



L'INSTITUT SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE

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# Mission

Shastri envisages a compassionate, progressive, sustainable civil society in India and Canada. This includes an interconnected and empowered India-Canada Community fostered by mutual trust and respect.

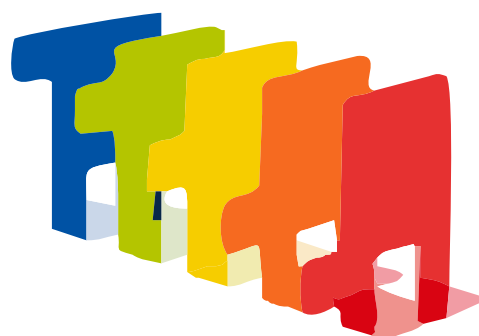
# Vision

To improve the quality of life of the peoples of Canada and India by building and strengthening intellectual and cultural linkages through research, dialogue and exchange.

# Mandate

Shastri builds academic and cultural relationships between India and Canada by providing programmes and services that will enable, facilitate and sustain bi-national dialogue, understanding and interaction. These relationships encompass both institution-to-institution and individual-to-individual linkages.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Shastri Friends,  
Greetings!

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is a unique bi-national organization, governed by its Indian and Canadian member-institutions and funded by the two national governments. The year 2014-15 has been both exciting and challenging, and as President it was my endeavour to take forward the work of my predecessors and fulfil the mandate that has been set for the Shastri Institute – ‘to improve the quality of life of the peoples of India and Canada by building and strengthening intellectual and cultural linkages through research, dialogue and exchange’.

During the year, in addition to continued funding of collaborative research, faculty and student mobility programmes, library programmes and membership development activities the Institute also organized a number of events with partners to improve the visibility of the Institute. We also focussed our activities on areas that are considered priority areas by the governments of India and Canada in their bi-lateral relationships. Though many more challenges lie ahead, I am confident that with the support of the two governments, guidance from the Indian and Canadian member councils and the dedicated work of staff at the India and Canada Offices we are much better prepared to fulfil our mandate in the years ahead.

The Shastri Institute has always been known for its programmes that provide opportunities for faculty and students from both countries to work together. The India Studies Fellowships that were completed during the year provided an opportunity for Canadian scholars/students to work in a university/research institution in India or with expert in India in selected areas. Members in both countries also benefited from programmes funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of the Government of Canada. These included the Scholar travel Subsidy Grants (STSG), Shastri Research Grants (SRG), Shastri Partnership Seed Grant (SPSG) and Shastri Saskatchewan Internship Programme (SSIP). The Quebec Differential Tuition Fee Exemption Programme which enables Indian students to study at the universities in the Province of Québec, Canada by paying the same fees as paid by the domestic students was also managed by the Shastri Institute this year and these benefited selected Indian students studying in Quebec.

The Institute also organized a number of events in partnership with other organizations. A Seminar on ‘Engaging Canada: Developing Sustainable Bi-national Partnerships’ was organized on November 12, 2014 at Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi as part of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Higher Education Summit 2014. The seminar was intended to inform participants at the Summit of opportunities for developing educational collaboration between India and Canada. The Institute also participated in the 4th Global

University-Industry Congress & Higher Education Summit and Knowledge-expo organized by the CII from November 20-21, 2014, at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida. A pavilion at the Knowledge-expo was also used for dissemination of information on the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's programmes and activities.

Though the Institute has been successful in ensuring that many of the existing programmes were continued during the year, significant challenges remain. The signing of a three year contribution agreement with DFATD in 2014 has removed some of the uncertainty regarding funding from the Canadian side. However, this will end next year and continued support of the Government of Canada to the Shastri Institute is critical for our future. The MoU with the MHRD in India will need to be renewed so that there is stability in the quantum of funding from the Government of India as well. During the year a fresh proposal for the Xth Addendum to the MOU between MHRD, Government of India and Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute was submitted to the MHRD. These include some new programmes in areas considered to be priority areas by the new government. I am hopeful that we will be able to sign the new Xth Addendum in the current financial year.

Despite the challenges ahead I am confident that the Shastri Institute will continue to play a significant role in India-Canada relations. The Institute is fortunate to have a dynamic Executive Council led by the new President, Professor Girish Shah and the Vice-President/President Elect Professor Suchorita Chattopadhyay at this critical juncture. They are supported by our Indian and Canadian members and dedicated staff at the India Office and Canada Office. I wish them all success in their efforts.



Professor Biju Paul Abraham

President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute 2014-15

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT & ACTING VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear CMC and IMC Members,  
Greetings!



This is a joint report from both of us as in early March of 2015, one of us (Ron Byrne or RB) resigned from SICI's Vice President's (VP) position due to some professional relocation from Mount Allison University and subsequently, Prof. Girish Shah (GS) took over as an Acting Vice President (AVP) for the interim period, in addition to the then Secretary-Treasurer's role in SICI Executive Council. This message contains all shared and individual outreach activities performed by both us.

The fiscal year 2014-15 had been a busy year for both of us. We were trying to catch up as well as taking SICI business forward towards the goals that were set by the previous EC. During this period, besides performing routine administrative functions concerning SICI management, we met several stakeholders, government officials and other potential partners in the Canada-India education sector in Canada with an aim to increase awareness of SICI, offer updates on its activities, and explore options for collaborations and sustainability.

RB and SICI staff met with Dr. Janaka Ruwanpura, Vice Provost (international) and his two colleagues from U of Calgary. The discussion centered on the possibility of working on a collaborative programme with U of C focusing on petroleum industry, i.e. petroleum technology, policy and business for future petroleum leaders in India. This enterprising effort is to be further explored in 2015-16.

In November 2014 and February 2015, we (GS and RB) had several meetings in Ottawa related to networking, SICI-awareness raising and rapport building, such as those with: (i) the DFATD Officials (Andreas Weichert- Director, Ms. Julia Drew-Watt- Deputy. Director, and Kimberly O'Neil- Policy Advisor, International Education), (ii) the Deputy High Commissioner of India in Canada (Mr. Tsewang Namgyal) at the Indian High Commission; (iii) the Ministers of Govt. of Canada (Honorable Minister Bal Gosal –Sports, Parliamentary secretary Mr Deepak Obhrai and Mr. Brad Lattanzi, the policy advisor of honourable Minister Ed Holder -Science & Technology, and (iv) Members of Parliament (MPs) from other parties, namely Mr. Marc Garneau and Mr. Andrew Cash.

Together both of us also had a number of meetings with other Canada-India Education stakeholders, such as those with: (i) Universities Canada (formerly AUCC) President Mr. Paul Davidson and other members; (ii) Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) President Madame Denise Amyot; and (iii) Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) President Madame Karen McBride. In addition, we met key representatives of two Universities in Ottawa to

encourage them to be once again actively involved in activities of SICI. These meetings were with: (i) Carleton University representatives Dr. Peter Ricketts, Dr. Pauline L. Rankin, Ms. Jaswinder Kaur; and (ii) University of Ottawa Vice President Research Dr. Francois Carrier.

We discussed partnership proposals for SICI's future sustainability with IC-IMPACTS and MITACS. A similar discussion with Universities Canada resulted in a joint request that was submitted to DFATD for organizing a series of conferences on Canada-India education partnerships, which were favourably reviewed by DFATD and may be reactivated for a future funding request.

From February to April 2015, SICI and one of us (GS) were actively engaged with the Ministry of Human Resource and Development of Government of India and High Commission of India in Canada to plan an event on 15th April for launch of a new programme from India named GIAN (Global Initiative for Academic Network). Several meetings were held with various participants of the event, which was to coincide with the historic official visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Canada. Although the GIAN launch event had to be cancelled at the last minute, SICI created a very positive impression with MHRD and we hope to remain fully engaged in GIAN programme when it is expected to be officially launched in fall 2015. In the meanwhile, one of us (GS) participated in the dinner reception in Toronto on 15th April for PM Modi hosted by the High Commissioner of India in Canada. GS had a brief exchange and introduction with PM Modi during this event and was accompanied by two former presidents of SICI.

Finally, we would like to emphasize that SICI has tried to adapt adroitly to the changing financial realities due to policies implemented by of Government of Canada over past years to reorganize the methods of financial support to not only SICI but many other organizations like SICI. Added to this, the fact is that SICI has to compete for often the same pool of funds being sought by many other players in Canada, such as AUCC, CICan, Mitacs, IC-IMPACTS, APF, CBIE, etc. Our approach is to meet this challenge in a collegial fashion rather than in a mutually exclusive competitive fashion so that all of us can flourish together to meet the common goal of a strong and vibrant Canada-India educational relationship. In this context, we at the SICI are looking forward to all our CMC and IMC members' collective thoughts and opinions in identifying innovative strategies to meet all our current stakeholders' (funders, CMC and IMC members) needs and objectives in the following years.

Thank you.



Ron Byrne  
SICI Vice President  
Vice-President, International & Student Affairs  
Mount Allison University



Dr. Girish M. Shah  
SICI Acting Vice President  
Professor, Faculty of Medicine  
Laval University

## OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Canadian Members Council

Concordia University • Dalhousie University • École Polytechnique de Montréal • HEC Montreal • Kwantlen Polytechnic University • Laval University • McGill University • McMaster University • Memorial University of Newfoundland • Mount Allison University • Ontario College of Art and Design University (OCAD) • Queen's University • Ryerson University • Saint Mary's University • Simon Fraser University • St. Thomas University • University of Alberta • University of British Columbia • University of Calgary • University of Guelph • University of Lethbridge • University of Manitoba • University of Montreal • University of Prince Edward Island • University of Regina • University of Saskatchewan • University of the Fraser Valley • University of Toronto • University of Waterloo • University of Western Ontario • University of Winnipeg • Université du Québec à Montréal • Wilfred Laurier University • York University

### Indian Members Council

Assam University • Banaras Hindu University • Berhampur University • University of Calcutta • English and Foreign Languages University • University of Delhi • Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya • University of Goa • Gujarat University • Hidayatullah National Law University • Himachal Pradesh University • Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) • Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore • Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta • Indian Institute of Management, Indore • Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode • Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow • Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay • Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur • Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur • Indian Institute of Technology, Madras • Indian Institute of Technology, Patna • Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee • Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) • Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore • Jadavpur University • Jammu University • Jawaharlal Nehru University • University of Kerala • Jamia Millia Islamia • Madras University • Madurai Kamaraj University • Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda • Mangalore University • Mumbai University • University of Mysore • National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University (NALSAR) • National Institute of design, Bangalore • National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) • National Law University, Delhi • National Law University, Jodhpur • National Museum Institute • National Law School of India University, Bangalore • National Institute Of Public Finance And Policy, New Delhi • Osmania University • Panjab University • Pondicherry University • Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala • SNDT Women's University • Xavier Labour Relations Institute, Jamshedpur (XLRI) • Sri Venkataswara University • Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University (RMLNU) • University of Hyderabad • The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai



## OUR PROGRAMMES 2014-15

### India Studies Fellowship

The India Studies Fellowship has been one of the core programmes of SICI and these fellowships provides an opportunity for Canadian scholars/students to work in a university/research institution in India or with expert in India in the field of their interest. The India Studies committee finally selected seven fellows and scholars availed their respective fellowships in this year. Dr. Alan Guenther who was awarded 'Faculty Research Fellowship' declined the award due to his personal reasons thus the award was extended to the first waitlisted candidate Dr. Lawrence Martis. Ms. Susan Westfall also could not avail her award.

### India Studies Fellowship

Sl. No.	Name	Category of Fellowships	Institution	Research/Training Areas	Affiliating Institution In India
1	Westfall, Susan (booked her travel but not availed)	Doctoral Student	Banaras Hindu University	Characterization of the Effect of Ayurvedic Herbs on the Composition of the Gut Micro Flora and its Implication on the Neurobiology of Parkinson's Disease	Banaras Hindu University
2	Wilkinson, Lori	Faculty Research	University of Manitoba	The Settlement Experiences of Bangladeshi Migrants in Kolkata	Jadavpur University
3	Sheldon, Victoria Lynn Charlotte	Student Language Training	University of Victoria	Natural' Curing in Kerala, South India: Bodily Practices as Articulating Social Critique	Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram
4	Martis, Lawrence	Post-Doctoral	NA	The Voices of Parents of Children with Kidney Disease about Accessing Health Care, their Psychosocial Burdens, and Coping Strategies	Sikkim and Manipal University
5	Gollner, Michael	Doctoral Student	McGill University	Canonization in the Śaiva Siddhanta: A Study of the Construction and Reception of the Kamikagama	Institut Francais de Pondicherry
6	Tremblay, Richard	Art	Kalashas Company (Montreal, Thrissur)	Choreography and Discourse in Kathakali (Art Project)	Kerala Kalamandalam, Deemed University of Art and Culture, Thrissur
7	Swanson, Cole	Art	University of King's College	Murals, Materiality, and Modernity: Experimentations on the Jaipur School Fresco	University of Rajasthan

### Library Programme-India Studies

The programme was affected due to reduction in funding for the year. We have received book request for 996 titles from different member universities for the financial year 2014-15. Library programme is to encourage more scholarly inquiry and professional academic activities with the objective of contributing to the development, improved quality and expansion of Indian studies in Canada. The Library programme acquires current Indian publications for scholarly and public use in the libraries of the member institutions.

### Quebec Differential Tuition Fee Exemption

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and the Government of Québec have an agreement to exempt selected Indian students from paying differential tuition fees for post-graduate programmes. The Tuition Fee Exemption Programme enables Indian students to study at the universities in the Province of Québec, Canada by paying the same fees as paid by the domestic students. The fees for international students are generally three times those to what is paid by the domestic students. In order to avail the tuition fee exemption, an Indian student must pursue full-time study at the Master's or Doctoral level. This exemption is available for 15 students pursuing a Master's degree and for 14 students pursuing a Doctoral programme during the period of the agreement. These students are recommended by the Shastri Institute.

For the year 2014, Institute received 68 applications out of these 58 applications (in a breakup of 30 for Masters and 28 for the doctoral programme) were complete and eligible for the programme. On 13 June 2014, India office conducted adjudication and the committee recommended 12 applicants for Master's and 5 for the Doctoral programme. The recommendations were sent to Quebec officials for their consideration. Finally, Quebec Government confirmed granting of 13 exemptions - 8 for the Masters and 5 for the Doctoral programme.

Sl. No.	NAME	LAST INSTITUTION-QUALIFIED	UNIVERSITY	PROGRAMME	
				Programme Name	Programme Level
1	Likun Panda	VIT, Vellore	University of Laval	PhD in Food Science and Technology	Doctoral
2	Gayatri Bhangale Zope	UMR FLAVI CSGA	University of Laval	PhD in Chemical Engineering	Doctoral
3	Deepak Verma	G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar	University of Laval	PhD in Mechanical Engineering	Doctoral
4	Priyanka Braojabasi	BHU, Varanasi	University of Sherbrooke	PhD in Physics	Doctoral
5	Dharnaraman Seetharaman T. V.	Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer, Montreal	University of Montreal	PhD in Molecular Biology	Doctoral
6	Ayesha Vemuri	McGill University	McGill University	Masters in Communication Studies	Masters

7	Prince Singh Raj	HEC Montreal	HEC Montreal	M.Sc. in Global Supply Chain Management (Thesis)	Masters
8	Priyanka Kamat	McGill University	McGill University	MSc Bioresource Engineering (Thesis)	Masters
9	Ankur Sanghavi	HEC Montreal	HEC Montreal	Masters of Business Administration	Masters
10	Swathika Anandan	McGill University	McGill University	Masters of Urban Planning	Masters
11	Vishnu Sreekumar	Concordia University	Concordia University	Masters of Engineering in Aerospace	Masters
12	Amogh Gopinathan Nair	University of Montreal	University of Montreal	Masters in Molecular Biology	Masters
13	Nitin Ravishankar	HEC Montreal	HEC Montreal	M.Sc. in Global Supply Chain Management (Thesis)	Masters

### Shastri Research Grant (SRG)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office gave 6 SRG awards to Canadian and Indian faculty members plus student researchers of SICI member institutes with an objective to support bi-national collaborative research studies entailing academic mobility and capacity building in Indian and Canadian institutions.

Sl.No.	Name, Institution of Lead Applicant	Name, Institution of Co- Applicant	Research Topic	Approved Grant (CAD\$)
1	Dr. Pratima Arun Tatke SNDT Women's University	Dr. Peter Roy, University of Toronto	Evaluation of Abelmoschus Esculentus (lady finger) for Antidiabetic Activity	10,000
2	Prof. Rene C. Gaudreault Laval University	Prof. Supriya Mahajan, SNDT Women's University	Evaluation of Vivo Efficacy of Novel families of Anti-Cancer Compounds on Human Tumors Grafted to Chick Embryos	10,000
3	Dr. Eric Vaz Ryerson University	Prof. Kotha Mahender, University of Goa	The Goan Land: A Spatial Interpretation of the Past, Present and Future	10,000
4	Dr. Kalyani Premkumar University of Saskatchewan	Dr. Solomon Satishkumar, University of Madras	A Comparison and Self Directed Learning Readiness of Indian and Canadian Medical Students: A Mixed Method Study	10,000
5	Dr. Raju J. Das York University	Dr. Deepak Mishra, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Geographically Uneven Development in an Under-Developed State of India: A Study of Odisha	10,000
6	Dr. Elumalai Kannan Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)	Prof. Richard S. Gray, University of Saskatchewan	India-Canada Pulses Trade: Prospects and Challenges	10,000

### Shastri Partnership Seed Grant (SPSG)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office gave 5 SPSPG awards to faculty members of Canadian and Indian universities to initiate small scale bi-national projects leading to institutional agreements and long term partnerships.

Sl. No.	Name, Institution of Lead Applicant	Name, Institution of Co- Applicant	Project Title	Approved Grant (CAD\$)
1	Dr. Ayesha Kidwai Jawaharlal Nehru University	Dr. Thomas A. Perry, Simon Fraser University	Indigenous Languages in India and Canada: Structure, Documentation and Vitality.	5,000
2	Dr. Adrian Shubert York University	Dr. Suranjan Das, University of Calcutta	Nation Building in India: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Trajectories.	5,000
3	Dr. Punam Pahwa University of Saskatchewan	Dr. Pratibha Gupta, Sharda University	An International Research Initiative to Reduce Indoor Biomass Fuel Exposure and Enhance Respiratory Health in Rural India.	5,000
4	Dr. Martin Bitzan, MD McGill University	Dr. Manohar Bairy, MD Katsuba Medical College, Manipal university	Access, Adherence and Outcomes of Renal Replacement Treatments at a Tertiary Care Hospital in Coastal Karnataka, India: Implications of Gender and Sex Analysis for Preventing End Stage Renal Disease and Providing Better Health Care.	5,000
5	Dr. Govind Gopakumar Concordia University	Dr. Deepak Srinivasan, Srishti School of Art	Designing a Manifesto for Inclusive Public Transport Buses in Bengaluru, India	4,800

### Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office gave 12 SSTSG awards to faculty members in Canadian and Indian universities to promote scholars mobility between India and Canada including knowledge exchange and partnerships, leading to education cooperation between the two countries.

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant & Affiliations	To which Institution	Topic of Presentation/Training	Value of Grant (CAD\$)
1	Nigel Caulkett, University of Calgary	KVASU, Pookode, Lakkidi,Wayanad, Kerala	Identifying Priority Areas in Wildlife Conservation in Wayanad and the Role of KVASU	1,250
2	Sukhinder Cheema, Memorial University	Punjab University, Chandigarh	Targeting Malnutrition to Improve the Health of the Next Generation	1,250

3	George Tourlakis, York University	Amity University Campus, New Delhi	Toward the Implementation of a Multilayer Collaboration Between York and Amity Universities in the Areas of Joint Programming and Joint Research	1,000
4	David Valliere, Ryerson University	IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Social Drivers of Entrepreneurial Intent	1,000
5	Jaswant Guzder, McGill University	TISS, Mumbai	Child Trauma/ Family Therapy Training	1,000
6	Anand Yethiraj, Memorial University	TIFR Centre for Interdisciplinary Sciences, Hyderabad	Experimental Studies of Hydrodynamics in Colloids and Emulsions	1,000
7	Bernard Fleet, Ryerson University	Visva-Bharati University	History, Science and Socio- Economics of Climate Change	1,000
8	Zubin Jacob, University of Alberta	IIT Bombay Powai, Mumbai	Nanoscale Radiative Heat Transfer for Thermal Energy Conversion	1,000
9	Sunil Bisnath, York University	Amity University, Campus of New Delhi	Overview of the York University Geometrics Programme and Future Directions. Latest Developments in Satellite based Precise Positioning	1,000
10	Asim Biswas, McGill University	University of Mumbai	Quantifying Soil Spatial Variability for Sustainable Resource Management	1,000
11	Vijaya Krishnan, University of Alberta	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram	Composite Index Construction	1,000
12	Naveen Babu, Gnanamoorthi Shiv Nadar University	University of Alberta	Analysis of Fast Wave Mode in Tape Helix Structures for use in Antenna Radiation	1,000

### Shastri Student Internship Programme (SSIP)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office gave 10 SSIP internships to students (in undergraduate and graduate levels) from universities and colleges in Saskatchewan region. These 10 students were in India for 2 months (May-June 2015), working with Indian institutions under supervision on Professors of those host institutions. The SSIP helped students to enhance their international mobility experience, along with knowledge sharing, networking and gaining firsthand international research experience.

Sl. No.	Name of Awardees	Canadian Institution	Indian Host Institution	Name of Internship Project	Value of Grant (CAD\$)
1	Mr. Wesley Ridgway	University of Saskatchewan/ UG	IIT Kanpur	Advanced Material Synthesis & characterization at the Ion Beam Laboratory	4,500

2	Mr. Philip Lagace	University of Saskatchewan/G	University of Assam/Goa University / University of Mysore	The Relationship of Philosophy and Praxis	4,500
3	Ms. Katrina Barth	University of Saskatchewan / UG	Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University	One-Health initiative in Southern India: Participating to Enhance Public Health, Productivity, and Animal Welfare through Animal Medicine Initiatives	4,500
4	Ms. Lauren Beaulieu	University of Saskatchewan / UG	Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University	One-Health initiative in Southern India: Participating to Enhance Public Health, Productivity, and Animal Welfare through Animal Medicine Initiatives	4,500
5	Mr. Thomas Seibel	University of Saskatchewan /G	Banaras Hindu University/JNU/ Goa University	Cross Cultural Human Rights Scholarship and Discourse	4,500
6	Mr. Sam Dietrich	University of Regina/UG	IIT Kanpur	Design of an Intelligent Robotic System for Surveying	4,500
7	Ms. Savhanna Wilson	University of Saskatchewan /G	ISEC/University of Kerala/Goa University	Cross cultural perspectives on Social Justice Issues	4,500
8	Ms. Danielle Gutter	University of Saskatchewan / UG	Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University	One-Health Initiative in Southern India: Participating to Enhance Public Health, Productivity, and Animal Welfare through Animal Medicine Initiatives	4,500
9	Mr. Steve Van Ravenstein	University of Saskatchewan / UG	Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University	One-Health Initiative in Southern India: Participating to Enhance Public Health, Productivity, and Animal Welfare through Animal Medicine Initiatives	4,500
10	Mr. Syed Basheer Syed Farook	University of Regina/UG	IIT Madras/ Madurai Kamaraj University	Ocean Engineering- Petroleum System Engineering	4,500

### Membership Development Grant (MDF)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office approved 6 MDF grants to its CMC institutions this year. These MDF grants provided a modest amount to recipient CMC institutions to promote and expand India studies in their institutions-communities.

Sl. No.	Name of Recipient	CMC Institution	Topic	Value of Grant (CAD\$)
1	Dr. Satya Sharma	University of Saskatchewan	Classical Instrumental Music	500
2	Dr. Raj Rangayyan	University of Calgary	Mystical Melodies, CD and Concert with Classical Music of India on the Bamboo Flute Bansuri and Tabla	500
3	Dr. Thomas Waugh	Concordia University	4th Annual Kabir Centre Film Festival	500
4	Dr. Ananya Mukherjee	York University	Woman: A Search, a Tribute to Gender Equality	500
5	Dr. Kanchan Sarkar	University of British Columbia	Globalization and its Implications on the Labour in Global South.	500 (Dr. Sarkar declined due to logistical issues.
6	Dr. Rashed Chowdhury	McGill University	Eurasian Empires and the South Asian Colonial Subject through the Prism of Travel Accounts.	500

### Canadian Studies Library

In 2014-15, 150 scholars consulted the library for resources on Canadian Studies and 354 books were lent out to scholars. There were many queries for knowing availability of books, membership rules, articles and other information. On demand from scholars, CSL added 7 books to its collection from unutilized funds of Shastri Knowledge Mobilization Grant (SKMG) while 9 books were received on gratis. As another avenue, CSL conducted 3 online exams for Athabasca University. Presently, CSL has 25 paid individual members.





## EVENTS/CONFERENCES/ROUNDTABLES

### Conference on 'Engaging Canada: Emerging Priorities for Sustainable Partnerships'

On May 30, 2014, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized second Engaging Canada Conference titled **"Engaging Canada: Emerging Priorities for Sustainable Partnerships"** with support from MHRD, Government of India at India International Centre, New Delhi. The conference was organized with the objective of presenting collaborative research that had been completed, or was being undertaken, by Indian and Canadian universities/research institutions in five areas:

**Energy & Environment, Public Health, Food Security & Sustainable Development, Bi-lateral Trade and Investment and Vocational Education.** The Conference provided a platform for 55 researchers from 35 institutions of India and Canada to present their work and discuss further academic and institutional collaborations between Indian and Canadian universities and research institutes. The scholars included both faculty at universities/research institutes and also doctoral students.



The inaugural address was delivered by H.E. Mr. Jim Nickel, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada while Dr. Anindya Chatterjee, Director, IDRC gave the keynote address. This conference was an attempt towards the mandate of SICI through creating the network of governments, academics and people. This conference presented the ongoing collaborative research between civil society, government and academics. The priority areas of this conference were also the same as defined

by the government of two countries. Out of more than 100 abstracts received 18 papers were selected for presentations by 55 scholars involving 35 institutions throughout India and Canada. Conference witnessed more than 80 participants in person.

### Seminar on 'Engaging Canada: Developing Sustainable Bi-national Partnership'

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized a **Seminar - Engaging Canada: Developing Sustainable Bi-national Partnership on November 12, 2014 at Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi** in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Higher Education Summit on November 13 & 14, 2014 in Delhi. The seminar was supported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The Seminar featured Canadian and Indian speakers who highlighted current opportunities for developing academic links between Indian and Canadian higher





educational institutions. The panelists shared the successes of their research/academic networks, collaborations and articulated some of the challenges of developing sustainable international partnerships in higher education.

### **Dissemination Sessions on Quebec International Tuition Fee Waiver Programme**



In collaboration with Quebec government Shastri Institute organized two dissemination sessions at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi on 12 March 2015 and at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai on 18th March 2015. The sessions received very good response at SNDT with turn-up close to 150 students and administrators. However, at JNU the session was more focused with participation of 25 students and Professors.

The rationale and prime objective of this programme was to promote Institutions of higher learning of Quebec among Indian students in consort with Quebec International Tuition fee exemption programme for Indian Students. Mr. Alain Oliver, Director, Quebec office in India and Dr. Prachi Kaul, Programme Officer, Shastri Institute made presentations and interacted with students and administrators present.

### **“Education Expo – Saskatchewan” at Cliff Wright Library Auditorium**

An Education Expo on promoting Saskatchewan education to the community at large and Indo-Canadian Community in particular was organized by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and co-hosted by India Canada Cultural Association (ICCA) with the support from the Government of Saskatchewan on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Govt. of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Advanced Education, University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, St. Peter's college, Luther College, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, North West College, members from the Indo-Canadian community. The welcome address was brought by Dr. Braj Sinha, former Shastri President and Professor, University of Saskatchewan who highlighted the areas of co-operation between Canada and India and the MOUs signed by the two Prime Minister's during the recent visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



In her speech, Ms. Tammy Bloor Cavers, Assistant Deputy Minister of Sector Relations and Student Services mentioned that Government of Saskatchewan's post-secondary international strategy is designed to help increase the number of international students coming to the province and the number of students studying abroad. The strategy also promotes alignment with our post-secondary institutions. The Assistant Deputy Minister said that the ministry is working towards increased educational engagement with other countries, and in this context the partnership with Shastri Indo Canadian Institute is extremely important part of the Government's strategy.



The meeting was comprised of plenary session followed by brief sharing of India engagement plans and experiences by Ms. Livia Castellanos, Director, UR International, University of Regina, Dr. Diane Martz, Director, International Research and Partnerships, USASK and Mr. David Harvey, Associate VP, Business Dev SASK Polytechnic. At the conference, SICI was represented by Ms. Mahmuda Aldeen, Programme and Member Relations Officer and Mr. Sabu Alexander, Finance and Public Relations Officer.

The conference brought together the full spectrum of players ranging from the decision makers in the Government of Saskatchewan to organizations and individuals who play a significant role in executing the collaborative programmes between Canada and India, University and college representatives and students.

The last session involved a presentation and panel discussion on India Canada academic collaboration at post-secondary level- trends, aspirations and benefits. The participants in each session highlighted the need for synergy and sustained collaborations in multiple areas among different key players in promoting educational collaboration between Canada and India in general and Province of Saskatchewan in particular.

Further, an important aim of the Education Expo was to enable Saskatchewan's higher education institutes to showcase their programmes to the potential students and parents of Saskatchewan community. In response, a number of individual 'Education Booths' were set up by various higher education institutions of Saskatchewan region, namely: University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, Saskatchewan Polytechnic Institute, St. Peter's College, Luther College and North West College. These Education Booths provided the visiting targeted audience a one stop opportunity to glance through the various programmes offered by these higher education institutions.

### Canada-India Education Conference

A conference on the theme "Canada-India Education" was jointly organized by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and co-hosted by Université Laval with the support from Department of Foreign Affairs Trade and Development (DFATD) on Friday, May 15, 2015. This was the first major Pan-Canadian meeting of major stakeholders in Canada-India Education sector since the joint declaration on 16th April 2015 by the two Prime Ministers: honourable Mr. Stephen Harper of Canada and honourable Mr. Narendra Modi of India to and maintain strong educational links between the two countries in April 2015.



The conference was comprised of plenary session followed by three specific sessions devoted to (i) Canada-India Educational links; (ii) Building Synergy among Different Partners in Canada-India Education Sector; and (iii) Challenges and Rewards for Institutional Collaborations between Universities in Quebec and India.

The conference brought together the full spectrum of players ranging from the decision makers in the three Governments (India, Canada and Quebec) to organizations and individuals who

play a significant role in executing the collaborative programmes between Canada and India, University representatives and students.



The participants in each session highlighted the need for synergy and sustained collaborations in multiple areas among different key players in promoting educational collaboration between the two countries. This event, in important ways builds on the momentum gained by Engaging India events organized in the recent past by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in Halifax, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Calgary, Vancouver, Montreal, Engaging French Canada event held in Pondicherry and the Engaging Canada events held in New Delhi. The conference also received the financial and logistical support from Université Laval, and the Neuroscience axis

of the CHU de Quebec Research Centre.

Letters of greetings were sent by the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Multiculturalism, Honourable Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Madam Christine St-Pierre, Honourable Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie and Honourable Mr. Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In his letter Minister Jason Kenney quoted "Through the Canada India Education Conference educators from both countries can work together to open avenues of cooperation, to the benefit of both of our countries. It is also an excellent way for participants to exchange ideas and collaborate to move together by complementing the strengths of each country." The Minister thanked the members of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute for their ongoing work in support of cooperation between Canada and India in the field of education.



#### 4th Global University-Industry Congress & Higher Education Summit and Knowledgexpo



The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute participated in **4th Global University-Industry Congress & Higher Education Summit and Knowledgexpo** on November 20-21, 2014 organized by CII at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida and also had a pavilion at the Knowledgexpo for dissemination of information on the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's programmes and activities. The Higher Education Summit featured industry-government policy round-tables, thematic sessions and partnership sessions.

The President of the Shastri Institute, Professor Biju Paul Abraham was a panelist at the session on 'Global Partnerships in Indian Context'. Professor Abraham spoke about the importance of developing global partnerships and highlighted the Shastri Institute's contributions to building sustainable partnerships between Indian and Canadian universities and research institutions. He also identified some of the critical success factors for developing sustainable international education partnerships.

Professor Shanthi Johnson, Associate Dean (Research & Graduate Studies), University of Regina and Past-President of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute spoke on the importance of developing entrepreneurial skills in our education systems and also on the role that community colleges were playing in providing vocational education in Canada.



A large number of participants also visited the Shastri Institute pavilion at the Knowledgeexpo to get information regarding the Shastri Institute's programmes and activities. Ms. Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee, Programme Officer and Ms. Reshma Rana Verma, Library-in-Charge, of the India Office briefed them about current and upcoming programmes of the Institute.

## Engaging India and Engaging Canada and Other Networking Initiatives

### i. SICI National Conference held at Carleton University

A National Conference on: **“Engaging Canada and India in Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities in Multilevel Trends and Sustainable Partnerships”** was organized by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office on 9th May 2014 at the Carleton University. The conference was attended by academicians and researchers from various Canadian universities, as well as delegates from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), the Canada-India Business Council (CIBC), the Asia Pacific Foundation (APF), and the Conference Board of Canada (CoBC). Also present were distinguished guests and speakers, Deputy High Commissioner of India, Mr. Tsewang Namgyal, and Senator Asha Seth.



### ii. FICCI Vice Chancellors' Delegation to Toronto and Vancouver



Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada office facilitated a meeting between FICCI delegation of Indian University Vice-chancellors and directors led by Dr. Shobha Mishra Ghosh, Sr. Director, FICCI with University of Toronto and University of British Columbia on June 17, 2014 and June 20, 2014 respectively. SICI's former President, Dr. Shanthi Johnson chaired these meetings. These meetings focused on student engagement and ways to improve teaching process through technology in classroom setup in Indian academic institutions,

higher degree of student engagement in blended hybrid learning, teaching excellence in higher education in India, ideas about best practice pedagogy and encouragement of flexible thinking. The idea of starting a summer institute programme between Canada and India was discussed as a means towards faculty enhancement, improve the quality of instruction in higher education with an emphasis on research and its integration into curriculum.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2014-15

- a) On 18 February 2015, Prof. Margaret Walton-Roberts, EC Member at Large and Dr. Prachi Kaul, Programme Officer met with Mr. Juss Duton, Deputy High commissioner of Canada to India at High Commission of Canada, New Delhi to discuss possibilities of collaboration and support with Government of Canada through DFAIT.
- b) On 11 March 2015, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, President met with Dr. Jaipal Singh, Director, MHRD and submitted the revised proposal to Ministry of Human Resource Development for renewal of Xth Addendum to MoU between Shastri Institute and Government of India.
- c) On 11th Nov 2014, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, President along with Vice-President, Mr. Ron Byrne met Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, Joint Secretary (ICC), in his office at Shastri Bhawan to talk about funding for the financial year 2014-15 and renewal of MoU.
- d) In July 2014, Mr. Ron Byrne, the Vice-President & President-elect along with SICI staff met with Dr. Janaka Ruwanpura, Vice Provost (international) and his two colleagues from U of Calgary. The discussion centered on the possibility of working on a collaborative programme with U of C focusing on petroleum industry, i.e., petroleum technology, policy and business for future petroleum leaders in India. This initiative is to be further explored in 2015-16.
- e) Mr. Ron Bryne, Vice-President & President-elect and Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President visited DFATD officials (Andreas Weichert- Director, Ms. Julia Drew-Watt- Deputy. Director, and Kimberly O'Neil- Policy Advisor, International Education) in Ottawa in early November 2014.
- f) Mr. Ron Bryne, Vice-President & President-elect and Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President met with Deputy High Commissioner of India at the Indian High Commission, Ottawa and discussed the possible implication of SICI in the education related MOU to be signed between India and Canada. They also talked about the central role of SICI in arranging an event in April 2015 in Ottawa that would incorporate a launch of GIAN, an initiative of Govt. of India.
- g) Mr. Ron Bryne, Vice-President & President-elect and Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President met with honorable Minister Bal Gosal (Sports) which provided an opportunity to discuss SICI's activities in promoting Canada-India initiatives to the Minister and to obtain his moral and vocal support towards activities and goals of SICI in coming years.
- h) Mr. Ron Bryne, Vice-President & President-elect and Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President met with Mr. Brad Lattanzi, the policy advisor of honorable Minister Ed Holder (Science & Technology). The team also met with MPs Mr. Marc Garneau and Mr. Andrew Cash to inform them about activities of SICI and to seek their moral support for its activities.
- i) Mr. Ron Bryne, Vice-President & President-elect and Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President had meetings with AUCC President Mr. Paul Davidson, CI-Can President Madame Denise Amyot and CBIE President Madame Karen McBride in November 2014. These meetings facilitated rapport building, exchanging information and exploring opportunities for collaborative activities in the future.

- j) Mr. Ron Bryne, Vice-President & President-elect and Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President met with representatives from Carleton University and Ottawa University with a view to re-establish connections and bringing them back to SICI CMC in May 2015.
- k) Prof. Girish Shah, Acting Vice-President participated in the high level dinner hosted by the IHC in honour of the visiting Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. Dr. Shanthi Johnson (former SICI President) and Dr. Balbir Sahni of Concordia University were also present at the dinner.



### Indian Members Council (IMC)

This year Indian Member Council meeting was held on Saturday 02 May 2015 at Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by 32 representatives from member institutions. There were four new joinings in SICI for the year 2015-16. Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay was elected as 'Vice- President & President elect' of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Prof. Jamuna Duvvuru was elected as 'Chair-Nominations Committee', Prof. Armstrong was elected as 'Chair- Canadian Studies Committee.



## Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Canadian Members Council (CMC)



The Canadian Member Council meeting (CMC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was held on May 16, 2015. In CMC three new members were elected. These three new joinings in SICI was for the post of President, Secretary Treasurer and India Studies Chair. Prof. Shah was elected 'President', Prof. Boisvert was elected as 'Secretary Treasurer' and Prof. Satya Dev Gupta was elected 'India Studies Chair

of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

The AGM considered the Report of the Executive Council, the Financial Statements of the Institute, the Report of the Auditors and the Re-appointment of the Auditors.

## INDIA OFFICE PROGRAMME 2014-15

### India Office Programs

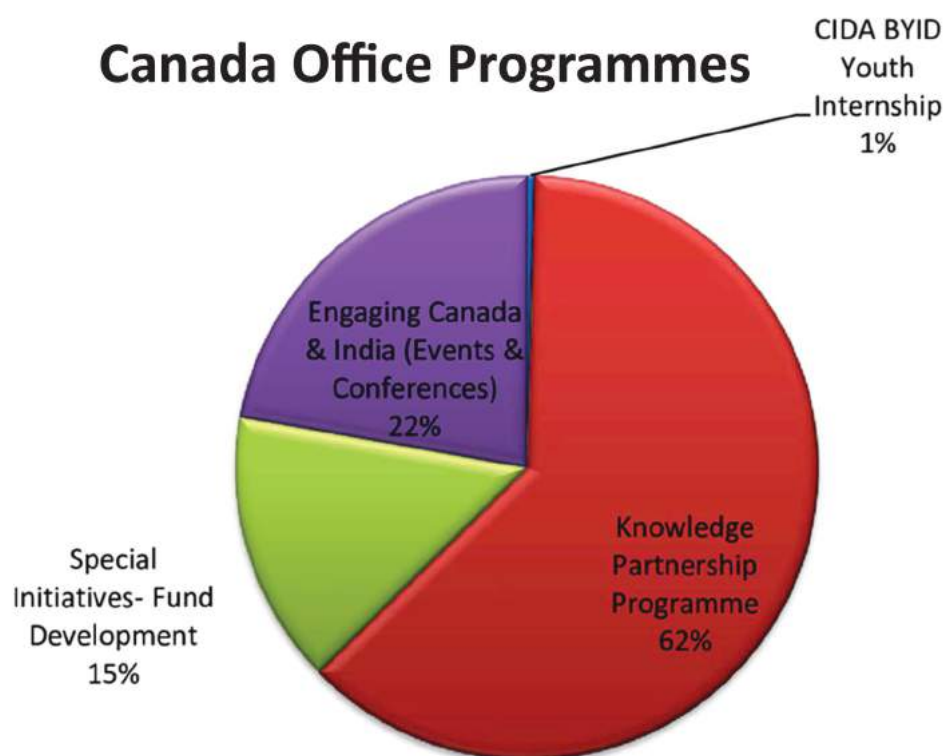
Library Programme	549,568
Followship Programme	1,328,305
Seminars & Conference	697,840
Restructuring & Governance Initiatives	1,090,567
Collaboration Research Projects	1,037,437
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13,794,890</b>



## CANADA OFFICE PROGRAMME 2014-15

### Canada Office Programs

CIDA BYID Youth Internship	\$	1,076.00
Knowledge Partnership Programme	\$	173,339.00
Special Initiatives-Fund Development	\$	42,058.00
Engaging Canada & India (Events & Conference)	\$	61,800.00





## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION- INDIA OFFICE

<b>SHASTRI INDO CANADIAN INSTITUTE</b> <b>India office, New Delhi</b> <b>(Incorporated in Canada without share capital)</b>			
	Sch No.	As at 31/03/2015 Rs.	As at 31/03/2014 Rs.
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
Capital Grants	1	4,113,487	4,113,487
Reserve Funds		(3,613,865)	35,470
Retirement Benefit Reserve Funds	2	3,140,662	2,952,910
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,640,284</b>	<b>7,101,866</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	3		
Gross Block		5,774,722	5,774,722
Less : Depreciation		5,049,399	4,852,635
Net Block		725,323	922,087
<b>Current Assets, Loans &amp; Advances</b>			
Cash and Bank balances	4	7,352,032	6,678,526
Loans and Advances	5	3,081,536	7,155,003
<b>A</b>		<b>10,433,567</b>	<b>13,833,529</b>
Less : Current Liabilities & Provisions	6		
Current Liabilities		4,541,254	4,529,769
Provision for Leave Encashment		2,977,352	3,123,981
<b>B</b>		<b>7,518,606</b>	<b>7,653,749</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (A-B)</b>		<b>2,914,961</b>	<b>6,179,780</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,640,284</b>	<b>7,101,866</b>
Notes to the Accounts	7		

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION- CANADA OFFICE

<b>Balance Sheet as on 31-March-2015</b>			
		<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash & Bank			
CIBC - A/c 06029-010-8301816	\$ 185,791.81		
Scotia - A/c 91579-002-0057614	<u>\$ 216.63</u>	\$ 186,008.44	
Term Deposits			
GIC - 23-5135178	\$ 214,631.92		
Accrued Interest on GIC	<u>\$ 1,306.64</u>	\$ 215,938.56	
Accounts Receivable			
GST - 50%		\$ 5,094.51	
Accrued Income		\$ 38,738.40	
Others		\$ (608.21)	
Inter-office A/c - (Due from India Office)		\$ 26,158.89	
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits		\$ -	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>\$ 471,330.59</b>
<b>Other Non-Current Assets</b>			
Investment in South Asia Advisory		<u>\$ 1.00</u>	
<b>Total Other Assets</b>			<b>\$ 1.00</b>
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Office & Computer Equipment	\$ 11,096.59		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ (9,962.68)</u>	\$ 1,133.91	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>			<b>\$ 1,133.91</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b><u>\$ 472,465.50</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable		\$ -	
Accrued Liabilities		\$ 1,163.30	
Accrual Programs		\$ 78,614.22	
Provisions		\$ 14,426.00	
Credit Card Payable - CIBC		\$ 1,984.04	
Deposit Hold back - Grant Recipients		\$ 36,906.51	
Receiver General		\$ 8,349.43	
Vacation Payable		<u>\$ 16,794.30</u>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			<b>\$ 158,237.80</b>

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It's our privilege and immense pleasure to convey our gratitude to our funders, stakeholders, donors and scholars in India and Canada on behalf of the Shastri Institute. We would not be exaggerating if we say that our work depends on you - without your support we simply would not have been able to deliver whatever we did during the year 2014-15 and even earlier. Our special thanks to our past and present Executive Council members for their encouragement, dedication and continued support that have made a real difference in the outcome we could finally produce. With their time, expertise and advice the institute has sailed through some harsh time. Their ideas, input, and enthusiasm were most helpful and have assisted us in making valuable improvements to our programmes. We understand that it was certainly an "add on" to the many other things they did, including their full time responsibilities at their own institution, and that too on a purely volunteer basis. We assure you that we have always valued this time and input. In case we have failed to express it earlier, please accept our gratitude for all you did for the Institute!

Thank you.

**Dr. Prachi Kaul**  
On behalf of 'Team Shastri'



