pas à communiquer avec moi.

World". Participants also discussed the status of current relationships with CIDA and on CCIC's strategies and approach to these challenges.

### ACIC Begins Partnership in Nigeria

As part of a consortium of Canadian and Nigerian organizations, ACIC has developed a partnership with the NGO Coalition for the Environment (NGOCE), a group based in Calabar, Nigeria. This coalition is just gaining its feet and is working with ACIC to build its administrative structure, including membership policies, bylaws, and governance structures. This project is funded through CIDA's Bilateral Division, and will continue over the next two years.



*Sarah Shima and Chief Bassey Archibong, Acting Executive Director, NGOCE*  
*Sarah Shima et Chief Bassey Archibong, le Directeur général, NGOCE*

In January I visited Calabar to meet project partners and to start working with NGOCE. The first part of our work is to build stakeholder confidence in the network and to determine their needs. To start this, we held a workshop for stakeholders to discuss NGOCE's future directions and to put together a team to start working on NGOCE's governance structures. The workshop was attended by over 30 different organizations and received very positive responses. There is strong stakeholder buy-in and NGOCE's future development into a strong coalition is assured with all parties continuing to work together.

In a country listed by Transparency International as the most corrupt in

the world (in 2000), it is encouraging to see civil society working together and building a network based on mutual support and assistance.

Benefits of this work to ACIC and its members include:

- Giving ACIC and members an opportunity to learn about CIDA's Bilateral Programs and how they work;
- Practical experience working within a consortium. One of the areas of growth listed in ACIC's Three-Year Strategic Plan is the development of consortiums. This project presents an excellent opportunity to see a consortium form and develop over a couple of years;
- Increasing international cooperation expertise of ACIC staff members;
- Increasing funding for ACIC through consultation work;
- Developing partnerships overseas, with which ACIC members can network and partner with; and,
- Learning new techniques for strengthening ACIC, from organizations in other countries.

As always, if you would like further information on any of the items listed above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

# MEMBER PROFILE / PROFIL DU MEMBRE

## DAL-Outreach...*helping us think more globally*

By Nancy Hayter

DAL-Outreach is the development education program at Dalhousie University. It is coordinated by Lester Pearson International (LPI), an administrative unit at Dal responsible for the university's international development activities (see below).

LPI established the Development Awareness & Learning Outreach Program (DAL-Outreach) in 1989 to help engage and involve the university and local community in international development issues. Since then, DAL-Outreach has worked with university faculty and local community organizations to help organize and present non-academic educational events that encourage an understanding of global development.

### What does DAL-Outreach do?

#### ➤ **Global Development Seminar Series**

DAL-Outreach, in cooperation with Dalhousie's Department of International Development Studies, presents the Global Development Seminar Series every Thursday during the Fall and Winter academic terms from 12 noon until 1 pm in the Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building. Global development talks feature those who have experience in or expertise on international development issues.

#### ➤ **Social Development Priorities (SDP) Speakers Series**

The Social Development Priorities Speakers Series features daytime and evening presentations by international experts on the four social development priorities targeted by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for special emphasis over the next four years. These are basic education, basic health and nutrition, child protection, and HIV/AIDS. The SDP Speakers Series is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through CIDA.

To date, SDP speakers have included Nancy Spence from the Commonwealth Secretariat; Dr. John Savage, former Premier of Nova Scotia and currently medical advisor to the Nova Scotia Gambia Association; Professor Luis Fernando Duque from Antioquia University in

Medellin, Colombia; and Lt.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire (Ret.), former head of the UN Mission in Rwanda and currently special advisor on war-affected children.

#### ➤ **International Development Week**

Each year, during the first week of February, DAL-Outreach recognizes CIDA's International Development Week by organizing special events on campus.

All DAL-Outreach events are free and open to the public. Currently, DAL-Outreach activities are organized and overseen by Nancy Hayter, LPI's Assistant Director of Information and Programs, with the assistance of a part-time student assistant. Anyone wishing to receive electronic notices of upcoming DAL-Outreach events, should e-mail [dal.outreach@dal.ca](mailto:dal.outreach@dal.ca).



#### **Lester Pearson International (LPI)**

Lester Pearson International is the unit at Dalhousie that coordinates DAL-Outreach. LPI was founded in 1985 to help facilitate the university's involvement in externally-financed international programs and projects. In 1994, its mandate was expanded to support a broader range of activities that would help to internationalize the university. Today, in addition to DAL-Outreach, LPI helps to develop, support and oversee the university's international projects; disseminates information concerning international activities and opportunities; serves as the university's International Liaison Office/Officer (ILO) which provides a central contact point for agencies, officials, etc.; facilitates the university's international agreements and maintains the Agreement Register; and hosts official international visitors and delegations and helps to facilitate the visits of international scholars to the university.

*For more information on DAL-Outreach and/or LPI, visit the website at <http://www.dal.ca/lpi>.*

# MEMBER PROFILE / PROFIL DU MEMBRE

By Vickie Shawyer



**College of the North Atlantic (CNA)**, Newfoundland and Labrador's public college, is one of the largest post-

secondary educational and skills training centres in Canada offering over 90 full-time programs and more than 300 part-time courses to 10,000 full-time students, and annually graduates approximately 3,000 students from its comprehensive, career-oriented certificate, diploma and post-diploma programs, ranging in duration from one to three years. The College has 17 provincial campuses and one international campus in the Middle East State of Qatar.

CNA is recognized for its commitment to excellence and has gained recognition nationally and internationally for its quality and standard of programs. Providing accessible, responsive, quality learning opportunities, which prepare people to become self-sufficient contributors to social and economic development in a global context is part of the mandate. The college recently won awards from the Conference Board of Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency Award of Excellence for training projects at home and overseas. To date the college has worked with industry, governments, and educational institutions in more than 30 countries, signing contract training agreements totaling nearly \$600 million.

CNA's @College Distributed Learning Service is a Certified WebCT In-

stitute, one of only six in Canada, and its courses have been recognized with the WebCT Exemplary Course Award. More than 200 programs and courses are available for study on line. The college has made significant inroads in the use of video conferencing technology as another e-learning delivery mode, and is recognized as a leader in the development of distance education in Canada.



*Temple of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India*

Recently CNA signed a 10 year agreement with the State of Qatar to develop and operate a comprehensive college of technology in that country. In September 2002, College of the North Atlantic-Qatar (CNA-Qatar) became operational. CNA also serves over 500 students in China through cooperative arrangements with Chinese universities. International education is an integral part of CNA's mission.

Since 1989, the college has delivered numerous Association for Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) projects, funded by CIDA, in partnership with post-secondary institutions, non-governmental organizations, and businesses in countries which span

five continents. Program and curriculum development projects have been undertaken in more than 30 countries, including China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russia, Thailand, Chile, Jamaica, Barbados, Lebanon, Latvia, Lithuania, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Vietnam, West Bank/Gaza and Tanzania. In Peru, a Technical Education Reform project cooperated with the Peruvian Ministry of Education to reform technical education curriculum and the Mining Technology Programs project was designed to provide training in more environmentally-sound mining technologies and processes.

Currently, in China, CNA's Energy Management Systems project is contributing to the development of a sustainable and energy efficient building strategy in Sichuan. In India, CNA, the University College of Cape Breton and the Periyar Maniammai College of Technology for Women in Tamil

Nadu are partnering in the development of Women's Environmental Programs and a second project in India in partnership with Nachimuthu Polytechnic in Pollachi and Cambrian College in Sudbury, is contributing to environmental sustainability through industry-institute linkages. Recently, CNA in partnership with Agriteam Canada and WUSC began implementation of the CIDA Bilateral Project "Improving Basic Education in Piura, Peru". CNA also participates in the CIDA and DFAIT funded international internship placements in the Netherlands, Dominican Republic, Thailand, Slovakia, Greece, India, China, and the Philippines.

More information about the college can be found on its website: [www.northatlantic.nf.ca](http://www.northatlantic.nf.ca)

# Working on a Tropical Island - Peter Hardie



When Peter Hardie mentions to his DFO co-workers that he's going to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, he has to convince them that he's going there to work, not to relax on a tropical beach, as many imagine.

A research technician in the Diadromous Fish Section, Peter will leave Moncton in January for a two-year CUSO placement to work with the Solomon Islands Honey Co-operative. Working on the island of Malaita, Peter will assist in the running of the co-operative, train islanders in beekeeping and help promote beekeeping as a rural, family-oriented activity that can contribute to food self-sufficiency as well as economic development.

"My beekeeping experience has been at a hobbyist level for about 25 years," says Peter. "Presently we have 12 hives, but the numbers we've kept has ranged from two to 150 over those 25 years. So it's fluctuated from being a profitable hobby to a borderline commercial venture."



Located Northeast of Australia, the Solomon Islands are made up of more than 990 islands. Combined, they cover a landmass of 28,000 square kilometres. Some of the larger islands have volcanoes with varying degrees of activity, while many of the smaller islands are simply tiny atolls covered in sand and palm trees.

"I find it quite amazing that you can leave your job for this length of time and still come back to it," says Peter. "On the other hand, I suspect I will come back refreshed and motivated. It's a bit strange, because I am not doing a fisheries-related project, but there didn't seem to be a problem with that in terms of

getting a leave of absence without pay."

"Under the collective agreement, the provisions are quite generous when you are chasing after a temporarily re-locating spouse. In the past, I've taken my vacation as a way to follow Kathleen while she was teaching in South America and in Africa during the summer months."

Kathleen will also work part-time with the honey co-operative. She's been an active beekeeper for about 15 years and will help develop a beekeeping curriculum and set up demonstration hives. Given that Kathleen is an elementary school teacher at Evergreen Park School in Moncton, she will teach beekeeping, English and life skills at a rural training centre.



Peter and Kathleen first saw the advertisement for this CUSO posting in a beekeeping newsletter. They were interested, but didn't seriously consider it. A few weeks later, they received an e-mail from someone who was actively recruiting them, so they began to consider it more seriously. "The more we thought about it, the more exciting the idea became," says Peter.

"We've had to figure out what to do with our house and our ongoing financial commitments," says Peter. "I've taken advantage of income-averaging by taking nine months of salary spread over 12 months. That means I will receive a paycheque from DFO during the first three months of my placement. This will help alleviate some of the financial problems associated with doing a volunteer project."

Peter and Kathleen's living expenses in the Solomon Islands will be covered by CUSO and they will receive an honorarium of about \$200 a month. This money will be deposited directly into their bank

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# Update on the Society for Corporate Environmental and Social Responsibility (CESR)

By Tamara Lorincz



This past semester from September to December 2002, the Society for Corporate Environmental and Social Responsibility (CESR) was busy organizing events to raise awareness of climate change and to promote a speaker series on positive environmental and social change. CESR co-hosted with the Ecology Action Centre a lecture by Guy Dauncey, environmental consultant and author of *Stormy Weather: 101 Solutions to Climate Change*, in September and a lecture by Dr. Martha Kostuch, veterinarian, on *Health & Environmental Issues from the Oil & Gas Industry* in October. In November, CESR arranged presentations by Dr. William Schabas, international human rights lawyer, on the *Abolition of the Death Penalty* and by Dr. Jack Layton, Toronto city councilor, on *Justice & Jobs in a Green & Democratic Canada*. Our final speaker at the end of November was Michael Jantzi, founder of the Jantzi index, who spoke on *Socially Responsible Investing*.

Over the semester, CESR organized two major events. First, we held a half-hour Symbolic Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol ceremony in front of the Student Union Building in October. We had Dr. Peter Duinker, Dr. Tarah Wright and MP Alexa McDonough "sign the Kyoto Protocol." We also had a banner for everyone to "ratify." We had entertainment by Captain Environment, the Radical Cheerleaders and the Raging Grannies. Second, we had a Movie Night with showing of the National Film Board of Canada's *Who's Counting: Sex, Lies and Global Economics*, which was followed by a lecture on the *Genuine Progress Index* by Jeff Wilson. At our Movie Night, we had the producer of the film, Kent Martin, lead a Q&A discussion. To support important causes, CESR launched letter writing campaigns for bike racks and recycling/composting bins on campus, to support the Kyoto Protocol, to stop a war on

Iraq and to end sweatshop labour products in the university bookstore. To raise money for our events, we held a bake sale and had a table display to promote climate change issues with literature from the Climate Change Action Fund, Clean Nova Scotia, and the David Suzuki Foundation.

This new year, we have many exciting events planned. On March 22, we will have our second annual World Wa-

ter Day event to encourage water conservation. We are currently organizing our Alternative Graduation Ceremony with the Social Environmental Responsibility Pledge and our

Dump & Run recycling event which will be held in May. We are also planning a Chinese Evening to discuss environmental, social and political issues in China at a local Chinese restaurant and Philosophy Cafes to talk about *Dissent & Change* at the Grad House.

The Society for Corporate Environmental and Social Responsibility is a multi-disciplinary student organization based at Dalhousie University and a non-profit society registered in Nova Scotia. We are currently comprised of an 8-member

student council and have over 50 regular members. Our members have a shared interest in advancing and acting on issues related to social justice, sustainable development, corporate responsibility, ethics, environmentalism, peace, democracy, good governance and human rights. CESR is an active club on campus and in the community. We organize workshops, lectures, and other events related to our mission.

For more information about CESR, please visit our web site at: <http://is2.dal.ca/~cesr> or email us at [cesr@is2.dal](mailto:cesr@is2.dal).

## CCIC Public Engagement Reference Group Update

CCIC's Public Engagement Reference Group (PERG) met in Ottawa Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to share information, set priorities, and to discuss recent developments in CIDA policy and operations relevant to public engagement. The group aims to stimulate discussion within the NGO community on public engagement directions and to provide input to CIDA as it articulates its new strategic directions.

Towards these ends, a paper is being drafted (a second draft will be finished in mid-February). As well, a workshop on impact assessment is being planned for April. PERG consists of ten individuals from CCIC member organisations working with Mary O'Neill and other CCIC staff. electronically and through conference calls. Ruth Schneider, from the Centre for International Studies, has been attending and will be able to report to ACIC's Annual General Meeting in May.

*ACIC would like to thank Ruth Schneider for submitting this update and we look forward to receiving future updates on CCIC's PERG.*

# LE CCNB EDMUNDSTON SOULIGNE LA SEMAINE DE LA COOPÉRATION INTERNATIONALE



Par Jacques Nadeau

Dans un marché de plus en plus à caractère mondial, le réseau des Collèges communautaires n'échappe pas au phénomène. Au contraire, le gouvernement du N.-B. dans son plan de prospérité « vers l'an 2010 », vient de mandater le Ministère de la Formation et du Développement de l'Emploi, par l'entremise de son réseau des collèges communautaires, de former des étudiants capables de répondre aux besoins de main-d'œuvre des entreprises étrangères désireuses de venir s'implanter au N.-B. Les collèges sont également demandés de former des personnes ayant les attitudes et les compétences les permettant travailler pour des entreprises du N.-B. qui exploitent des opérations en sols étrangers. La réalisation de ce mandat est déjà commencé au CCNB Edmundston et ce à travers différentes approches dont les plus importantes sont : l'internationalisation de ses programmes d'étude, les projets d'échange d'étudiants et la participation du collège à des projets de coopération internationale.

## Projets de coopération internationale

Le CCNB-Edmundston à présentement trois projets en phase de réalisation et deux autres ont été retenus à la première étape de sélection. La valeur totale de ces projets pourrait dépasser les 5 000 000 \$.

### Les projets en phase de réalisation sont :

« **Focus agro-alimentaire** » Projet d'une valeur de 388,873\$ Octobre 2000, fin septembre 2004. Le CESAB, composante du CCNB Edmundston, en partenariat avec le collège Alfred de l'Université de Guelph en Ontario, visent à appuyer la réforme du programme de formation d'Ingénieur Technique Agro-Vétérinaire, le développement de matériel pédagogique ainsi que le perfectionnement d'enseignants de l'Institut Supérieur Agro-Alimentaire Saint Pierre Canisius (ISVA) afin d'accroître la capacité de cette institution congolaise à produire des finissants(es) capables de développer de façon durable le secteur privé Agro-alimentaire de la République Démocratique du Congo.

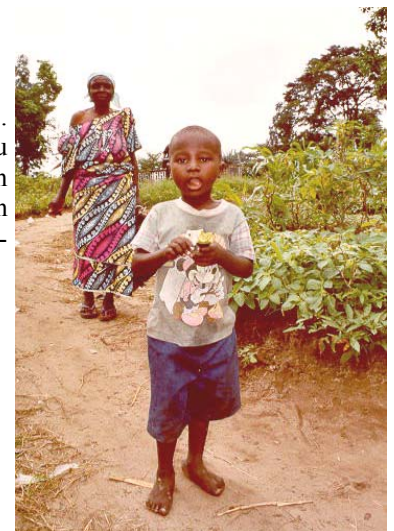


Les échanges internationaux permettent des contacts intéressants. Le Père Joseph Numbi, le curé du village de Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska, a reçu la visite de partenaires originaires de son pays d'origine, la République démocratique du Congo. Cette visite a été possible grâce au premier volet de la phase de démarrage du projet.

Sur la photo le Père Joseph (avant) et debout de gauche à droite, Monsieur Étienne, le Frère Umba (tous deux de l'ISAV), Madame et Monsieur Munyonge, qui habitent la région du nord-ouest.

« **Appui à l'ITA de Mombele** » Projet valeur de 582 976\$ Septembre 2002 à décembre 2005. Le CESAB, composante du CCNB Edmundston, en partenariat avec le collège Shawinigan au Québec, appuiera l'Institut technique agricole (ITA) de Mombele lui permettant d'offrir un nouveau programme de formation en « entrepreneuriat agricole » afin d'accroître la création de micro-entreprises et d'encourager l'entrepreneuriat agricole dans la région de Kinshasa situé en République Démocratique du Congo.

Sur la photo, jeune congolais photographié par Sonia Michaud (enseignante au CESAB) lors d'une mission en République Démocratique du Congo. Sur le continent africain, la RDC est le pays le plus touché par la pauvreté qui s'est accentuée avec 90,5 % de ses habitants vivant avec moins d'un dollar par jour.





« **Électricité d'installation** » Projet d'une valeur de 1 998 420\$. Décembre 2002 à mars 2005. Le SGFTP, composante du CCNB Edmundston, en partenariat avec le CCNB Bathurst, appuiera le Ministère de l'Enseignement Technique et de la Formation Professionnelle (ETFP) ainsi que l'Institut privé de gestion (IPG) de Dakar au Sénégal en matière de révision, d'adaptation de programmes d'enseignement et dans l'établissement de liens dynamiques avec les entreprises dans les domaines de « l'électricité d'installation »

*Sur la photo, à gauche, M. Jacques Nadeau, coordonnateur de projets internationaux au CCNB Edmundston et à droite, M. Arthur Valcourt, instructeur en électricité au CCNB Edmundston qui seront impliqués dans le projet « Électricité d'installation » du Sénégal.*

## Les projets retenus à la première étape de sélection sont :

« **Frigoriste Professionnel** » Projet d'une valeur de 654 605\$ Mai 2003 à décembre 2007. Le SGFTP, composante du CCNB Edmundston, en partenariat avec le Centre de Formation Pierre-Dupuy de Longueuil Montréal, appuiera le Lycée de Formation Technique et Professionnelle de Nouadhibou ainsi que le Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale, Division de l'Enseignement Technique de Nouakchott tous deux de la Mauritanie dans la mise à jour de leur programme de formation en réfrigération industrielle.

« **Agro-business durable** » Projet d'une valeur de 1 670 050\$ Avril 2003 à mars 2008. Le CESAB, composante du CCNB Edmundston, en partenariat avec le collège de Shawinigan au Québec et le collège d'Alfred de l'Université de Guelph en Ontario, appuieront le Centre de formation professionnelle et industrielle de l'Île Maurice, l'Office de la formation technique et professionnelle aux Îles Comores ainsi que le ministère de l'Agriculture des Seychelles (3 pays de l'Océan Indien) à accroître la création de micro-entreprises et d'encourager l'entrepreneuriat agricole dans la région. Ils soutiendront aussi les efforts des partenaires outre-mer dans le développement de l'auto-emploi, particulièrement auprès des jeunes finissants de « l'école multipurpose » et dans les Centres de démonstration agricole de l'Île Maurice.

## Projets d'échanges d'étudiants

Depuis septembre dernier, trois étudiants internationaux sont en formation au CCNB-Edmundston. Deux Mexicains, faisant partie d'un projet d'échange entre le Centre d'Excellence du Tourisme de l'Atlantique (CETA), composante du CCNB Edmundston et l'Institut de Technologia Turistica de Mirada, Yucatan au Mexique, sont inscrit au programme de tourisme. Le troisième étudiant, originaire de la région de El-Jadida du Maroc, est inscrit au programme de Technologie de l'informatique.

*Sur la photo, de gauche à droite, M. MHAMED ZOUHAIR BELHAOUA du Maroc Mary Helen Ramirez Chel Marcos Emélio Tamayo Romero du Mexique*



A chaque année plusieurs étudiants, inscrit dans les programmes du CCNB-Edmundston ont la chance de vivre des expériences de formation en sol étranger. La durée de ces stages de formation internationaux peut varier de deux à seize semaines.

*Cinq étudiants (es) du CETA, reviennent de leur semestre de formation à l'Institut de Technologia Turistica de Mirada au Mexique. Gauche à droite, Naomie Thériault, Renée Collin, Sylvain Collin, Josée Godin, Louis Bourque*



## CIDA funds Dalhousie Projects in Cuba and the Gambia

*The following is a reprint of an article that first appeared in Dalhousie News, December 11, 2002 written by Stacey Pineau, Media Relations Manger, Public Relations Department, Dalhousie University*

Dalhousie's efforts to strengthen international ties and provide meaningful support to countries in need received a boost recently, with the announcement of \$1.5 million in funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for projects in Cuba and the Gambia.

Out of a field of 79 applications submitted by universities from across the country to CIDA's annual University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development (UPCD) Tier II competition, two of the 10 projects successful in receiving funding were from Dalhousie. The accomplishment is a significant success that can be said to reflect and affirm the university's strength in international development.

"While the national recognition may be gratifying, what is important is the opportunity this success provides to our faculty to collaborate with overseas partners in addressing important development issues and to contribute to the sustainable development of Cuba and the Gambia," said Pat Rodee, Director of Dalhousie's Lester Pearson International (LPI), the unit responsible for helping to develop, support and monitor such university projects.

Through the UPCD program, Canadian universities can partner with developing country organizations specializing in education and training. Dalhousie's two successful projects will do just that – providing support in vastly different areas.

Tom Emodi, Dean of Dalhousie's Faculty of Architecture and Planning, leads a project that will receive \$750,000 over six years to provide support to the Gambia in developing an environmentally sustainable construction sector. "We have some fairly interesting and unique expertise in planning, design and construction in coastal environments," said Emodi. "Through our Atlantic Rim Initiative, our focus is on identifying countries around the Atlantic Coast, including the Caribbean, Africa and South America, that are English or French-speaking, which have a reasonable secondary education system and a reasonably stable political situation, and which do not have an existing architecture or planning program within their tertiary education system. The Gambia fit these criteria perfectly."

Emodi's team will work in cooperation with Gambian institutions to increase knowledge of sustainable planning, design and construction of communities among local planners, architects, building professionals, building owners and contractors through continuing education and community outreach courses and workshops. The project – entitled *A*

*Sustainable Built Environment for the Gambia* – will also lead to the development of a university-level academic program in design/planning and design/construction in Gambia.

Stan Kutcher, Associate Dean, International Medical Development & Research, Faculty of Medicine, is creating an innovative partnership with Cuba that will support the development of a clinical research and training program with the intent of improving health care services and treatment for the country's mentally ill. "Our work in Cuba will assist the country in the development of their capacity to properly evaluate treatments in psychiatry. This will assist them in the development of their own therapeutic products, allow them to participate in international research programs and will improve the skill sets of mental health practitioners in Cuba. All these features will have the net effect of improving psychiatric care in that country," said Kutcher.

*The Psycho-Pharmacological Training and Research Capacity in Cuba* project will also enhance the national Cuban pharmaceutical industry's capability to develop psychopharmacological products for national and export use. The initiative will link Dalhousie with the Centro Nacional Coordinador de Ensayos Clinicos (National Coordinating Centre for Clinical Trials) of the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba. With \$750,000 over six years, this project adds to Dalhousie's longstanding links with Cuba – including two other CIDA-funded projects in Economic Management and Train

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## OVERSEAS POSTINGS FALL/WINTER – 2002-03

**CUSO** in brief: CUSO is a Canadian non-governmental organization which sends cooperants to fill volunteer positions developed by partner organizations in the South. CUSO's work is informed by the values of social justice, partnership and solidarity with groups and individuals in Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, South America and the South Pacific, as well as in Canada.

**CUSO Atlantic** is currently looking for applicants for the positions listed below. If you are interested in any of these postings, please send a detailed resume and a covering letter to the office indicated next to the posting title, or contact us for a full position description. For further information on CUSO's open postings, **check our website: [www.cuso.org](http://www.cuso.org)** (updated every two weeks) and look under "postings." \* Postes outre-mer offerts par CUSO disponibles en français sur demande.

- GIS Development Officer** – Jamaica (Halifax)
- Research and Policy Advisory** – Costa Rica (Halifax)
- Administrative Advisory for Technical School** – Solomon Islands (Halifax)
- Development and Business Advisor (Co-ops)** – Vanuatu (Halifax)
- Cooperative Enterprise Facilitator** – Vanuatu (Halifax)
- Agriculture Advisory** – Fiji (Charlottetown)
- Food Technologist** – Fiji (Charlottetown)
- Women's Fisheries Advisor** – Ghana (Charlottetown)
- Statistics Lecturer** – Ghana (Charlottetown)



**CUSO Netcorps**  
The CUSO Netcorps program sends youth (ages 19 - 30) overseas for a 6-month duration to volunteer in positions that concentrate on information technology. Please view our website ([www.cuso.org](http://www.cuso.org)). The next departure date will be Spring 2003. If you'd like to apply for a Netcorps position, please send your resume to the Halifax or Charlottetown office:

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Tel: (902) 423-6709; 1-888-434-2876; Fax: (902) 423-9736 E-Mail: [anne.webb@cuso.ca](mailto:anne.webb@cuso.ca) OR  
81 Prince Street, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 4R3 Tel: (902) 892-2610; 1-800-676-8411; Fax: (902) 368-7180 E-Mail: [cuso@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:cuso@pei.sympatico.ca)

## EDGE is seeking a mentor

EDGE – Education and Development in a Global Environment – is an association of internationally oriented youth interested in social justice, environmental and development issues. We are seeking an experienced member of the Halifax NGO community to advise and represent EDGE outside of the youth environment.

### *A description of EDGE*

FOUNDED AS THE PAST PARTICIPANT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA WORLD YOUTH (CWY), EDGE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AND RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM CWY.

OUR COLLECTIVE INTERESTS HAVE LED US TO INITIATE AND DEVELOP A SERIES OF INCREDIBLE PROJECTS BEGINNING WITH ECO-EGYPT IN 1998. ECO-EGYPT FOCUSED ON ECO-TOURISM IN EGYPT AND LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESOURCE WEB SITE AND DOCUMENTARY VIDEO FOLLOWING THE EXPERIENCES OF EDGE MEMBERS IN EGYPT. EDGE WAS A FOUNDING PARTNER IN RYEP (THE RURAL YOUTH EDUCATION PROJECT) IN 2000, BRINGING THE DIVERSITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE IN URBAN SETTINGS TO RURAL AREAS OF NOVA SCOTIA. IN 2002, EDGE DEVELOPED A CULTURAL EXCHANGE FOR YOUTH BETWEEN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA AND NAIN, LABRADOR, AND FACILITATED PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ON FOOD AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE FOR THE CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (CCIC). SINCE 1995, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO USE CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AS A THOUGHTFUL INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE IN MANY OTHER ONGOING COMMITMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY AT HOME.

EDGE'S MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF A FLUID CAST OF STUDENTS AND WORKING CLASS YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE EITHER EXPERIENCED THE PROFOUND EFFECTS OF CROSS-CULTURAL LIVING THROUGH AN EXCHANGE SUCH AS CANADA WORLD YOUTH, OR WHO HAVE REALIZED THE SAME EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE COURSE OF THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EVERYDAY LIVES.

### *Role of the mentor*

EDGE HAS BEEN CHANGING. AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ASSIST AND REINFORCE THE ADMINISTRATION OF OUR PART-TIME COORDINATOR IN JANUARY OF 2002, WE DECIDED TO SEEK ASSI

# Meet the Board

**For this edition of Rendez-vous we interview Carolyn Davison, Nova Scotia Representative of ACIC's Board of Directors**

ACIC: Where do you currently live?

Carolyn: Halifax, Nova Scotia

ACIC: Where were you born?

Carolyn: Prince Edward Island

ACIC: How did you get involved in international development?

Carolyn: I went to Indonesia as a participant of Canadian Crossroads International in 1991 and worked in Gambia from 1994-1995 on a Youth Health Education Project. More recently, I traveled to an International Women's Conference in India where I presented two papers; one on low-income women's stories of depression and the other on a framework for youth empowerment.

ACIC: What is one thing you really like doing?

Carolyn: Body surfing on the North shore of PEI.

ACIC: What is your favourite music?

Carolyn: I listen to a range of music from Mozart to Eminem.

ACIC: What are some of your current projects?

Carolyn: I am currently a member of the Executive of the Nova Scotia Gambia Association's Board of Directors, work for the Nova Scotia Department of Health as the Coordinator for Addiction Treatment and teach part-time in the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University. I am also conducting an exploration of drug treatment courts as an alternative sentencing structure in Nova Scotia.

ACIC: What do you bring to the Board of Directors?

Carolyn: I bring to the ACIC Board of Directors a keen interest in the social determinants of health, collaborative partnerships and international health and have extensive experience working with communities in both Nova Scotia and abroad.

# Rencontrer le Conseil

**Pour cette édition de Rendez-vous on a eu une entrevue avec Carolyn Davison, la représentante de la Nouvelle-Écosse avec le Conseil d'administration de CACI**

CACI : Où est-ce que tu demeures présentement ?

Carolyn : Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse

CACI : Où est-ce que tu es née ?

Carolyn : Île-du-Prince-Édouard

CACI : Comment t'es-tu impliquée dans le développement international ?

Carolyn : Je suis allée en Indonésie comme participante de Carrefour international Canada en 1991 et j'ai travaillé en Gambie en 1994-1995 sur un Projet d'éducation des jeunes en matière de santé. Plus récemment, j'ai participé à une Conférence internationale des femmes en Inde où j'ai présenté deux mémoires ; un sur les anecdotes de dépression chez les femmes démunies, et l'autre sur un cadre pour redonner le pouvoir aux jeunes.

CACI : Quelle est l'une des choses que tu aimes vraiment faire ?

Carolyn : Faire du surf sans planche sur la côte nord de l'ÎPÉ.

CACI : Quelle est ta musique préférée ?

Carolyn : J'écoute une variété de musique, de Mozart à Eminem.

CACI : Quels sont certains de tes projets courants ?

Carolyn : Je suis présentement membre du Comité exécutif du Bureau de direction de la "Nova Scotia Gambia Association" ; je travaille pour le Ministère de la Santé de la Nouvelle-Écosse en tant que Coordinatrice pour le traitement de la toxicomanie ; et, j'enseigne à temps partiel à la Faculté des professions de la santé à l'Université Dalhousie. J'explore également les courts de traitement pour toxicomanie comme structure alternative de détermination de la peine en Nouvelle-Écosse.

CACI : Qu'est-ce que tu contribue au Bureau de direction ?

Carolyn : Sur le Bureau de direction du CACI, j'amène un intérêt tout spécial sur les déterminants sociaux de la santé, sur les partenariats collaboratifs, la santé au niveau international et j'ai beaucoup d'expérience de travail avec les communautés en Nouvelle-Écosse, ainsi qu'à l'étranger.

# Upcoming Events

## Travelling Wisely Workshops

### Workshops on culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism.

The Atlantic Centre for International Cooperation (ACIC) invites you to participate in an exciting, interactive and challenging workshop that will examine the role that tourism plays in international development. Workshops are being presented by member organisations of ACIC and will draw from their experiences working in tourism development in Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Chile and the Philippines. Workshops, funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency, are being presented throughout Atlantic Canada as part of ACIC's project: Travelling Wisely: Engaging Atlantic Canadians About Tourism And International Cooperation Issues.

Ecotourism is growing at a significantly greater rate than general tourism, with estimates varying from an annual growth of 10% to 30% while general tourism is said to grow at 4% (Ecotourism Society, 1998).

Travellers are increasingly seeking products that respect local communities and the environment. The challenge will be to respond to this demand with products that meet environmental, cultural, and economically sustainable principles (Pamela Wight, North American Ecotourism Markets: Motivations, Preferences, and Destinations).

### Issues that will be addressed at the workshop include:

- What is culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism?
- What are the impacts of tourism in developing countries?
- How can the negative impacts of tourism be minimized while capitalizing on the positive impacts?
- What is the role of the Canadian tourism industry in promoting culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism?
- What are the alternatives and how do you find them?
- How can the tourism industry and the international development community cooperate in the development of a culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism sector?

### What will it cost?

An afternoon of your time, your energy, insight and ideas are all that we ask.

### Where and when are the workshops?

Workshops are being held throughout Atlantic Canada during the month of March 2003.

### Who do I contact for more information?

Sarah Shima, ACIC Coordinator, at (506) 375-4795 or [info@acic-caci.org](mailto:info@acic-caci.org).

### ACIC Partners in this project include:

- Allison Ryan, YMCA of Fredericton, NB;
  - Brenda MacKinnon, Rising Tide Co-operative Ltd., NS, and the Canadian Co-operative Association;
  - Marian White, CUSO Atlantic, PEI;
  - Neil Tilley, Extension Community Development Cooperative, NFLD/Lab; and,
  - Ramsey Hart, Falls Brook Centre, NB.
- For more information on ACIC, please see our website at: [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org).

### YMCA of Fredericton - Workshop Dates

#### In Fredericton:

Wednesday March 12th at 7pm  
Tuesday March 18th at 1pm

#### In Moncton:

Thursday March 20th at 10am

## ACIC's Public Engagement Symposium and Annual General Meeting

**When:** Thursday, May 1, to Saturday, May 3, 2003.

**Where:** All Saints Parish Hall, in Foxtrap, Conception Bay South, just 20 minutes outside of St. John's, NL.

**Invited guests include:** Ralph Roberts, Director, Atlantic Region, Canadian Partnership Branch, CIDA; Robert Derouin, Director General, NGO Project Facility, CIDA; Jan Barnabé, Senior Program Manager, NGO Project Facility, CIDA; and Gerry Barr, CEO and President of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

The Public Engagement Symposium will include workshops on proposal writing, results-based management, media relations, evaluating your public engagement projects, and two workshops on topical issues (to be determined).

For more information, please contact Sarah Shima, Coordinator, at 506.375.4795, or [info@acic-caci.org](mailto:info@acic-caci.org).

## Assemblée générale annuelle du CACI et Symposium sur l'engagement du public

**Quand:** Jeudi, 1 mai, au samedi, 3 mai, 2003.

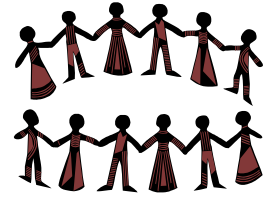
**Où:** Salle paroissiale "All Saints", à Foxtrap, Conception Bay Sud, tout juste à 20 minutes à l'extérieur de St. John's, T.-N.

**Parmi les invités:** Ralph Roberts, Directeur, Région Atlantique, Direction générale du partenariat canadien, ACDI ; Robert Derouin, Directeur général, Mécanisme de projets ONG, ACDI ; Jan Barnabé, Administratrice principale de programme, Mécanisme de projets ONG, ACDI ; et, Gerry Barr, PDG et président du Conseil canadien pour la coopération internationale.

Le Symposium sur l'engagement du public va comprendre des ateliers sur la rédaction de demandes (propositions), la gestion fondée sur les résultats, les relations avec les médias, l'évaluation de vos projets d'engagement du public, ainsi que deux ateliers sur les enjeux d'intérêt particuliers (à être déterminés).

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec la Coordinatrice, Sarah Shima, au 506.375.4795, ou au : [info@acic-caci.org](mailto:info@acic-caci.org).

# The III World Congress on Rural Women



By Marian Lucas-Jeffries  
Social Justice Coordinator for  
PWRDF, Diocese of Fredericton

Women produce more than 50% of the food on the planet. 3 billion of the 6 billion people in the world live in rural communities. That means that there are 1½ billion rural women. That is 25% of humanity. It is not reflected in the quality of the lives of rural women or their influence in their communities locally or globally.

On Oct. 2-4, 2002, 1,600 people from 80 countries participated in the III World Congress on Rural Women in Madrid Spain funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Government of Spain. The main issues of the congress were: food safety, poverty, sustainable environment and recognizing women's role in agriculture.

Co-operatives make a significant contribution to life in rural Canada and rural communities around the world. The involvement of rural women in co-operatives is important to their success. As one of fifteen Canadian delegates, I was appointed to be one of two delegates from the co-operative sector to attend the Congress, funded by the Co-operative Secretariat.

Carolyn Van Dine, the president of the Canadian Farm Women's Network and my roommate, arrived in Madrid the morning of Oct. 1. When we arrived at the hotel, we met the other Canadians. All of the Canadian delegates were women who live in rural communities and most were farmers.

These people spoke passionately about farming, the future of agricul-

ture and their commitment to food production. We were all interested in Learning about common issues raised at the congress and standing in solidarity with rural women from around the world for global issues affecting rural communities and agriculture.

The first congress, in Melbourne in 1994, was a forum where rural women could share experiences and knowledge of farm operations and business techniques. The

second congress, in Washington in 1998, focused on practical solutions and different strategies rural women could implement when they returned to their communities. This, the third congress, again brought together

farmers and other rural women, politicians and others involved in agriculture worldwide.

The purpose of this congress was to identify, analyze and provide solutions to all the issues facing rural women. The Congress was to be participatory and to cover issues rural women themselves are most interested in. At the end of the first day, it seemed that would not happen.

That first day, we listened to government officials tell us the global situation, but there was no opportunity for rural women to express their concerns about the issues rural women face. By the end of the day, people from around the world, including delegates from Canada were talking about the need to participate in discussion.

We had listened to fifteen speakers tell us over and over that globalization was a fact, as a result poverty had increased and that was the way it was. The delegates who spoke from the

floor or in conversation during breaks

were clear that there is a strong desire to be able to use this type of forum to address the global issues rural women face. People wanted to be able to speak out about the situation.

By noon the second day, the organizers responded to the concerns and made an effort to provide more opportunity for discussion from the floor.

The Africans were amazing. Those women spoke intelligently and passionately about the issues facing rural women. The next congress will be held in Africa in four years time.

Throughout the congress, we heard concerns about equality, about structural and attitudinal constraints that hamper the real achievement of equal opportunities for women and men in rural communities.

The role of women in rural development must be included in the development of public policies. For effective public policy, there must be active and equal participation by all partners, including women.

Rural women's work and the value that society places on that work throughout the world is an extremely important issue.

In developing countries, women are forced to respond to the challenge and the responsibility of supporting their families and producing food. Rural women face issues such as degradation of the environment, land ownership, the future of the family farm, increasing poverty, food insecurity,

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accounts in Canada, to help cover bills back home.

Peter says some days he mentally lists all the negative aspects, while sometimes he finds himself thinking about the positives.

“I think the combination of travelling and hopefully doing something meaningful at the same time is positive. On the negative side, the Solomon Islands have been going through a number of years of turmoil, so there are some security issues. It may also be a challenge for us to live at a level of comfort and affluence far below what we’re used to. We have lived and travelled rough before, however, not for two years.”

“The other fear I have is what if we aren’t able to make a contribution? We are committing two years of our life. For me, another concern is leaving my four kids (aged 19, 17, 14 and 12) for that length of time, though we are making arrangements for them to come visit and they seem quite excited by this.”

Despite his concerns, Peter says he is excited to have an opportunity to work and live in another country and encourages other people to consider these postings.

“Once you know where to look, there are an amazing number of international projects. CUSO has quite a few fisheries-related postings and the skills and knowledge that people have at DFO would be valuable for many of them.”

For more information about CUSO placements, visit their web site at: <http://www.cuso.org/> or call their toll-free number at 1-800-676-8411.

Peter will be selling honey to raise funds to buy a digital camera. Look for the jars next to the coffee machine, near the Lobster Section on the second floor at GFC.

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-ing (through the School of Public Administration) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management Education (based in Dalhousie’s Marine Affairs Program).

The Honourable Susan Whelan, Minister for International Cooperation, visited Dalhousie on November 13 to officially announce CIDA’s support for the projects. “CIDA has a long tradition of supporting Canadian educational institutions in their work around the world,” she said in making the announcement. “This support helps our educational institutions share their knowledge and expertise with organizations in developing countries.”

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food safety, HIV/AIDS, access to credit, technology, lack of education, skills and information, conflict and war, international trade agreements and globalization, and the cultural influences that define a woman’s role.

Nevertheless there is hope. The strength and courage with which rural women overcome their problems and difficulties is significant and an immense unexplored potential that could benefit those women, all people and future generations. But women need access to resources (land, water, credit, education and health etc), opportunities to new technology, empowerment and involvement in decision-making, access to support for economic, social and cultural development, to be included in leadership and participation, assistance with the formation of cooperatives, and international cooperation not competition.

In a global society, how do we develop a world in which we have justice? The answer? We need to believe in the equality of humanity.

There is a growing disparity between developing and developed countries, between the rich and the poor everywhere. These women believe that we must do something to change the situation making rural communities healthy and vibrant and ensure the future of farming and a secure food supply. They also believe that we can only do this if we work together.

One of the last speakers said that we need to “turn words into REAL action.”

## THE MINIATURE EARTH

Taken from [www.miniature-earth.com](http://www.miniature-earth.com)

If we could turn the population of the earth into a small community of 100 people, keeping the same proportions we have today, it would be something like this:

61 Asians  
12 Europeans  
14 Americans (from North and South America)  
13 Africans  
01 Australian (Oceania)

50 women  
50 men

### 10 are homosexuals

33 are Christian (Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox)  
**18 are Muslims**  
**16 are Hindus**  
**16 are non-religious**  
**6 are Buddhists**  
**11 practice other religions**

**41 live without basic sanitation**  
**16 live without an improved water source**

6 people own 59% of the entire wealth of the community

13 are hungry or malnourished  
14 can't read  
only 7 are educated at a secondary level  
**only 8 have a computer**  
**only 4 have an internet connection**

**1 adult, aged 15-49, has HIV/AIDS.**

Of the village's total annual expenditures of just over US \$ 3,000,000 per year:  
US\$ 181,000 is spent on weapons and warfare...  
US\$ 159,000 is spent on education...  
US\$ 132,000 is spent on health care.

If you keep your food in a refrigerator  
And your clothes in a closet  
**If you have a roof over your head**  
**And have a bed to sleep in**  
You are richer than 75% of the entire world population.

If you have a bank account  
You're one of the 30 wealthiest people in the world.

25 struggle to live on US\$ 1.00 per day or less...  
47 struggle to live on US\$ 2.00 per day or less.

Work with passion  
Love without needing to be loved  
Appreciate what you have  
And do your best for a better world.



### ACIC'S MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS / LES MEMBRES DU CACI



Canada World Youth / Jeunesse Canada Monde  
Canadian Co-operative Association  
Canadian Crossroads International / Carrefour Canadien International  
Centre for International Studies (UCCB)  
Clean Nova Scotia  
Coady International Institute  
College of the North Atlantic—International Programs Office  
Cooper Institute  
CUSO  
Development and Peace / Développement et Paix  
Ecology Action Centre  
EDGE  
Extension Community Development Cooperative  
Falls Brook Centre  
GPI Atlantic  
The John Howard Society of New Brunswick  
International Development Branch—NBCC  
International Family Farm Exchange

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Mennonite Central Committee, Maritimes  
Nova Scotia Gambia Association  
Oxfam Canada  
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Dioceses Fredericton)  
Regional Co-operative Development Centre  
Society for Corporate Environment and Social Responsibility  
Solidarité Acadie-Haiti  
Tatamagouche Centre  
The United Church of Canada Maritime Conference Centre  
UNICEF Nova Scotia  
UPEI International Centre  
YMCA Canada Est—Management Resource Centre  
YMCA Halifax-Dartmouth  
YMCA Fredericton  
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