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Mission

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute...

- Builds knowledge between Canada and India through scholarly activities, academic, cultural exchange, and applied research.
- Develops academic, cultural and economic bridges between India and Canada by promoting academic fellowships, research and partnerships between universities, institutions of higher learning and research, business, government, and the Indo-Canadian community.
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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO INDIAN MEMBERS COUNCIL AND CANADIAN MEMBERS
COUNCIL
MAY-JUNE 2007**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the representatives of the Canadian and Indian Member Councils, to the members of the Executive Council, to the representatives of the Governments of Canada and India, to the Vice-President/President-elect Professor Gary vanLoon, to the Executive Director Mr. Earl Choldin, and the Director, India Office, Ms. Sarmistha Roy, to the Chairs of the Canadian Advisory Council and other Shastri Institute Committees, SICI Staff and friends. I extend a very cordial welcome and thank you all for taking the time to be here, and a special welcome to new member-representatives. Our membership has grown in both countries. New members from Canada include University of Laval, HEC Montreal, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Athabasca University. We have six new Indian member institutions—Institute of Social & Economic Change, Bangalore, Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, National Law University, Jodhpur, Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur and the Centre for English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad.

A year has gone by quickly. It is time once again to take stock and prepare for the future. We shall now have a change of guard-- with a new president, and a new Executive Council. Professor Gary vanLoon will be taking over as President. You may be aware that Professor A.S. Narang has very recently been elected as the next Vice-President/President-elect at the May meeting of the Indian Member Council. I am confident that under their stewardship the Shastri Institute will take its mission forward and reach great heights. On behalf of all of us, I would like to wish them the very best in their endeavours. I believe that our experience over the past couple of years has demonstrated that the bi-national organizational structure works efficiently. We have also demonstrated that the Shastri Institute can address important issues relating to higher education and research that are of contemporary relevance to both countries. I am grateful to the Executive Council for its continued cooperation and contribution in the smooth conduct of Shastri Institute affairs over the past year. Apart from me, Professor Braj Sinha, our Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Sunaina Singh and Professor Rama Singh will also be exiting from the EC. I wish to acknowledge their contributions.

We set out last year with a very ambitious set of objectives. It has been an intense year of activity. It is for you to judge how far we have succeeded. But I feel satisfied that we have tried our best. Our MOU with the Government of India was renewed for another five years. This made it possible for us to step up our activities in India through some new initiatives. For this, we thank the Government of India for the confidence reposed in us. On the Canada side, we have functioned this past year with a bridge funding arrangement from CIDA. Throughout the year, we have worked toward a multi-year funding arrangement with the Government of Canada. Several colleagues from Canada have been working hard to bring this about. The delay has been caused, as you know, by important ongoing policy discussions relating to Canadian Studies within the Government of Canada. We remain optimistic that a formal positive communication will come soon.

The Shastri Institute has been and remains a unique model for bi-national academic cooperation. In the emerging policy environment, the Shastri Institute's potential role and impact can be greater than ever before. Higher education and its institutions can play a key role in laying the "intellectual infrastructure" for vibrant partnerships. The economic

relationship between Canada and India is likely to grow in knowledge-intensive and skill-intensive sectors. The higher education sector in India is also opening up to international institutional presence. (Mr. Sunil Kumar will be making a presentation on this matter.) These developments will doubtless create many opportunities for our members for creating skills that would be in high demand, for cost-effective research, and in strengthening trade, technology and investment flows between the two countries. The Shastri Institute is well-positioned to be a useful academic bridge between India and Canada—not necessarily in the pure sciences and technology, but particularly in areas dealing with human, social and economic dimensions. I feel confident that our two governments will appreciate the strategic value of the Shastri Institute and continue to financially support us so that we may live up to our potential.

During this year, apart from our regular activities relating to Indian and Canadian studies fellowships and the library programme, a major objective for our new initiatives was to create Shastri Institute forums to stimulate research and collaborative partnerships on topics of current and emerging relevance. You will recall that a major goal that we set last year was to develop the Shastri Institute's unique potential as a network of academic institutions in the two countries. We sought to build on the beginnings by the CIRA exercise and the views expressed in various round tables on research directions. I believe that we have begun the process reasonably well, and that over the coming years we will see meaningful and enduring partnerships evolve. I hope that such activities will enable the Shastri Institute to emerge over time as a catalyst for high quality debate and public discussion on matters of bi-national concern. During this year, our notable new activities were:

- (i) The launch of the new **Pearson-Shastri Distinguished Lecture**. This is planned as an ongoing annual event, which will be held in alternate years in India and Canada. This year the first lecture in the series was delivered on April 30 in Delhi by Dr. Asit K. Biswas, a globally renowned expert on water management. An India-born Canadian citizen, Dr. Biswas is the recipient of the 2006 Stockholm Water Prize. He heads the Third World Water Institute in Mexico. Water is emerging as a major policy concern throughout the world—and few subjects could be more important. Dr. Biswas delivered a brilliant and inspiring lecture on **“Water Management in India—Beyond 2020”**. The purpose of the lecture was to highlight the immense potential of urban water management in easing the looming water crisis. We expect to publish it soon. The Indian Union Minister for Water Resources Professor. Saifuddin Soz was the chief guest at the event. The Deputy High Commissioner for Canada, Mr. Kenneth Macartney delivered the closing remarks. Dr. Biswas is keen to promote high quality inter-disciplinary water management training programmes in Indian institutions. This year's lecture was supported by Government of India funds.
- (ii) In Montreal on May 10-12, the Shastri Institute organized a bi-national conference on **“Women and Social Change”**. Leading scholars and activists participated in the conference. The conference was co-chaired by Professor Rama Singh (McMaster University) and Professor Sunaina Singh (Osmania University). This conference was made possible by Government of Canada funds. I understand that the quality of the discussion was good, and plans are being made for publication.
- (iii) In order to promote collaborative research, the Shastri Institute launched a series of **Regional and Thematic Workshops** across India, which were hosted by Indian member institutions. We chose a variety of themes for these seminars—reflecting the Shastri Institute's broadened disciplinary mandate.

These workshops/seminars were supported by Government of India funds. In a few cases, we were able to support the travel of a small number of Canadian scholars from Government of Canada funds. The objective of these seminars was to bring together scholars mainly from our member institutions to deliberate on current trends and to evolve a focused research agenda in each of the themes. These seminars were:

- a. The seminar on **“Identity and Representation—Indian and Canadian Perspectives”**, which was organized by the SNDT University at Mumbai. The principal organizer was Professor Mitra Mukherjee Parikh.
- b. Seminar on **“Higher Education Linkages”** which was organized by Professor Jameela Begum at the University of Kerala in Thiruvananthapuram. Scholars and senior Academic Administrators from both countries participated. Participants from Canada included Professor John R. Wood, Balbir Sahni and Jean-Philippe Tachdjian.
- c. Seminar on **“Trade, Technology and the Impact of Globalization—New Dimensions of India-Canada Relations”** was organized jointly by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta. It was held in Bangalore. The seminar examined the new phenomenon of the emergence of India as a hub for high-tech industry. Those examined were semi-conductors, aerospace, pharmaceuticals and information technology. Academic experts, practitioners from industry and government participated. This included representatives from Canadian companies and/or subsidiaries. Professor Biju Paul Abraham of IIMC and I coordinated this event.
- d. The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur organized a seminar on **“Fuel Cell Technology”**. This field of research has potentially important implications for energy and the environment. Professor Samir Khandekar was the principal organizer.
- e. The University of Assam Silchar organized the workshop on **“Water and Sustainability Issues”**. The principal organizer was Professor Abhik Gupta.

Detailed reports on each of these seminars will be posted on the Shastri Institute website soon. The themes of these seminars illustrate the wide range of disciplines that are of interest to our membership. What is common among them is contemporary relevance to India-Canada discourse. These activities will, we hope, project the image of the Shastri Institute as a lively and intellectually vibrant network with exciting programmes across the country. We hope that these will lead to follow-up research collaborative activities and thus strengthen India-Canada studies.

- (iv) With similar objectives, on the Canadian side, this year the Shastri Institute has begun a modest programme of partnership seed grants. The purpose of this grant is to be a catalyst for scholarly activities which will foster the creation of new knowledge and contribute to partnerships between Canadian and Indian universities. Eight grants were given this year for work on a wide range of topics, from *Transport, Health, Environment and Equity in Indian Cities* to *A Multi-Disciplinary Team Approach to Healthier Foods*. We hope to expand this programme in the coming years. Meetings and roundtables have been initiated in several institutions across Canada. Professor Gary vanLoon will elaborate on these and other Shastri Institute activities in Canada.
- (v) Grants were provided to five Canadian universities to develop undergraduate Study-in-India programmes. These programmes will broaden the base of Canadian scholarship on Indian culture.
- (vi) Awards were provided to ten outstanding Canadian undergraduates who are



- planning careers related to India.
- (vii) In our Visiting Lectureship programmes this year, we have been honored by the participation of two distinguished individuals. We were happy to receive **Professor William Coleman** of McMaster University in India. A leading political scientist, Professor Coleman visited several institutions all across India, including Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jadavpur University and the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. The Indian visiting lecturer this year is the eminent agricultural scientist **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan**. He will be visiting McMaster University, Saint Mary's University in Halifax and the University of Saskatchewan.
- (viii) The Shastri Institute, in partnership with **Focus Canada**, organized the **"Canada-India Round Table: Towards Education Linkages—Education, Trade and Technology"** in Delhi on March 14, 2007. This was a bi-national event, made possible by the financial support of the Government of Canada. We worked in close association with the Focus India Education Working Group. The objective of this round table was to involve a wider range of stakeholders in recognizing the strategic potential of bi-national higher education linkages as a catalyst for deepening economic exchanges. Participants from industry associations, academic institution leaders and representatives of regulatory bodies, and government officials dealing with education and research took part. The deliberations were also intended to lay the ground work for a larger conference on related themes planned for late 2007. There were a number of distinguished participants from both countries. The High Commissioner of Canada His Excellency David Malone, the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Kenneth Macartney, and the Hon Baljit Chadha, Member, Privy Council of Canada were among those who spoke at the round table.

Alana Yuill of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) made a presentation **"Canadian Education and Recent Research Momentum"**. On the Indian side, Professor Sudhanshu Bhushan of the National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA) made a presentation on **"India's Higher Education System, Regulatory Network and Foreign Institutional Participation"**. Following this were two parallel round tables. The round table on **Science, Technology and R&D** was chaired by Professor B. Mario Pinto, VP Research Simon Fraser University. Professor T.C. A. Anant, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research chaired the round table on **Humanities, Social Sciences and Other Disciplines**. Former Ambassador S.J.S. Chhatwal and I co-chaired the event. Focus India was represented by Professor Balbir Sahni and Jean-Philippe Tachdjian. We wish to acknowledge their keen interest and key role in making this round table possible.

- (ix) We have continued to facilitate the visits of academic delegations from Canada. During this year, delegations from Quebec and Ontario visited several cities in India. The Shastri Institute organized workshops and meetings for them, where the delegations met with their Indian counterparts. This was the second high level visit from Quebec—this time led by Minister of Economic Development Mr. Raymond Bachand. The Ontario mission was headed by the Premier. We understand that some working partnerships between Canadian and Indian institutions have been forged during these visits.

I have touched upon some of the highlights of our new activities during the past year. There have been several others, on which my colleagues have elaborated further in their reports. Professor vanLoon, Mr. Choldin and Ms. Roy have elaborated on some of the

highlights that I have not covered adequately.

These activities are, of course, in addition to our normal core fellowship and library programmes, which continue to receive the lion's share of our attention and funding. Thanks to the efforts of our adjudication committees in both countries, these core programmes have been proceeding reasonably well. Visa and timely government approvals for research fellows continue to be a source of uncertainty and delay. This is an issue on which we need to devote some more attention.

There have been several events carried out in the Canadian Studies Centres, including the seminar on the World Trade Organization in M. S. University, Vadodara and in the Universities in Delhi and in Berhampur University. The Shastri Institute was also represented at the annual Indian Association for Canadian Studies conference held in the University of Jammu.

To sum up, with your support, we have tried to take the Shastri Institute forward. We have devoted attention in catalyzing collaboration and focused thematic research activity. Our goal has been to be a unique and relevant academic network—that allows scope for individual scholars and is at the same time consonant with the overall institutional strategy of our member institutions. We have embraced our broadened disciplinary mandate—but sought to keep our own focus on multi-disciplinary research and relevance to human and social dimensions. We have continued to support our traditional areas of research, and individual scholarly freedom of choice. We have not allowed the uncertainty over long term Canadian funding to dent our enthusiasm and energy in carrying forward our goals for the Shastri Institute through hectic activity. Of course, there are several areas in which we should strive harder, where we could do better. One such area is dissemination and publication of Shastri Institute-sponsored research.

Now the time has come for a change of guard—for new elections, new leadership and new vision. I wish the new team every success in their endeavours—particularly Professor Gary vanLoon as the new president, Professor Narang as the incoming VP/President-elect. The election process has just been concluded in the Indian Member-Council. Professor Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University was elected as the Indian EC Member-at-large. I am confident that the Shastri Institute will forge ahead under their leadership. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked alongside me, and with whose cooperation, we have been able to achieve what we could. I thank the members of the EC over the past two years. I would like to thank the representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of India. I must especially mention Mr. Sunil Kumar (Joint Secretary, Higher Education, Government of India), H.E. David Malone, the High Commissioner of Canada, and Mr. Kenneth Macartney, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada for the personal interest that they have taken in Shastri Institute activities, despite their extremely busy schedule. I thank the dedicated and hard-working staff in the India Office and in the Canada Office under the leadership of Mr. Earl Choldin and Ms. Sarmistha Roy. During this past year, we have had new staff joining us in both offices (some very recently in the India office)—and we now have a young and dynamic team in place.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the different Shastri Institute committees in both countries, and in particular their Chairs for their time and contributions in relation to India Studies, Canadian Studies, Library and Science and Technology. I acknowledge the efforts of the Canadian Advisory Council, the Indian Administrative Committee and Indian Advisory Council. I thank the workshop and conference Chairs and organizing committees. Thank you all. Your commitment and efforts are crucial to maintaining the high standards of Shastri Institute programmes.



Finally, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Indian Members' Council and the Canadian Members' Council for giving me this unique opportunity to serve as the first president from India under the new bi-national structure. It has been a rewarding experience, which I will cherish. India and Canada have come closer in the last decade, our economic ties have strengthened, there is greater awareness on both sides of possibilities for exchange and partnerships, but there is still much ground to cover. I think that if we continue to work together with understanding, tolerance and mutual respect, the Shastri Institute can play an important role in enabling our countries to tap the potential.

Thank you.

Chiranjib Sen
President

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT MAY 31, 2007

The work of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute relies on many persons – staff in both the India and Canada offices, members of the Advisory Councils, and a large number of volunteers throughout the academic sector. I would first of all like to acknowledge the support of all of these people, but specifically:

- Chiranjib Sen. He has set a tone of dynamic and collegial leadership for the new Shastri.
- The other EC members. Each one has contributed constructively to our meetings and the business that arises from these. In particular, Braj Sinha has worked tirelessly in his capacity as Treasurer and as our resident 'constitutional expert'.
- Earl Choldin and his staff at the Canada office. Under Earl's leadership, this almost completely new team has efficiently developed and carried out the new programmes and other supportive activities of our organization. Special thanks to Anita Dennis for providing the experience needed in linking up with Shastri's past activities.
- Sarmistha Roy and her staff at the India office. This small, understaffed team has executed activities on the India side in a highly professional manner. Canadians are especially appreciative of cheerful and competent assistance in facilitating activities and visits that have been initiated from this side.

This report will briefly highlight some of the activities in which your Vice-President has been involved. By separate mailing, I have prepared a discussion paper that has been circulated to all CMC members. This should also be considered a part of the report. Details of a range of other work of Shastri are summarized in reports of the ED and the Treasurer.

1. **The funding situation.** As of May 31, 2007 we were still awaiting a decision by CIDA regarding our application for multi-year funding for the Institute. Building on initiatives of previous executives, and beginning about ten months ago, we have made a concerted effort to seek support from the federal government. This has involved at least four several-day visits to Ottawa by a small group of us that includes Earl Choldin and Peter Walker. (ex High Commissioner for Canada to India). We thank Peter for his major contribution to this effort as it was only because of his presence that some doors could be opened to us. We are also thankful for strong support from officials at DFAIT, from David Malone, Canada's High Commissioner to India and from the India High Commission office in Ottawa. We also appreciate that several CMC members arranged for letters of support that were sent by officials in their universities.

In the future, we cannot expect to rely solely on continuing financial support from federal sources; in this respect, we have begun preliminary work on a broader and longer-term fund-raising effort that will target individuals, provincial governments, and the private sector. The active assistance of the CAC will be important in this activity.

2. **Programming and other activities.** A range of programmes has been designed, advertised and activated this year from the Canada office. In all cases, interest has been high and the programmes were well subscribed. We have endeavoured to emphasize the need for careful and transparent adjudication in order to support provision of high quality work with measurable outputs. A new, important in-Canada activity has been the holding of a series of small regional meetings that serve the purpose of bringing together India-focused persons in order to share ideas and experiences. In a small way, this has also served as an outreach activity to the wider community. I have been able to attend some of these meetings (Laval, Saint Mary's and York) and other executive and CMC members have taken part in additional meetings throughout the country. This is an activity we will continue to support.

There have been several other functions at which I have been able to speak, presenting the Shastri story. These include: On November 30, 2006, where we sponsored a dinner as part of a



meeting on *India Arising* of the *Canadian Institute of International Affairs*; a business reception sponsored by the *CIBC* in Toronto, held on February 22, 2007; a visit to Ottawa by a delegation from the *Maharashtra Economics Council*; a visit to Ottawa by a small group of Education Reporters from the national press in India; several meetings of *Focus India* that have taken place throughout the year; our bi-national conference on *Women and Social Change* held last month in Montreal.

3. **Membership.** We are pleased that several new university members have joined the Shastri family in Canada – Laval, HEC, Memorial and Athabasca. We welcome each of these and are especially pleased to have, for the first time, francophone institutions as part our organization. This reflects a substantial interest in India by the academic, business and government communities and in Quebec society in general.

In order to promote the role of Shastri, in November, I visited nine universities (including both members and non-members) in Quebec and eastern Canada. In each institution, I spoke to small groups of interested individuals and to relevant administrators. Your executive has taken a decision to offer membership in Shastri for a reduced (60%) annual fee for universities with FTE enrolment of fewer than 6000 students. In this way, we hope to attract additional new members from some of the smaller universities.

In the coming year, I hope to attend similar meetings with institutions, particularly some in western Canada.

4. **Visit to India.** I was privileged to visit India for two weeks in May in order to attend the IMC meeting and to meet individually with some of our members (m) as well as non-member institutions (nm). In this connection, I visited the University of Madras (m), SRM Chennai (nm), Madras Christian College (nm), IIT Madras (m), the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad (nm), SNDT Women's University (m), University of Bombay (nm), and IIT Kanpur (m). At each place, I spoke with interested faculty and administrators and met or addressed groups of students. As in Canada, Shastri is challenged to support the interests and activities of persons in this highly diverse collection of institutions. In this regard, I believe we should place special emphasis on young faculty and students. The IMC meeting provided further opportunity to get to know the interests and activities of our Indian colleagues. I welcome Professor A.S. Narang as Shastri's newly elected VP/President Elect, and Professor Ranbir Singh as an incoming EC member and I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

Having completed this busy year, I am cautiously optimistic about the future of Shastri. Optimistic, because of our past record of achievement, because of our unique new structure and because of the active participation of competent academics in both countries and their interest in working together on issues of bi-national and global importance. But cautious, because times have changed and we are in a competitive world where many others are involved in similar endeavours. We cannot be complacent and feel entitled to carry on in the same way we have in the past. More than ever, we will need the support of all our members through dedicated and very high quality work, through development of innovative ideas in a whole range of areas, and through encouraging a fresh cohort of colleagues to join with us.

Gary vanLoon

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING FORWARD

The year 2006-2007 was momentous for the Shastri Institute:

It was a testing year of binational governance – this was the first year the presidency was in India. Dr. Sen led the Executive Council through efficient and harmonious operation and under his dynamic leadership we initiated numerous new programmes in both India and Canada.

We resolved a funding crisis – although Government of India funding was secure, we had fallen through the cracks of Government of Canada funding. It seemed everybody in Ottawa agreed we should be funded; however, it was difficult to identify a budgetary line through which funds would flow. Supporters of the Institute visited and sent letters to their MPs; Vice President Dr. vanLoon, former High Commissioner to India Peter Walker and I made several visits to officials and MPs in Ottawa. Proposals were developed and redeveloped and finally with the critical support of the Department of Foreign Affairs, a funding avenue was found in the CIDA Voluntary Sector Branch. The happy ending came in July when we signed a five year core funding agreement. This allows us to finally concentrate our efforts on programming and fundraising from the corporate sector and individual donors.

We resolved an administrative crisis – during spring 2006 the executive director and almost the entire Canada Office staff resigned. The financial officer had resigned several months earlier. This created a challenge for the Institute. However, because of the fundamental strength of the organization -- its momentum, its traditions, its committees and volunteers, and because of the hard work of the Executive Council and the new and continuing staff, and because of the support of the India Office and because of the patience of our members and government partners, we have successfully worked our way through this crisis.

Our successful resolution of these challenges speaks to the strength of the Institute, the strength of its traditions, its network of friends and supporters, and its history of successful programming. Now we face several new challenges for this coming year:

Fundraising: CIDA funding for 2007-08 is 60% less than our CIDA grant for 2005-06. More important, the Government of Canada has stated categorically that unless we raise a significant proportion of our funds from sources other than the GOC we cannot count on their continued support. We are therefore mounting a major fundraising effort – looking to the provinces, corporate sponsorship, and individual donors.

Ensuring our relevance in the new India/Canada dynamic: The rate of recent developments in relations between India and Canada, particularly in the area of higher education, is breathtaking. The Shastri Institute must develop new programmes and new services in order to maintain our position as a leader.

Supporting India Studies in Canada: We are conducting a needs assessment to ascertain the state of India studies at Canadian universities and to identify areas in need of support. We will then design programmes and seek resources so that we can provide that support.

Revisiting our governance structure: At the request of the Government of Canada we are reviewing our new governance structure, consulting members and other stakeholders. As our fundraising needs have changed, as our membership is increasing, as new India-Canada



dynamics develop, and as we reflect on our experience in these first years of bi-national governance, we will ask ourselves if we need to tweak our structure in order to ensure we meet our goals.

Looking backward, 2006-2007 was a momentous year. Looking forward, I expect 2007-2008 to be even more so.

Earl Choldin
Executive Director

INDIA OFFICE REPORT: JULY 2006 TO MAY 2007

This was an exciting but at the same time challenging year for the India Office with the IX Addendum to our Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of India signed on 3 August 2006 for a total grant of Rs.13.45 crores. The Rupee budget was formalized and approved in late October and the first installment released by the Government of India in December after we submitted the Utilization Certificate. The delay was due to the transition at the Canada Office last year. So in effect the entire spending for the year for various programmes out of Rupee budget had to be done within a period of about five months.

These activities included the continuing programmes of the Institute such as Book Acquisition (Library) Programme for books and resource materials to Canadian libraries, India Studies fellowship programme for Canadians to undertake fellowships, the Indian Visiting Lecturer programme through which a distinguished lecturer goes to Canada for a period of three weeks to deliver lectures at 4-5 institutions.

Apart from the continuing programmes, some new activities also started this year since we now were a bi-national organization with an Indian President. As stated by the President in his report we have successfully conducted 5 regional / thematic workshops at 5 member institutions. The first Pearson-Shastri Distinguished Lecture on "Water Management For India In 2020 And Beyond" by Professor Asit Biswas, President, Third World Centre for Water Management, Atizapan, Mexico was held at FICCI on 30 April. Honourable Minister for Water Resources, Professor Saif-ud-Din Soz, was the Chief Guest. The event was attended by policy makers, officials and academics.

Apart from these programmes from the Rupee grant, we also organized several roundtables for the Governments of Quebec and Ontario and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

The India Office was engaged in facilitating the Health Sciences Networking Workshop for the Quebec delegates at Bangalore in November 2006. Participants from Indian institutions were identified from a list of targeted institutions indicated by the Quebec Government. Apart from these, a few others specializing in Mental Health, Nutrition and Health Management were also represented in the workshop. As a result of the visit, institutions from Quebec such as the University of Laval, University of Montreal, UQAM and HEC Montréal were keen to join the membership of Shastri Institute. The India Office also facilitated meetings for Quebec Government officials with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the University Grants Commission.

We facilitated roundtables at four locations (Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai and Chandigarh) for visiting Ontario Delegates who accompanied the Premier of Ontario, His Excellency, Dalton McGuinty. Our member institutions from neighbouring regions were represented at these roundtables as well as non member institutions who were identified by the Canadian delegates.

A mid term Dissemination cum Review for CIDA-funded youth interns was held in January 2007 in Delhi for the six interns who were in India working with their Indian partners.

In mid-March we held a Focus Canada meeting Canada-India Round Table Towards Education Linkages—Education, Trade and Technology. Several heads of Indian and Canadian institutions such as the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the All India Council for Technological Education, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University, as well as representatives from universities attended the roundtable.



We provided logistical support to the Indian participants of the Bi-national conference on Women and Social Change which was held at Montreal from 10-12 May.

Among continuing programmes we successfully conducted the Canadian Studies fellowship programme within the time frame despite very late announcement of the programme this year. However, there was a decrease in the number of applications compared to previous years. The results were declared in April and most of the awardees have been affiliated at Canadian institutions. They are currently in Canada undertaking their fellowships. However, one award is conditional; the funding agent has asked for certain criteria to be fulfilled.

The results of the Canadian Studies Development Programme for 2006-07 was announced only in October as a result of which Centres did not have much time to prepare for their events. Most of these were scheduled in February / March which reduced student participation at these events.

The new Canadian Studies Development Programme competition too was announced at a later date than usual. Only 12 applications were received by the deadline. The Committee which met on 3 May to recommend grants was not satisfied with the quality of the proposals and has advised that Centres be requested to revise their applications. The date for submission of revised and new applications has been extended to July.

Visiting Lecturer Professor William D. Coleman from McMaster University visited eight institutions in India (BHU, Jadavpur, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, IIM Kolkata, IIM Bangalore, University of Mysore, SNDT Women's university and JNU) and delivered lectures at these places.

We are currently finalizing affiliation and facilitating the GoI approvals and visa authorization for the 25 India Studies awardees of this year and providing logistic support to some of last years' awardees who are availing their fellowships. For this year's awardees, GoI approvals have been received for 11 fellows. The remaining were available by the end of June.

The India Studies Book Acquisition Programme has sent 12,461 books and periodicals to the libraries of 25 Canadian member institutions. The high rate of the cost of shipping the books compared to the price of the books is due to the fact that although we get the books at a discounted rate and on domestic price, these are shipped to Canadian libraries at international prices. The cost is likely to rise in future. Combined with the increase in member institutions in Canada it may be a challenge for us to continue to ship books at previous volume and we may have to develop an alternative strategy such as lowering the weight of the consignments or sending fewer materials by air.

A mission from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Headquarters comprising Mr. Michael Jay, Director General, Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate and Mr. Murray Town, Senior Analyst (Asia), Canadian Partnership Branch (CPB), accompanied by Mrs. Solveig Schuster, Head of Aid, Canadian High Commission, New Delhi and Dr. T Sampath Kumar, CIDA section, Canadian High Commission visited our Delhi office to review our operations.

The President and I met Mr. Jim Nickel, Director of the South Asia Division, DFAIT, at the Canadian High Commission on invitation from the Deputy High Commissioner.

There was a surprise visit from Dr. Michael Brecher, the founder of the Shastri Institute, in late April.

In all, this year has been very challenging for the India Office as we had to deliver new and continuing programmes within a very short time frame which we did despite the low staff strength at the India Office. The staff turnover was due to lapse of CIDA funds. Two staff were on leave due to family reasons. New positions which were approved in November 2006 were hired only in April 2007 as there was no time between various programmes to address administrative matters. Much of the credit for programme delivery goes to the staff of the office. I would like to specially



mention the strong support that I received from my Finance Officer who went far beyond her duties.

I thank my colleagues at both offices, the officials of GoI and Canadian High Commission and UGC. I am grateful to Mr. Sunil Kumar and all the officials of the Ministry of HRD such as Mr. S. K. Ray and Ms. Anupama Bhatnagar who have spared time to support and guide me despite their busy schedules. Thanks are extended to officials at the Canadian High Commission especially H.E. David Malone, Mr. Kenneth Macartney, Mrs. Solveig Schuster, Mr. Ghislain Chaput and Mr. Bernard Francis who have not just helped us out of all visa related crisis, they have also been very supportive of the Institute at the time of the visiting provincial governments of Quebec and Ontario as well as during state level visits of high level dignitaries. I would like to extend my gratitude to the members of Indian Advisory Council, Indian Members Council, Indian Administrative Committee and Chairs and members of all Standing Committees. Lastly, a special word of thanks to members of the Executive Council, especially to Professor Sen and Professor Sunaina Singh with whom it has been a pleasure to work with.

Sarmistha Roy
Director, India Office

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

INDIA STUDIES

The purpose of the India Studies Programme is to promote understanding of India in Canada. Under the Institute's India Studies Programme, Fellowships are provided to Canadian scholars, librarians graduate students and artists and Indian imprints are supplied to Canadian universities. The Institute's India office has been facilitating the affiliation process. The Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India funds this programme.

A total of 60 Applications were received for all categories with the following breakdown: twenty two Arts, eighteen Student Research, four Faculty Research, four Faculty Training, seven Post-Doctoral Research, six Student Language Training.

The Committee, headed by new chair Nandi Bhatia, University of Western Ontario, met in November 2005 and chose thirty two Fellows. There were two Faculty Research Fellows, three Faculty Training Fellows, four Post Doctoral Research Fellows, ten Student Research Fellows, Five Language Training Fellows and eight Arts Fellows.

Robyn Agoston *Student Research, Bangalore, India*

Networking Labour to Jobs: An examination of the LabourNet, an alternative labour structure to help Bangalore's Urban Informal Sector

Chris Austin *Language Training, Pune, Mumbai*

Advanced Sanskrit studies in commentarial literature

Martha Bailey *Faculty Training, National Law School of India University, Bangalore.*

A Comparative Study of Indian and Canadian Family Law

Trina Basu *Arts, Vittal Ramamurthy, Chennai, Kalalshetra School for the Arts, Chennai*

Personal Musical Development of Carnatic violin techniques and repertoire for teaching and performance in its traditional setting as a tool for innovation and enhancement of North American music in Canada

Paul Bernier *Faculty Training, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi. Centre for Tibetan Studies, Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala*

Self-Knowledge, Consciousness and Perceptual Content: A Comparative Study of East-West Perspectives

Natalie Boyd *Student Research, The Barefoot College, Rajasthan. Centre for Science & Development, New Delhi*

Rain Water Harvesting: Community-Based Water Supply Management of Small, Isolated, Rural, Human Settlements in India

Shreela Chakrabarty *Arts, Satyajit Ray Institute of Film & Television, Kolkata, Parents property in Uttarpara, West Bengal*

Bengali Bungalow (Bangla Bangla): The development of a point of view documentary narrative

Poulomi Chakraborty *Student Research, School of Women's Studies & Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata*

Narratives of Partition of Bengal (1947) in Contemporary Literature and Cinema



Jeffrey W Cupchik *Student Research, Takten House, Dharamsala. Zong Labrang, Garden Shartse Monastery, Karnataka*
Transmission of the Buddhist Chod Ritual in the Tibetan Diaspora in India

Nitya Deepa Das *Arts, Bharata Kalanjali Academy (Chennai), Kalakshetra Academy, Chennai*
Lessons in the Divine: The Art of Bharatnatyam

I believe that the greatest means of promoting understanding between cultures and nations is through the words and experiences of their representatives... I think that my time in India over these last seven months has enabled me to be a better representative a more knowledgeable and informed ambassador of my parents' homeland.

Marijo Demers *Student Research, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*
La transmission de normes secularistes de gouvernance au sein de la communauté tibétaine exilée

Shane Gannon *Student Research, University of Pune*
Empire, Masculinity, and Patriarchy: The Discursive Construction of the Hijra

Andrew Kim *Arts, Pt. Shivrath Mishra, Varanasi*
Study of Classical Sitar in Varanasi (deferred to 2007-2008)

Lori McFadyen *Student Research, University of Delhi, New Delhi*
This Child of ours: Shifting Perspectives of Childhood and Childhood Responsibility Among the Poor of North India

Jeremy McGee *Language Training, Landour Language School, Mussourie. School for International Training, Jaipur*
Reading Hinduism: Modern Hindu Understanding of Traditional Texts

John McGee *Language Training, Landour Language School, Mussourie*
Advanced Sanskrit Study (declined)

John D. Milton *Post-Doctoral, Indian Institute of Management*
The Development and Diffusion of Crab-Pheromone Lures for the Control of Rice Bug in Paddy in Meghalaya: The fusion of Traditional and Modern Knowledge

Nalini Mohabir *Student Research, Hyderabad*
Uniting Distant Narratives of Repatriation: Return Journeys of Indian-indentured to the Caribbean

Bruce Muirhead *Faculty Training, JNU New Delhi*
The Development of Indo-Canadian Diplomatic and Political Relations, 1947-1998

D. Patnaik *Arts, Bhubaneswar, Orissa*
Maha Kala Puja

Manav Ratti *Post Doctoral, JNU New Delhi*
The Promises and Perils of Secularism: Views, Criticisms, Alternatives (declined)

Mark Reczkiewicz *Student Research, University of Rajasthan*
On listening to Musafir's "Gypsies of Rajasthan": Can the Subaltern Make Music?

Eva Richardson *Arts, Rajasthan*
Patterns and Textures

Adela Sandness *Faculty Research, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune*
Sarasvati in Late Vedic Literature

Megha Sharma Sehdev *Language Training, Landour Language School, Mussourie*
Tracing Indian Women's Experiences of Mental Health through the Process of Resettlement

Zain Ali Shahryar Shirazi *Language Training, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU.*
University of Delhi, Department of Sanskrit
Training in Sanskrit and Hindu Intellectual Traditions

Vandna Sidher *Arts, Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi*
Bharata Natyam (Dance Training)

Kara Somerville *Student Research, Karnataka*
Transnational Social Reproduction and Immigrant Incorporation: First and Second Generation
South Indians in Canada (deferred to 2007-2008)

Sitara Thobani *Arts, Bhubaneswar, Orissa*
Comprehensive Training in Odissi Dance

Tyler Tokaryk *Post-Doctoral, Utkal University Orissa*
InterActing Discourses: Globalization, Curriculum Development and "Indian" Storytelling
(declined)

Lavanya Vemsani *Post-Doctoral, Department of Archaeology & Museums, New Delhi &*
Hyderabad
Balarama: The Deity and The Religion in Ancient India (A study of the archaeological resources)

Derek Wood *Faculty Research, Kolkata*
Milton and India: Reader-Reception, Ideology and Comparative Poetics (deferred to 2007-2008)

LIBRARY PROGRAMME

Imprints sent to Canadian Libraries 2006-2007

University of Alberta	48
University of British Columbia	3,548
University of Calgary	598
Canadian Museum of Civilization	54
Concordia University	396
Dalhousie University	490
University College of the Fraser Valley	182
University of Guelph	203
University of Lethbridge	160
University of Manitoba	306
McGill University	863
McMaster University	290
Queen's University	134
University of Regina	155
Ryerson University	53
Saint Mary's University	378
University of Saskatchewan	159
Simon Fraser University	486
University of Toronto	3,465
University of Victoria	278
University of Waterloo	148
York University	67
Total	12,461

The Indian imprints are funded by the Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Shastri Institute International Youth Internship Programme provides young professionals with opportunities to work in India for six months. The Institute delivers the programme in partnership with different universities, private institutes and non-governmental organizations in Canada and India. The internships bridge the gap between academic study and career-related international work experience with the aim to enhance the interns' employable skills for the Canadian labour market.

For the 2006-2007 year there were 34 applicants for the seven CIDA-funded youth internships. The Shastri India Office arranged for a midterm briefing with the interns that was run in partnership with the Canada Office. The interns returned to Canada having made valuable contributions towards the progress of the long-term projects they were working with. Some have gained admission in prestigious international graduate programmes based partly on their internship experiences.

Aastha Sahdev, Project Coordinator

An adaptive Ecosystem Approach to Managing Urban Environments for Human Health
University of Madras and York University

Diana Katgara, Project Coordinator

Bhopal Project: Assessing the long-term Consequences of the Union Carbide Tragedy
Sambhavana Trust Clinic and McGill University

Emily Brecher, Project Assistant

Healthy Ageing in Chennai: Community Development through the involvement of Service Providers
IIT Madras and Acadia University

Mehreen Kapadia, Project Assistant

Indigenous Knowledge and Rain Water Harvesting System
Tarun Bhagat Sangh and University of Calgary

Christine Hadekel, Project Coordinator

Local Knowledge and Sustainable Agriculture in Hill Regions of South India
IIT Madras and Queen's University

I am very grateful to have received the opportunity to participate in the Shastri 2006-2007 International Youth Internship Programme. This internship has been a huge learning experience for me... This internship was a good 'hands on' experience that both complimented my undergraduate studies in "Global Studies and Indigenous Environmental Studies" and gave me some practical work experience in the field of environmental sustainability and international development.

Sonal Singh, Project Assistant

Access to Quality Health Care and Information: How Does Gender Intervene?
Aga Khan Health Clinic and University of Montreal

Lesley Herstein, Field Assistant

Assessment of Water Quality and Related Health Impacts
Queen's University and Madras Christian College



CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME 2006-2007

The Canadian Studies Programme is a powerful tool in the Institute's mandate to enhance bilateral understanding and academic cooperation between Canada and India. The Canadian Studies Programme is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and its aim is to promote understanding of Canada in India. The Canadian Studies Programme is composed of several components: Faculty Research Fellowships, Faculty Enrichment Fellowships, Doctoral Research Fellowships, the Visiting Lectureship Programme, the Books and Journals Programme and the Canadian Studies Development Programme.

Faculty Research Fellowships:

This programme is designed to assist individual academics in higher education institutions to undertake short-term research about Canada or on aspects of Canada's bilateral relations with India. In 2006-2007 the Institute awarded nine faculty research fellowships to the following fellows:

Dr. Baby Francis Kulirani, University of Manitoba

Community Tourism and the indigenous People: a comparative Study of the Strategies of Sustainable Community Development and Tourism Development in the Indigenous People Dominated Province of Saskatchewan in Canada and in the North East Region of India

Dr. Venkatachalam Lingappan, University of British Columbia

Environment Federalism and Its implications on Market Based Pollution control Policy: Canadian Experience and Lessons for India.

Dr. Sudha Prakash Pandya, University of Toronto

Multiplicity, Difference and Literary Empowerment: A Case Study of Toronto South Asian Review

Dr. Mohit Gera, University of British Columbia

Economic Framework for Forest Valuation towards Incentive Based Conservation in Canada

Dr. Tukaram Shivarudrappa Kumbar, University of Calgary

A Study of Institutional Repositories and Electronic Theses and Dissertations Projects in University Libraries in Canada

Dr. Kiran Prasad, Carleton University

Campus Community Radio as Media Policy Tool in Canada: A Case Study of CKCU Radio Carleton, Ottawa.

Dr. Shagufa Gautam Kapadia, University of Western Ontario

Parenting Goals and Expectations in the Context of Globalization and Acculturation: Perspectives from India and Canada

Dr. Bibhuti Bhushan Mohanty, McGill University

The process of implementation of the Nunavut land claims settlement.

Dr. Neelu Kang, University of British Columbia

Indian Women Activists in Canada

Faculty Enrichment Fellowships



The programme is designed to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada abroad by assisting academics in higher education institutions to develop and teach courses about Canada in their own discipline, as part of their regular teaching load. The Institute awarded seven Faculty Enrichment Awards to the following fellows:

Dr. Samir Joshi, University of Toronto
Corporate Economy of Canada and India

Dr. Coomi Shahrukh Vevaina, University of Toronto
The Subversion of Ideologies in Contemporary Literatures in Settler Colonies.

Prof. B.N. Singh, University of Toronto
Twentieth Century Canadian Literature

I was immensely benefited ... by expertise and their many good pieces of advice.

Dr. Suka Joshua, McGill University
India and Canada: Women in Focus

Dr. Kiran Chaudhry, York University
French Canadian Texts in Translation

Dr. Nina Caldeira, York University
Canadian Cultural Studies

Professor Christopher Sam Raj, University of Waterloo
Multiculturalism, Regionalism and Diasporic Aspect of Canadian Society

Dr. Gopa Kumar, McGill University
Canadian Foreign Policy in the Era of Globalization

Doctoral Research Fellowships

This programme is designed to assist full-time graduate students, enrolled in a doctoral programme at a degree-granting institution of higher education, whose dissertations are related in substantial part to Canada, to undertake doctoral research in Canada. Recipients spend up to ten months at a Canadian university collecting materials, taking courses, and doing research related to their dissertations. The Institute awarded four Doctoral Research Fellowships to the following scholars:

Raveendra Chittoor, York University
Internationalization of IT Services Firms of India and Canada: a Comparative Study

Deepa Narula, University of Manitoba
Nurturing the Future: Filial Bonds in Select Native Canadian Writing

I have mainly been busy with reading extensively and Dr. Eigenbrod has introduced me to other writers whose work is relevant to my area of research.

Suresh S. Kumar, University of Ottawa
Historicizing the Postmodern: Linda Hutcheon and the Canadian Multicultural Context of Postmodernism.

Shakti Kapoor, McGill University
La Souffrance Physique et morals chez Gabrielle Roy et Kamala Markandaya



On the whole, a very successful and fruitful trip and I hope to maintain the contacts I have made for future reference.

Canadian Studies Visiting Lecturer

Each year one established Canadian scholar travels to India for a three-week period to give lectures and conduct seminars on Canada. This year **Dr. William Coleman**, Department of Political Science, McMaster University, spent three weeks in India and lectured on *Global Governance and Public Policy* in Delhi, Varanasi, Kolkata, Jadavpur, Bangalore and Mumbai.

Books and Journals to India Programme

The Books and Journals Programme provides Canadian publications to Canadian Studies Centres, as well as other Indian institutions with a demonstrated interest in Canadian Studies. The intent behind the programme is to provide resource materials which further promote Canadian Studies at these institutions.

This year, the Institute facilitated the process of sending over 100 kilograms of books to the University of Jammu. With the help of DFAIT, the Institute was able to provide the Delhi office with 160 DVDs on various topics related to Canada.

The Institute acknowledges that not enough universities are able to take advantage of the books and journal programmes. The Institute is currently working on improving the marketing of the programme to Indian universities and Canadian Studies Centres.

University	No. of Journals Sent
Banaras Hindu University	4
Berhampur University	4
Bharathidasan University	4
Goa University	4
Gour University	10
Gujarat University	3
Gurukul Kangri University	2
H.P. University	4
Jadavpur University	4
JNU	4
Osmania University	2
SNDT Women's University	4
University of Baroda	4
University of Delhi- South Campus	3
University of Kerala	3
University of Jammu	3
University of Lucknow	5
University of Madras	4
University of Mumbai	3
University of Mysore	3
University of Pune	3
Canadian Studies Library: Shastri India Office	67
Total	147

University	No. of Books Sent
Jadavpur University	39
Berhampur University	37
University of Jammu	7
Bharatidasan University	53
University of Delhi	36
Banaras Hindu University	44
Kerala University	3
University of Madras	25
University of Pune	30
Canadian Studies Library – Shastri India Office	44
Total	238



Canadian Studies Development Programme

This programme invites applications from Indian Institutions to encourage scholarly enquiry and professional academic activities to contribute to the development and/or expansion of Canadian Studies at Indian universities.

In 2006-2007 the following grants were approved:

Assam University

Traditional Knowledge, Culture and Communication: Common Ground in India and Canada

Rs 99,500

Banaras Hindu University

Seminar on Challenges of a Pluralistic Society: India and Canada

Rs 1,25,000

Gurukul Kangri University

National Workshop on Canadian Studies Culture, Environment and Technology: Canada and India

Rs 70,000

Dr. H.S. Gour University

Conference on Sociocultural Configuration among Canada's First Nations and Indian Adivasis (Tribesmen): A Comparative Viewpoint

Rs 75,000

Gujarat University

International Workshop on Information Science, Research Methodology and Future of Indo-Canadian Studies

Rs 1,04,000

Kannur University

Seminar on Ethnicity and Identity

Rs 70,000

Jadavpur University

Workshop on Learning Canada: Perspectives and Perceptions

Rs 75,000

University of Pune

Workshop on Queer Theory in Cinema and Literature: The Canadian and Indian Experience

Rs 65,000

Utkal University

Seminar on Disaster Mental Health: Canadian and Indian Perspectives

Rs 70,000

J.N.U. University of Baroda

1) *Workshop on Methodology of Teaching Quebec Literature and Culture in India;*

2) *Workshop on Quebec Women in Translation*

Rs 80,000

Berhampur University

Seminar on Impact of Intellectual Property Rights in Post World Trade Organization Era: Canada and India
Rs 1,25,000

Pondicherry University
National Seminar on Identities and Representations: An Indo-Canadian Perspective
Rs 65,000

Goa University
Conference on Teaching Canadian Studies: Pedagogy and Curriculum for the New Millennium
Rs 75,000

CIDA KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS PROGRAMME

Partnership Development Seed Grants

The purpose of these grants is to be a catalyst for scholarly activities which will foster the creation of new knowledge and contribute to formal institutional research agreements or other long-term partnerships. Funds may be used to support a bi-national seminar or conference, a meeting, or other activities that:

- build awareness of potential collaboration opportunities with Indian institutions
- promote sharing of knowledge, information, resources and expertise
- showcase existing Canada-India research collaborations and their impact on society
- assist researchers to take advantage of Canada-India collaborative opportunities.

These grants were distributed to Canadian post-secondary institutions to support catalyst activities such as workshops, seminars, conferences, scholarly discussions and planning meetings that are expected to lead to significant research collaborations with Indian universities or research institutions. Priority was given to applicants who planned on partnering with business and/or government.

In 2006-2007 the Institute distributed eight Partnership Development Seed Grants, worth \$20,000 each, to the following projects:

Madhav Badami, McGill University, and **Geetam Tiwari**, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi:
Transport, Health, Environment and Equity in Indian Cities

Ajay Dalai, University of Saskatchewan, and **Satya Narayan Naik**, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi: *Awareness and Implementation of Bio-diesel Fuel in India*

Cherie Enns, University College of the Fraser Valley, and **B.S. Ghuman**, Panjab University:
Child Friendly City

Stan Kubow, McGill University, and a doctoral student from University of Agricultural Sciences: *A Multi-Disciplinary Team Approach to Healthier Foods for Enhanced Human Health*

Shiv Prasher, McGill University, and **Nath Sharda**, Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute:
Hydrological Evaluation of Land and Water Management Practices in Middle Himalayan Watersheds of India

Ramaswamy Hosahalli, McGill University, and **Amarinder S. Bawa**, Defence Food Research Laboratory:
Novel and Emerging Technologies for Food Processing

Carmelle Robert, Université Laval, and **Ashok K. Pati**, Indian Institute of Astrophysics:
UVIT/ASTROSAT Science and Observation Planning

Rajiv Varma, University of Western Ontario, and **M.M. Babunarayanan**, Central Power Research Institute:
Sustainable, Independent (non grid), Renewable Electric Power Generation for Rural Electrification

Visiting Faculty Travel Grants

In order to promote knowledge mobilization between university faculty members and researchers in Canada and India, the Shastri Institute provides travel grants to assist Canadian member institutions to sponsor visits by Indian scholars who are already in North America for conferences or other such academic visits. The Shastri Institute will cover 75% of the travel and living costs of the visiting scholar up to a maximum of \$1200.

In 2006-2007 the Institute distributed three grants to the following individuals

Pierre Anctil at the University of Ottawa to bring **Anand Kumar Awasthi**, Dr. Harisingh Gour University to Ottawa to help develop a new stream study in comparative native traditions and culture.

Philip Oxhorn of McGill University in order to bring **Rayaprolu Nagaraj** of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research to Montreal to discuss "India's Economic Performance since 1991: Relative Role of Industry and Services".

Enhanced contacts with other institutions involved in development research, particularly those in the developing world and with the status of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Mumbai, are of great importance to us. We very much appreciate the vital role the Shastri Institute plays in bringing institutions such as ours into closer communication with our academic partners in India.

T.V. Paul at McGill University in order to bring **B.M. Jain** from Binghamton University to Montreal to deliver a talk on "The Indo-Canadian Strategic Partnership: Key Issues, Trends and Futuristic Options".

Mobility/Exchange Grants

In order to promote the growth of knowledge between Canadian and Indian scholars through visits to each other's institutions, and to build formal and non-formal linkages and partnerships, the Institute awarded Mobility/Exchange Grants to facilitate travel between institutions in Canada and India where faculty members are either already working on a collaborative research project in line with the Institute's areas of focus or are aiming to establish such a project.

This grant provides travel and living allowances for a team of research partners including faculty and students to visit partnering institutions to further joint research agendas or to utilize resources such as laboratories or archives relevant to their research collaboration. The recipients of the grant are responsible for making all logistical arrangements in support of the visit.

In 2006-2007 the Institute distributed four Mobility Exchange Grants, worth up to \$10,000 each, to the following teams:

Carmel Mothersill, McMaster University, and **K.P. Mishra**, University of Mumbai: The project seeks to facilitate cooperative experiments between McMaster and Prof. Mishra's laboratory examining the role of oxidative damage in generation of bystander effects following exposure of normal and cancer tumor tissues to radiation in vitro and in vivo.

The focus of this program will be on understanding the role bystander effects play in recurrence of tumors and also in the generation of long term normal tissue damage and in assessing new drug targets which could be included in strategies for control or optimization of these outcomes.



Patricia Nieva and **John Yeow**, University of Waterloo, and **Sushanta K. Mitra**, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay: The project seeks to develop a collaborative research project in the new emerging area of micro and nano-scale science and technology.

The mobility/exchange grant will be of capital importance for both our institutions, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay and the University of Waterloo.

Peter Smith, McMaster University, and **B.S. Panwar**, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi: The projects seeks to bring Dr. Smith and Dr. Panwar together to develop a new generation of design tools for micro-acoustic devices necessary for more effective wireless communication.

The mobility/exchange grant will allow us to have active collaboration between McMaster University and the Indian Institute of Technology.

Urs Wyss, Queen's University, and **Singanapalli Balaram**, National Institute of Design: The project seeks to develop a low height, short range mobility device for patients unable to walk, primarily for patients with polio.

Grants to Support Development of Study-In-India Programmes

Through a Study-In-India Programme Canadian students will build knowledge of India and its cultural diversity and experience personal growth. The Shastri Institute will provide grants to Canadian post secondary institutions to support their initiatives to develop new Study-In-India or similar programmes.

The grant supports international travel and other logistical support for Canadian faculty members or administrators to travel to India for development of a new term abroad, student internship, student exchange or study/work abroad programme with an Indian institution. Alternatively, a one-time seed grant may cover the cost of a field trip for the programme participants.

In 2006-2007 the Institute distributed six grants, worth up to \$5,000 each to the following individuals:

Mathieu Boisvert, Université du Québec à Montréal:

The Great Spiritual Traditions of Humanity: Indian Culture and Religion I, II and Initiation to the Field

The primary goal of this project is to stimulate the Study of India in Quebec and within the Canadian francophone academic community.

The goal of this event is, on the one hand, to share what has been learned and, on the other hand to present India's culture to our community.

Patricia Gruben, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Mumbai:
Art and Culture of Contemporary India

Julie Gagné, Université Laval and **Pushpesh Pant**, Jawaharlal Nehru University:
Youth Internship Positions in International Development with Indian NGOs

Regina Cochrane, University of Calgary:
Development Studies Field School

The Development Studies Field School in India is a project that is very much in keeping with the University of Calgary's commitment to international education and to prepare its students for global citizenship.

Andrea Amelinckx, University of Lethbridge:
The India Work-Study Programme

Mark Vorobej, McMaster University, and **Dipak Malik**, Gandhian Institute of Studies:
Peace-Building Through Empowerment: The Mahila Shanthi Sena

Student Excellence Awards

In order to assist student's study or research in Indian culture, history, religion, arts, economic and social development or the human dimension of science and technology as they relate to India, the Institute distributed ten awards of \$2,000 to Canadian students with high academic achievements who are either in their last two years of undergraduate courses or in graduate studies. The awards are to be used to further students' studies and preparation for a career in a field related to India.

Michelle Folk, Montreal

Jonathan Duquette, Montreal

I am honoured to have been awarded a Student Excellence Award from the Shastri Institute, which motivates me to further my knowledge in the field of Hindu studies. This award may also come handy this year during my stay in India, where I plan to deepen my knowledge in Sanskrit.

Megha Sehdev, Montreal

Rory Lindsay, Toronto

Sandra Dong Hee Hwang, Winnipeg

Ashley White, Hamilton

Riswana Soundardjee, Quebec

The Student Excellence Award will allow me to go on the field and meet with health care providers closely interacting with families. I hope to acquire a deeper insight on gender discrimination through my dialogue with these key actors.

Rupa Bagga, Vancouver

The Award would assist me to cover travel to and within India, accommodation while there, and photocopying government documents and other adoption records related to my research project.

Kyle Jackson, Vancouver

Noushin Khurshurhashi, Vancouver

The Shastri Institute Bi-national Conference: Women and Social Change

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute hosts an annual bi-national conference on a topic of interest to researchers in India and Canada. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate a truly

reciprocal exchange of ideas between Canadian and Indian scholars. The theme for this year's conference was Women and Social Change. This theme pays tribute to the many women in the history of both countries who played formative roles in the creation of civil society. Sub themes for the conference included legislative reform, health, education, poverty and regional development, and media and the arts.

The Shastri Institute invited 11 academics and activists from both Canada and India to present papers on the aforementioned sub-themes as well as two keynote speaker, Paulette Senior, CEO of the YWCA, and Ellen Gabriel President of the Quebec Native Women Inc., to present during the luncheon sessions. The conference took place at McGill University in Montreal May 10-12, 2007 in partnership with the McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women.

Canada-India Research Agenda Roundtables

Over the past year, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute has been engaged in further developing a Canada-India Research Agenda (CIRA). This research agenda is a tool for use by our member institutions in Canada and India to strengthen linkages and to promote partnerships and collaborative research. In creating this agenda, roundtable discussions and site visits have been held at our member universities in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, Edmonton and Calgary.

This year, in order to update the Institute's current version of the CIRA document, the Institute held a new series of roundtables to discuss the strategic research interest related to India of faculty members at our member institutions and how the Institute's work can facilitate these interests. Roundtables were held at the University of Calgary, the University College of the Fraser Valley, Dalhousie University, Saint Mary's University, Memorial University of Newfoundland and York University.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Prizes

Two undergraduate prizes were awarded for essays with specific relevance to India:

Youcef Soufi,

University of Manitoba

A Subtle Conversion: Muslims and Modernity in Colonial India

Rakhee Ramesh

York University

Indian Heritage and Ethnic Identity

Funds for the Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Award are raised through the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's fundraising initiatives. For further information about the Student Award Fund, please contact the Shastri Institute at (403) 220-7467.

Summer Term Study in India Programme

The Shastri Institute supported a new Summer Term in India Programme, created by Mount Allison University under the leadership of Roopen Majithia, Head of the Department of Philosophy. The Shastri Institute organized a pre-departure orientation session in Toronto for the students, assisted with logistical details regarding visas and other procedures, as well as providing each student with a bursary to offset costs. Nine students will spend eight weeks at the Dhvanyaloka Centre for Indian Studies in Mysore in June and July. They will take courses for academic credit and engage in a number of extra curricular activities and field trips.



Financial Statements

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Balance Sheet

March 31

	2007	2006
Assets	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash	130,425	372,925
Term Deposits	599,446	425,739
Receivables	28,351	179,432
Due from India Office	37,101	51,373
Inventory	-	1,060
Prepaid Expenses	395	7,220
Total Current Assets	795,718	1,037,749
Equipment	11,756	13,278
Total Assets	807,474	1,051,027

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	95,637	388,180
Total Current Liabilities	95,637	388,180
Deferred Revenues	452,165	429,868
Total Liabilities	547,802	818,048
Endowment and Other Funds	28,713	35,075
Operating Fund Balance	230,959	197,904
Total Liabilities and Equity	807,474	1,051,027

Statement of Revenue,
Expenditures and Fund Balances

Revenue

Government Grants	
CIDA Partnership Programme	
CIDA Youth Internship Programme	
DFAIT Youth Internship Programme	
DFAIT-ICCS Canadian Studies Fellowships	
DFAIT Canadian Studies Programme	
DFAIT Regional Workshops	
CIDA Shastri Applied Research Project	
Total Government Grants	
Other Revenue	
Total Revenue	

Expenses

Programme Expenses	
CIDA Partnership Programme	
CIDA Youth Internship Programme	
DFAIT Youth Internship Programme	
DFAIT Canadian Studies Fellowships	
DFAIT Canadian Studies Programme	
DFAIT Regional Workshops	
CIDA Shastri Applied Research Project	
Sophia Hilton Foundation Expenses	
Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Prizes	
Total Programme Expenses	
Operating Expenses	
Total Expenses	

Net Income (Loss) For the Year

Surplus
beginning of year

Surplus
end of year

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Balance Sheet	March 31		Income and Expenditure Account
Assets	2007 Rs.	2006 Rs.	Revenue
Fixed Assets			Operating
Gross Block	5,357,115	5,106,211	Programmes
Less: Depreciation	<u>(3,772,036)</u>	<u>(3,410,274)</u>	CIDA-SICI Programme
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,585,079</u>	<u>1,695,937</u>	SHARP Programme
Current Assets, Loans and Advances			Canadian Studies / Special Activities
Cash and Bank	10,745,162	14,782,319	Library Programme
Loans and Advances	<u>2,151,799</u>	<u>2,089,559</u>	Fellowship Programme
Total Current Assets	<u>12,896,961</u>	<u>16,871,878</u>	Seminars, Conferences and New Initiati
Total Assets	<u>14,482,040</u>	<u>18,567,815</u>	Restructuring/Governance Initiatives
			Visiting Lectureship Programme
Liabilities and Equity			Total Revenue
Liabilities			Expenses
Current Liabilities	8,241,888	13,503,851	Operating
Provisions	1,127,946	952,946	Programmes
Long Term Liabilities			CIDA-SICI Programme
Capital Grants	2,910,650	2,847,733	SHARP Programme
Equity			Canadian Studies / Special Activities
Accumulated Surplus	<u>2,201,556</u>	<u>1,263,285</u>	Library Programme
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>14,482,040</u>	<u>18,567,815</u>	Fellowship Programme
			Seminars, Conferences & New Initiative
			Restructuring and Governance Initiative
			Visiting Lectureship Programme
			Depreciation
			Less Transfer from Capital Grant
			Total Expenses
			Net excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses
			Reserve funds brought forward
			Reserve funds carried forward



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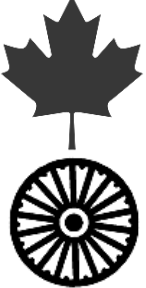
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