

Shastri News- December 2010

Executive Council Meeting — Report

Shastri's Executive Council meeting took place in India December 11-12. The meetings were an excellent opportunity for the senior team to take stock, review the year, and further the implementation of Shastri's Strategic Action Plan.

With an eye towards the action plan, EC has set forth a number of initiatives to be carried out by Shastri's Canadian and Indian offices in the New Year. More information will be available in the next Shastri e-Newsletter.

Shastri Regional Symposia — Update

Engaging India has already established itself as a fantastic opportunity for local CMC/IMC member institutions to talk up their research and collaborations. The schedule for workshops including BC has yet to be ratified, but here are tentative plans thus far:

Late-March 2011 – Atlantic Canada June 2011 – Ontario, in conjunction with CMC annual meeting
October 2011 – Quebec February 2012 – Alberta

Each regional symposium will have themes that reflect the work of member institutions and their involvement in and with India. All symposia will embrace some aspect of international development. Look for more details on specific dates, locations, and how you can get involved.

Youth Internship at Shastri — Potential Renewed Program for 2011

On the heels of the Executive Council meeting in Lucknow, India, Shastri staff took time out to strengthen ties with two agencies — the National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), and Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID). The focus of the meetings was to determine partnerships and the feasibility of re-establishing a youth internship program for Shastri.

As discussions continue, Shastri hopes to initiate the program early in 2011.

NAFSA 2011 — Shastri to Present India to the World

Shastri has been asked to present India in all its diversity, culture, and heritage to the 2011 North American International Educator's Association (NAFSA) Annual conference; which will take place in Vancouver next June. This is an event that will have over 10,000 delegates from all over the world and as the host city and country a large number of international educators from Canada. See <http://www.nafsa.org> for more information.

Shastri President Sunaina Singh will lead a group in a dynamic session that will better illustrate the beauty of India for those not familiar with the nation. Topics will have a decidedly non-academic focus: India's regions and what makes them distinct from each other in terms of geography, customs, culture and development. The session is meant to serve as an introduction to India for those who have not travelled extensively to its regions.

Brief Updates...

Shastri India Studies Arts Fellowship recipients Jonathan Kay, Andrew Kay & Justin Gray continue to study, learn, and develop their talents. While on their South India tour with Guru Sri Shantanu Bhattacharyya, the trio performed at the St. Marks Hotel in Bangalore for their new friend Biran-Babu's KC Das 'Get Together'. They performed Raga Yaman in a modern symphony composition and in Madhya Jhaptal, both composed by Shantanu Bhattacharyya. They are accompanied by Kiran on the Tabla. Please check out the performance at the following link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85EFYeSD_NM. You can follow the group's exploits at <http://www.monsoon-music.com>.

Over the last several months, the Canada Office has renewed and streamlines its various programs, policies and procedures. All this good work will more clearly outline our programs and processes and will soon be posted to the Shastri website.

In January we hope to release our Request for Proposals to develop and implement Shastri's Web Portal – Our Gateway to the India-Canada Higher Education Corridor for members and stakeholders.

Of Interest...

News from the International Council for Canadian Studies

Sheila Embleton, a well known canadianist, has recently been elected Fellow to the Royal Society of Canada. This is the highest honour a scholar can achieve in the Arts, Humanities and Sciences. Sheila Embleton is the leading expert in mathematical methods in historical linguistics and dialectology. Her 1986 book on family tree reconstruction still anchors the field. Her revolutionary digital methods led to major advances in Finnish and Romanian dialectology. Archeologists and geneticists cite her innovative interdisciplinary research, a true marriage of mathematics and humanities. She also solved the elusive origins of Suomi and Bermuda. For more information, visit the Royal Society of Canada's website at <http://www.rsc-src.ca/home.php>.

Canadian Studies Network-Réseau d'études canadiennes (CSN-REC) is a new scholarly association "dedicated to serving the purposes of scholars — including faculty, students, and independent researchers — involved in the study of Canada. The network held its first annual general meeting in November 2010 and elected an executive. For more information on the Canadian Studies Network-Réseau d'études canadiennes (CSN-REC), visit website <http://www.csn-rec.ca/>.

Job opportunity: Contract Instructor Position – Summer 2011. The School of Canadian Studies invited qualified applicants to apply to courses during the Summer Session 2011. Applicants should hold a PhD (or be ABD) in an appropriate discipline and have previous teaching experience in Canadian Studies. All interested parties should submit their request in writing to the Director, School of Canadian Studies, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa K1S 5B6. Curriculum vitae and any other documentation deemed appropriate should accompany the letter. The deadline for submission is March 1st, 2011. For more information, visit website <http://www2.carleton.ca/canadianstudies/news/contract-instructor-position-summer-2011/>.

Grant for a practical training at Quebec's Assemblée nationale. AIEQ, with the collaboration of the Quebec Assemblée nationale, will offer again this year a practical training at the —Directions des Relations interparlementaires et internationales . The deadline to submit an application is March 14th, 2011. The intended goal is to allow a student from outside of Quebec and registered in a Master or Doctoral program of studies, to gain a practical experience in a Quebec institution and exercise the knowledge and skills acquired throughout his/her program of studies. For more information, visit website <http://www.aieq.qc.ca/aide/documents/stage.ANQ.2011.pdf>.

Calls and Classifieds

TERI 2011 – Sustainable Development Conference

DSDS 2011 will be a unique platform for showcasing examples of local initiatives that successfully address the planet's most pressing problems. Featuring 17 current and former Heads of State and Government, Ministers from over 40 countries, and over 10,000 delegates from across the globe.

- 4th International Climate Change Exhibition
- The World CEO Forum: Curtain raiser to DSDS
- Sustainable Development Leadership Award
- Special events on focussed issues
- State-level sustainable development summit (reaching out to 6 Indian states)

For details log on to: <http://dsds.teriin.org/2011/>

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Canada International Conference on Education – call for papers

The Canada International Conference on Education (CICE) will be held from April 4th to 7th, 2011 in Toronto, Canada. The CICE is an international refereed conference dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practices in education. The CICE promotes collaborative excellence between academicians and professionals from Education. The aim of CICE is to provide an opportunity for academicians and professionals from various educational fields with cross-disciplinary interests to bridge the knowledge gap, promote research esteem and the evolution of pedagogy. The CICE-2011 invites research papers that encompass conceptual analysis, design implementation and performance evaluation. All proposals must be submitted by December 15th, 2010. For more information, visit website <http://www.ciceducation.org/> or send an email to info@ciceducation.org.