

# Rendez-Vous

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## Coordinator's Report

By Sarah Shima

*The following is a quick update of ACIC's office activities since the last report in March, 2003.*

Finally, spring is here, bringing along robins, rain, and meteor craters disguised as potholes. At the ACIC office, we're digging ourselves out and shaking off the snow, getting ready for our exciting **Annual General Meeting and Public Engagement Symposium**.

We're thrilled to be hosting members, colleagues, and a number of special guests in Conception Bay South, NL, at a meeting we hope will inform, inspire, and provide opportunities for interaction and networking.

Some of the special guests will include: Ralph Roberts, Director Atlantic Region, Canadian Partnership Branch, CIDA; Robert Derouin, Director General, Canadian Partnership Branch, CIDA; Claire Trépanier, Senior Program Manager, NGO Project Facility, CIDA; Terry French, MHA of Conception Bay South; Norm Doyle, MP of St. John's East; and Gerry Barr, CEO and President of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

On Thursday morning, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we have scheduled field trips to visit ACIC members' offices in the morning. In the afternoon, we'll take a tour of the Southern Shore to learn about the ecology, economy, and culture of the Avalon Peninsula.

The Public Engagement Symposium on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, will include various professional development workshops, as well as workshops on sustainable tourism, the role of interns in international cooperation, fair trade, and the work of ACIC members in building a culture of peace at home and abroad entitled,

## Rapport de la Coordinatrice

Par Sarah Shima

*Voici une brève mise à jour des activités du bureau du CACI depuis le dernier rapport en mars, 2003.*

Finalement, le printemps est arrivé avec les rouges-gorges, la pluie et les cratères de météorites déguisés en nids de poules. Au bureau du CACI, nous déblayons et nous secouons la neige, afin de préparer une **assemblée annuelle générale des plus excitantes et notre Symposium d'engagement public**.

Nous sommes vraiment enchantés de recevoir nos membres, collègues et plusieurs invités spéciaux à Conception Bay South, Terre-Neuve, a une assemblée qui, nous l'espérons, informera, inspirera et fournira des occasions d'interaction et de réseautage.

Parmi nos invités spéciaux nous retrouvons : Ralph Roberts, directeur de la région Atlantique, Direction générale du partenariat canadien, ACIDI ; Robert Derouin, directeur-exécutif, Direction générale du partenariat canadien, ACIDI ; Claire Trépa-

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*Stephen Law, Carly Chunick, Ramsey Hart, Maureen MacLean and Sarah Shima at the Atlantic Peace Consultation at Tatamagouche Centre, NS.*



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The AGM will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

To register and for more information, please check out our website at [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org).

#### ACIC’s Board of Directors

In late February, we met in Truro to discuss ACIC’s upcoming AGM, our work in Nigeria, moving our banking to the local credit union, and our public engagement project on culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism.

A conference call to discuss final details of the AGM also occurred in late April.

#### ACIC Staff

Andrea Germann is still enjoying her work in Jamaica, working on sustainable tourism issues with the Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT). Although it has been difficult adjusting to the style of business in Jamaica, she is enjoying her work on an environmental education program and having the opportunity to work at the Royal Palm Reserve, where her interpretive programs will be put into practise. Andrea will return to Canada in late May 2003.

Carly Chunick is continuing to do excellent work at the ACIC office and has been taking the lead on coordinating the Annual General Meeting in May 2003, as well as developing the culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism pamphlet for the general public (which has received many compliments for its informa-

nier, directrice administrative de la Direction des organisations non-gouvernementales, ACIDI ; Terry French, député provincial Conception-Bay-Sud ; Norm Doyle, député fédéral de St-Jean-Est ; et Gerry Barr, chef de la direction et président du Conseil canadien pour la coopération internationale.

Le jeudi 1er mai, nous prévoyons une visite du bureau des membres du CACI en matinée. En après-midi, nous ferons une tournée de la côte sud pour nous informer de l'écologie, de l'économie et de la culture de la péninsule d'Avalon.

Le Symposium sur l'engagement du public, le 2 mai, offrira plusieurs ateliers de développement professionnel, de même que des ateliers sur le tourisme durable, le rôle des stagiaires dans la coopération internationale, le commerce équitable et le travail des membres du CACI pour bâtir une culture de paix chez eux et à l'étranger intitulé, “ Servir les pauvres du Monde, paisiblement ”.

L'AGA se déroulera le samedi 3 mai.

Pour s'inscrire et pour obtenir plus d'information, prière de consulter le site Web: [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org)

#### Conseil de direction du CACI

À la fin février, nous nous sommes rencontrés à Truro pour discuter de la prochaine AGA, de notre travail au Nigéria, du transfert de notre compte bancaire à la coopérative d'épargne et de crédit locale, et de notre projet d'engagement public lié au Tourisme et aux voyages écologiquement convenables.

Une conférence téléphonique pour discuter les détails finals de l'AGA a aussi eu lieu à la fin avril.

#### Le personnel du CACI

Andrea Germann aime toujours son travail en Jamaïque ou, avec le Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT), elle s'occupe des enjeux liés au tourisme durable. Même si l'adaptation à la façon de faire affaire en Jamaïque s'est avérée difficile, elle aime travailler au programme d'éducation environnementale et à la Réserve Royal Palm où ses programmes de présentation de la nature seront utilisés. Andrea sera de retour au Canada à la fin mai 2003.

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

- Neil Tilley, Chair & NL 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

tion and professional layout), doing the layout for an information brochure for ACIC, coordinating professional development workshops, and working on ACIC's newsletters.

### **ACIC Changes to Local Credit Union**

In support of local ownership, ACIC has decided to move its financial business to the local credit union – the Carleton Pioneer Credit Union. This transfer was completed at the end of March 2003.

### **New Website Design**

We have completed our new website design, increasing the ease of use and updating the look of the site. Please check it out at [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org) and let us know what you think!



*Workshop Facilitators at the Train-the-Trainers Workshop in Truro, NS*

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

As part of the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation's 2002-2005 Strategic Plan's goal to facilitate education around Culturally and Environmentally Appropriate Travel and Tourism (CEATT), ACIC has been working on a project to engage stakeholders in the Atlantic Canadian travel industry on issues of tourism and international cooperation through a project entitled *Travelling Wisely: Engaging Atlantic Canadians About Tourism And International Cooperation Issues*.

Workshop materials, aimed at travel and tourism industry representatives, and pamphlets aimed at the general public, were developed using case studies of ACIC member organisations developing sustainable tourism opportunities with overseas partners and current information on culturally and environmentally sustainable tourism. Case studies were written by: CUSO, PEI; Rising Tide Cooperative, NS; YMCA of Fredericton, NB; and



*Ruth Schneider and Jean Arnold at the Train-the-Trainers Workshop in Truro, NS*



*Andrea Germann, ACIC intern and Simone Williams, NEPT Executive Director*

Carly Chunik continues her excellent work at the CACI office and has taken over the coordination of the annual general meeting scheduled for May 2003. She is also developing the brochure on Tourism and Cultural and Environmental issues (who has received several compliments for their information and their presentation in a professional manner), the layout of an information brochure on CACI, the coordination of professional development workshops, and she contributes to the CACI information bulletins.

### **Le CACI transfère son compte à la coopérative d'épargne et de crédit locale (Caisse Populaire)**

En guise d'appui aux entreprises locales, le CACI a décidé de transférer ses affaires financières à la Carleton Pioneer Credit Union. Le transfert a été complété à la fin mars 2003.

### **Site Web nouveau style**

Nous avons terminé la mise sur pied de notre nouveau site Web qui est plus facile d'utilisation et d'allure plus à jour. Jetez-y un coup d'œil [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org) et dites-nous ce que vous en pensez.

### **Projet d'engagement du public lié aux Voyages et tourisme culturellement et écologiquement appropriés**

Conformément à l'objectif d'éducation lié au Voyages et tourisme culturellement et écologiquement appropriés [VTCEA] mentionné dans le plan stratégique 2002-2005 du Conseil atlantique pour la coopération internationale (CACI), le CACI travaille sur un projet afin d'impliquer les intervenants de l'industrie touristique au Canada Atlantique dans les enjeux entourant la coopération touristique et internationale par l'entremise d'un projet intitulé **“Voyager sagement : Impliquer les Canadiens de l'Atlantique dans les enjeux de coopération touristique et internationale”**.

Du matériel d'ateliers, visant les représentants de l'industrie des voyages et du tourisme et des brochures visant le grand public, ont été préparés à partir d'études de cas faites par les organisations membres du CACI qui sont en train de développer des occasions de tourisme durables avec des partenaires à l'étranger et de l'information courante sur le tourisme culturellement et écologiquement durable. Les études de cas ont été écrites par : CUSO, I.-P.-E ; Rising Tide Cooperative, N.-E. ; YMCA de

Falls Brook Centre, NB.

Facilitators for the workshops were trained in Truro, NS, in late February by Ruth Schneider, who developed and wrote the workshop materials. Two facilitators from each partner organization attended the two-day workshop, plus three ACIC representatives. Partner organizations included: Extension Community Development Cooperative, NL; CUSO, PEI; Rising Tide Cooperative, NS; YMCA of Fredericton, NB; and, Falls Brook Centre, NB.

In March 2003, through the tireless efforts of the project partners, over 180 people participated in workshops and one-on-one interviews in the four Atlantic Provinces. Workshops were given to tourism students, travel and tourism representatives, and the general public. One-on-one interviews were conducted with travel agents and managers of travel agencies. Hundreds of pamphlets were distributed to travel agencies, universities, libraries, and colleges.

It is hoped that this project will continue to engage stakeholders in the Atlantic Canadian travel industry in analysing the issues surrounding tourism and international cooperation, and that it will build the knowledge and capacity of ACIC members and others to recognise the impact of and potential for tourism in developing countries. In other words, that it will contribute toward the building of culturally appropriate and environmentally sound travel opportunities that will benefit travel agencies and NGOs in Canada and partner organisations and communities overseas.

Further information on this project will be made available through a special edition of *Rendez-Vous*, to be published in May 2003.



*Strategic Planning Workshop, Halifax, NS*

### **Professional Development Workshops**

Darren Brown facilitated a workshop on Strategic Planning organized by ACIC, in Halifax, on April 11. It was a very popular workshop, with a participant waiting list, and ACIC will look into running another one next year. Thanks to Darren for facilitating, and to Maureen MacLean and Caitlyn Vernon for hosting the workshop.

If you were not able to attend, please contact the ACIC office for a copy of the workshop materials. Materials are available in

Frédéricton, N.-B. ; le Centre Falls Brook, N.-B.

Les animateurs des ateliers ont été formés à Truro, N.-E., à la fin février par Ruth Schneider, qui a développé et écrit le matériel d'atelier. Deux facilitateurs de chaque organisation partenaire ont assisté à cet atelier de deux jours, en plus de trois représentants du CACI. Les organisations partenaires incluent : Extension Community Development Cooperative, T.-N. ; CUSO, I.-P.-E. ; Rising Tide Cooperative, N.-E. ; le YMCA de Frédéricton, N.-B. ; le Centre Falls Brook, N.-B.

En mars 2003, grâce aux efforts inépuisables des partenaires du projet, plus de 180 personnes ont participé aux ateliers et aux entrevues face à face dans les quatre provinces de l'Atlantique. Des ateliers ont été offerts à des étudiants en tourisme, des représentants touristiques et de voyages, et au grand public. Des entrevues face à face ont été effectuées avec des agents de voyages et des gestionnaires d'agences de voyages. Des centaines de brochures ont été distribuées aux agences de voyages, aux universités, dans les bibliothèques et les collèges.

Il est espéré que ce projet continuera d'impliquer les intervenants de l'industrie touristique au Canada Atlantique dans l'analyse des enjeux entourant le tourisme et la coopération internationale, et que cela permettra de renforcer la capacité et les connaissances des membres du CACI, et d'autres, afin de reconnaître l'impact et le potentiel touristique des pays en voie de développement. En d'autres mots, que cela permettra de développer des occasions de voyages culturellement convenables et écologiquement saines qui bénéficieront aux agences de voyages, aux ONG au Canada, aux organisations partenaires et aux communautés à l'étranger.

Plus d'information sur ce projet sera disponible dans l'édition spéciale de *Rendez-Vous*, qui sera publiée en mai 2003.

### **Ateliers de développement professionnel**

Darren Brown a animé un atelier sur la Planification stratégique organisée par le CACI, à Halifax, le 11 avril. Ce fut un atelier très populaire, avec une liste de participants en attente, et le CACI étudiera la possibilité d'en offrir un autre l'an prochain. Merci à Darren pour l'animation et à Maureen MacLean et Caitlyn Vernon, les hôtes des ateliers.

*Darren Brown, Facilitator and participants at the Strategic Planning Workshop in Halifax, NS*



both languages.

### Meetings/Events

- Jean Arnold represented ACIC at the annual *Canadian Council for International Cooperation/CIDA Dialogue* held in Ottawa in March 2003. This year's theme was "Local Ownership".
- The Canadian Council for International Cooperation hosted a workshop on *Evaluating Public Engagement Projects*, in Ottawa, which I attended.
- The *Atlantic Peace Consultation* held at Tatamagouche Centre, NS, was well attended, including three representatives from ACIC – Maureen MacLean, Carly Chunick, and myself.
- Maureen MacLean attended *CIDA's Environment Impact Assessment Workshop* in Moncton in March.
- Maureen also attended *CIDA's Gender Impact Assessment Workshop* in Moncton the following day. (Thanks for not giving in to workshop-fatigue Maureen!)
- I attended a *Board Meeting for the Canadian Council for International Cooperation* in March 2003. The Iraq war was discussed at this meeting, and a workshop on ethical dialogue was presented.

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

*Photos from Rising Tide Co-operative*

Si vous n'avez pu participer, veuillez contacter le bureau du CACI pour une copie du matériel des ateliers. Le matériel est disponible dans les deux langues officielles.

### Rencontres/événements

- Jean Arnold a représenté le CACI au **Dialogue (annuel) Conseil canadien pour la coopération internationale / ACIDI** tenu à Ottawa en mars 2003. Le thème cette année était la "Prise en charge locale".
- Le Conseil canadien de coopération internationale a tenu un atelier sur **l'Évaluation des projets d'engagement du public**, à Ottawa, auquel j'ai assisté.
- Plusieurs personnes, dont trois représentantes du CACI – Maureen MacLean, Carly chunick, et moi-même, ont assisté à la "**Atlantic Peace Consultation**" qui s'est déroulée au Centre Tatamagouche, en N.-E.
- Maureen Maclean a assisté à l'atelier sur **l'Évaluation des impacts environnementaux** à Moncton en mars.
- Maureen a aussi assisté à l'atelier sur **l'Évaluation d'impact de l'égalité des sexes** à Moncton la journée suivante. (Merci Maureen de ne pas avoir succombé à la fatigue causée par trop d'ateliers !)
- J'ai assisté à une **réunion du Conseil canadien de coopération internationale** en mars 2003. La guerre en Irak a été discutée à cette réunion et un atelier sur l'éthique du dialogue a été présenté.

Comme toujours, si vous désirez plus d'information sur les sujets mentionnés ci-haut, n'hésitez surtout pas à me contacter.



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



Canada World Youth / Jeunesse Canada Monde  
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace  
Canadian Co-operative Association  
Canadian Crossroads International / Carrefour Canadien International  
CAUSE Canada  
Centre for International Studies (UCCB)  
Clean Nova Scotia  
Coady International Institute  
College of the North Atlantic—International Programs Office  
Cooper Institute  
CUSO  
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

Lester Pearson International (Dalhousie University)  
Médecins Sans Frontières—Atlantique  
Mennonite Central Committee, Maritimes  
Nova Scotia Gambia Association  
Oxfam Canada  
PEIEN  
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  
UPEI International Centre  
YMCA Canada Est—Management Resource Centre  
YMCA Halifax-Dartmouth  
YMCA Fredericton  
WUSC

# ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANNONCES

## Need some stuff for your new apartment?

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dalhousie will be hosting it's first ever Dump & Run in the Dalhousie Memorial Arena, 6185 South St. from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Co-organized by the Society for Corporate Environmental and Social Responsibility and Dal Greens, Dump & Run Dal is one of many such sales organized across North America. Dump & Run Inc. began a number of years ago in the US as a source reduction program to collect reusable material left by students as they vacate their college residences at the end of the academic year. The items collected are sold by donation with funds from the sales going to benefit local charitable causes.

On the basis of the experiences to date of Dump & Run Inc., it has been that such sales benefit nonprofits and reroute thousands of pounds of reusable items away from the landfill and into the hands of people who can use them.

## CUSO COOPERANT POSITION OPEN



**Title:** Model Forest Project Advisor

**Location:** Region Metropolitana, Santiago, Chile.

**Name of partner organization:** Centro Regional de Bosque Modelo para America Latina y el Caribe

**Contract length:** 2 years

### Job Description

The main objective of the placement is to strengthen the Projects "Bosque Modelo " that already exist, and to give support to the creation of new Model Forests in the Region. For that reason, it's necessary to get funding from international organizations to carry out carefully formulated Projects, through the advisory role of a Canadian professional to assist in developing and implementing a plan for getting financial aid.

- To assist in the creation of new Model Forests in the region.
- To strengthen the management of the Model Forests that already exist.
- To generate projects for funding from the International agencies
- To support the professional team in different areas of interest

### Qualifications

- University degree in engineering, with a minimum of 5 years experience in the formulation and evaluation of investment projects related to international cooperation agencies working with environment, natural resources or sustainable forestry management in favour of poor population from Latin America and the Caribbean
- Experience or good skills for the gathering and systematization of first-hand information
- Work experience in Ecological agriculture projects
- Fluency in Spanish and English (spoken and written)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANNONCES

## Falls Brook Centre's Climate Change Bus is Here!

On April 22nd Falls Brook Centre launched its Climate Change Bus and invited families and individuals to visit this exciting interactive museum on wheels. The Climate Change Bus demonstrates how energy efficiency and renewable energy can mitigate climate change and become an important part of North America's sustainable energy future.



**The Climate Change Bus** is a public outreach and education tool designed to demonstrate to Canadian citizens how we can make lifestyle changes that are rewarding, practical and contribute towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The bus is an engaging multimedia, hands-on learning experience designed to empower and motivate the general public to take action on climate change. People of all ages can learn how photovoltaic, wind, micro-hydro, and biomass energy work and how renewable energy can complement or be used independently of non-renewable energy. Visitors can experiment with different types of energy efficient light bulbs and showerheads and learn about innovative methods of energy conservation. Fuelled with biodiesel and complete with 700 Watts of combined wind and photovoltaic power, Big Blue is an exciting showcase of renewable energy solutions.

The Climate Change Bus will be traveling to communities throughout Atlantic Canada, stopping at schools, colleges, universities, town fairs, trade shows, community events, and just about everywhere where people are gathering. Over 8,000 people are expected to visit The Climate Change Bus during its first year.

### Interested in having Big Blue come to your school, organization or event?

Contact Falls Brook Centre at [ja@fallsbrookcentre.ca](mailto:ja@fallsbrookcentre.ca) to book The Climate Change Bus for your event.

### Answers for Language and Dialect Quiz on page 16:

1. C. The name *Pennsylvania Dutch* is derived from *Deutsch*, meaning "German." 2. True. The Japanese language has several degrees of politeness, and traditional Japanese women speak a very deferential form of the language. 3. A,2; B,3; C,1 4. False 5. D. Even in Luxembourg, Luxembourgish is not an official language! 6. True. *Haut-Comité pour la défense et l'expansion de la langue Française* created French terms to replace words borrowed from English. 7. True 8. A. Mandarin, however, is the official language of the People's Republic of China. 9. C. However, since Italy's biggest movie studios are in Rome, the Roman dialect is often heard in the media. 10. A,3; B,1; C,2

# NGOCE'S PROTECTION OF THE CROSS RIVER ENVIRONMENT 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.*

*By Chief Bassey Archibong*

The NGO Coalition for Environment (NGOCE) was formed in 1995 to mobilize groups and raise a voice against the destruction of the rainforest and Cross River Environment by WEMPCO, a Wood Based Company, situated at the bank of the Cross River. Confronted by the abysmally low level of environmental awareness/consciousness, and poverty in forest communities, NGOCE's mission is to facilitate the sustainable management of the environment through networking, advocacy, and capacity building of its members to carry out intervention programs in rural and urban communities.

## STRATEGIES

Some of NGOCE's strategies include education, communication, information, resource center, research and demonstration projects, and resource mobilization. The NGOCE secretariat runs an Environment Resource Center that has over 5000 book titles and 50 videos on environment and related issues. It records an average of 50 researchers, students and development workers weekly. NGOCE also has a Snail and Grasscutter Demonstration Farm research project aimed at increasing the capacity of NGOCE members to implement alternative livelihood programs in the communities.

## PRINCIPLE SUCCESSES

- NGOCE has become one of the foremost environmental movements of people, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and partnerships involving government in Nigeria which are focusing on the protection, conservation and sustainable management of the tropical rainforest.
- Institutional development of more environmental NGOs and CBOs to get more actively involved in the

campaign.

- Facilitated a paradigm shift in the government like creating a Forestry Commission (FC) with NGO representation at the board level
- The emerging interest, particularly from the private sector, to develop ecotourism in the state.
- Involvement of International Funding Institutions (IFIs) in Community Based Forest Management in the state. Community Forest Management taking root-courtesy among stakeholders.



*Participants in the Nigerian-Canadian Partnership at the Becheve Nature Reserve in Nigeria*

## PARTNERSHIP THAT COUNTS

The current partnership between ACIC and NGOCE plays a vital role in NGOCE's projects, enabling the exchange of knowledge, tools and methods that enrich the environmental capacity of the Cross River State. There are a lot of lessons in group dynamics and management which NGOCE hopes to learn from its position as a relatively young coalition. ACIC and NGOCE have been working together since December 2002. So far, it has been a very rewarding partnership. It is a partnership which shows that from the North to the South there is only one sky.

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By Tammy L. Hinsche

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders is the world's leading independent humanitarian medical relief organization, providing crucial medical care to people affected by war, civil strife, epidemics, natural disasters, and social marginalization.

Since its founding by a group of French doctors in 1971, MSF has striven to respond rapidly and effectively to public health emergencies with complete independence from political, economic or religious powers in the name of medical ethics and human rights. MSF was the first non-governmental organization to provide emergency medical assistance and to speak out publicly about violations of human rights and humanitarian law.

MSF is a private, nonprofit organization comprised of an international network with offices in 18 countries, including Canada. Each year more than 3,000 volunteer doctors, nurses, other health professionals, and logistical experts join nearly 15,000 local staff to provide medical care in more than 80 countries around the world.

## Current news from the MSF-Canada Atlantic Regional Office in Halifax:

### Update on MSF's Access to Essential Medicines Campaign

To date we have almost 7000 signatures to present to Prime Minister Chrétien in support of the campaign goals: (i) to provide more funds to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and other initiatives to combat HIV/AIDS and (ii) to ensure that global and regional trade agreements, such as the FTAA protect patient rights over patent rights. To learn more or to add your name to the list, please visit our website. We will be presenting the names on Capital Hill later this spring.

**Almost 8 months after the kidnapping of Arjan Erkel**, Head of Mission for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Dagestan, MSF and over 300,000 people worldwide call on President Vladimir Putin to do everything in his power to secure Arjan's release. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> the first 300,000 signatures of the worldwide petition were delivered to his office. Until Arjan is freed, MSF will continue to gather petition signatures and to demand from the Russian authorities that they live up to their responsibilities and

secure his release. To learn more or add your name, please visit our website.

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**, David Morley, Executive Director speaks at the Halifax Branch of the CIIA. **Lost in The Shuffle: Humanitarian Action in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** at 2:00pm, Saint Mary's University, Loyola 177. Admittance is free.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, St. John's Newfoundland Speaking Tour. Updated schedule available at <http://www.msf.ca/canada/atlantic/>. If you are interested in hosting a presentation please contact Tammy Hinsche, Regional Coordinator, at [thinsche@msf.ca](mailto:thinsche@msf.ca)

**Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Dr. James Orbinski, former president of MSF-International speaks at the CASID Conference (The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development). **Between Rage and Despair: Citizen and Humanitarian Action** at 8:00am, Dalhousie University and University of King's College. Pre-registration necessary the day before at Dalhousie SUB. Admission is \$10 (includes continental breakfast).

**June 20<sup>th</sup> is World Refugee Day** and MSF will be participating in joint events with other organizations to be announced within the next month.



*8,000 PEOPLE WILL DIE OF AIDS TODAY BECAUSE TREATING THEM IS NOT COST EFFECTIVE*

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# CAUSE Canada's GROOVE VACATION A Huge Success Yields \$15,000 for Immunization Project



FREDERICTON, NB: Recipe for success: Combine two sensational bands, 40 enthusiastic volunteers, 400 guests and one great CAUSE. Stir in a metric ton of groove and cook at a rolling boil in the Boyce Farmers' Market until the joint is hopping. The end result is **approximately \$15,000 raised** for CAUSE Canada's mother-child immunization project in the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Although the final numbers are still being crunched, CAUSE Canada's Jon Weaver says Groove Vacation cleared close to \$5,000. "That total becomes \$15,000 thanks to a 2:1 **matching grant from CIDA** (Canadian International Development Agency)," says Weaver. CIDA matches donations to all CAUSE's current projects, turning every \$1 donated into \$3.

"The money raised will be put to use very effectively," Weaver beams. Based on a ten year average, **93.6 cents of every dollar** donated to CAUSE goes directly to the field. "Such efficiency is remarkable and speaks volumes about how CAUSE operates."

Back to the event, Weaver quips, "**Beth did all the real work!**" He and wife, Beth own Cravings Restaurant & Catering. "Through the restaurant, Beth coordinated the volunteers, the food and beverage services, admission... even the coat check!"

Special thanks also go to The Downtown Blues Band and Soul Purpose (who performed for free), the volunteers, CBC Radio, Mark Roberts, City of Fredericton Special Events, The Beaverbrook Hotel and The Meeting Place Church. Thanks, too, to Diane Brittany, who donated her 50/50 winnings to CAUSE.

A huge 10 x 12 foot screen at Groove Vacation entertained with up-to-the-minute photos taken at event, live video of the bands and images of CAUSE projects around the world.

The icing on the cake was the **special guest performer**. The crowd went wild when none other than **Elvis Presley** hit the stage with The Downtown Blues Band for high energy renditions of *See See Rider* and *Heartbreak Hotel*. Complete with rhinestone studded cape and jumpsuit, Elvis was in rare form. "I came out of retirement just to help CAUSE Canada help the children." Then Elvis left the building.

# Tatamagouche Centre Offers Exciting Leadership and Social Justice Programs



*Stewart Hall,  
Tatamagouche Centre*

## **The Tatamagouche Model of Education Design and Leadership Part I:** August 10– 15: Sun. 7 pm - Fri. 1pm

The Tatamagouche Centre has been developing and refining an important experiential, reflective model of adult transformational education for more than 30 years. Its practice forms the foundation of the many programs we offer. This program teaches our model of education through a lab experience in which participants "learn to do by doing". As we develop a supportive community, everyone involved becomes both teacher and learner. Part I is for people who want to improve their effectiveness in designing and facilitating participatory educational programs.

**Leadership:** Marg Brown is an adult educator, therapist, consultant, and mediator, and is a qualified to interpret the Myers-Brigg Type Indicator; Muriel Agnes is an educator, counsellor, acupuncturist and a qigong teacher.

## **The Tatamagouche Model of Education Design and Leadership Part II:** September 21-26, Sun 7 pm - Fri 1 pm (NOTE: Part II is optional after completing Part I)

Part II offers a further experience and practice of the model and is for those who have completed Part I. Participants will explore personal, social and spiritual applications of this action-reflection model of learning, and the role of adult learning in personal and organizational development.

**Leadership:** Trudy Watts is an adult educator, gardener and herbalist. She works with health promotion, community development and social justice organisations and is committed to First Nations solidarity; and Margot Metcalfe, an educator who is passionate about creativity, spirituality and personal growth. She is a contemplative photographer whose recent works from her solo show "Sabbath" are on exhibition nationally.

## **Youth for Social Justice Training Camp** August 28 - September 1

The Tatamagouche Centre invites you to send youth from your group or area to an exciting camp happening this summer. The Social Justice Youth Training Camp is geared towards youth from ages 14-19. It is a unique opportunity

to develop leadership of youth from non-profit, community, labour and social organizations. Youth will develop skills in building an organization, non-violent training, dealing with the media, creative strategies for addressing change and more. Call the Centre to find out how you can sponsor a youth from your organization or area.

## **Youth Internship Program in Guatemala 2003 - 2004**

The Tatamagouche Centre Youth Internship Program in Guatemala is expecting to have up to ten CIDA-funded Internships approved for 2003-04, in the areas of community development, organic agriculture, human rights and community nutrition. If you are interested, please see the CIDA Youth Internship Website ([www.acdi-cida.gc.ca](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca)) to see if our 2003-04 Internships have been announced. Once our Internships are listed, an information package and application form will be available on the Tatamagouche Centre website ([www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca)).



*Guatemalan Interns  
orientation at  
Tatamagouche  
Centre*

Intern applicants must be university or community college graduates, ages 21-30, seeking professional experience related to their field of training and/or education. They must have a commitment to social justice and an openness to a cross-cultural experience in a developing country struggling for peace and justice after a 34-year-war. Being a resident of the Maritimes and Spanish language ability are considered assets, but not requirements. Interns will have the opportunity to learn or improve their Spanish through a six-week immersion course at the beginning of the field placement in Guatemala.

For more information on these and other programs contact The Registrar, Tatamagouche Centre at Ph: 1-800-218-2220; email [tatacent@tatacentre.ca](mailto:tatacent@tatacentre.ca) or check our website [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca).

# Meet the Board **Rencontrer le Conseil**

**For this edition of Rendez-vous we interview Leona Arsenault, Treasurer, Francophone Representative and Member-at-Large of ACIC's Board of Directors**

**Pour cette édition de Rendez-vous on a eu une entrevue avec Leona Arsenault, trésorière, la représentante francophone et conseillère générale avec le Conseil d'administration de CACI**

ACIC: *Where were you born and where do you currently live?*

Leona: I was born in PEI, moved to Ontario as a teenager and returned to PEI in 1988 where I have built my home and stayed ever since.

ACIC: *How did you get involved with ACIC?*

Leona: I had a friend who was involved in ACIC and she had told me that it was very interesting. So when a member of the board approached me I decided that I would become a board member and see what the organization is all about. Talking to Sarah, I found out that one of the current projects is Eco-Tourism. Being an Environmental Technician and a person who is very interested in traveling, I was intrigued.

ACIC: *What is one thing you really like doing?*

Leona: There are many things that I like doing, I enjoy learning about natural medicine, interior decoration and outside activity.

ACIC: *What is your favourite music?*

Leona: My taste in music varies quite a bit. I like almost all kinds except Country and Western.

ACIC: *What are some of your current projects?*

Leona: My current project is finishing my house. I have been picking away at it for several years now and it is slow going. Hopefully, I will finish in another year or so.

ACIC: *What is your favourite food and what do you cook?*



CACI: *Où est-ce que tu est née et où est-ce que tu demeures présentement?*

Leona: Je suis née à l'ÎPÉ . J'ai déménagée en Ontario durant mon adolescence et suis retournée à l'ÎPÉ en 1988. J'y ai construit ma maison et y demeure depuis ce temps-là.

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

Leona: J'avais une amie qui était impliquée dans le CACI et elle m'avait dit que c'était très intéressant. Donc, lorsqu'un membre du Bureau de direction m'a approché, j'ai décidé de devenir membre du

BD et de voir "de quoi avait l'air" cette organisation. En parlant à Sarah, j'ai découvert que l'un des projets courants portait sur l'écotourisme. Étant donné que je suis technicienne en environnement et que j'aime beaucoup voyager, j'étais intriguée.

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

Leona: Il y a plusieurs choses que j'aime bien faire ; j'aime m'instruire sur la médecine naturelle, la décoration intérieure et les activités de plein air.

CACI: *Quelle est ta musique préférée?*

Leona: Mon goût pour la musique est varié. J'aime presque toutes les sortes, sauf pour le Country et le Western.

CACI: *Quels sont certains de tes projets courants?*

Leona: Mon projet courant est de finir ma maison ; j'y travaille un peu ici et là depuis plusieurs années et ça s'en vient lentement. J'espère bien l'a terminer d'ici un an ou deux.

am too busy. When I do have time I like to experiment with making things like wheat grass juice and wheat berry bread.

ACIC: *What is the best way to spend a Sunday afternoon?*

Leona: I enjoy spending Sunday afternoon doing outside activities like biking and walking or I enjoy playing cards with my mother and visiting with other friends and family.

ACIC: *Name somebody who really influenced your life or that you admire.*

Leona: Someone who influenced my life was my father. My father, who has now passed away, was a very unselfish man; he always thought of others and did whatever he could to help everyone. He was very committed in the Co-op movement and he worked all his life for that cause. He had a great sense of humour, always ready to tell jokes and funny stories of his past. I especially miss the gentle look in his eyes and the ready smile on his face.

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

Leona: I am willing to share with the Board whatever experience and knowledge that might be useful. I am especially looking forward to what I can learn from the Board. I am sure that it will be an experience that will teach me a lot about international development. I am looking forward to my involvement with ACIC.

### **Mission Statement**

*ACIC is a coalition of organizations, institutions, and branches of such working in the Atlantic region, which are committed to achieving global sustainability in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all.*

*ACIC supports its members in international cooperation and education through collective leadership, networking, information, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others.*

### **Énoncé de mission**

*Le CACI est une coalition d'organismes, d'instituts et leurs affiliés qui oeuvrent dans la région atlantique et qui sont engagés matière de développement durable à l'échelle mondiale dans un environnement sain et pacifique où tous les êtres humains ont accès à la justice, à la dignité, et à la participation.*

*Le CACI soutient ses membres dans leur travail de coopération internationale et d'éducation par le biais d'un leadership collectif, d'un réseau et de services d'information, de formation et de coordination. Le CACI représente les intérêts de ses membres auprès des gouvernements et du reste de la population.*

CACI: *Quelle est ta nourriture préférée et qu'est-ce que tu aime cuisiner ?*

Leona: En ce qui concerne la nourriture, je suis végétarienne et j'aime surtout les plats au riz et aux légumes. J'aime faire la cuisine, mais je n'en fais pas beaucoup parce que je suis trop occupée. Quand le temps le permet, j'aime faire des expériences en faisant des choses comme du jus d'agropyre (wheat grass) et du pain.

CACI: *Quelle est la meilleure façon de passer un dimanche après-midi ?*

Leona: J'aime passer mes dimanches après-midi à faire des activités de plein air comme la bicyclette, la randonnée pédestre ou bien à jouer aux cartes avec ma mère et visiter d'autres amis et la famille.

CACI: *Quelqu'un qui t'a beaucoup influencé.*

Leona: Une personne qui m'a beaucoup influencé, c'est mon père. Il est décédé maintenant. Il était un homme altruiste ; il pensait toujours aux autres et faisait tout ce qu'il pouvait pour aider tout le monde. Il était très dévoué au mouvement coopératif et il a travaillé toute sa vie pour cette cause. Il avait un bon sens de l'humour et était toujours prêt à raconter des blagues et des anecdotes amusantes de son passé. Je manque surtout le doux regard de ses yeux et son sourire facile.

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

Leona: Je suis prête à partager avec le BD toute expérience et connaissance qui pourrait être utile. Je suis surtout intéressée à voir ce que je pourrais apprendre du BD. Je suis sûre qu'il s'agira d'une expérience qui m'en apprendra beaucoup sur le développement international. J'anticipe bien mon engagement avec le CACI.

# INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

## Youth connecting to the world!

**CUSO** is a member of **NetCorps Canada International**, a youth internship program that focuses on Information and Communication Technology. The NetCorps program is implemented by a coalition of eight Canadian development agencies (CUSO, Alternatives, Canadian Crossroads International, Canadian Society for International Health, Canada World Youth, Human Rights Internet, Oxfam Quebec and VSO Canada). Funded by Industry Canada, the NetCorps Program links youth between 19 and 30 with information technology expertise, with short-term placements in developing countries.

### Apply Now!

**CUSO is accepting resumes for the NetCorps program 2003-2004!** Individual placements should be listed on our web site ([www.cuso.org](http://www.cuso.org)) by mid-February. Placements proposed for this year are pending approval and funding. Departures are between June and August and placements are between 4 and 6 months in length.

**Inquire to:** [cuso@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:cuso@pei.sympatico.ca) or 1-800-676-8411

### Requirements

To become a NetCorps intern, you must meet the following criteria:

- a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- between 19 and 30 years old at the start of the internship;
- unemployed or underemployed prior to the internship;
- a graduate of a post-secondary program;



As well, candidates must:

- have the interpersonal and intercultural skills necessary to live and work effectively in another culture, including a motivation for learning the host community language
- be prepared to contribute to the cost of the internship via fundraising
- be cleared by meeting the medical requirements
- be prepared to contribute to a Canada volunteer component
- not have previously participated in a Youth Employment Strategy (YES) internship

## Internships

### East Timor - Information Technology Specialist

Two placements with the NGO Forum Timor Lorosa'e to strengthen the capacity of staff and members of local NGOs in the districts (via teaching and training), specifically in computer programs and repair, as well as in basic computer English.

### Lao PDR - Computer Trainer

The Agriculture and Forestry Section, Vientiane Municipality requires an intern to conduct training (on basic computer usage) for government staff within the agriculture and forestry extension section and its coordination partners. The intern may also be required to teach some English curriculum to assist with basic English computer usage and to assist with the development of project proposals.

### Papua New Guinea - Technical Trainer / Consultant

Habitat for Humanity - Papua New Guinea is providing primarily a training position, focused on improving the software

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skills and competencies of national staff in the use of PC operations, Microsoft office and other standard software, PC maintenance & file management and developing skills that can be passed on to others.

## **Papua New Guinea - IT Trainer**

The PNG Cocoa and Coconut Research Institute requires an intern who is able to work with the local IT person as a counterpart and transfer skills to them such as: Network Engineering (building large scale computer office networks), repairing computers, troubleshooting and time management.

## **Solomon Islands - Computer Software Trainer / Website Developer**

Vois Blong Mere, the information network for women in the Solomon Islands, could use a website to communicate with women in the rural areas through this network. The intern would also be required to train staff on data input and web site maintenance. The Vois Blong Mere members dealing with women's issues could also utilize the skills of a computer specialist who understands the situation of women in developing countries.

## **Vanuatu -Computer Trainer**

The Agence universitaire de la Francophonie requires an intern who would be responsible for networking a small number of computers. The intern will be working with a counterpart, where it will be desired that the NetCorps train the counterpart in maintaining and trouble shooting the network. **The working language for this position is French.**

## **Vanuatu - Website Developer / Multimedia Archivist**

The Government of Vanuatu Parliament Library is part of a large project in Vanuatu that is translating the countries laws into French. Responsibilities of this placement will be creation of e-documents from hard copy archives, creation of database to allow storage and access of e-documents, and the creation of a website to serve as an interface. The position will require an ability to work independently. **The working language for this position is French.**

## **Vanuatu - Computer Lab Technician**

The Luganville College requires an intern who will a mentor to the two technicians working at the college. The intern will train the technicians in hardware repair, troubleshooting, networking and other issues as they arise. There may be an opportunity for the NetCorps to participate in teaching within the computer lab. **The working language for this position is French.**

## **Ghana - Information Technology Specialist**

Through the Gender Violence Survivor Support Network, nine interns are required to enable the following critical partner organizations to meet their objectives rapidly and effectively. Without critical statistical data and creative advocacy campaign programs and tools, the network is limited in their ability to effectively champion the cause of survivors of violence. An intern would assist in developing a robust data collection and reporting process and develop creative dissemination strategies and tools. The goals for this objective would be to enhance the capacity for collecting data, analyzing and reporting on violence against women and children, the ability to evaluate resources for programs targeting survivors of violence and the ability to develop effective public relations tools and material for advocacy.

## **Togo - Accounting Assistant**

The Association Togolaise pour la Promotion Humaine (ATPH) is looking for an intern who will train the staff in using a computer for their work, especially for the accountant and the cashier. S/he will have to support the use of the computer in ATPH accounting. **The working language for this position is French.**

## **Togo - Documentation Centre Assistant**

The intern will assist the Executive Director of the Fédération des ONG du Togo (FONGTO) in organizing the documentation centre through documents inventory, archives organization, data base creation/improvement, filing tools for NGOs, information collection and giving, and training FONGTO secretary in managing the documentation centre. **The working language for this position is French.**

## **Togo - Information Technologist**

The Echange pour l'Organisation et la Promotion des Petits Entrepreneurs (ECHOPPE) requires an intern to assist with their computer systems for financial information tracking. The intern will also be required to train local staff on basic computer maintenance. **The working language for this position is French.**

## Let Us See Again

In the beginning, there are no labels;  
No names; no religion, and no colors.  
A child of nine months knows only that of a trusting heart,  
A warm embrace, of a friendship yet to come.  
What becomes of this child's accepting wisdom?  
Is it evaporated by the sun?  
For even the best of us, at some time in our lives,  
Have considered our way superior to theirs,  
Our beliefs stronger, our colors truer.  
In this society, we are made to show them our wisdom,  
To hold it with care in our hands.  
Then we are told to crumple it into a little ball,  
To tuck it deep down, out of sight.  
And so we come to forget our wisdom,  
It is no longer there to guide us through our days.  
Life goes on, we grow,  
We learn names and ranks for all things.  
We are taught new ways, the best ways.  
The latter is not expressed as such,  
But if you listen with your heart,  
You can hear the implication underlying the lesson,  
It is there like a whisper of leaves in a storm.  
Those who are so bold as to question the names and ranks are silenced.  
We are told to live as our examples,  
And to accept everyone.  
Without the ear of wisdom, we hear this as;  
Live the way television suggests and  
Accept everyone but only if they are the same as you.  
What if we break away, remember where to find our wisdom again  
and learn how to follow it?  
How many wars could we erase from existence?  
How many families would we bring back to life?  
What enormous amount of violence would disappear?  
For, at the end of the day, when all is said and done,  
I might be white, and you black;  
I might be protestant and you, Jewish,  
But once, not very long ago,  
We were both children.  
Together, let us reach into the depths of our souls,  
Grasp our long forgotten wisdoms with our hands,  
Together, let us show our crumpled wisdom to the sun,  
Let us watch as they are rejuvenated by the light.  
Let us close our eyes and allow wisdom's glowing arms to envelope us.  
When we open our eyes,  
You still might be black, and I, white,  
You Jewish, and I, protestant,  
But our now-completed selves no longer know the labels;  
Instead, we know only that of the trusting heart,  
the warm embrace, and the friendship yet to come.

**Molly Youngerman, Age 16**  
Charlottetown Rural High School

## Language And Dialects Quiz

- In the USA, the Amish (sometimes known as the Pennsylvania Dutch) speak a dialect of:  
A. Aramaic                      B. Dutch                      C. German
- True or false: In Japan, most men and women speak different forms of Japanese.
- Several dialects are recognized as distinct languages in Spain. Can you match the following languages with the appropriate data?  
A. Basque                      1. Spoken in Galicia  
B. Castilian                      2. Not related to Spanish  
C. Galician                      3. Spain's official dialect
- Muslims believe that God spoke Arabic, the official language of many countries such as Oman and Morocco. True or false: Spoken Arabic has no regional dialects.
- Which of the following is not one of Belgium's three official languages?  
A. Flemish                      B. French                      C. German  
D. Luxembourgish
- True or false: In 1966, the French government established a commission to combat *Français*, a mixture of French and English.
- The official form of the German language is commonly known as *Hochdeutsch*. True or false: Martin Luther's translation of the Old Testament into *Hochdeutsch* helped make it the leading dialect.
- Until recently, most Chinese immigrants to North America came from the region around Hong Kong. Which of the following Chinese dialects is the most widely used there?  
A. Cantonese                      B. Mandarin                      C. Shanghaiese
- Italy has many dialects, some of which are not mutually intelligible, but standard Italian is based on a dialect used by such prestigious authors as Petrarch and Dante. Which dialect is it?  
A. Roman                      B. Sicilian                      C. Tuscan
- Cockney immigrants to Australia brought their dialect, which employs a rhyming slang, in which rhymes are substituted for words. Can you match the original words with their Australian slang rhymes?  
A. Bread                      1. Butcher's hook  
B. Look                      2. Cheese and kisses  
C. Mrs.                      3. Roses are red

**Answers on Page 7**