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Vision

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) 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.



Mission

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 programs 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



As I reflect on the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's (SICI) 2013-2014 activities, I am reminded of our founding in 1968 with a mandate to foster cooperation and collaboration between Canada and India in higher education. This continues to position SICI as a unique bi-national organization supporting academic linkages between India and Canada. While SICI has evolved to

meet the needs and aspirations of both countries over the years, it has remained future-focused. Let me draw your attention to the present day by providing brief highlights regarding the funding support, programming/ partnerships, outreach/advocacy, and operations/governance.

Funding Support:



In January 2014, SICI signed a 3- year contribution agreement with the Government of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD), albeit at a lower level than in the past and with a matching fund requirement. As the funding includes a special initiative for fund development and fundraising, we have a fundraising consultant in place and should see results in the immediate future. In 2013- 2014, we also received CIDA funding for 20 student internships from Canada to India. On the India side, the funding from the Government of India's Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) remains strong, with the commitment to increase funding. We are very grateful for the continued

funding support from the Governments of India and Canada.

Programming and Partnership:

Over the last year, the Shastri Institute has effectively supported excellence in academic partnership through collaborative research, faculty and student mobility and cultural exchanges. The CIDA funding allowed us to offer 20 student internships at four organizations in India, and the MHRD-funded library program continues to be significant with over 6000 items sent to Canadian universities. We also continued to support Canadian provincial governments through our agreements with the Governments of Quebec and Saskatchewan, and we have been exploring possibilities with Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia, and other provinces.



The Institute also elevated and showcased its many partnerships over 2013-2014. For example, in November 2013 we partnered with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry on the 'Global Higher Education Summit' and signed an MoU for future cooperation and collaboration. We also partnered with the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce to conduct a series of roundtables on unlocking the potential of Canada and India relations in trade/investment, Agriculture, Education and so on. The Engaging Canada in India and Engaging India in Canada series of events continue to help us communicate the excellent work our

scholars, students, and member institutions as well as our partners have been doing. As the word map in our cover page highlights the alumni network we have built over the years spans the two countries from coast to coast to coast in Canada and India.

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Advocacy and Outreach:

Over the past year, members of our executive council met several key individuals: Canadian parliamentarians and senators, Indian Government officials, DFATD officials, senior administrators from our member institutions, and officials at the Indian High Commission in Ottawa and the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi. This advocacy and outreach enabled us to showcase some of SICI's concrete accomplishments as a unique bi-national organization with over 90 members in both countries.



Operations and Governance:

The Shastri Institute's programs are managed by our offices in New Delhi and Calgary, where our staff members continue work hard. We have created operational efficiencies through various strategies such as the use of technology (Skype) for all the monthly Executive Council meetings and reduced admin/governance costs in Canada by over 50% from previous year.

Governance



In summary, the Shastri Institute remains a strong and relevant bi-national organization. The reduced funding is a challenge but it has provided opportunities for new and strategic partnerships, while the core operational and programmatic funding continues to come from the Governments of India and Canada. In recognizing the many players in the Canada-India education corridor, we have partnered in strategic and sustainable areas. In the context of increased accountability regarding public funds, we have continued to benchmark and showcase our accomplishments

through advocacy and outreach. As an organization, we have also become very efficient in our operations and governance. However we must support these at an adequate level to avoid volunteer executive council and staff burnout.

On a final note, let me add my most sincere thanks to DFATD/MHRD for their continued funding support, the Canadian and Indian Member Council for their support and enthusiastic participation in our programs, our partners for collaborating with us on key initiatives, the bi-national Executive Council members for their personal and professional commitment to assist the Institute with regards to strategic oversight, and to the past presidents who were always available as source of institutional memory and were so willing to give their time. Finally, our staff members have worked extremely hard and I extend my sincere thanks to them. Personally, I thank God for enabling me to perform this role to the fullest of my abilities with the support of so many wonderful people. I am truly privileged and enriched by this experience.



Prof. Johnson with the Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resource Development

Sincerely,



Shanthi Johnson
President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

Our Indian and Canadian Council Members



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Indian Members Council

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EVENTS, CONFERENCES AND ROUND-TABLES

Engaging Canada: Emerging Priorities for Sustainable Partnerships

On June 1, 2013, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized a 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 four areas:

Energy & Environment, Public Health, Food Security & Sustainable Development and Bi-lateral Trade and Investment. The Conference provided a platform for a new cadre of researchers from India and Canada to present their work and discuss further academic and institutional collaborations between Indian and Canadian universities and research institutes.



"Effort to identify emerging opportunities and strategies to address challenges identified in priority sectors by both the Indian and Canadian governments" Prof. Ranbir Singh, President of SICI

"SICI is instrumental in laying down the foundations of linkages in the academic and cultural field between India and Canada". Mr. Jim Nickel, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada to India".

"Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is important for India-Canada educational cooperation. Prof. Shanthi Johnson, Vice President/President-Elect of SICI



The Inaugural Session concluded with Dr. Ravi Shankar Rao, Member, Executive Council, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute proposing a vote of thanks.

In the plenary session Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Member at Large-Executive Council, Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute introduced Keynote speaker Prof. Balbir Sahni who spoke about 'Canada-India Academic Linkages'. Prof. Sahni mentioned the high level of institutional engagement

between Canada and India and SICI's unique bi-national structure and governance. Prof. Sahni emphasized that for successful partnerships, "effective, innovative and mutually rewarding academic linkages do serve as the lynchpin and all stakeholders have a role to play".

The first parallel session was on 'Energy and Environment' whereas the other parallel session on 'Public Health'. In both the parallel sessions in total 8 papers were presented by eminent researchers in their respective fields from Canadian and Indian researchers. In the afternoon the first parallel session was on 'Food Security and Sustainable development' while another parallel session of the afternoon was on 'Bi-lateral Trade and Investment'. The papers presented were diverse in nature covering many aspects like investment, trade in environmental goods, free trade agreement.



The Conference concluded with Valedictory Session where Prof. Biju Paul Abraham and Prof. Ravi Shankar Rao, Executive Council Members of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute summed up the conference discussions. Prof. Shanthi Johnson gave Valedictory Note and Prof. Abraham proposed a Vote of Thanks.

Unlocking Potential: Future of Canada India Partnership Ottawa Roundtable

A roundtable on "Unlocking Potential : Future of Canada India Partnership" was jointly organized by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) with support from the Honourable Senator Dr. Asha Seth at the Parliament Hill, Ottawa on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.



At the roundtable Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was represented by President Prof. Shanthi Johnson and Dr. Rajesh Tyagi and ICCC was represented by its President Naval Bajaj and Ambassador (Retd.) Kant K. Bhargava, Honorary Advisor of ICCC. The opening session of the Roundtable was held at Hotel Westin, Ottawa where representatives from the business community, academia and government came together to discuss four different themes pertaining to Canada India bilateral relations;

- Education, skill development and vocational training
- Innovation, science and technology, and sustainable development
- Investment
- Roles of diaspora and bridge-builders, Canadian provinces and Indian states

Among the Roundtable participants included His Excellency Admiral Nirmal Varma, Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Don Stephenson, Chief Negotiator, CEPA, Ms. Denise Amyot, President and CEO, Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Mr. Sriram Iyer, President & CEO, ICICI Bank, Canada, Mr. Brian Lee Crowley, Managing Director, Mc Donald Laurier Institute, Mr. V.I. Lakshmanan, Chair, Canada India Foundation, Douglas Gould, Director, Asia Pacific Foundation and representatives from AUCC, Department of Foreign Affairs Trade and Development and various other organizations.



In his speech, Mr. Don Stephenson stressed on the importance of Canada India trade relationship and the challenges it faced in signing of CEPA. He highlighted the various agreements between Canada and India that were signed and also those that are in their final stages which includes the Social Security Agreement, Nuclear Cooperation Agreement and also agreements on Audio Visual Coproduction, Science and Technology Partnership Program, International Education Strategy, Investment Protection

Agreement, Sector Practices established in key economic areas and expanded Trade Commissioner Services in India to promote Canadian businesses. His Excellency Admiral Nirmal Varma emphasized the importance of SMEs in the trade corridor between Canada and India which should move on even in the absence of CEPA.

"Tonight, we will have an opportunity to discuss at length how Canada and India are working together to develop and strengthen key relations in the areas of education, research, and commerce", Senator Asha Seth.

Senator Seth congratulated Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in organizing the Roundtable meeting.

Continued...Unlocking Potential

In his speech, Mr. Naval Bajaj, ICCI President said "At the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce, we believe that for unlocking the full potential of Canada-India partnerships, our discussions during the roundtable must factor the need for evolving a cohesive and coordinated approach by the governments of Canada and India by involving in this exercise industry, academia and governments at provincial and local levels."



The event concluded with a speech by Prof. Shanthi Johnson, President of the Shastri- Indo Canadian Institute, in which the importance of academic and research exchanges were stressed as a measure to further unlock potential for Canada and India. In her speech, Prof. Johnson said "Education is the most effective tool we have to bring social change and economic prosperity. Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute will continue to play a significant role in building and improving academic relationships between the two great nations, Canada and India."

Knowledge session on "Engaging Canada and India: Networking for Quality Improvement"



Prof. Johnson and Sh. Arbind Prasad while signing MoU

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized a special Engaging Canada and India event "Networking for Quality Improvement" on November 12, 2013 from 2.00 p.m. to 7:30 pm Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) Global Education Summit on Nov 13 & 14, 2013 in Delhi. This event was a part of the Shastri Institute's initiative to enhance Canada-India Education cooperation within the framework of the Education Cooperation MOU signed by the

governments of Canada and India and announced by Prime Ministers Harper and Singh on June 27, 2010. The event focused on six themes relevant to the Government of Canada and Government of India, i.e. Food Security and Sustainable Development, Water Resource Management, Gender and Health, Bilateral Trade and Investment, Energy and Environment and Higher Education. Concurrent four Panels featured eminent speakers from India and Canada, and scholars from 15 Canadian and 10 Indian institutions participated in the discussions at the roundtable. Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission delivered the inaugural address.

Continued...Knowledge Session on “Engaging Canada and India: Networking

“This event provides a platform to scholars and experts from Canada and India to share knowledge on the themes that are important to both our countries.” H.E. Mr. Stewart Beck. The program concluded with a reception and dinner hosted by Mr. Beck at Canada House. On that occasion Mr. Beck highlighted the ongoing cooperation between the two countries. HE Admiral Nirmal Verma, High Commissioner of India to Canada, emphasized the contribution that the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute has made



in the promotion of higher education, research and collaboration between India and Canada. Prof. Shanthi Johnson, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, highlighted the support and contributions of stakeholders, and liaising partners like the High Commission of Canada in India, and the Governments of India and Canada, who believe in the Institutes' ideals and remained committed to the Shastri Institute's bi-national structure.

CEPA and Beyond: Canada-India Partnership in Agriculture & Food Processing

Aroundtable on the theme CEPA and Beyond: Canada-India Partnership in Agriculture and Food Processing was jointly organized by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) in partnership with Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce with support from University of Regina and Ministry of the Economy (ECON), Government of Saskatchewan, at the University of Regina on Friday, October 11, 2013.

At the roundtable Shastri Indo Canadian Institute was represented by Prof. Shanthi Johnson, President SICI and Proj. Braj M. Sinha, a former President of SICI and Professor, University of Saskatchewan. ICCC was represented by its President Naval Bajaj and Ambassador (Retd.) Kant K. Bhargava, Honorary Advisor of ICCC.



The Regina roundtable brought together a mix of 30 representatives from the business community, academia (both University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan), and government. Hon'ble Bidhu Jha, Special Envoy for International Trade, Government of Manitoba, Mr. Robert Donald, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Trade Policy, Govt. of Saskatchewan, and Ms. Jennifer Evancio, Senior Director, Trade Development, Agri-

Value, Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) addressed the Plenary Session. Background note was made available to all roundtable participants on agriculture and food processing. The two sub-groups had comprehensive discussions on:

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- The role of governments, business and industry for building partnership in agriculture and food processing and for promoting food and nutrition security;
- Strengthening cooperation in agriculture research and biotechnology: Interface between academia, industry, business and government;

The need for more effective and sustained actions in these two areas was highlighted by the participants. The event, in important ways builds on the momentum gained by Engaging India events held in Halifax, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Calgary, Montreal and Engaging French Canada event held in Pondicherry. The next Engaging Canada events are scheduled to be held on November 12, 2013 at the Federation House,, New Delhi with the theme of “networking for quality improvement”



and in Kolkata on Nov 15, 2013 in collaboration with the West Bengal Government and our member universities in West Bengal.

Panel Discussion on 'Canada-India: Training the next generation of innovators and researchers'

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in collaboration with High Commission of Canada to India, MITACS and National Institute of Immunology organized a special Panel Discussion with His Excellency the Right Honorable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada on “Canada India: Training the Next Generation of Innovators and Researchers” on February 25, 2014 at National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

The discussion highlighted issues relating to education cooperation and mobility between Canada and India, and focused on the important next step of training new researchers and scholars and the creation of new modes of collaboration in an increasingly interconnected world.

University of British Columbia President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Toope, moderated the discussion. Other Panelists for the discussion were:

Prof. Pradipta Banerji, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Mr. Paul Davidson, President, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

Mr. Sachin Goel, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Mitacs Award Winner, 2012

Prof. Arvind Gupta, Chief Executive Officer and Scientific Advisor, Mitacs

Prof. Gilles Patry, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canada Foundation for Innovation

Prof. Renu Swarup, Advisor, Department of Biotechnology and Managing Director, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

Continued...Panel Discussion on 'Canada-India

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada in his opening remarks said “Canada shares many of the same priorities as India, which makes it easier to collaborate locally and globally. Of particular interest—to me and to our countries—is learning....The next generation of researchers—many of you here, in fact—will continue to do research in ways quite different from the previous generation—and making international connections with each other is part of that. It is through this type of exchange that we will continue our move from grain to brain—not losing knowledge or talents across borders, but circulating our innovations and creativity freely”. For complete speech please refer GGC’s official website at <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=15521>

Prof. Shanthi Johnson, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, while giving Vote of Thanks highlighted the importance of the discussions and laid due focus on the ‘way forward’.

Pictures of the Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan



The Role of Vocational Colleges and Training Institute in the Canada-India Higher Education Corridor: Unlocking its Full Potential

Three keynote addresses and five roundtables on “The Role of Colleges and Vocational Training Institutes in the Canada-India Higher Education Corridor” were jointly organized by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) on April 23, 2014 in Toronto. The five roundtable topics were 1) Student Mobility, 2) Faculty Mobility, 3) Curriculum Development, 4) Institutional Partnerships, and 5) Industry Linkages and Applied Research.



The event was opened by Diane Simpson from Humber College, who welcomed all attendees. Prof. Shanthi Johnson then gave a short address, in which she welcomed participants and emphasized the relevance of the three-part slogan, futures is here, futures is emerging, and futures is full of opportunities. Prof. Johnson provided a brief history of the Shastri Institute, describing its founding in 1968 the Indo-Canadian higher education corridor, its evolution through the education continuum from a concentration on the social science and humanities to its current inclusion of science and technology, engineering, management, trade and investment, as well as the organization’s emerging relationships with governments and institutions in Canada and India.

ACCC President and CEO Ms. Denyse Amyot then addressed the participants, thanking Diane Simpson and Humber College for hosting the event. She spoke of common misconceptions of the current college system, addressing their prevalence in Canada, the broad range of their programming, the success of their students, the increase in attendance amongst post-university students, and the advantage of small class sizes. Ms. Amyot emphasized the relevance of applied learning and research, referencing the Government of Canada’s two-year funding for social innovations projects as well as the Research Excellence Fund for post-secondary international exchange. She described ACCC’s current international presence, including their office in Delhi, as well as the importance of targeting markets in specific countries in order to build strong relationships. Ms. Amyot concluded by explaining ACCC’s current strategy in transitioning from previous CIDA funding to new partnerships, their desire to work with the private sector, and their continued focus on India’s National Skills Development Corporation.



Mr. Akhilesh Mishra, Consul General of India, Toronto, gave the first keynote address. He applauded SICI and ACCC for their initiative and planning and expressed a deep appreciation for the “social harmony” and sense of community that Canada provides. He stressed the importance of the Canadian college as a global role

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model, with a focus on the relationships between educational institutions, communities, and industries. In particular, he mentioned that the education-industry relationship moves beyond corporate funding to incorporate “fluid, two-way interaction.” Mr. Mishra also stressed the importance of the education sector more generally in terms of its importance in transmitting values and building communities. As well as the Indian Government’s pursuit of the ‘Three ‘E’s Strategy’: Expansion, Equity, and Excellence. Mr. Mishra emphasized the Indian investment in education in terms of the declaration of education as a right in 2010, the increased funding toward the education sector, and the creation of strategies and missions on education. He enumerated four key drivers in the changing Indian landscape: 1) demographics (the young age of the Indian population); 2) organization (the increasing urbanization in India); 3) industry (the growth of major manufacturing corridors and changes in manufacturing more generally); and 4) technology (the changing role of media and the importance of technology in the India economy). Finally, Mr. Mishra stressed that Canada is “uniquely positioned to be a strategic, critical partner” for three reasons: 1) the appreciation of democratic values and the synergy between Canadian and Indian populations; 2) the image of ease and transparency in Canadian trade and the large amount of contact between the two countries; and 3) the holistic vision and approach of Canadian businesses in terms of professionalism, planning, skills development, and the culture of security and safety.



Prof. Dan Patterson, President of Niagara College, then gave the second keynote address, in which he suggested that the roundtable event might hold two goals in mind: 1) to make the case for colleges to play a larger role in the India-Canada post-secondary discussion; and 2) to discuss the enormous benefits that might come from



SICI’s involvement. He asked the roundtable participants to consider what the value proposition at hand is in responding to India’s goal to have 500 million people skilled by 2022. Reiterating the college-community connection, Dr. Patterson referenced the need for an Indian solution for India discussed during the morning’s Information Session. He concluded by enumerating nine transformational claims to keep in mind in further developing relationships in the Canada-India

higher education corridor: 1) career-focussed programs; 2) quality assurance; 3) strong economic mandate; 4) applied research and learning; 5) brand recognition; 6) unique

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products and services; 7) industry advisory committees; 8) flexibility and innovation; and 9) people.

The event continued with the roundtable sessions, opened up by Dr. Rajesh Tyagi. Each roundtable addressed one of five topics (student mobility, faculty mobility, curriculum development, institutional partnership, and industry linkages and applied research) by discussing exiting programs, identifying best practices, and making recommendations for new or extended programs. At the end of the session, one representative presented a summary of each roundtable's key findings:

1. Student Mobility
2. Faculty Mobility
3. Curriculum Development
4. Institutional Partnerships
5. Industry Linkages and Applied Research.

The roundtable ended with Plenary Remarks from Mr. Michael Danagher, Director of Southeast Asia and Oceania Commercial Relations with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. Mr. Danagher stressed the importance of learning from other countries' models and experiences. He addressed the worldwide recognition of the need for vocational training, and the high regard in which Canada's platform is held. Mr. Danagher also referenced the Government of Canada's Global Market Action Plan and the crucial role of education therein. He concluded by stressing that Canadian relations with India in terms of bilateral trade are below where they could and should be, and that there is huge potential for programs to fill India's needs in areas such as food and energy.

Engaging Canada-India Roundtable

The Engaging India-Canada Roundtable (RT), sponsored by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (Shastri, SICI) was a regional event held on November 22, 2013 at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA). The purpose of the Roundtable was to promote the strengthening of the positive, longstanding relations regionally Ontario and SICI.

The morning Roundtable had participants provide brief overviews of their research and scholarship, their contribution to India-Canadian relations, and the challenges and opportunities faced within Indo-Canadian scholarship. The highlight of the evening dinner event was the keynote speech by Ms. Lucie Edwards.

Prof. John Ravenhill, Director of BSIA, opened the meeting with a brief history of the school, giving an outline of its unique organizational structure and graduate programs. Shanthi Johnson, President of Shastri, welcomed the participants and highlighted the four main initiatives that Shastri as an organization has been working on, including an influential role in agenda-setting in the realm of bilateral education between Canada and India.



Following the welcome messages by John Ravenhill and Shanthi Johnson, 12 faculty members and students from WLU, UW, the University of Guelph (UG) and McMaster University (MU) presented an overview of their India-Canada related research including the contributions, challenges and opportunities within their scholarship program.

- Ms. Lucie Edwards, former Canadian High Commissioner to India (PhD Candidate, BSIA) spoke of her work within science and technology for the poor, specifically in the areas of climate change, biodiversity, and food security, as well as the roles of scientists in developing public policy in these areas.
- Prof. Goetz Hoeppe (University of Waterloo, Anthropology Department) spoke about his research on astronomers and how they form international collaborations through open access. His current research is on trawling and fisheries in Kerala in India and his research areas include why activism has died down in Kerala in the last ten years.
- Prof. Mitali De (Wilfrid Laurier University, School of Business and Economics) spoke of her project with the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, which looks at the adoption of mobile commerce in India versus the adoption of this technology in Canada. Her work is focused on food security problems caused by insufficient business management.
- Prof. Margaret Walton-Roberts (Wilfrid Laurier University, Geography Department) addressed the projects of International Migration Research Centre (IMRC)—specifically the migration of skilled nurses, which is a popular profession for women who wish to work internationally. She suggested that Shastri look to colleges, both private and public, to increase their membership and serve as a facilitator to reach out to other Indian agencies.

Continued...Engaging Canada-India Roundtable

- Prof. Simarjeet Saini (University of Waterloo, Institute for Nanotechnology) illuminated the work of the University with Indian collaborators in the field of nanotechnology applications for food and water quality, especially the assessment of milk adulteration and their research and development of low cost optical biosensors for the specific needs within India.
- Prof. Rama Singh (McMaster University, Biology Department) spoke on the Gandhi Peace Festival, which is a movement teaching Canadians about India from a Gandhian perspective, and is a project funded by MU and the City of Hamilton, ON. An evolutionary biologist and geneticist, Dr. Singh also spoke of his work on "Women's Shanti Sena" or peace/empowerment training programs in India.
- Prof. Madhu Kalimipalli (Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Finance) highlighted his work with Indian colleagues and Institutions on risk management and fixed income markets and talked about the opportunity for Canadian universities to raise the level of research by establishing partnerships with Indian business educational institutes.
- Prof. Rumina Dhalla (Department of Management) spoke of the relations between East Africa and India and of the new initiative at University of Guelph that is a collaborative model in teaching in East Africa. She expressed a wish to see a similar initiative at the university built on this model for India.
- Prof. Ashwani Peetush (Wilfrid Laurier University, Philosophy Department) spoke of his work on human rights in India and how Indian philosophy can bring something important to global deliberations on human rights.
- Prof. Ryan Touhey (St. Jerome's University, History Department) gave an overview of his upcoming book - a manuscript to be published by UBC Press on the history of the Canada-India relationship from 1941-1976.
- Huzan Dordi (PhD Candidate, University of Waterloo) spoke of his Master's thesis, which revolves around the issue of India's soft power by assessing how the image of India is projected in Canada through the Canadian media.
- Ms. Seema Mutti (PhD Candidate, University of Waterloo, School of Public Health and Health Systems) detailed her current work on the representation of India in the Canadian media and her doctoral work, which involves the examination of perceptions of health warnings for smokeless tobacco in India and Bangladesh.

In summary, the Roundtable discussions highlighted:

- The diversity and depth of the connectivity researchers in Ontario have developed with Indian researchers;
- The potential for corporate engagement between universities and business interests in the Canada-Indian corridor;

Continued...Engaging Canada-India Roundtable

- The need for SICI to expand its mandate to include business, science and technology exchanges and build on its strong network of alumni;
- Canada's wish to continue foreign trade and foreign aid relations with India, despite differing worldviews.

Prof. Doris Jakobsh who spearheaded the event, wrapped up the roundtable with a thank you note to all of the participants and introduced Prof. Biju Paul Abraham as the President



elect of Shastri.

At the Evening Event, Prof. Doris Jakobsh and Dr. Shanthi Johnson, President of Shastri, welcomed the guests. Prof. Max Blouw, President of WLU, spoke on the importance of such events and Douglas Peers, the Dean of Arts at the UW, spoke of his history with Shastri. Margaret Walton-Roberts presented a summary of the morning's roundtable event.



Continued...Engaging Canada-India Roundtable

Lucie Edwards, former Canadian High Commissioner to India, the evening's keynote speaker, gave her speech. Ms. Lucie is a PhD Candidate and lecturer in the Public Policy and International Relations Departments at both Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo. She is also a PhD candidate at BSIA. Her research is on science and technology for the poor, and seeks initiatives to support the bottom billion in Africa and South Asia.



Dr. Simarjeet Saini
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University of Waterloo)

Dr. Rama Singh
(Dept. of Biology
McMaster University)

Dr. Madhu Kalimipalli
(Dept. of
Business & Economics
Wilfrid Laurier University)

Ms. Edwards opened her keynote address stating that "if we did not have Shastri, we would have to invent it." Praising the organization and its work, she spoke of the relations between Canada and India, how, fundamentally, this is as a voyage of discovery of commonalities and differences. She then spoke about issues within her own research, addressing issues of environmental ethics and her work with Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, known as the "Father of the Green Revolution in India."

She observed that while there was engagement and interest, the depth required to properly develop the relationships between Canada and India was missing, referring to the decrease in Canadian scholars working on Indian studies. She also spoke of India's STEM research focus which has resulted in a catalyst of development in technology service and how UW is seen as a flagship brand for Canadian universities in India. In her view, while India is not an easy country to deal with on a political level, we must build on our existing partnerships and broaden our relationship so we can survive the political disagreements.

In closing, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, President-elect of Shastri, thanked all in attendance. Ms. Lucie Edwards for her keynote presentation; the organizers of the event, Prof. Doris Jakobsh, Prof. Margaret Walton-Roberts, Prof. Shanthi Johnson and Ms. Mahmuda Aldeen.

Bringing Youth into Development (BYID)

Public Engagement and Networking Event



The Bringing Youth into Development (BYID) Public Engagement and Networking event was organized by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and held on at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa on March 11th 2014. Delegates from the Governments of India and Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, International Community Development Organizations, University Professors and Researchers, and Business organizations were present. The event was attended by 60 delegates, including 14 interns

who had just returned from India.

The event began with a welcome address from the current President of SICI, Prof. Shanthi Johnson. This was followed by an inspirational talk by Senator Asha Seth. Through her talk, Senator Seth emphasized the importance of initiatives such as BYID that provide support to young Canadian graduates working in the field of development in India. Her speech was followed by a short but equally motivating address by Mr. Tsewang Namgyal, the Deputy High Commissioner of India in Canada. Following this, the BYID interns gave wonderful presentations of their projects in India (Bangalore, Chandigarh, Delhi and Chennai). It was amazing to see all that the interns accomplished in the short period of six months.

The high point of the event was the “speed networking” sessions, during which the delegates were divided into four groups: Education and Business, International Community Development, Government of India and Canada, and Research. For about 15 minutes, three to four interns interacted with delegates seated at each table, after which they moved to the next table. It was a quick way to exchange information regarding what was done in India and what is being currently done in the field of international development. Although the time period was very short, there was ample knowledge exchange and useful networking. This was followed by vote of thanks by Prof. Doris Jakobsh and the event was wrapped up with Indian dinner! The networking continued at the dinner table as well.



Overall, it was an engaging and valuable event for all involved—the interns were given the opportunity to meet their peers and share their experiences, and to network and learn from the delegates in the field of international development. The event also provided the chance to showcase the work done by the interns in India to the Canadian public and professionals.

Seminar on “Challenges to Internal Security: An Indo-Canadian Perspective”

A seminar on “Challenges to Internal Security: An Indo-Canadian Perspective” was organised by the Centre in collaboration with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI), New Delhi on March 12, 2014. Speaking at the seminar the distinguished speakers dwelt on major challenges to internal security both in India and Canada, constructs of internal security in plural societies, studies of multiculturalism in Canada, group relations in India and direction of future research.



The main domains of discussion were terrorism, cyber security, communal and ethnic violence etc. In this day-long seminar attended by 100 - plus participants, the general consensus was to look beyond the existing backdrop and furnish hints and possibilities of a new socio-economic and political order in which violence as a mode of communication and transaction would not survive.

National Seminar on “Indigenous People and Their Rights”

A two-day national seminar on “Indigenous People and Their Rights” was inaugurated on the campus of Berhampur University on January 10-11, 2014. It was organised by the Centre under the sponsorship of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. Participating in the seminar the learned speakers discussed the history of indigenous people and how they have got marginalised with time. The general opinion was that the socio-cultural tradition of indigenous people had to be protected while taking up developmental projects.



At the outset chief guest Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Vice-President/President-Elect SICI and Professor of IIM, Calcutta spoke at length on the seminal contribution of SICI in enlarging on Indo-Canadian relations on all its aspects. In her speech as guest of honour Prof. Prachi

Kaul outlined the activities/programmes of SICI and urged upon the faculty members and

CS Centre's Lecture Series Programme

students to take advantage of these programmes. As part of Centre's Lecture series programme, Prof. K.C. Bal a diligent student of literary scholarship, delivered a talk on "Canadian Imagination: An Aesthetics of Eternal Frontier" on 12.07.2013 and Fr.Charles Borges, S.J., Associate Professor in History, Maryland, USA spoke on "Indo-Canadian Links" on July 24, 2013.

The Memory Trail...with Tomson Highway

On 5th February Tomson Highway, Cree Playwright, from Canada addressed the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkata at Buddhadeva Bose Sabhagriha. In his seminal talk Tomson Highway spoke about the formation of a Cree performance culture within the Urban Space of Toronto, Canada. He situated the cultural movement in the context of the various negotiations of Aboriginal People in Canada. This session was an interactive session where Tomson demonstrated his skill as a composer and educator. A Story Weaving session was organised at Space (an intimate space) where Tomson Highway interacted with Students, senior academicians and artists. This was followed by a potluck where we shared food in the true spirit of sharing.



On 6th February a Master Class (on Performance) was organised with Tomson Highway, students and theatre practitioners in Kolkata. The workshop was conducted by Tomson Highway, Arka and Dheeman. It was also one of those rare moments when participants could learn Cree songs and later the kern mood of the songs, movements and gestures was reflected on a live canvas. Rahim Patua narrated the Santhal creation story through his scroll paintings. Kaustubh Chakraborty and Manaj Saha, reflected the thought process on Canvas.

Continued...The Memory Trail with Tomson Highway

From 7th to 9th February Tomson along with other participants moved to Ebong Amra, a theatre village in Satkahunia, Burwan and conducted a theatre workshop with the group. This was a process driven workshop where the basic idea was to initiate a cross pollination of forms. The primary text was Kshudita Pashan by Rabindranath Tagore. The text was revisited from the perspective of reading marginal narratives embedded in the text. Mr. Kallol Bhattacharya and theatre activists of Ebong Amra coordinated this workshop.



Memory Trail have succeeded in bringing creative's minds together. This process oriented journey will explore future possibilities of cultural exchanges between India and Canada and other modes artistic collaborations.

Diasporic Indian Cinemas and Bollywood on the Diaspora: Re-Imagings and Re-Possessions"

From 22nd to 24th January 2014 International Conference on "Diasporic Indian Cinemas and Bollywood on the Diaspora: Re- Imagings and Re-Possessions" was organized jointly by OUCIP (Osmania University Centre for International Programmes) & CASII (Centre for Advanced Studies in India)

Prof. Sumita Roy, Director OUCIP welcomed all the dignitaries and scholars to the conference. She said in her welcome speech that recent collaboration with CASII will bring many programmes in future at Osmania University.



The Seminar was inaugurated by Prof. S. Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor, Osmania University. Prof. Sridhar Rajeswaran, Director CASII talked about the conference theme. He said in his speech that Indian cinema is 100 year old and Bollywood plays a vital role in connecting India with the world. Prof. S. Satyanarayana released the

Festschrift Prof. Nilufer E. Bharucha.

Mr. K. Hariharan, Director L. V. Prasad Film & TV Academy, Chennai delivered inaugural lecture. He discussed the issues of Censor Board of India and the role they play in Indian cinema.

8 Key note speakers delivered lectures on different aspect of Diaspora and Indian Bollywood during these three days.

Prof. K. Pratap Reddy, Registrar, Osmania University delivered the Valedictory Address and Prof. Sumita Roy, Director, OUCIP & Prof. Sridhar Rajeswaran gave given the concluding remarks on 24th January 2014.



Indian Government Fellowships, Awards and Funds

Faculty and Student Mobility

Under the Faculty and Student Mobility Programme (FSM) 2013-2014, 2 faculty members and 4 students received awards this year. This year we received a very good response to our call for applications with a total of 90 applications under both the categories (39 for Faculty Mobility and 51 for Students Mobility).

The names of faculty/students receiving the awards and their host institutions are provided below:

Faculty Mobility				
Name	Subject	Topic	Indian University / Institution	Canadian University/ Institution
Dr. Arun Kumar Padhy	Chemistry	Synthesis and Applications of Imidazole Derivatives: Possible Application for Dye Sensitized Solar Cell (Dssc) / Bulk Heterojunction Solar Cell	Central University of Jharkhand	University of Waterloo
Dr. Shabana Bano	Psychology	Social Identity, Relational Orientations and Inter-Group Relations In Canada and India	Benaras Hindu University	University of Guelph
Student Mobility				
Name	Subject	Topic	Indian University / Institution	Canadian University/ Institution
Ayan Roychowhury	Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Material Inhomogeneities in Shells as Asymptotic Limit of Three Dimensional Incompatible Elasticity	IIT, Kanpur	University of Calgary
Iish Vinay	Law / Legal Studies	Understanding Jurisprudence of Competition Law: A Comparative Study of Canadian and Indian Jurisdiction	National Law School, Bangalore	York University
Mohammad Sohail	Public Management	Regulation of Higher Education in Canada with Special Reference to British Columbia	Panjab University, Chandigarh	University of Fraser Valley
Soumendra Nath Bhanja	Hydrogeology	Numerical Modeling and Geophysical Approaches to Estimate Groundwater Recharge	IIT, Kharagpur	University of Calgary

India Studies Fellowships

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. This year seven fellows were awarded the fellowship in the following fields/ categories.

The Executive Council has decided to keep 11 scholars on the waiting list so that awards can be granted when additional funds from the MHRD come in by September 2014. There were 26 applications for the fellowship this year.

Sl. No	Category of Fellowship		Total
1	Arts		2
2	Student Research- Doctoral		2
3	Faculty Research		2
4	Language Training		1

Sl. No	Name	Category of Fellowships	Institution	Research/Training Areas
1	Westfall, Susan	Doctoral Student	Banaras Hindu University	Characterization of The Effect of Ayurvedic Herbs on the Composition of the Gut Microflora and its Implication on the Neurobiology of Parkinson's Disease
2	Wilkinson, Lori	Faculty Research	University of Manitoba	The Settlement Experiences of Bangladeshi Migrants In Kolkata
3	Sheldon, Victoria Lynn Chariotte	Student Language Training	University of Victoria	Natural' Curing In Kerala, South India: Bodily Practices as Articulating Social Critique
4	Guenther, Alan	Faculty Research	Briercrest College	Anglo-Muhammadan Law in 19th Century India: The Indian Transformation of a Colonial Construct
5	GOLLNER, Michael	Doctoral Student	McGill University	Canonization in the Śaiva Siddhānta: A Study of the Construction and Reception of The Kāmikāgama
6	Tremblay, Richard	(Art)	Kalashas Company (Montreal, Thrissur)	Choreography and Discourse in Kathakali (Art Project)
7	Swanson, Cole	(Art)	University of King's College	Murals, Materiality, and Modernity: Experimentations on the Jaipur School Fresco

Collaborative Research (2 Years Programme)

Four projects were awarded under Collaborative Research Grants this year. They are-

1. Title of the Project: “Development of Gravity Removal of Arsenic and Iron Contamination of Groundwater in Patna District, Bihar, India”.

Project Director: Subrata Hait, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihar, India

Partner: Brajesh Kumar Dubey, Environmental Engineering, School of Engineering, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

2. Title of the Project: “Nursing Education and Research: Paving Collaborative Ways for Excellent Quality of Care”.

Project Director: Bilkis Vissandjee, Professor, School of Nursing and the School of Public Health, University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec-Canada.

Partner: Kamal Cheema, Medical Director, The Prince Aly Khan Hospital, Mazagoan, Mumbai, INDIA

3. Title of the Project: “Media Framing in India’s 2014 Election Campaigns: Mass Circulation Indigenous English Language Press, and the Parties, Issues and Candidates”.

Project Director: Daniel Aaron Drache, Professor Emeritus and Senior Research Scholar, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, York University Toronto, Canada

Partner: Tabrez Ahmed Neyazi, Assistant Professor, Centre for Culture, Media & Governance (CCMG), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India.

4. Title of the Project: “A Comparison of the Clinical And Molecul Features of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) in Indian and Canadian Populations”.

Project Director: Renu Saxena, Professor and Head, Dept. of Hematology, AIIMS, New Delhi, India.

Partner: Versha Banerji, MD FRCPC, Assistant Professor and Clinician Scientist, Cancer Care Manitoba, Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, University of Manitoba, Canada.

Library Programme

The Library Programme continues to be a significant programme in terms of furthering the Institute’s mandate. The MHRD funds provided for the programme enable us to provide books and periodicals to Canadian Universities in English and other Indian languages. The total number of books and periodicals dispatched to different member universities in Canada in 2013 -2014 is 6077.

Library statement April 2013-March 2014

Universities	English	Hindi	Panjabi	Sanskrit	Urdu	CD	Govt. Publ.	Special orders	Periodicals (No. of Issues)	Not yet dispatched books	Not yet dispatched periodicals	Total
University of Toronto	780	55	21	82	32	15	49	22	18	568	1	1643
University of British Columbia	792	62	46	109	34	89	78	202	291	421	23	2147
Concordia University									102	10	15	127
Dalhousie University									146	2	23	171
Kwantlen Polytechnic University												0
McMaster University								256		29		285
Memorial University of New Foundland										52		52
Kwantlen Polytechnic University								36		7		43
University Mount Allison University										27		27
OCAD University												0
Saint Mary's University									186	9	26	221
Simon Fraser University								31	170	5	21	227
St. Thomas University												0
University of Alberta								37				37
University of Calgary								388	14	16	2	420
University of Guelph												0
University of Lethbridge									52	26	6	84
University of Manitoba	155							10	170	6	22	363
University of Saskatchewan									34	36	6	76
University of Western Ontario												0
University of Winnipeg												0
UQAM												0
Wilfrid Laurier University									73	17	9	99
York University									31	20	4	55
Total												6077

Expenditure Statement for the Period 2013-14

Library Programme 2013-14

S.No.	Universities	Total Costs
1	Concordia University	6,377.50
2	Dalhousie University	56,572.50
3	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	36,410.25
4	McGill University	-
5	McMaster University	206,430.50
6	Memorial University of Newfoundland	16,773.25
7	Mount Allison University	17,091.50
8	OCAD University	-
9	Saint Mary's University	32,991.25
10	Simon Fraser University	68,014.50
11	St. Thomas University	-
12	University of Alberta	4,200.00
13	University of British Columbia	1,287,396.55
14	University of Calgary	394,686.75
15	University of Guelph	-
16	University of Lethbridge	24,064.75
17	University of Manitoba	150,026.00
18	University of Saskatchewan	48,441.50
19	University of the Fraser Valley	-
20	University of Toronto	1,206,812.05
21	University of Western Ontario	-
22	Wilfrid Laurier University	8,360.00
23	University of Winnipeg	-
24	UQAM	-
25	York University	15,810.75
26	Shipping	735,977.00
27	Programme running cost	
	Automation	
	Packing Material	8,995.00
	Training	
	Computer & Extra Support	157,023.08
	Contingency	
	Special Fund	23,988.00
	TOTAL	4,506,442.68

Membership Development Funds (MDF)

The Membership Development Funds provides small grants to our Indian Members to host events which promote linkages between members and Canadian scholars/research institutions. The Executive Committee recommended two institutions for the grants this year. These are:

- **Jadavpur University, Kolkata**
- **Berhampur University, Berhampur**

The **Centre for Canadian Studies, Jadavpur University** organized ‘**The Memory Trail.....with Tomson Highway**’ on February 5-9, 2014, involving academicians, indigenous artists from India and Canada and media persons. The Centre for Canadian Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata in association with Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute, Arshinagar Project and Ebong Amra organized a series of talks and Workshops by the Cree playwright and performer Tomson Highway. A Workshop was conducted by Tomson Highway and Dheeman Bhattacharyya.

Berhampur University, Berhampur, Odisha held their one day seminar on ‘**Challenges to Internal Security: An Indo-Canadian Perspective**’ on March 12, 2014 involving students, teachers, social activists, policy makers, and the media. The Seminar highlighted the fact that democratic systems in both India and Canada are confronted and challenged by multiplicity of conflicts and challenges to internal security. Issues relating to cyber-security were also discussed.

Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Fellowships Grants and Awards

Youth Development/ Internship Programme

The Shastri Institute launched its youth internship program titled: **Bringing Youth into Development (BYID)**. This programme is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Government of Canada, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for 2013-2014.

BYID is designed to offer young Canadian post-secondary graduates between the ages of 19 years and 30 years, the opportunity to gain professional experience through international development work. The objective is to support sustainable international development projects proposed in partnership with developing country partners, by Canadian professional associations, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, and private companies.

The focus themes were (1) increasing food security; (2) stimulating sustainable economic growth; (3) securing the future of children and youth; (5) Millennium Development Goal

issues, such as: Millennium Development Goal 3 - empowering women; Millennium Development Goal 5 - improve maternal health and Millennium Development Goal 6 - Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases, Millennium Development Goal 8 - global partnerships for development.

The 20 selected interns were placed with four institutions of repute in India. The four institutions were:

- 1 Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh
- 2 Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore
- 3 M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai
- 4 Udayan Care, New Delhi

Ours interns for BYID were from different Canadian Universities. The names of the interns who were selected under this programme are- 1. Sara Baghbannezhad Shishvan, UBC, 2. Etienne Pineault, UQAM , 3. Daphnee Laforest-Sabourin, HEC Montreal, 4. Amar Nijhawan, McGill University, 5. Kathleen Hjertaas, University of Waterloo, 6. Logan Ansell, Simon Fraser University, 7. Pavithra Rajan, University of Manitoba, 8. Jonathan Gangbar, WLU, 9. Zahabia Jivaji, UWO 10. Marc-André Gauthier, University of Montreal, 11. Miral Kalyani, University Toronto , 12. Stacey May Comber, New Castle University, 13. Constance L.P. Dupuis, Trent University 14. Alison JonkU Manitoba ,15. Alia Januwalla, McGill University 16. Mina Saboor, York University 17. Remy Bargout, University of Guelph



BYID Interns at Indira Gandhi International Airport after their arrival In India

18. Dawn Cordeiro, University of Guelph 19. Mitalie Makhani, University of Toronto, 20. Gagandeep (Gonee) Saini University of British Columbia.

Our Youth Interns



SICI India Office conducted a half-day orientation programme on July 20, 2013 for the interns before they left for their respective host institutions. To evaluate the project a mid-term review and final review was conducted by members of the Executive Council and staff from the India and Canada offices. The report for the programme was submitted to CIDA/DAFTD Canada.



Group picture from BYID orientation held at Hotel “The Metropolitan” on June 20, 2013.

Shastri Knowledge Mobilization Grant (SKMG)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute opened a new grant for scholars who are interested to carry out research on Canada and related themes which is known as **Shastri Knowledge Mobilization Grant (SKMG) 2013-14**. The resources will help to broaden and expand the knowledge base of Indian faculty members and research scholars and students engaged in research on Canada and will contribute to build a stronger foundation of academic cooperation between India-Canada.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) is facilitating this grant by giving opportunity to the individuals from its member institutions interested in procuring books pertaining to their research and scholarly needs. The value of the grant is CAD\$ 800 per scholar. In total we had received 15 Applications as the grant was dependent on availability of funds, we could award this grant to 9 applicants. The grant recipients were from the following institutes.

Name of University	No. of Awards
Jadavpur University,	3
Jammu University,	2
Jawaharlal Nehru University	3
University of Calcutta	1

Canadian Studies Library

One Best Book is equal to hundred good friends but one good friend is equal to a Library....
Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Introduction

CSL is an essential constituent of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute which is located on 2nd floor of the Institute. It was founded in 1991. It is catering to the needs of Canadian scholars in India. The library is visited by various scholars from all over India. In last financial year library was visited by 135 scholars in person and more than fifty consulted it through Librarian by putting request for Books and articles via email or telephone. The current paid membership is 25. Currently the Library houses a collection of more than **12000** volumes Including back volumes & DVDs .

The Website of the Library provides links to many online resources on Canadian journals Newspapers, Magazines & Theses. The Online catalogue will be soon linked on website.

Some Statistics on Canadian Studies Library

Activity	Number
Visitors	135
Books on Loan	435
Active/paid membership	23
Reference Queries	95
Revenue collected through Photocopy	6912

Some feedback on Canadian Studies Library

Prof. Virender Pal, Assistant Professor of English, Kurukshetra University, “Shastri Indo Canadian Institute’s library has been very helpful to me in my research. The presence of library itself in India has opened up new areas of research in India. If i discuss my case then it would have been impossible for me to continue with my research...I really appreciate the library for its professionalism. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the library has opened a whole new world to me...the work I am doing was almost impossible to carry forward without the library”.

Prof. K.S. Anish Kumar, Assistant Professor of English, Bharathidasan University, “My first visit to Shastri Indo-Canadian Studies Library happened in 2003 and at that time i collected rare critical books on Atwood and most of poetry collections of Atwood. In my opinion Shastri Indo-canadian Institute Library has been playing a crucial role in promotion of Canadian Studies research by providing enough supportive materials, lending books to its members. In fact SICI library, a treasury of books, is always a preferable destination of Canadian Scholars across the country.

Prof. H. Srikanth, Professor, North Eastern hill University, Shillong, “I have taken help from the SICI library for writing my book entitled, “Indigenous Peoples in Liberal Democratic States: a comparative study of conflict and accommodation in Canada and India”, brought out by Bauu Institute, Colarado. The staff was extremely cooperative and resourceful.... It would be very help, if the catalogue of the library is kept in SICI website.”

Prof. H. Kalpana, Associate Professor, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, “Wonderful collection of Canada-India related books, excellent ambiance for intellectual jottings and very cooperative staff are some of the highlights of CS library”. It has been of great help in facilitation the collection of primary texts for my research.

Shastri Student Internship Project (for Indian Students)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in 2013-14 started Shastri Student Internship Project (SSIP) for India students. It is designed for Graduate students, Post Graduate and Doctoral Students to further their study/research in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Social Sciences and Business Studies and to prepare them for a career in related fields.

Name	Subject	Topic of Research	Indian University/ Institution	Canadian Affiliated Institution
Elavarasan S,	Medical Science and Technology	The Effect of Mycobacterial Secretory Protein on Human Endometrial Stromal Cell (Hesc Cell Line) in order to Understand its Impact on Trophoblast Outgrowth and Invasion	IIT Kharagpur,	McGill University
Pavan Kumar Mandali	Chemistry	Self –Assembly of Palladium (Ii) Nanoparticles and their use in Green Chemical Reactions	IIT Madras	Universite' De Mont-real
Priti Tripathi	French and Francophone Studies	Traduire au Feminin:Litterature Migrante des Auteurs Marie Celie Agnant et Abba Farhoud	Jawaharlal Nehru University	York University

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 tuition fees for post-graduate programs.

The Tuition Fee Exemption Program 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 paid by the domestic students. In order to avail of 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 program during the period of the agreement. These students are recommended by the Shastri Institute.

On 11 June 2013, India office conducted Adjudication of Fall Term of Quebec Tuition Fee Exemption Programme and recommended 4 students (Masters-2 and Doctoral- 2) for the available exemptions. After ratification by the EC the recommendations were sent to Quebec officials for their consideration. Quebec Government confirmed the Institute's recommendation.

Announcement for this year's exemption programme was done on March 18, 2014 with closing date as May 15, 2014.

List of Scholars Quebec Differential Tuition Fee Exemption

Sl.No.	Name	University	Program Level	
1	Govindakutty, Sonia	Laval University	Masters in Translation and Terminology	Master's
2	Pradhan, Sreeparna	McGill University	M.Sc. In Neuroscience (Thesis)	Master's
3	Rohit Krishna	Graduate School of Business Montreal	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Master's
4	Sehgal, Kapil	Laval University	PhD in Biophotonics	Doctoral
5	Patap Singh, Anubhav	McGill University	PhD in Food Science (Thesis)	Doctoral

Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG) 2013-14

Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG) assists scholars to participate in conferences and in academic meetings through travel subsidies. Under SSTSG 50% of the scholar's total travel costs up to CAD\$ 1,250 will be borne by the Shastri Institute . This Grant is for Canadian scholars as well Indian scholars for travel Can- ada/India. The pre-requisite for applying to this grant is that applicant must be citizen or permanent resident of India or Canada.

List of Successful Awardees SSTSG 2013-2014

Name of Applicant	Applicants' Affiliated Institution	Applicants' Visiting Institution	Topic of Presentation/Training
Srinivasa Murthy Badaraju	IIT Madras	Ryerson University	Series of lectures to be given on energy, nano materials, phase transformations.
Chandranshu Sinha	Amity Business School, Noida	St. Thomas University	Story and Narrative noticing in the Indo-Canadian context: Sensing diverse 'marginalized' voices in the context of layoffs.
Prabhjot Parmar	University of the Fraser Valley	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Sepoys, Scribes and Sahibs
Lalchhanhima Ralte	Presbyterian Synod Hospital, India	University of Madras	Dignity Therapy Training Toba Workshop
Hosahalli Ramaswamy	McGill University	Kuvempu University, Shimoga	Curriculum revision Workshop on Post Graduate Degree
Pragya Tiwari	National Institute of Urban Affairs	University of British Columbia	The burden of disease, wellness of society and quality of health care system in India.

SRG is a bi-national research initiative to support research collaborations. The research theme will build on issues concerning Social Sciences subjects (i.e., Anthropology, Communications Studies, Economics, Education, Human Geography, History, Law, Linguistics, Political Science, Public Administration, Psychology, Sociology, Humanities, Cultural Studies), STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) including food security and sustainable development; water resource management; gender and health, bi-lateral trade and Investment; energy and environment; securing future of children and youth and higher education mobility.

Objective of SRG project is to support collaborative research initiatives between Indian and Canadian institutions entailing mobility as well as capacity building of scholars/researchers between India-Canada. The number of awards given under this category of grant is 5 which is of up to CAD\$ 10,000/per project.

List of Successful Awardees SRG 2013-2014

Sr. No.	Name, Institution and contact info of Lead Applicant	Name, Institution and contact info of Co- Applicant	Proposed Topic
1	Dr. Dillip Kumar Chand Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai 600036, India Tel: 91 4422578040; 91 44 22 578041 Mobile: 91 9444008040 Email: deanar@iitm.ac.in	Dr. Garry S Hanan University of Montreal Quebec, Canada Tel: 514 343 6111 Email: andre.charette@umontreal.ca	Self-assembled Coordination Cages for the Sustainable Development of Green Chemical Reactors.
2	Dr. Leyla Soleymani McMaster University 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 4L1 Tel: 905 525 9140 ext. 23735 Email: charterisk@mcmaster.ca	Dr. N.B. Ramachandra University of Mysore Vishwavidyalaya Karyasoudha, Crawford Hall, Mysore 6 Tel: 91 821 2419361 Email: registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in	Development of Automated and Low-cost Handheld Device for Diagnosis of Tuberculosis.
3	Dr. Prabhu Rajagopal Indian Institute of Technology Madras Email: prajagopal@iitm.ac.in	Dr. Pierre Belanger Ecole de technologie superieure Email: pierre.belanger@etsmtl.ca	Ultrasonic Guided Waves for Assessing Mechanical Properties of Human Long Bone.
4	Dr. Girish M Shah University of Laval 2320, Rue des Bilbiotheques, Local 1434, Wybec, G1V 0A6 Tel: 418 656 2131, ext. 6603 Email: girish.shah@crchul.ulaval.ca denismyrand.1@ulaval.ca	Dr. Rasheedunnisa Begum Maharaj Sayaji Rao University of Baroda Dept. of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science Sayajigunj, Baroda (Gujarat), India 390 002 Tel: 91 265 279 5594 Email: rasheedunnisab@yahoo.co.in	Understanding the Role of Poly (ADP-1) in Development of Vitilligo (leucoderma or 'safed koth').

Shastri Partnership Seed Grant (SPSG) aims to be a catalyst for activities which contribute to formal institutional agreements or other long-term partnerships between Canadian and Indian institutions. The funds granted under this grant may be used to support a bi-national seminar, conference, meeting, or other activities like-

- Enhance the linkage of higher education cooperation between India-Canada.
- Promote broadening and deepening the knowledge about Canada-Canadian Issues in India and India-Indian issues in Canada.
- Build awareness of potential collaboration opportunities between Canadian and Indian institutions
- Promote inter-institutional linkages and research cooperation between Indian and Canadian 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. The number of grants is 5 up to \$5,000/per project.

List of Successful Awardees SPSG 2013-2014

Sr. No.	Name, Institution and contact info of Lead Applicant	Name, Institution and contact info of Co- Applicant	Proposed Topic
1	Dr. Ajay Agarwal Queen's University 138 Union Street, Room 539 (Robert Sutherland Hall), Kingston, Ontario, Canada, K7L 3N6 Tel: 613 533 6000 Ext. 75419 Email: agar-wala@queensu.ca	Dr. Kiran Shinde Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University; College of Architecture, Dhankavadi Campus, Pune 411043, India Tel: 91 20 24376986 Email: kiran.shinde@bharativedyapeeth.edu	Envisioning Pune's future growth in socially and environmentally responsible ways
2	Dr. Anjali Gera Roy IIT Kharagpur Tel: 91 3222 283616 Email: agera_2005@yahoo.com	Dr. Nandi Bhatia University of Western Ontario University College 57 1151 Richmond Street, London, ON N6A 3K7 Tel: 519 881 2111 ext. 85817 Email: nbhatia2@uwo.ca	Remembering the Komagata Maru: Historic- ing Indian Migration to Canada

Meena Srinivasan Memorial Award

Ms. Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath was awarded Meena Srinivasan Memorial Carnatic Music Award 2013-14. She availed her grant in October 2013 to perform at Bharatiya Sangeetha Sangham, in Montreal, Canada. Ms. Raghunath has submitted her final report in December 2013.

SICI's New Engagements 2013-2014

On November 12, 2013 Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute Signed MOU signed with FICCI for future partnership.



Prof. Biju Paul Abraham with Prof. Ravishankar Rao during "Engaging Canada" conference

Interaction with MITACS students

On August 8, 2013, The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized an interaction meeting with Mitacs students affiliated with the University of Calgary. The meeting provided an opportunity to showcase the value added of the Shastri Institute for the past +40 years in promoting and fostering collaboration between India and Canada.



The event was attended by 13 Mitacs students including 1 University of Calgary. The participants came from different parts of the world, i.e., 3 students from China, 6 from Mexico, 2 from Brazil, 2 from India and 1 from Nigeria. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Mattu, President of India-Canada Chamber of Commerce Alberta Business Council as well as Shastri staff members, Ms. Mahmuda Aldeen, Program and Member Relations Officer, Ms. Sarah Sidane, Program and Communications Officer and Mr. Sabu Alexander, Finance and Public Relations Officer.

Led by Ms. Aldeen, the meeting started with general introductions where the students provided a brief overview about their projects. Through an interactive discussion, the students shared their experiences and expectations from this internship. All of them thanked Mitacs for this excellent opportunity, which offered them a very good learning curve. The students noted the differences in the teaching-learning styles between the institutions in their home countries and Canada in the sense that the methodology they were exposed to in the Calgary University was more liberal and realistic than in their home universities. Besides, the equipment used is more sophisticated, the libraries have rich resource materials and the teachers involve students in the learning process. The participants added that this exposure was very fruitful and helped them to explore new ideas and new ways of thinking. The students were very positive about their future and keen to come back to Canada for further study.

The discussion was followed with a presentation about Shastri Institute by Ms. Aldeen. The presentation gave an overview of Shastri's mandate, mission and its strengths. The presentation also highlighted Shastri Institute's multi-disciplinary approach and its thematic areas.

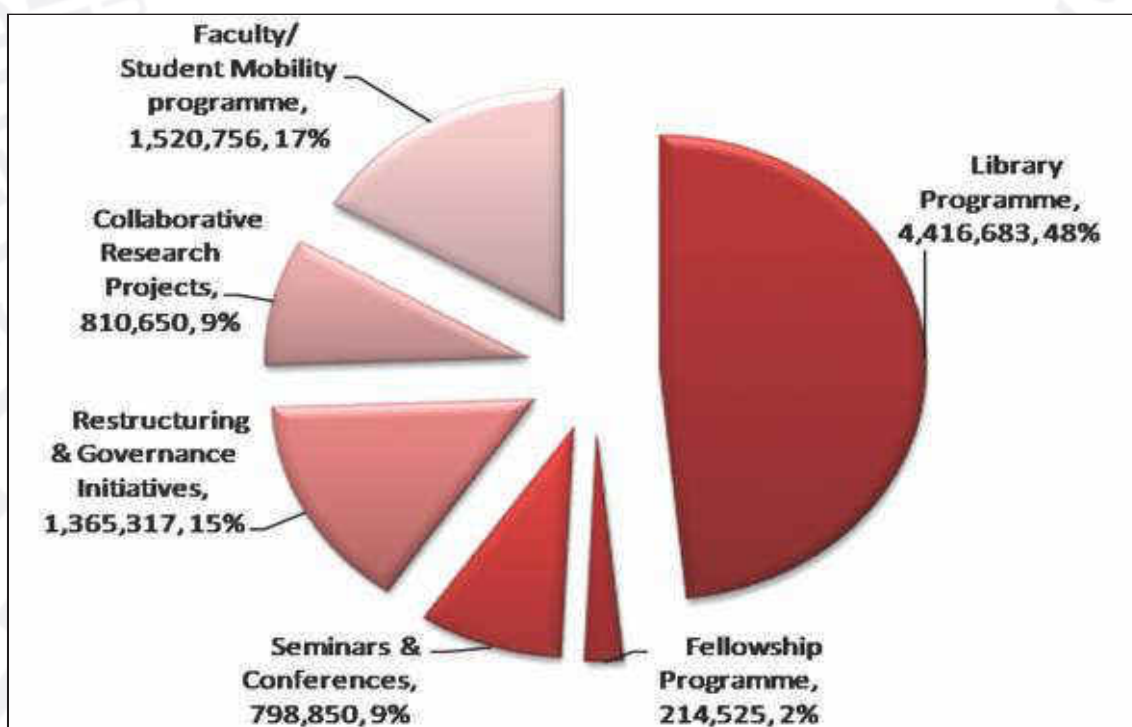
Ms. Aldeen talked about the Institute's membership growth since its inception in 1967. From 3 members, the Institute's total membership capacity increased to 95 members in Canada and India. Discussion included Shastri's leadership engagement with both the federal and provincial governments in Canada as well the government of India and other stakeholders. Ms. Aldeen also listed some MoUs the institute inked to encourage student mobility namely, the Quebec International Tuition Fee Exemption which enables Indian students to study in Québec universities on Québec domestic fees as well as the recent MoU with the government of Saskatchewan on education cooperation.

The participants were happy to learn about the Institute and wished Shastri could open up and embrace new countries besides India and Canada. In his intervention, Dr. Mattu talked about the role of Canada India Chamber of Commerce in promoting the business and professionals and facilitating trade opportunities between Canada and India. He also mentioned the tremendous opportunities Canada is offering for youth to further their studies. He encouraged the group to come to Canada as it is currently looking for new models and connections apart from US and Mexico.

Ms. Aldeen and the other Shastri Staff members thanked all participants for their time and contributions at this event and wished good luck to all Mitacs students in their future studies and endeavors.

India Office Programmes

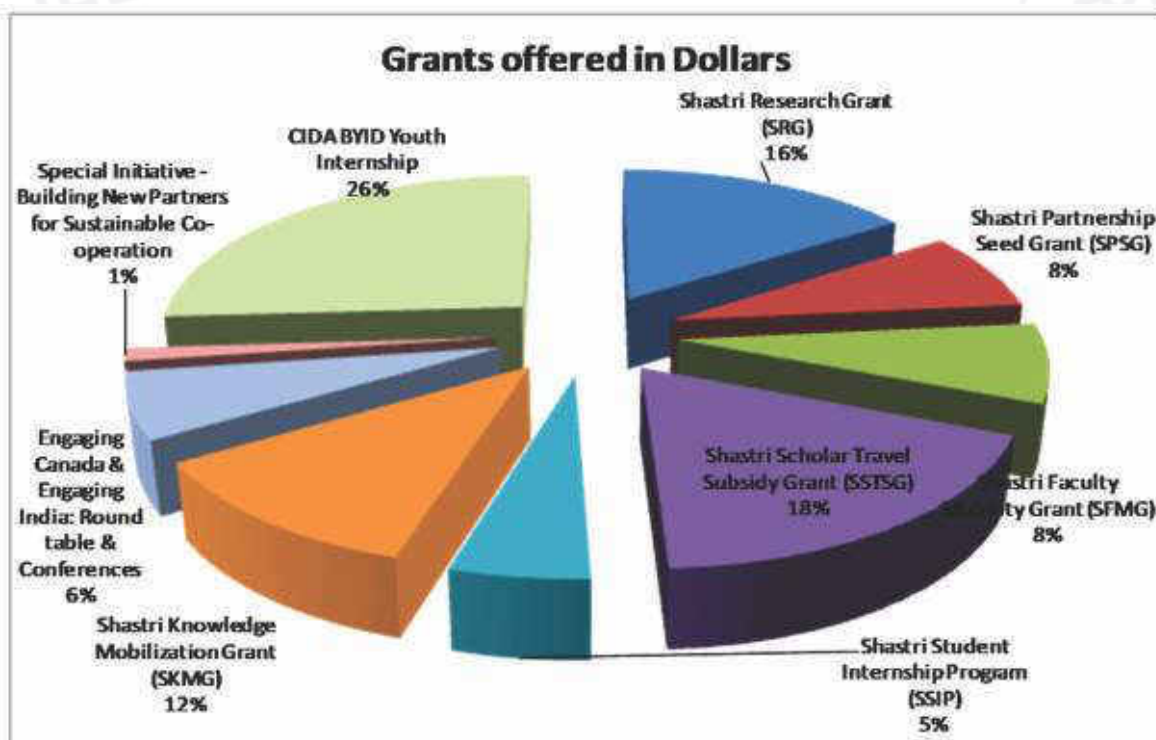
Grants Offered in Rupees (supporting Indian scholars, students, and institutions) Name of the program	Number of fellow- ships/ recipients/ Institutions/events	Total values of Grants
Canadian Studies/Special Activities		
Library Programme		Rs. 4,416,682.68
India Studies Fellowships	fellowship stipend for three 2012-13 scholars	Rs. 214,525.00
Collaborative Research Programme	Second year grants (85%) to 3 projects plus final 15% release to 1 project= 4 projects	Rs. 810,650.00
Faculty Mobility Programme		Rs. 1,520,755.76
Québec Tuition Exemption Fees		-
Kanta Marwah Lecture Series	-	-
Indian Membership Development Funds	2	Rs. 30,000
Seminars and Conferences	2	Rs. 768,849.66



Canada Office Programmes

SHASTRI CANADA OFFICE PROGRAMS offered in Dollars: 2013-14

PROGRAMS	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT VALUE
Shastri Research Grant (SRG)	12	\$119,900
Shastri Partnership Seed Grant (SPSG)	6	\$ 36,000
Shastri Faculty Mobility Grant (SFMG)	6	\$ 26,100
Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG)	14	\$ 14,550
Shastri Student Internship Program (SSIP)	4	\$ 31,000
Shastri Knowledge Mobilization Grant (SKMG)	9	\$ 8,700
Engaging Canada & Engaging India: Round table & Conferences	5	\$ 49,150
Special Initiative - Building New Partners for Sustainable Co-operation	1	\$ 42,500
CIDA BYID Youth Internship	20	\$ 216,933



Visits and Meetings

APRIL 2013

Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, attended the India-Canada joint working group meeting on education held on 4th April 2013 at hotel Ashok, New Delhi.



JULY 2013

The Vice-President met Mr. Amit Khare, IAS, Joint Secretary, MHRD and Dr. Jaipal Singh, Director, MHRD to discuss renewal of the MoU of Shastri Institute with MHRD.



OCTOBER 2013

Ms. Marie-Josée Charbonneau, the New Head Public Affairs and Mr. Bernard Canadian High Commission visited India Office 17th October 2013.

NOVEMBER 2013

Prof. Shanthi Johnson, President, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Vice-President/ President-elect and Prof. Braj Sinha, Past President met the Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Dr. Shashi Tharoor on Nov 13, 2013 at his office. Prof. Johnson, Prof. Abraham and Prof. Sinha briefed him about the programmes and priorities of the Institute. The Hon'ble Minister pledged his support to the work and activities of the Institute.

SICI President and Vice-President met with H.E. Mr. Stewart Beck, high commissioner for Canada to India, Ms. Ivy Learner-Frank, Trade Commissioner (S&T) and Ms. Marie-Josée Charbonneau, Head Public Affairs at Canadian High Commission on November 12, 2013.

Executive Council met for face-to-face meetings in Waterloo, Canada on November 21-22, 2013, to discuss various strategic issues and priorities for the future of the Institution. Consultations were made with staff in this regard.

DECEMBER 2013

India office organized a meeting of Dr. Rajesh Tyagi, Secretary Treasurer of the Shastri Institute with Mr. Alain Oliver Director, and Quebec government office in Mumbai on December 16, 2013 during his visit to Delhi. The meeting focused on exploring the possibility of provincial level funding for the Shastri Institute. Dr. Tyagi also met Dr. Jaipal Singh, Director, MHRD, on December 16, 2013, to discuss the release of funds by GOI to the Institute.

Prof. Rajesh Tyagi met Ms. Ivy Learner Frank, Trade Commissioner (S&T) and Ms. Marie-Josée Charbonneau, Head Public Affairs, at High Commission of Canada to India on 17 December, 2013, to discuss new programmes of Shastri institute and Shastri institute's possible intervention in the area of vocational education.

FEBRUARY 2014

Prof. Sirpa Tenhunen, Director Nordic Centre visited the India office on February 5, 2014 along with our former Administrative Director, Mr. P.N. Malik to general operations carried out by our Institute.

Visits and Meetings

President and Vice-President met with Shri. Salman Khurshid, Minister for External Affairs, government of India on 26, 2014, to discuss Institute programmes and activities. The minister offered the support of the Ministry of External Affairs in our activities.



President and Vice-President met with Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Joint Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs on February 26, 2014, to discuss various ways in which the ministry of external affairs could support the Shastri Institute.

The Vice President met with Prof. Jaipal Singh, Director, MHRD, on February 26, 2014 to discuss the release offer financial year 2013-14.

APRIL 2014

A meeting was organized at the India office for Vice-President and Professor Suchorita Chattopadhyay to meet with Prof. Anindya Chatterjee, Director, Asia Regional Office of IDRC on April 25, 2014. The meeting discussed possible ways in which the two Institutions could collaborate in future programmes.



L to R : Prof. Ravishankar Rao, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Prof. Shanthi Johnson, Dr. Anindya Chatterjee, H.E. Mr. Jim Nickel & Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay

Statement of Financial Position- Canada Office

SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE

Statement of Financial Position March

31, 2014

	March 31 2014	March 31 2013
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 316,058	\$ 229,586
Term deposits	213,273	209,246
Accounts receivable	2,399	6,028
Prepaid expenses		1,278
Due from India Office	1,963	
	533,693	446,138
EQUIPMENT (Note 3)	1,620	2,315
	<u>\$ 535,313</u>	<u>\$ 448,453</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 147,144	\$ 113,208
Due to India Office		24,060
	147,144	137,268
Deferred Revenue -DFAIT Canadian Studies Programme	476	8,499
Deferred Revenue DFATD	142,768	8,610
	290,388	154,377
NET ASSETS		
Endowment Funds (Note 4)	41,274	40,741
Other Internally Restricted Funds (Note 4)	30,309	32,356
Unrestricted Fund	173,342	220,979
	244,925	294,076
	<u>\$ 535,313</u>	<u>\$ 448,453</u>

Statement of Financial Position- India Office

	Sch No.	2014	31.3.2013
<u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u>			
Capital Grants	1	Rs 4,113,487	3,933,967
Reserve Funds		35,470	731,065
Retirement Benefit Reserve Funds	2	2,952,910	2,689,482
Total		7,101,866	7,354,514
<u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u>			
Fixed Assets			
Gross Block	3	5,774,722	5,595,202
Less : Depreciation		4,852,635	4,693,582
Net Block		922,087	901,620
Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
Cash and Bank balances	4	6,678,526	9,163,108
Loans and Advances	5	7,155,003	3,205,409
A		13,833,529	12,368,517
Less : Current Liabilities & Provisions	6		
Current Liabilities		4,529,769	3,177,429
Provisions for Leave Encashment	7	3,123,981	#REF!
B		7,653,749	5,915,623
Net Current Assets (A-B)		6,179,780	6,452,894
Total		Rs 7,101,866	7,354,514
Notes to the Accounts	8		

Our Funders

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Kanta Marwah

SICI's Honor roll

We would like to say thanks to our past presidents Prof. Gary Vanloon and Prof. Braj Sinha for their commend- able job that they have done for Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute.



Braj M. Sinha
Professor and Head of the
Department of Religion and
Culture at the U of Saskatoon



Gary W. VanLoon
Professor in the
Department of Chemistry at
Queen's University, Canada

SICI's Executive Council 2013-14



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The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is a bi-national organization that promotes understanding between India and Canada through academic activities and exchanges. Its broad-based initiatives support the creation of bi-national links between academia, government, the business community and civil society organizations by funding research, faculty and student exchange, conferences, workshops and seminars. With a membership of over 90 leading Indian and Canadian universities and research institutions, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute has facilitated greater collaboration between Indian and Canadian institutes in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts, Science & Technology, Legal Education, and Management studies. The institute, as part of its mandate, has also supported research on sustainable development and other United Nations millennium development goals.

Facilitating sustainable, mutually beneficial academic and cultural linkages between India and Canada



VISION 2013-2014

In 2013-14 the Institute has been proactive in fulfilling its mandate and has facilitated greater academic exchanges between Indian and Canadian universities, research institutions, the corporate sector and civil society groups. The institute has also supported the government of India and Canada in areas that they have identified as priority areas in the bilateral relationship between the two countries.



IMC members at the IMC & AGM meeting 2014



CMC members before the CMC meeting 2014

Shastri Office thanks and appreciates all its members, donors and funders for providing continuous support to execute its mandate and managing various activities and affairs. Shastri office has evolved over the years with tremendous support from stakeholders. We acknowledge with thanks, the support our Executive council has provided to shastri Institute in various capacities.

Our President Prof. Shanthi Johnson worked round the clock to set things right so that everything runs smoothly in the institution. She has devoted herself for the noble cause of promoting Shastri mandate in both the countries. She was the source of inspiration during the tough times and SICI sailed smoothly under her mentorship.



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