



# APCCC Communicator

## APCCC Board Meets With ACOA Officials

On November 8, 2004 the APCCC Board met with Monique Collette, President of ACOA, and Brian Dick, Vice President, Policy and Planning with ACOA to discuss areas of mutual interest in supporting the economic development of the Atlantic region. Emanating from the dialogue was the understanding that partnerships were essential in addressing the challenges faced by Atlantic Canada's economy.

This understanding of partnerships was immediately put into action by Ms. Collette who invited APCCC to work with ACOA to identify creative, innovative approaches to address competitiveness and productivity issues in Atlantic Canada. A committee consisting of ACOA and college staff will plan a roundtable discussion to identify practical and innovative solutions to meet the labour market and productivity requirements for economic growth in the Atlantic region.

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## CNA Hosts Successful Workshop on College's Role in Community Sustainability

College of the North Atlantic, on behalf of the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium (APCCC), hosted ACDI's Fall Seminar in October, 2004 in Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador. This seminar, entitled *Enhancing the Community College's Role in Sustaining Rural Communities*, was intended to stimulate dialogue, reflection, debate and collaboration among community college leaders in Atlantic Canada, in relation to their role in sustaining rural communities. Approximately fifty participants interacted with panelists who brought a variety of perspectives to the issue. This was followed by small group sessions where best practices and innovative initiatives, challenges, and issues were shared, analyzed, and synthesized.

Emerging from this professional dialogue were four major areas where colleges play a significant role:

- *Partnership Development*
- *Community Leadership*
- *Accessibility*
- *Business Acceleration & Workforce Development*



Workshop participants visiting rural Newfoundland

Participants also shared challenges and issues facing colleges in their efforts to help sustain communities. Major among these were:

- *Community Capacity Building*
- *Literacy / Community Education*
- *Labour Market Development*
- *Trades Perception, Pride & Promotion*

Participants left the workshop with the understanding there are many challenges facing rural communities in Atlantic Canada, yet recognizing much is still being done to enhance the opportunities. Community colleges, by taking a lead

role in community development, help serve the needs of constituencies and improve the standard of living. Future efforts must centre on fostering programs and services that continue to help sustain rural communities by offering people the tools necessary to get the job done. In order to further the symbiotic relationship between the community college and the community-at-large, bonds need to be established between the colleges and external interests. When these bonds are strengthened, colleges will better serve the people of rural communities and assist them in adjusting to a rapidly changing world.

### **Thank You!**

The feedback on the first edition of the APCCC Communicator was very positive and included a few suggestions for improvement. Thanks to all who took the time to provide comments.

## **ACOA - A Strong Supporter of Atlantic Colleges Through:**

- Equipment modernization at all colleges such as funding to purchase high tech forest harvesting equipment for CNA and NBCC
- Support to International Business Programming at all colleges
- Atlantic Institute of Logistics and Transportation at Dieppe Campus, CCNB
- Support for Applied Research and Innovation
- Capacity building activities in support of Nova Scotia's First Nations communities
- Marine Training Centres
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Trade Missions

### **Executive Director Meets with Canadian Counterparts**

A meeting of college consortium Executive Directors and CEO's was held in Calgary on December 10 and was attended by representatives from the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario, British Columbia College Presidents Association, Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institutes, Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges and the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium.

Some of the areas of common interest discussed included:

- Advocacy
- Data Collection
- Succession Planning
- Rural Sustainability
- Articulation and Transfer

Follow-up meetings are planned to explore common or supportive positions on how best to approach these issues.

### **APCCC Business Plan for 2005-2006 Approved**

The APCCC Board has approved its Business Plan for 2005-2006. The plan is guided by the APCCC's Strategic Plan for 2004-2007 which has an overall goal of promoting excellence in learning and teaching.

Specifically the major activities included in the plan are built around four main themes:

- Learning-Centered Colleges
- Colleges' Role as Economic Development Partners
- Regional Collaboration on Government Strategies
- Advocacy

Anyone interested in learning more about the business plan should contact the office of the APCCC Executive Director.

## **APCCC Board Meets With President of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges**

Gerry Brown, President of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, was a guest at the February 2005 meeting of the APCCC Board held at the Akerley Campus of NSCC. This was an opportunity for Atlantic colleges to provide input into a new governance model being proposed for ACCC and to exchange ideas on common areas of interest where the national association could support the advocacy strategies undertaken by APCCC.

## **APCCC Applied Research Network Formed**

The APCCC Board has approved the establishment of an Applied Research Network. This network, which will include representatives from each of the four colleges, will meet once per semester and has a mandate to:

- Share best practices
- Advise APCCC on policy issues related to research funding
- Explore appropriate partnerships within the Consortium to advance applied research at the college level (e.g. joint grant applications, sharing expertise, etc.)
- Dialogue with its university counterparts, such as AAU, to identify common issues related to informing policy and practice
- Dialogue with universities, business and industry, other private sector organizations and strategic partners to identify partnerships for grant applications and project development in support of applied research and commercialization
- Explore links to national and international contacts and opportunities
- Establish links with ACCC Research Network
- Establish a protocol for a Pan-Atlantic response to applied research and innovation initiatives.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Atlantic Colleges are engaged in the provision of educational products and services in many countries around the world that are valued in the ten's of millions of dollars annually.**

## **APCCC Thanks a Retiring Board Member for Service**

The APCCC Board, at its February 2005 meeting, recognized the contribution Maurice Roy made to the Consortium and offered best wishes to him on his upcoming retirement, which will occur at the end of March 2005.

## **ACDI Planning Well Underway**

The Atlantic Colleges Development Institute (ACDI) planning team at the Nova Scotia Community College has been very active preparing for this year's professional development experience entitled *Designing a Learning-Centered College - Institute for Administrative and Support Staff*. This will be a highly interactive forum that will engage participants in a dialogue on the design, creation and implementation of learning colleges.

Please check out the opportunity to learn and network with your colleagues from Atlantic Canada. It will be held from April 10 to 15, 2005 at the Coast Guard College in Sydney, NS. Information should be available at all college campuses.

## **APCCC Corporate Services Network**

Atlantic colleges have a strong reputation for their responsiveness to the training and development needs of Atlantic Canadian businesses and industries. Now they are going to take it up a notch! At the February meeting of the APCCC Board, a decision was made to form an APCCC Corporate Services Network. The main focus of this network will be to collaborate and cooperate in the provision of services to Pan Atlantic businesses, industries and organizations so that the full strength of the public college systems in Atlantic Canada can be used in responding to these needs.

The membership of the Network will consist of two representatives from each of the colleges. The Network will be chaired in the first year by Ken Jones from Nova Scotia Community College. Members will meet once a semester, normally by conference call, to plan and share ideas and best practices and, throughout the year, use the network to source and respond to training and development needs on an ongoing basis.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Atlantic colleges have negotiated nearly 130 block transfer agreements with other post-secondary institutions. These agreements provide opportunities for college graduates to build on their credentials without the added cost of time and money needed to relearn a body of knowledge or a skill.**

**THE ACCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS COMING FAST:  
MONCTON IS EXPECTING YOU JUNE 5 TO 7 2005!**

**Don't miss the chance to hear renowned keynote speakers such as Michael Adams, one of Canada's leading market researchers and author of *Fire and Ice*, Stephen Lewis, one of Canada's most influential commentators on social affairs, international development and human rights, Antonine Maillet, renowned Acadian author, Companion of the Order of Canada, member of the Queen's Privy Council and former Chancellor of the Université de Moncton and Hon. Claudette Bradshaw, Minister of State, Human Resources Development.**

**The conference sessions will touch on a wide range of topics including: regional economic development, the learning college, university transfer, effective governance, accessibility, essential skills, aboriginal programs and services, and many more.**

**Register for the Pre-conference Symposia presenting the Canadian College Partnership Program (CCPP) Forum on June 2 – 4, Student Success on June 3 – 4, and Serving Rural and Remote Communities on June 4.**

**The early bird registration deadline is April 15, 2005. Book your flights and hotel now. For more information visit <http://conference.accc.ca>.**

### **Responding to Construction Symposium Recommendations**

The APCCC recently formed a committee of deans and equivalents to respond to the recommendations from the Atlantic Construction Symposium. The committee will meet in Halifax in March to develop an action plan which, in turn, will be reported to the Atlantic Steering Committee (ASC) who has overall responsibility for follow-through on the recommendations in the symposium report. The ASC is chaired by Gerald Nadeau, Director of Apprenticeship Training in New Brunswick.

### **Third Annual Atlantic Tourism Educators' Conference**

The Atlantic Colleges' Tourism Educators' Consortium is well along in planning for their third annual conference to be hosted by NSCC in Halifax from May 31 to June 2, 2005. The conference will have a full complement of keynote speakers and concurrent, interactive sessions, alternated with specialty breaks and luncheons. It is shaping up to be a premiere professional development opportunity for all tourism educators in Atlantic Canada. Detailed information is available at [www.nsc.ca/ACTEC2005](http://www.nsc.ca/ACTEC2005).

## Fine Dining at its Finest

If you have the opportunity to visit Akerley Campus, NSCC, try to do so when their culinary students are scheduled to provide a “fine dining experience” for their guests. That is exactly what happened when the APCCC Board met at the Nova Scotia Community College in February 2005. The Board just happened to arrange the meeting when Tara MacDonald and Jennie Smith, both 2<sup>nd</sup> year culinary arts students at Akerley Campus, were responsible for designing and preparing a first class dining experience. These student chefs, along with their fellow students, provided a truly delightful evening for the Board and other guests in their newly renovated dining room.



Tara MacDonald and Jennie Smith

At the expense of creating that mouth watering sensation in readers of this newsletter, Tara and Jennie agreed to share their menus.

### Tara MacDonald's Menu

Amuse  
Steamed Mussels with Smoked Tomato Chutney  
Soup  
Corn and Cheddar, Tomato-Bacon Relish  
Salad  
Stuffed Rigatoni with Baby Greens  
Grilled Lemon Vinaigrette, Balsamic Reduction  
Appetizer  
Crispy Skinned Salmon  
Red Wine Sauce, Chive Potato Puree  
Red Wine Gastrique  
Entrees  
Spinach & Parmesan Stuffed Chicken  
Caramelized Shallot & Fig Sauce  
or  
Grilled Pork Tenderloin  
Seared Polenta, Pineapple Chips  
Sweet & Sour Pan Sauce  
Dessert  
Strawberry & Blueberry Sorbets  
Fruit Coulis, Fresh Berries

### Jennie Smith's Menu

Amuse  
Smoked Eel on Knackerbrod Cracker  
Sweet Gherkin Relish  
Soup  
Creamed Potato and Green Pea  
Fresh Herbs  
Salad  
Cinnamon Duck Breast  
Caramelized Apple Salad  
Fresh Blueberries, Crisp Quinoa  
Appetizer  
Salmon Cake  
Frisee & Kohlrabi “Sandwich”  
Chive Essence  
Entrees  
Black Angus Striploin Steak  
Herbed Squash Gnocchi  
Mushroom, Tomato & Artichoke Sauce  
or  
Pan Seared Halibut  
Leek Puree & Shallot-Lemon Compote  
Dessert  
Jona Gold Tart Tatin  
House Made Vanilla Ice Cream  
Maple Cream Sauce

## CCNB's Centre of Excellence in Agricultural and Biotechnical Sciences Aims for Global Education

Because of the rapid growth of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), as well as the globalization of markets, services and training, it is clear that expertise must be made more available to the greater majority. This is especially true when the different parties concerned work together on international projects and, are thus called upon to use and spread their knowledge and their skills throughout the world.

Hence, the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural and Biotechnical Sciences (CESAB) of Grand Falls (a constituent of the Edmundston Campus of CCNB) and the Collège Shawinigan in Quebec

will establish a strategic relationship in order to share their complementary skills. Since the CESAB and Collège Shawinigan have already worked on many international activities, the repercussions of such a project will benefit not only all cégeps and Canadian colleges, but also many countries which have previously established collaborations. This project will be financed by the Réseau des CEGEPS et des Collèges francophones du Canada (RCCFC).

The project will take place in two distinct phases that would best be shared by many Canadian colleges. On the one hand is the sharing of skills and expertise in the biotechnical field (training programs, centre for technology transfers, and centre of excellence), and on the other, is the implementing of "Global Education."

## Atlantic Canada's Public Community Colleges

*Check them out!*



[www.hollandcollege.com](http://www.hollandcollege.com)



[www.cna.nl.ca](http://www.cna.nl.ca)



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