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President's Report

Dear Shastri Members and Friends,
Greetings!

My association with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is now over seventeen years old and understandably I was honoured to take up as the Vice President/President Elect on May 16 2015, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Laval University, Quebec City, Canada. I have since shouldered a new responsibility of President SICI on 27th May 2016. It has been an interesting and enriching experience for the past two years first as Vice President and then as President of Shastri Indo Canadian Institute. I am indebted to our very efficient Executive Council comprising of Professor Girish Shah, the current Vice President, Professor Anil Mehrotra, Secretary Treasurer, Professor Margaret Walton-Roberts, Professor B. Hariharan and Professor Faizan Mustafa. We worked together in our long ongoing struggle to steer SICI onto a safer and more secure position. Our Past President Professor Biju Paul Abraham has always been ready with sound advice and good counsel whenever we have turned to him for help. I'm grateful to those past Presidents and Executive Council members who have worked and devoted personal resources to lend to the vision that has subsequently made the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute strong and successful. I have my full trust and belief that in the coming years too, the institute will continue to be led by a group with outstanding talent and sense of commitment.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that on July 15, 2016 I was fortunate to be able to sign the MoU with Government of India for a further five years. This was Xth ADDENDUM to the Memorandum of Understanding and the MoU document covered all details on Programme for Co-operation and it is inherent that the extension of MoU will facilitate SICI to continue with promotion of knowledge and understanding between Canada and India. The Programmes under the new MoU will be Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant (SICRG); Shastri Mobility Programme (SMP); Shastri Research Student Fellowship (SRSF), Faculty-in-Residence Programme (FIR) and Facilitation-cum-Information services. Besides, regular programmes MHRD has entrusted SICI to promote some other activities like to work for Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) programme to bridge the faculty gaps in priority areas of knowledge and to promote and support National Digital Library.

After the signing of the MoU, the commitment from the MHRD, Government of India for timely release of payments enabled us to announce all our programmes for the year 2016-17. I would also like to report that we have been able to complete the process of adjudicating and disseminating news about all awards.

The institute has been receiving requests for membership over the last few years. We were unable to bring in new members till the MoU was signed. I am happy to inform you that after the signing of the MoU in July 2016, we could hold both the Administrative Committee meeting and the Advisory Committee meeting and have successfully brought in 17 new members. The total number of Indian member institutions is now 71.

The India office had a lot of pending repair work and with the signing of the MoU, the necessary funds became available and consequently the India office has received a new face lift and extensive renovations and repairs are being planned in the coming months.

I am also happy to inform you that the institute's web-portal is now ready for the launch. The office has done the trial run to receive the applications using the portal based Grant Management Systems. It worked quite well.

The annual Engaging Canada Conference of the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute for this year is scheduled to be held on March 11 and 12 at the India Habitat Centre. The title of this year's conference is "Engaging India and Canada: Perspectives on Sustainability". I

am happy to report that we received quite an overwhelming response in the form of a large number of abstracts. The abstracts have been vetted by experts hailing from relevant areas of specialization and the selected scholars were duly informed. I feel that if we take care to disseminate the information about these activities properly and widely in our home institutions, a greater degree of participation will be ascertained.

As in the previous year, this year too an extensive outreach programme has been planned mainly concentrating on Maritime Canada, but also in Alberta and British Columbia in June 2017, when the Indian EC will be travelling to Canada to attend the CMC meeting at Halifax. Last year the exercise had proved to be quite fruitful with a few Canadian institutions who had left SICI, taking a decision to rejoin. These outreach programmes are quite interactive with interested faculty members and students coming up with specific queries which are answered by us to the best of our ability. The staff of the Canada office had extended all possible help during these exercises and I thank them personally for this.

Last but not the least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the India Office for putting in a tremendous of hard work to fulfill all our commitments on time. Under the able leadership of Dr. Prachi Kaul, the Director of the Indian office, they have worked together sincerely and for long hours, ensuring that all programmes are announced and adjudicated on time. They have also regularly addressed and facilitated queries from both Canadian and Indian academics. I remain indebted to the staff at both the offices for making my job smooth and easy and for facilitating me at every step. These last two years as the Vice President and subsequently the President of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute has been an immense learning process for me. I started the tenure with a lot of uncertainty and trepidation but was lucky enough to be able to sign the MoU at an early date which resulted in a situation where the responsibility and work pressure were high but the satisfaction was also equally high. I shall soon be stepping down from this position but my good wishes will always remain with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and all the people associated with it.

Suchorita Chattopadhyay

President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute
April 28, 2017

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-17

Dr. Girish Shah

It was an honour and a privilege for me to be re-elected as the Vice-President (2016-17)/President-elect (2017-18) of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for reposing their faith in me in conducting the affairs of the institute on the cusp of its Golden Jubilee.

This year began with the signing of a 5-year MOU with the Government of India's Ministry of Human Resources and Development to support SICI's activities from India office. The Canadian arm of SICI presented the 5-year funding request to Government of Canada in November 2016 and a revised version was submitted in January 2016. In support of the grant request, we launched massive outreach efforts to engage Government of Canada to consider providing a matching support to SICI's Canadian operations for the next five years.

In the meantime, I am very happy to report that despite significant logistical challenges, our dedicated staff and volunteer reviewers worked tirelessly to offer a full slate of grants and support programs in both the countries, the details of which are provided in other reports from Canada office.

Here, I would like to share following highlights of other pertinent outreach activities conducted by Canadian EC members and officers in Canada to promote the awareness of SICI in Canada among stakeholder members and Government,

Meetings, Networking and Public Relations:

On 5th May 2016, a "Shastri Event at the Parliament Hill" was organized at the 131 Queen Street close to the House of Commons. The participants including invitees and CMC members were addressed by His Excellency Vishnu Prakash, the High Commissioner of India in Ottawa and by four honorable members of the Parliament from two sides of the House, namely Joël Lightbound, Raj Saini, Chandra Arya and Deepak Obhrai, which was followed by concluding remarks by me. Each of the speakers provided their appreciation of the activities of SICI over past several decades as a bridge of cooperation between India and Canada.

From 30th June to 14th July 2016, I had a series of outreach activities to discuss the activities of SICI and our upcoming funding application to Government of Canada. The notable meetings took place with Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister Amarjeet Sohi and MP Joel Lightbound. In addition, I had two meetings on 14th July in Ottawa with Deputy High Commissioner of India Mr Arun Kumar Sahu and Counsellor Mohinder Khurana, as well as with Pascale Massot, a special policy advisor to Minister Stéphane Dion at Global Affairs Canada.

On 14th July 2017, our EC colleague Margaret Walton-Roberts met and briefed MP Raj Saini (Kitchener-Waterloo) about activities of SICI. On 15th August 2016, at India's Independence Day celebration event in Ottawa, I discussed updated status of SICI activities with MPs Chandra Arya and Sukh Dhaliwal. I also met Mr Vishnu Prakash, the High Commissioner of India, Mme Stéphanie Muccilli, the advisor to minister of Science Kirsty Duncan and Andreas Weichert, the Director of International Education at Global Affairs Canada on 16th August.

On 14th November at the MITACS awards ceremony reception in Ottawa, I was invited to receive an award on behalf of one of my international students. During my brief address at this meeting, I referred to the activities of SICI. I had discussions with other

speakers such as Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan, and Minister John McCollum. I also discussed potential collaboration of SICI with President of MITACS (Alejandro Adem) and President of NSERC (Mario Pinto).

I participated in outreach activities with different Canadian member universities, namely Univ Laval (20 Sept), Univ Guelph (14 Nov), Univ Toronto (14 Nov), and Wilfrid Laurier Univ (20 April 2017).

From 10th January to 20th April 2017, I had a series of outreach activities among ministers the ministers and MPs to seek their support for SICI's application for funding. Notable meetings were held with Minister Marc Garneau, Minister Jean-Yves Duclos and MP and Parliamentary Secretary Joel Lightbound on 10th January at Laval University, Minister Harjit Sajjan on 13th February in Quebec City and Minister Navdeep Bains on 1st March in Quebec.

On 27th February 2017, our EC colleague Margaret Walton-Roberts met Peter Boehm, Deputy Minister of International Development Global Affairs Canada, at an event organized by Wilfrid Laurier University and updated him about SICI's grant application to GAC.

On 6th April 2017, I made a strong effort in Ottawa to seek direct support for SICI's grant application from numerous stakeholders of Canadian Government. In this effort, I was strongly supported by the Parliamentary secretary Joel Lightbound and his executive assistant Mr. Filip Novakovic. We first discussed the application file with Mme Marie Laurence at the Quebec Desk of the Prime Minister's office (PMO). It was followed by a meeting with Parliamentary Secretary Matt Decourcey, deputy to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Global Affairs Canada. We discussed the funding application with Madame Nadia del Campo at Global affairs Canada and then met MP Chandra Arya, the chair of the Parliamentary caucus of MPs with an interest in India. Finally, we met the High Commissioner of India at Ottawa, His Excellency Vikas Swarup. The Parliamentary Secretary Joel Lightbound also joined us in the discussion about the need for funding to SICI from the Government of Canada to match that allotted by the Govt of India.

On 20th April 2017, both Prof. Margaret Walton-Roberts and I met MP Raj Saini in Kitchener ON to seek his active support in steering our grant application pending with the Government,

On 4th May 2017, there was an event to celebrate the A-list 2016 at the Legislative assembly of Ontario at Queen's Park in Toronto. SICI was honored in this list as an organization that has greatly contributed towards the strong collaboration between Canada and India. SICI 's executive member-at-large Professor Margaret Walton-Roberts represented SICI at the event and had the opportunity to discuss SICI with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Collectively, our outreach activity has resulted in a strong broad-based support for the funding application of SICI, including written letters of endorsement of our request from Parliamentary Secretary Joel Lightbound, Ministers Jean-Yves Duclos, Marc Garneau and Diane LeBouthillier, Leader of the Official Opposition Rona Ambrose and MP Sukh Dhaliwal.

Lastly, I am happy to report that Global Affairs Canada is seriously assessing the revival of the Understanding Canada or Canadian Studies program in different countries including India. Since SICI was the principal instrument for executing this program in India, we were invited to present our opinion on this subject. In August 2017, the SICI team consisting of Professor John Reid, Dr. Prachi Kaul Mr. Sabu Alexander and I submitted a position paper to the Global Affairs Canada entitled "*Canadian Studies: A Productive Investment in Creating Global Understanding of Canadian Values and Interests*". The position paper was well-received by the Global Affairs and SICI will be

in a position to discuss the resumption and implementation phase of this program if and when it is revived by Government of Canada.

New Memberships:

I am very pleased to inform you that for the second consecutive year, the persistent outreach activities by the members of executive committee along with our staff members resulted in University of Victoria joining the SICI family from the Canadian side, while two more universities have expressed strong interest to join our family.

In summary our family is growing in size and also in reputation towards a confident march towards our upcoming Golden Jubilee in the coming year.

Canada Office Staff Salary Adjustment:

Due to funding challenges faced by our Canada Office, the terms of employment for the staff members were maintained at same basal level as last year.

Finally, I am confident that SICI's growing visibility will eventually help it to not only regain its ground in near future but also grow stronger over the coming years. Again, I would like to thank EC members and staff in two offices for putting enormous efforts for day-to-day operations and for delivery of programs and activities that benefit our members in both the countries.

Sincerely

7th May 2017

Girish Shah

Vice President of SICI (2016-17) /President-elect (2017-18)

Professor, Laval University, Québec (QC)

Secretary- Treasurer's Report

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer (2016-17)

Canada Office:

The report summarizes the financial activities of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's Canada office for the year ended 31st March, 2017.

Revenue: The total revenue for the year 2016-17 was \$165,000, which is a 53.7% decrease from the previous year (\$356,000). The decrease was mainly due to the lack of any funding from the Government of Canada. The membership fees were \$142,000, a 17% decrease year-over-year because of non-renewal of membership by 3 institutions and outstanding fees receivable from 3 member institutions as of March 31, 2017. Matching grant contributions from member institution(s) for the year was \$9,000, as compared to \$67,000 in 2015-16. Overall, the total revenue for the year exceeded the annual budgeted revenue of \$159,000 by 3.5%.

Expenses: The total expenses for the year 2016-17 add up to \$256,000, which is a decrease of 31% from the previous year (\$373,000). The decrease was mainly due to a lower Program Cost for the year which was \$99,000, as compared to \$192,000 in 2015-16. The annual Operating Cost decreased by 13% year-over-year, mainly due to staffing cost reduction of \$21,000 as compared to previous year, while the rest of operating costs remaining constant. Overall, the expenses for the 2016-17 year decreased by 11.5% as compared to the annual budgeted expenses of \$290,000 for the year. The year 2016-17 ended with a shortfall (loss) of \$91,000 leading to the Accumulated Surplus decreasing from \$225,000 at the beginning of the year to \$133,000 at the end of the year. **Assets:** The Current Assets for the year ended March 31, 2017 add up to \$290,000, which is a decrease of 19% as compared to the previous year (March 31, 2016: \$359,000). The year end comparative cash position was as follows:

	2016-17	2015-16
	Current Year	Previous Year
CIBC Chequing Account	\$ 79,705	\$106,487
GIC Investment Account	\$193,938	\$218,427

The decrease in funds was mainly due to absence of any Government of Canada funding. As a result, the SICI Canada Office had to utilize its internal resources to finance its program and operating activities.

Liabilities: The Current Liabilities for the year are \$62,000, which is an increase of 35% as compared to the previous year. This was mainly due to accrual of program expenses for the year 2016-17 (which would be paid in the year 2017-18). The Net Assets (Unrestricted Funds), as on March 31, 2017, add up to \$133,565 (Previous Year: \$225,056) Finally, I wish to thank Mr. Sabu Alexander for his hard-work and dedication. Thank you

Prof. Anil Kumar Mehrotra Secretary-Treasurer (2016-2018) Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

India Office:

The report summarizes the financial activities of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's India for the year ended 31st March, 2017.

Financial position for 2016-2017

Revenue

Pursuant to signing of the Xth Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with Government of India on 15th July 2016, the funds for next five years (2016-17 to 2020-2021) are now assured. An amount of Rs.33.176 crores is budgeted to be received by the Institute in these five years. In the first year of the MoU, that is 2016-17, India Office received Rs 5.57 crores from Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD, GOI) against the budgeted revenue of Rs. 5.64 crores. The amount of carried forward funds from 2015-16 amounting to Rs.6,86,132 was to be adjusted towards the Grant-in-Aid received from MHRD during the year 2016-17. Thus, totalling 2016-17 year's funds to Rs.5.64 crores.

Expenses

The total expenditure incurred in 2016-17 was Rs. 217 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 368 lakhs is further expected to be utilised for programmes of 2016-17 by the end of next quarter. The programmes were adjudicated and awardees selected in the month of March 2017 and these awards are being disbursed in the current financial year whereas the operating expenses were incurred throughout the year. The distribution of total actual expenditure for 2016-17 was 30.00% for operating expenses and 70% for programs.

Proposed Budget for 2017-18 - The approved budget for 2017-18 has been made based on the second year of the approved five year MoU Budget. The revenue approved to be received during 2017-18 from MHRD, Government of India is for Rs.5.93 crores. All the new programmes initiated in 2016-17 shall continue to run in 2017-18 as well. The distribution of total expenses proposed in 2017-18 is 69% for programmes, 30% for operating and 1% for any contingency expenditure. The main expenditure of about Rs.3.32 crores is proposed to be incurred for Shastri Fellowship and Mobility Programme.

Thank you.

Prof. Anil Kumar Mehrotra
Secretary-Treasurer (2016-2018)
Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

SHASTRI INDO CANADIAN INSTITUTE

India office, New Delhi

(Incorporated in Canada without share capital)

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017

	Sch No.	As at 31/03/2017 Rs.	As at 31/03/2016 Rs.
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Corpus			
Capital Grants	1(a)	4,255,549	4,235,049
Membership Fee Account	1(b)	4,842,386	3,617,386
Reserves			
General Reserve Funds		4,074,340	1,045,294
Retirement Benefit Reserve Funds	2	3,462,652	3,700,799
Total		16,634,927	12,598,528
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets			
Gross Block	3	5,176,519	5,693,493
Less : Depreciation		4,601,228	5,005,137
Net Block		575,291	688,356
Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
Cash and Bank balances	4	52,905,728	17,277,322
Loans and Advances	5	5,274,426	3,395,419
	A	58,180,154	20,672,741
Less : Current Liabilities & Provisions			
Current Liabilities	6	40,466,104	5,858,875
Provision for Leave Encashment		1,654,414	2,903,694
	B	42,120,519	8,762,569
Net Current Assets (A-B)		16,059,636	11,910,173
Total		16,634,927	12,598,528
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For the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute
(India Office)



(Prachi Kaul)
Director



As per our report of even date attached
For Khanna Gulati & Associates
Chartered Accountants
(ICAI Regn. No. 012190N)



(Rohit Khanna)
Partner
Membership No. 084878

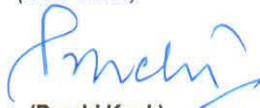
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SHASTRI INDO CANADIAN INSTITUTE
India office, New Delhi
(Incorporated in Canada without share capital)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31st March 2017

	Sch No.	For the year ended on 31/03/2017	For the year ended on 31/03/2016
REVENUES:			
Operating Revenue	A	10,913,613	15,743,277
Programmes :			
Library Programme	B	296,678	550,322
Fellowship Programme	C	-	78,257
Seminars & Conferences	D	2,517,178	3,544
Restructuring & Governance Initiatives	E	2,361,591	1,121,168
Collaborative Research Projects	F	1,409,993	920,000
Shastri Mobility programme	G	895,293	247,668
Kanta Marwah Lecture Series	H	-	-
Shastri Student Research Fellowship Programme	I	3,327,690	486,934
Faculty-in-Residence/ GIAN Programme	J	426,755	-
Total Revenue		22,148,790	19,151,169
EXPENDITURE :			
Operating Expenses	A	10,539,451	10,940,716
Programmes :			
Library Programme	B	296,678	550,322
Fellowship Programme	C	-	78,257
Seminars & Conferences	D	2,517,178	3,544
Restructuring & Governance Initiatives	E	2,361,591	1,121,168
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Shastri Mobility programme	G	895,293	247,668
Kanta Marwah Lecture Series	H	-	-
Shastri Student Research Fellowship Programme	I	3,327,690	486,934
Faculty-in-Residence/ GIAN Programme	J	426,755	-
Total Expenditure		21,774,629	14,348,608
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure		374,162	4,802,561
Add: Non Operating Revenue	K	3,463,705	355,839
Less: Depreciation		(122,689)	(143,401)
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure		3,715,178	4,659,160
Reserve funds brought forward		359,162	(3,613,866)
Reserve funds carried forward to balance sheet		4,074,340	1,045,294
Accounting Policies and Notes to the Accounts	7		

For the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute
(India Office)


(Prachi Kaul)
Director

Place: New Delhi
Dated: 02-JUNE-2017

As per our report of even date attached
For Khanna Gulati & Associates
Chartered Accountants
(ICAI Regn. No. 012190N)




(Rohit Khanna)
Partner
Membership No. 084878

SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE
CANADA OFFICE
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 79,901	\$ 106,487
Term deposits	194,417	218,427
Accounts receivable	1,565	3,102
Prepaid expenses	-	1,189
Due from India Office	14,682	30,111
	290,565	359,316
EQUIPMENT (Note 3)	556	794
	\$ 291,121	\$ 360,110
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 84,553	\$ 50,197
DFATD deferred revenue (Schedule 2)	-	12,208
	84,553	62,405
NET ASSETS		
Endowments (Note 4)	42,696	42,340
Internally restricted (Note 4)	30,309	30,309
Unrestricted	133,563	225,056
	206,568	297,705
	\$ 291,121	\$ 360,110

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

_____ Director

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See notes to financial statements

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SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE
CANADA OFFICE
Statement of Operations and Changes to Unrestricted Fund
Year Ended March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
REVENUE		
GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
DFATD	\$ -	\$ 74,240
OTHER REVENUE		
Membership and library fees	142,287	171,432
Other revenue	13,155	41,545
Matching grants	9,000	67,448
Interest revenue	635	1,952
	<u>165,077</u>	<u>282,377</u>
	<u>165,077</u>	<u>356,617</u>
EXPENSES		
Programme Expenses		
Knowledge Partnership Programmes	\$ 90,548	\$ 179,718
Promoting Understanding of India & Canada	3,723	10,997
CIDA BYID Youth Internship programme	3,347	-
Membership Development Fund	2,164	1,983
Total Programme Expenses	<u>99,782</u>	<u>192,698</u>
Operating Expenses		
Salaries, benefits and personnel expenses	77,759	99,073
Governance	22,951	20,679
Office and equipment	20,147	19,009
Audit, legal, insurance and other	16,114	19,280
Public relations	7,468	17,293
Communications	7,438	5,163
Travel	4,911	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>156,788</u>	<u>180,497</u>
	<u>256,570</u>	<u>373,195</u>
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	(91,493)	(16,578)
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>225,056</u>	<u>241,634</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 133,563</u>	<u>\$ 225,056</u>

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 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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1. PROGRAMMES

MHRD, GOI FUNDED:

The India office of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute announced its programme for the year in September 2016. The number of applications received under various categories of programmes was 259 covering 62 subjects involving 80 institutions from India and Canada.

A two tier review process was adopted for application assessment. For the first stage of review, a bi-national 'Preliminary Review Committee' was created. A formal letter requesting subject experts to serve on this panel was sent out to more than 800 faculty members, including our alumni and IMC/CMC associates. We had received acceptance from 154 peers to help us in the peer review process and received reviews from 142 peer reviewers across India and Canada. The team of reviewers consisted of Canadian and Indian subject experts. In order to remove all bias, each of the proposals was sent to 2 to 3 subject experts for review and on the basis of the scores sent by the experts a shortlisting for the second round was done.

A similar exercise was carried out to formulate the Adjudication Committees for all programmes. The invitation was sent out to more than 50 subject experts keeping in mind the concentration of disciplines and subject areas on which the proposals were shortlisted at the preliminary stage. All adjudication committees were bi-national comprising 4 subject experts out of which two were from India and two from Canada. Selected applications were sent to Adjudicators in advance and evaluations received were tabulated to form a consolidated mark sheet for the discussion during the adjudication committee meeting. After due discussions based on various aspects, the scholars were selected for the awards. In total, Fifty two (52) individual and six (8) Institutional Collaborative Research Grants were disbursed this year.

A. SHASTRI INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT (SICRG)

Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant (SICRG) 2016-17 is a grant mainly to support and encourage Institutional collaboration in Research and Development for a period of two years in the areas in which Institutions from SICI's Indian and Canadian Member Council can benefit.

Under SICRG, the institute received 54 applications out of which 48 applications were by Indian faculty and 16 by Canadian faculty. In terms of gender representation of applications, 36 applications were submitted by male applicants and 18 by women. The total number of awards granted under Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant was eight (8). For specifics refer **Annexure A**.

B. SHASTRI MOBILITY PROGRAMME (SMP)

Shastri Mobility Programme (SMP) 2016-17 was designed for faculty members/educational administrators from SICI's Canadian and Indian Member Institutions to study and learn best practices through exposure to the institutions in India/Canada. The objective of this programme is to help educational administrators to bring about a change in their universities by observing, understanding and implementing good practices in the education systems, delivering lectures/seminars/talks or teaching a module/part of a course in the visiting Institutions.

Under the Shastri Mobility Programme, the institute received 46 applications. Out of 46 applicants, two (2) were under the 'Administrative' category. In total sixteen (16) awards were granted under SMP. For specifics refer **Annexure B**.

C. SHASTRI RESEARCH STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (SRSF)

Shastri Research Student Fellowship (SRSF) is to help Doctoral and Post-doctoral scholars and Students enrolled in degree programmes in recognized Indian and Canadian universities or institutions to undertake research in the areas/ fields in which scholars may desire/require research experience in Canada/India. The main objective of the Programme was to provide scholars an exposure to international setting which will bring lifelong benefits to the individual trainees as well as to the institutions in which they would be affiliated. This category of fellowship was announced with three components i.e. Doctoral, Post-Doctoral & Students (for Bachelors, Master and M.Phil level).

Student Fellowship: This component of SRSF was proposed for the Indian and Canadian students who have completed two years of a degree, namely Bachelor, Masters or M. Phil programmes at recognized Indian and Canadian universities or institutions of higher education to pursue a course (module/part of a course), or do an internship at recognized Canadian or Indian universities.

In the 'Student' category, the institute had received 46 applications, out of which 44 applications were by Indian and 2 by the Canadian scholars. There were 29 male applicants and 17 women applicants. The institute granted twelve (12) awards under the Student category. For specifics refer **Annexure C.1**.

Doctoral Fellowship: This component of SRSF was for the students enrolled in Doctoral programmes in India/Canada with a significant focus on India/Canada, to enable them to access relevant research material as well as conduct research in India/Canada which will subsequently help them to get their degree.

For the doctoral category, the institute had received 85 applications out of which 83 applications were submitted by the Indians and 2 by Canadian research scholars. There were 45 male applicants and 40 women applicants. The institute granted sixteen (16) awards in this category. For details of awardees refer **Annexure C.2**.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: This component of SRSF was for the scholars from India and Canada who have been awarded a Ph.D. degree and wish to pursue further research.

For the Post-doctoral category, the institute received 31 applications out of which 29 applications were submitted by Indian and 2 by Canadian scholars. There were 19 male applicants and 12 women applicants. The institute granted eight (8) awards under this category. Refer **Annexure C.3** for more details.

D. LIBRARY PROGRAMME

The institute has chosen Canadian Business and Current Affairs Database (CBCA), an online subscription based database to support scholars in teaching and research at Indian Institutions, that are members of Shastri Institute. The database has diverse content,

including journals, magazines, newspapers, books, television transcripts, and dissertations.

2. FACILITATION CUM INFORMATION CENTRE

The Facilitation cum Information Centre has been created to provide access to information and linkages to institutions in both countries, with a view to enabling collaboration in areas of mutual interest. The Centre acts as a resource hub for information about education and Institutions of higher education in both the countries. A database is being developed and gradually a directory of Institutions, courses, faculty, etc. in Canada and India. Some of the services the Institute is providing are the following:

- To provide Access and Linkages to IMC and CMC Institutions
- Organizing Academic Events i.e. Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Consultations (also in collaboration with the respective Member Councils in each country)
- Publication of Research Materials, Proceedings, Documents, Policy papers and Reports
- Membership Development Grant
- Providing Administrative and Promotional support for the respective member councils.
- Arranging meetings and events for Canadian and Indian senior government officials visiting either India and Canada (federal and provincial)
- Providing orientations to Canadian scholars, students, government officials and other visiting India and Canada
- Conducting online examinations on behalf of Canadian Universities
- Canadian Studies Resource Library based in India office to facilitate research on Canadian Studies

This year under the head of 'Academic Events,' the Shastri Institute collaborated with our member institutions in India and Canada and organized a series of academic events:

1. In collaboration with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, organized the 1st Indo-Canadian Conference on '**Entrepreneurial Universities: The Future of Indian Universities**' at the NALSAR University of Law on 28th November 2016.
2. In collaboration with Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, Centre for Marketing in Emerging Economies, organized an annual Conference on '**Reaching Consumers of Emerging Markets**' on 5-7 January, 2017 at the Noida campus of the IIM Lucknow.
3. In collaboration with the UGC Area Study Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Kerala, a National Conference on '**Peace and Harmony: India and Canada**' on 17-18 February at University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. The Conference was organized to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Centre for Canadian Studies. SICI has also financially supported the year-long activities of the Centre.
4. In collaboration with the Centre for Canadian Studies, Jadavpur University organized an **International Conference titled 'Of Conflicts and Landscapes: The**

Rhetoric of Performance and Visual Art in Canada' on 7-9 March, 2017 at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

5. In collaboration with Himachal Pradesh University, Association of Indian Teachers of French (AITF) and Association internationale des études québécoises (AIEQ), organized an International Conférence on **'Etudes québécoises/canadiennes en Inde et à l'étranger (Quebec / Canadian Studies in India and Abroad)'** on 29-31 March, 2017 at HP University, Shimla.

6. Funded the Conference on **'Building Harmony through Diversity,'** held on 23-25 June, 2017 at Queen's University, Canada.

3. FACULTY IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME (FACILITATION OF GIAN)

The GIAN Programme (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) is a Government of India programme that brings overseas faculty members to offer courses at Indian institutions of higher education. SICI is the nodal organization for Canadian applicants. To date, proposals from 16 Canadian Faculty Members have been uploaded on the GIAN portal by the Institute since the opening of the last round of competition in November 2016. Collaboration with Indian Institutions for many of these was established by the Institute. India office also made it possible for its member Institutions to take advantage of the presence of Canadian Faculty already in India on their GIAN award and hold seminars/ lectures or a workshop with them.

Events with GIAN recipients visiting India in 2016-17 were held by the Institute at some of its member institutions namely Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad; and Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta.

1. One day Workshop on **"Current/Future Role of Food Science and Technology to Deliver Felt-needs of Consumers in India"** was held on 22nd December 2016 at **IIT Bombay**. The workshop was jointly organised by IIT Bombay and SICI, within the framework of the GIAN programme.

2. A lecture was organized on December 20, 2016 at **University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad**.

3. Professor Bilkis Vissandjee visited **Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta** and participated in Workshops held under the Healthcare Executive Management Programme (HEMP-02) on December 8, 2016 & January 21-22, 2017.

Administrative Update

Major Repairs and Renovation of the Office Building

Major repairs and renovation are being carried out to the office building. Currently, the work is nearing completion.

SHASTRI INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT(SICRG) 2016-17

Confirmed Candidates				
Sr . N o.	Principal Applicant- India/Canada	Co-Applicant & Institution	Proposed Project	Subject
1	Vasant Matsagar IIT Delhi	M. Shahria Alam University of British Columbia	Performance-Based Seismic Design Guideline for Buildings Isolated with Cost Effective FRP-Based Rubber Bearings	Civil Engineering
2	Darrin Richeson University of Ottawa	Gyandshwar Kumar Rao IIT Delhi	Catalytic Generation of Hydrogen from Water: Toward Sustainable Energy	Chemistry
3	Abass Braimah Carleton University	Manish Kumar IIT Bombay	Contact Explosion Effects on Reinforced Concrete Columns	Civil Engineering
4	Ajay K. Dalai University of Saskatchewan	Satyendra Prasad Chaurasria MNIT, Jaipur	Removal of Heavy Metals From Groundwater And Industrial Effluents by Activated Carbon Prepared from Waste Agricultural Biomass	Chemical Engineering
5	Simon Collin University of Quebec in Montreal	Vasumathi Badrinathan University of Mumbai	Teachers' Self-confidence in Using Technologies in their Teaching: The Perceived Impact of an e- Twinning Project Between French-as- a-Foreign-Language Teachers from India and Canada	French Linguistics
6	Siby K. George IIT Bombay	John Russon University of Guelph	The Ethics of teaching in Pluralistic and Unequal Societies	Philosophy
7	Yogesh K. Sharma IIT Roorkee	Venkataraman Thangadurai University of Calgary	Robust and Chemically Stable Nano Fiber Li-Stuffed Garnet Membranes for Next Generation All-Solid-State Li Batteries	Physics
8	Zakir Hussain Rather Assistant Professor IIT Bombay	Ramakrishna Gokaraju Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering University of Saskatchewan	Grid Stability of Large-Scale Renewable Energy Integrated Power System	Energy Science

SHASTRI MOBILITY PROGRAMME 2016-17

S. No.	Name of the Applicant's	Proposed institution/university for affiliation	Area of interest	Category
1	Chhanda Chakraborti Professor IIT Kharagpur	David Silver University of British Columbia Françoise Baylis Dalhousie University	Bioethics, Philosophy	Academic
2	Indu Shekhar Thakur Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University	Anil Mehrotra University of Calgary	Environmental Microbiology and Biotechnology: Bioremediation, biovalorization and detoxification	Academic
3	Nataraja Karba Professor University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore	Karen K Tanino University of Saskatchewan Raju Soolanayakanahally Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Abiotic stress adaption and climate change	Academic
4	Varalakshmi Manchana, Assistant Professor University of Hyderabad	Shanthi Johnson University of Regina	Health education implementation and challenges involved in chronic disease prevention at primary care level for Equity and Health Promotion	Academic
5	Yashomati Ghosh Sr. Assistant Professor National Law School of India University, Bangalore	Nilesh Bose University of Victoria	Law Governance & Administrative Accountability	Academic
6	Padmini Pani Assistant Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University	Marwan Hassan The University of British Columbia	Water Resource Management (Sustainable river basin Management)	Academic
7	Sangeeta Thapliyal Professor & Chairperson Jawaharlal Nehru University	Philip Kelley York University	Regional security, evolving security issues, India's foreign policy, India's relations with its neighbours and extended neighbours,	Academic
8	Rajib K Bhattacharya, Professor IIT Guwahati	Mysore Satish Dalhousie University	Waterresource Mgt., Climate change, Groundwater Mgt., Genetic Algorithms, Artificial Neural Networks	Academic

9	Sada Niang Professor University of Victoria	Dhir Sarangi Jawaharlal Nehru University	Language Teaching and Research, Francophone Literature and Culture teaching and Research	Academic
10	Sajad Ahmad Loan, Associate Professor Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi	Omar M. Ramahi University of Waterloo Bo Cui University of Waterloo	I. Nanoelectronics and Nanotechnology II. Semiconductor devices/Silicon/SOI/GaN III. VLSI Design IV. Energy efficient designing	Academic
11	Gopa Kumar Professor Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala	T V Paul McGill University Jayadeep Balakrishnan Hayskane School of Business University of Calgary	Higher Education in the Era of Globalization	Administrator
12	Mannarakkal Dasan, Professor & Head Central University of Kerala	Heather Campbell York University	Canadian First Nations Literature	Academic
13	Nandini Kapur Professor IGNOU	Nathalie Kermoel, University of Alberta and Rupertsland Centre for Metis Research	History, Interdisciplinary Studies of Indigenous people and tribal traditions, Environmental Studies,	Academic
14	Davinder Kaur Professor Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Thomas Thundat University of Alberta	Nanotechnology, Wireless Communication	Academic
15	Vijayakumar Krishnasamy, MNIT, Jaipur	Ramakrishna Gokaraju University of Saskatchewan	Renewable Energy (Energy and Environmental Sciences including the Renewal of Energy)	Academic
16	Somnath Basu, IIT Bombay	Kinnor Chattopadhyay University of Toronto	(i) Interfacial phenomena at slag-metal-gas interfaces (ii) Interaction of molten slag with refractories and solid fluxes	Academic

Annexure C.1

SHASTRI RESEARCH STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (SRSF) FOR STUDENTS 2016-17				
	Name of the Applicant	Proposed institution/university for affiliation	Topic of Project	Subject
1	Neil Amber Judge Jawaharlal Nehru University	Margaret Walton-Roberts University of Waterloo Michele Millard York University	Refugee Policy of Canada: Critical Issues and Debates Since 2002	Political Science
2	Pallavi Nagaraju Mysore University	Jaydeep Balakrishnan University of Calgary	Employee Participation in Top Level Management in an Organization	Management
3	Rupesh Kumar Mahendran IIT Madras	P. Ravi Selvaganapathy McMaster University	Study of Diffusion Efficiency and Flow Resistance of Lung Assisted Microfluidic Devices as Oxygenators	Mechanical Engineering
4	Sikta Chattopadhyaya University of Calcutta	Michael P. Czubryt University of Manitoba	Inhibition of Metastasis in Breast Cancer Cells Using MIR-335	Immunology
5	Sneha Singh Principal K. M. Kundnani College of Pharmacy, Mumbai	Ujendra Kumar University of British Columbia	Design, Formulation and Pharmacological Evaluation of a Polyherbal Tea Bag -A Green Solution for Hypothyroidism and It's Associated Disorders	Pharmacology/ Pharmaceutical Sciences
6	Kathryn Sloane Geddes University of British Columbia	Malhar Kulkarni IIT Bombay	American Institute of Indian Studies Summer Language Program in Sanskrit in Pune, Maharashtra	Sanskrit
7	Monica Shandal University of Alberta	A. V. Manjunatha ISEC, Bangalore Prakashan Chellattan Veetil International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Delhi	Rice Seed Production System in Telengana	Agricultural Sciences
8	Yatin Gilhotra Delhi Technological University	Mohamad Sawan Polytechnique Montreal, University of Montreal	A New Algorithm and Corresponding Low Power Microcircuits to Validate a New Adaptive Thresholding Technique	Biomedical Engineering
9	Khushboo Batra Pondicherry University	Michel Seguin HEC Montreal	Intern Under the Department of Languages at HEC Montreal	French

10	Parveen Zainab Fatima Ali Osmania University	Ebrahim Ghafar- Zadeh York University Farah Mohammad Ryerson University	Wearable AMD Embedded System	Bio medical Engineering
11	Dhwaj Khattar MNIT Jaipur	Kunal Karan University of Calgary	The Nanoparticle Synthesis of an Effective Catalyst for Oxygen Reduction in a Fuel Cell and Fabrication of a Coated Catalyst Membrane Using the Principle of Cavitations (Sonication)	Chemical Engineering
12	Ashish Jain IIT Guwahati	Ravi Bhardwaj University of Ottawa	Development of Fiber Bragg Grating Based Novel Structure for Structural Health Monitoring	Physics

**SHASTRI STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SRSF) FOR
DOCTORAL 2016-17**

	Name of the Applicant	Proposed institution/university for affiliation	Topic of Project	Subject
1	Wazida Rahman National Law University & Judicial Academy Assam	Carys Craig York University Margaret E Beare York University	Comparative Study of Status of Women & children in Live-in Relationship in Canada and India	Law
2	Charu Ratna Dubey Jawaharlal Nehru University	John Kirton University of Toronto Fen Osler Hampson University of Carleton	Canadian Foreign Policy During Chrétien Premiership, 1993 - 2003	International Relations
3	Jayesh Sonawane IIT Bombay	Radhakrishnan Mahadevan Toronto University	Microbial Fuel Cells with Self Sustained Algal Cathode for Energy Recovery and Biohydrogen Generation from Waste Organics	Bio energy/ Biotechnology
4	Mohit Mazumder Jawaharlal Nehru University	Meena Sakhaarkar University of Saskatchewan	In Silico Design and Development of Novel Methionine Aminopeptidase2 (MetAP2) Inhibitors as Chemotherapeutic Agents	Biology
5	Veluchamy Chitraichamy IIT Guwahati	Elizabeth A. Edwards University of Toronto Serge Guiot McGill University Brandon Gilroyed University of Guelph	Feasibility Study on Newly Designed Bioreactor for Bio-energy Production under Varied Climatic Conditions	Energy Studies
6	Durgesh Singh IIT Madras	Diwakar Krishnamurthy University of Calgary	Performance Management and Load Balancing in Mobile Cloud Computing	Electrical/Engin eering, Cloud Computing
7	Saurabh Kumar IIM Lucknow	Nilesh Saraf Simon Fraser University Khaled Hassanein McMaster University Kirstie Hawkey Dalhousie University	Investigating the Antecedents and Outcomes of Privacy Concerns in Online Social Network: Comparative Analysis Between India and Canada	Management
8	Roshni Das IIM Indore	Furguess Johannes University of Ottawa Cathy Driscoll Saint Mary's University Nancy Chase Queen's University	HRM's Role in Managing Entrepreneurship	Management

9	Victoria Lynn Charlotte Sheldon University of Toronto	V. Sujatha Jawaharlal Nehru University	The Divine Science of Detoxification: A Post Colonial Sociological Examination of Nature Cure Lifestyle Disease Treatment in Kerala	Anthropology
10	Ruchika Handa University of Montreal	Anita and Geeta University of Hyderabad	Nutrition Transition and Diabetes Melitus type II Epidemic in India: Looking through a Gender Lens	Health Science
11	Anusmita Devi IIT Gandhinagar	Laura Hurd Clarke University of British Columbia	Ageing, Body Practices, Gender Subjectivity, and Later Life Identities among Older Adults in Urban Settings in India and Canada	Sociology
12	Tarul Umakant Sharma IIT Bombay	Yanping Li University of Saskatchewan Qian Budong Agriculture and Agri- Food Canada	Assessing the Impacts of Climate Change on Agricultural Vulnerability over India	Agricultural Science
13	Nagma Sahi Ansari Jamia Millia Islamia	Michael Longford York University	Exploring the changing Aesthetics of Self through everyday photographic practice	Media & Design Technology
14	Chandni Bhambhani ISEC Bengaluru	Meg Luxton & Shelley Clark McGill University Simon Lapierre University of Ottawa Gillian Stevens University of Alberta	Voluntary Childlessness: A Comparative Analysis of Indian And Canadian Contexts	Sociology
15	Jayanta Ghosh IIT Kharagpur	Ian Kerr University of Ottawa	Canadian Privacy & Data Protection Laws: An exploration	Law
16	Alakananda Das University of Calcutta	Sushanta K. Mitra University of Waterloo	Development of Microfluidic Chips Based on Optical Detection	Physics

SHASTRI RESEARCH STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (SRSF) FOR POST DOCTORAL 2016-17				
	Name of the Applicant	Proposed institution/university for affiliation	Topic of Project	Subject
1	Nicole Rigillo McGill University	Arnab Mukherji IIM Bangalore	Open-Source Governance: Ethnography of Citizen Engagement through Online Platforms in Bangalore	Anthropology
2	Kaviya Somasundaram IIT Madras	Kevin Stamplecoskie Queen's University	Chemical Sensor For On-Line Monitoring Of Extremely Dangerous Narcotics and Fentanyl	Chemistry
3	Partha Kundu IIT Roorkee	Yongan (Peter) Gu University of Regina	A Novel Approach For Enhancing the Efficiency of Crude Oil Recovery Techniques By Nanoparticle Stabilized Pickering Emulsions (Nanofluids)	Petro Chemical Engineering
4	Tamanna Anwar Jawaharlal Nehru University	Oleg Dmitriev University of Saskatchewan	Selective Killing of Cancer Cells by Developing Inhibitors Against Specific Target Lysine Methyltransferase (METTLA2A)	Immunology
5	Kalpesh Kumar Joshi IIT Gandhinagar	Ramakrishna Gokaraju University of Saskatchewan	Sustainable Energy Systems with Photovoltaic Generation and Storage Solutions for Rural Communities in India and Canada	Electrical Engineering
6	Toreshettahally R Swaroop University of Mysore	Paris Georghiou Memorial University of Newfoundland	Synthesis of new Polythiophene Materials as Organic Conductors	Chemistry
7	Arun Augustine (ICGEB), Jawaharlal Nehru University	Isabelle Marcotte Université du Québec à Montréal Réjean Tremblay Université du Québec	The Valorization of Blue Diatom: Haslea Ostrearia for Marennine Production	Biotechnology
8	Bharatee Bhusana Dash National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi	Stanley L. Winer Carleton University	Public Spending and Development Outcomes Across Indian States: Does the Quality of Governance Matter?	Economics

Canada Office Programmes

A. SICI CO Programmes 2016-17

This year SICI Canada office gave out 29 grants under 5 programs, namely: Shastri Research Grant (SRG); Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG); Shastri Faculty Training and Internationalization Program (FTI); Shastri Partnership Seed Grant in Aid (SPSG in Aid); Shastri Membership Development Grant (SMDF). The listing of each program, grants, projects and awardees is given below:

1. Shastri Research Grant (SRG)

Five (5) SRG awards were given out to Canadian (lead) and Indian faculty members of SICI member institutions with an objective to support bi-national collaborative research entailing academic mobility and capacity building of faculty members and students in Indian and Canadian universities. For details of awardees refer to **Annexure A**.

2. Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG)

Ten (10) SSTSG awards were given out to faculty members of Canadian and Indian universities to promote academic linkage and mobility between India and Canada including knowledge exchange and partnerships, and promoting educational cooperation between the two countries. For details of awardees refer to **Annexure B**.

3. Shastri Faculty Training and Internationalization Program (FTI)

Six (6) FTI grants were given out to Canadian and Indian faculty members of SICI member institutions. The FTI grants will help in capacity building of the faculty members as well as internationalization of curriculum/teaching methodologies in the participating institutions. For details of awardees refer to **Annexure C**.

4. Shastri Partnership Seed Grant in Aid (SPSG in Aid)

The SPSG in Aid grant was provisional to contributing matching grants (1:2 ratio) by Canadian partner institutions. Three (3) FTI grants were given out to the applicants from Queen's University this year. For details of awardees refer to **Annexure D**.

5. Shastri Membership Development Grant (SMDF)

Five (5) SMDF grants were given out to Canadian Member Institutions this year. These grants helped promoting Indian Studies in the recipient institutions and communities. For details of awardees refer to **Annexure E**.

B. SICI CO Grant Proposal 2016-2021 (5 years)

SICI CO has submitted a five years (2016-2021) grant proposal to Honorable Chrystia Freeland, the Minister of Global Affairs Canada. The proposal has requested GOC

funding at the tune of CAD\$ 8 million. SICI's Canadian EC team and especially the President Elect Dr. Girish Shah has been making extensive representations to Ministers and Members of Parliament in this regard.

The new grant proposal has tentatively planned for the following programs for SICI Canada in the next five years:

Thematic Fields		Tentative Program list 2016-2021
1	Leveraging Bi-national Trade Opportunities	a) Canadian Trade Mission to India
2	Branding Canada's Education in India	a) Shastri Youth Internship in India b) Student Research International (Grad, Doc, Post Doc) c) Arts, Culture and Language Training fellowships d) Study in Canada program
3	Bi-national Research Collaborations	a) Institutional Collaborative Research Program
4	Strengthening Canada- India Institutional Partnerships	a) Faculty Training and Internationalization (university) b) Faculty Training in Vocational Institutions c) Shastri Travel Subsidy Grant d) Partnership Development Seed Grant in Aid e) Broad-Reach Program (Summer schools-Study Tours)
5	Outreach, Advocacy, Networking	a) Membership Outreach b) Engaging Canada-Engaging India

C. EC-CMC Meetings held in 2016-17

i. Executive Council (EC) Meetings

The EC and SICI Canada-India offices held a number of meetings (face to face and electronic) in this year. These meetings discussed various SICI matters concerning programs, HR, financial and other strategic issues, providing useful guidance to SICI management and staff of both offices.

ii. Canadian Members Council (CMC) Meeting 2016

SICI's Canadian Members Council (CMC) meeting was held on 7th May 2016 in the Desmarais Hall (Room 12102), University of Ottawa. A large number of SICI's EC and CMC member representatives from its Canadian and Indian member universities and SICI staff from Canada and India offices have participated in the CMC meeting.

D. SICI Key Outreach and Networking Events 2016-17

i. A Shastri Evening at Parliament Hill

This event took place in Ottawa on 5th May 2016. This outreach event of SICI, co-organized by Honorable MP Joel Lightbound, was well attended by the High Commissioner of India to Canada along with the deputy and the Counsellor (H.E. Vishnu Prakash, Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu and Mr. Parag Jain), four members of the current parliament (Mr. Joel Lightbound- Quebec, Mr. Raj Saini-Kitchener Center/Waterloo, Mr.

Chandra Arya-Napean/Ottawa and Mr. Deepak Obhroi-Calgary Forest Lawn), members of SICI's EC and CMC as well as staff from SICI Canada and India offices. The speakers shared their thoughts and views on the activities of SICI in building stronger Canada-India relationships.

ii. Engaging India in Canada Conference at University of Ottawa

A conference titled: Canada and India Research and Educational Collaboration: Opportunities and Lessons Learnt was organized by SICI and co-hosted by the University of Ottawa on Friday, May 6, 2016. The conference provided a platform for some of SICI's past recipients to discuss their collaborative research experience including lessons learned and offering guidance to other scholars, while highlighting the importance of SICI in promoting India-Canada academic collaborations. The speakers highlighted how the SICI seed funds allowed them to leverage their projects to a much larger scale at the next levels. **iii.** A Breakfast Session on Canada-India Business and Educational Interactions was organized by the Telfer School of Management of the University of Ottawa on 7th May 2016. The session was addressed by a panel of distinguished speakers from diverse backgrounds related to the topic. In addition to SICI's CMC and EC members and staff, this meeting was also attended by the representatives from Global Affairs of Canada, the Indian High Commission in Ottawa and local invitees. SICI Vice President Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay also talked about SICI activities and future plans concerning Canada and India in the meeting.

E. Member Relations

i. Membership Outreach in Canada

SICI India and Canada team comprising Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, Vice President, SICI, Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, India Office, Ms. Mahmuda Aldeen, Program and Member Relations Officer, SICI Canada and Mr. Sabu Alexander, Finance and Public Relations Officer, SICI Canada office took part in a series of outreach programs over six days, visiting the following member institutions in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia: OCAD University, Toronto University, York University, MacEwan University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge and University of British Columbia.

ii. Updated Grants-Benefits Statement for CMC Institutions

Shastri Institute has updated individual grant benefit statements for the CMC member institutions for 2016-17. The revised statements contain information on grants received from SICI by the member institutions in 2016-17. The statements were incorporated in the CMC file 2017 and electronically sent to all members along with other CMC documentations.

iii. Membership Increased

University of Victoria has joined SICI CMC Membership pool in this fiscal year.

F. Financial Summary

SICI Canada's total revenue for the year 2016-17 was \$165,077. The membership fees were \$142,287, a 17% decrease year-over-year because of non-renewal of membership by 3 institutions and outstanding fees receivable from 3 member institutions as of March 31, 2017. Matching grant contributions from member institution(s) for the year was \$9,000,

as compared to \$67,448 in 2015-16. Overall, the total revenue for the year exceeded the annual budgeted revenue of \$159,440 by 3.5%.

Total expenses for the year 2016-17 was \$256,570, a decrease of 31% from the previous year (\$373,195). The decrease was mainly due to a lower Program Cost in 2016-17, which was \$99,782, as compared to \$192,698 in 2015-16. The annual Operating Cost decreased by 13% year-over-year, mainly due to staffing cost reduction of \$21,314, while the rest of operating costs remained constant. Overall, the expenses for the 2016-17 year was decreased by 11.5% as compared to the annual budgeted expenses of \$290,000 for the year.

Shastri Research Grant (SRG)

Name of Lead Applicants and Institutions	Name of Co applicants and Institutions	SRG Projects	Grant Value (CAD\$)
Madhav G Badami McGill University	Deepak Malghan IIM Bangalore	Urban Decision-making in India: Critical Analysis based on Case Studies in Bengaluru and Chennai	6,000
Shantanu Datta University of Ottawa	B.V. Phani, Ramswarup A. Bhaskar IIT Kanpur	Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: An Indo – Canadian Study of Incubator Best Practices	6,000
Shanthi Johnson University of Regina	Seema Puri Delhi University	Canada-India linkages in musculoskeletal and aging research: Focus on exercise intervention.	6,000
Raymond M Klein Dalhousie University	Ramesh Mishra University of Hyderabad	Does the relation between the control of attention and second language proficiency generalize from India to Canada?	6,000
Diwakar Krishnamurthy University of Calgary	Ramkrishna Pasumarthy IIT Madras	Automated Quality of Service Control of Cloud-based Web Services	6,000

Annexure B

Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG)

Name of Applicant and Institution	User of SSTSG	Name of Host and or Partner Institution	Title of SSTSG Project	Value of Grant (CAD\$)
Sukhinder Kaur Cheema MUN	Self	Rajat Sandhir Panjab University	Preventing non-communicable diseases by using dietary based therapeutic strategies.	1,000
Shanthi Johnson U Regina	Self	A.B. Dey All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi	Emerging options of Long Term Care Infrastructure in Asian Countries: Urgent Call for Quality and Care Standards	1,000
Oliver Sonnentag U Montreal	Self	Ajit Govind Kerala U	Implications of thawing permafrost for carbon, water and energy fluxes in the southern Taiga Plains, Northwest Territories!	1,000
Peter Sramek OCAD U	Self	Rishi Singhal National Institute of Design	Photographic Traces: Moving through time with images	1,000
Sree Ram Valluri UWO	Self	Shanti Priya Osmania U	Brown Dwarfs as Reliable Astrophysical Clocks	1,000
Asim Biswas U Guelph	Self	V.K. Tiwari, IIT Kharagpur	On Multi Scale Digital Soil Mapping	1,000
Comondore Ravindran Ryerson U	T.S. Sampath Kumar to travel to Ryerson U	T.S. Sampath Kumar IIT Madras	Series of lectures on: Biodegradable implants and Nano-biomaterials	1,000
Belinda Nicolau McGill U	Self	N. Senthil Kumar University of Mizoram	Life Course Cancer Epidemiology	1,000
Anne Murphy UBC	Anshu Malhotra to travel to UBC	Anshu Malhotra, Delhi University	Co-organizer of workshop, Bhai Vir Singh (1872-1957): Rethinking Literary Modernity in Colonial Punjab!	1,000
Anil Prasad UBC	Self	B.S.Murty IIT Madras	On the synthesis of Cerium(IV) oxide pellets by reactive spark plasma sintering of Cerium(III) oxalate	1,000

Shastri Faculty Training and Internationalization Program (FTI)

Name of Lead Applicant and Institution	Name of Co-applicant and Institution	Name of FTI Projects	Value of Grant (CAD\$)
Raju J Das York University	Deepak Mishra JNU	1. JNU workshops: Workshop A: The commodity, value, and fetishism; Workshop B: Labour and labour power (as a commodity); Workshop C: Dual methods of exploitation of labour; power and surveillance in the work-place; Workshop D: Capitalist accumulation, crisis and unemployment; Workshop E: Primitive accumulation and its contemporary forms under neoliberalism 2. JNU Lectures: 1: Re-theorizing the modern market society; 2: Towards a class-theoretic and internationalist approach to geographically uneven development; 3: Marketization, and conditions of wage-earners and small-scale producers; 4. Theorizing class 3. In Odisha, lecture/workshop topics are: The state and the poor; Uneven development; and nature of Geography in the 21st century.	5,000
Amrita Kundu Jadavpur University	Kinnor Chattopadhyay U of Toronto	1. Lecture Development: Synergy of Process Metallurgy and Physical Metallurgy in Materials Processing and Product Characterisation. 2. Course Development: Steelmaking & Casting: Processing & Production 3. Research Program Development: The Sustainability initiative in steel: Cleaner Steel, Greener Steel, & Stronger Steel	5,000
R. Santhosh IIT Madras	Naomi Goldenberg U of Ottawa	1. Formulation of the following courses with appropriate pedagogy to be introduced for the masters students at IIT Madras: a) Gender and Religion; b) Religion, Development and Globalization. Formulation of a Research Methodology course for PhD students working in the area of Religion 2. Presentation of two seminars on my current research topics: a) 'The Emerging Religious Civil Society Activism in India; a Critical Appraisal' and b) 'Interrogating Islamic Feminism in India; a Critique of Post-secular Feminist Discourses'. 3. Informal academic interaction with faculty, graduate as well as postgraduate students of the department of Religious studies.	5,000

Somnath C Roy IIT Madras	Karthik Shankar U of Alberta	1. Nano Technology Research at IIT Madras- An opportunity for collaboration (lecture) 2. Fabrication of 1D Nano structures and applications to solar energy/Exploring exciting properties in TiO ₂ Graphen Nano composite materials (lectures) 3. Designing and developing GIAN course curriculum on Nano-technology for solar energy in collaboration with Dr. Karthik at U Alberta. 5,000 Birinchi Kumar B. Prithiviraj	5,000
Birinchi Kumar Sarma Banaras Hindu University	B. Prithiviraj Dalhousie U	1. Rhizosphere biology 2. Principles of Plant Pathology (2 lectures)	5,000
Haripriya Gundimeda IIT Bombay	Shashi Kant U of Toronto	1. Environmental Accounting 2. Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity 3. Valuation of Natural Resources	5,000

Annexure D

Shastri Partnership Seed Grant in Aid (SPSG in Aid)

Name of the Awardee and Institution	Name of Indian partner and institution	Project Title	SICI Approved Grant (CAN\$)	Matching Grant from Queen's U (CAN\$)	Total Project Budget (CAN\$)
Dr. Ajay Agarwal Queen's University	Dr. Lalit Kishore Bhati Auroville	Integral Sustainability Institute Envisioning Pudocherry's future growth in socially and environmentally responsible ways	2,000	2,000	4,000
Dr. James Miller Queen's University	Dr. K.P. Jayasankar Tata Institute for Social Sciences	Workshop on Best Practices in ProjectBased Research: Questions of Pedagogy, Curriculum & Development	5,000	5,000	10,000
Dr. Margaret Moore Queen's University	Dr. Anamik Shah Gujarat Vidyapith	Gathering on Common Ground-Building Harmony through Diversity (Conference)	2,000	2,000	4,000

Annexure E

Shastri Membership Development Grant (SMDF)

Name of CMC Institution	Name of Recipient	Purpose/Project	Grant Amount (CAN\$)
Carleton U	Pauline Rankin Vice President, Research and International	Canada-India Innovation Conference	500
MacEwan University	Asma Syed Instructor, Dept. of Humanities	Funding Opportunities for India-Related Research	464
University of Calgary	Dannielle Christensen Social Sciences	Annual Gandhi Lecture	500
Concordia U	Jill Didur Professor, English Dept.	5th Annual Kabir/Concordia South Asian Film Festiva	200
York University	Maria Guzman School of Translation, Glendon College	Public lecture: A multilingual nation: Translation and Language Dynamics in India	500

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