



Bulletin-June 2011

Dear Alumni,

Distribution of the May Bulletin brought in news from Alumni near and far which we share with you in this number. Do keep the news coming.

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Many thanks to Michèle Wilson for translation.(Ed)

'Vacancies!'

The Executive has spots for Alumnae who would be willing to assist with:

- the arrangements for the Annual Member's Reception—starting next year
- the Alumni Bulletin—less onerous than a Newsletter

Any one interested?

A date for your calendars: The 2011 October get-together

The Alumni Seminar and Members' Reception is Friday October 28 at IDRC HQ.

Members and non-members are welcome to attend.

This year WARO is the RO being honoured and a seminar topic highlighting IDRC programming in West Africa is under discussion.

Membership

"We're always anxious to identify potential members. If you remain in touch with former colleagues who you think might like to join the Alumni, please send their contact

information to Rob Robertson, our Director of Recruitment, at: robertsonre@hotmail.com" or Donna Bickford, Membership Secretary, at: d.bickford@hotmail.com

Alumni Research Award 2011-WARO

The Executive is working with the RD, Kathryn Touré, to identify a project for the award. We have earmarked \$2,000 from the Alumni to match with WARO RAF.

Alumni News

Congratulations Dr. Tony Lovink

Alumni will remember Anton (Tony) Lovink from his time with the Communications Division. After the Centre Tony trained as a teacher and taught for at Glebe Collegiate Institute in Ottawa. Tony returned attended the Centre's 40th birthday celebration with another milestone accomplished—he was awarded his Doctorate from the University of Ottawa's Department of Classics and Religious Studies in July of this year.

The title of Tony's thesis is: *The adaptation of South Sudanese Christian refugees in Ottawa, Canada: social capital, segmented assimilation and religious organization*

The abstract is found at <http://www.ruor.uottawa.ca/fr/handle/10393/19579> where there is also a link to the full text.

Tony is currently teaching two courses at St. Paul's University on urbanization and religion (both in French and English), a course at the Ottawa School of Spirituality and Theology on "ethnicity and religion in Canada" as well as participating and presenting at conferences.

In the Field with Alain Berranger

Alumnus **Alain Berranger**, is the Global Knowledge Partnership Vice-Chair. In September 2010 he visited Ecuador at the invitation from Fundacion ChasquiNet, to present new GKP proposal to various foundations and organizations and to engage new partners and members.

Alain visited communities in the Ecuadorian Amazonian Province of Sucumbíos meeting with Mayors and the Prefect of the province. Mayors of the area will sign a memorandum of understanding that will enable the training of teachers and pupils of the province using the GKP Interactive School model in partnership with Microsoft and Fundacion ChasquiNet. This is a huge step forward for the educational sector in Ecuador benefiting thousands of teachers and students. With the help of GKP and its members and partners educational programs will be implemented as soon as possible in Colombia, Argentina and Bolivia. The model can also be implemented in Africa as GKP provides the platform on which real win-win situations between projects, organizations and sectors can be created and implemented.

Alain's visit also demonstrated the e-Commerce platform "NuestraPlaza", which has been developed and implemented by Fundacion ChasquiNet with private sector partners. The platform has been acknowledged as an important tool for Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and community development by organizations such as HP Ecuador, the Inter-American Development Bank, Microsoft and Fundacion Alternativa. ChasquiNet will make the NuestraPlaza concept and tool available to other GKP members for replication in other countries

With thanks to Klaus Stoll. More on Alain's work is found at <http://www.globalknowledgepartnership.org/gkp/index.cfm/elementid/8803/GKP-Visit-to-Ecuador-in-September-2010>

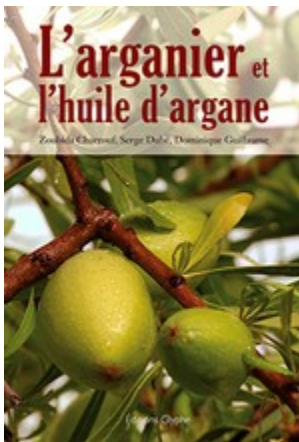
For photographs on the visit by Alain Berranger, visit www.flickr.com/photos/55040729@N07/

Alumni in Print

Serge Dubé (with co-authors Zoubida Charrouf, Dominique Guillaume) has published *L'arganier et l'huile d'argane*. ISBN 978-2-35815-044-6

The book is based on the IDRC project, The Value of Argane Trees, Morocco, funded at the end of the 1990s. More at

http://www.editions-glyphe.com/f/index.php?sp=liv&livre_id=1435



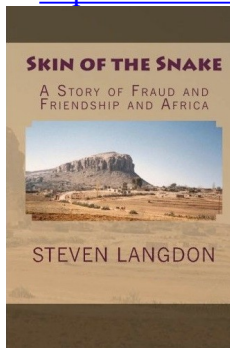
Steven Langdon has published *Skin of the Snake: A story of Fraud and Friendship and Africa* (ISBN: 978-1461066682)

Steven writes that book is about: “.., a major bribery scandal by a Canadian firm in a southern African country and the struggle by a group of African and Canadian social activists to enforce justice against the company. The subject is handled in fictional form, but within a fact-based context that shows the international battle that takes place,

focused in the end on whether the World Bank can be persuaded to intervene, despite the economic power and political influence of the large corporation.

For more on the book, see <http://www.amazon.com/skin-snake-story-friendship-Africa/dp/1461066689>

For a longer excerpt (the prologue and first three chapters,) go to <http://SEAbooks.webs.com/>



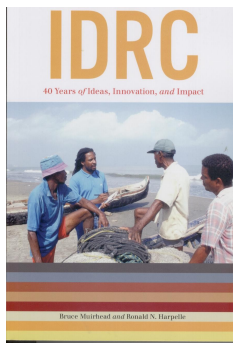
‘Our Idrc’ In Print And On Screen

‘Our Book’: A History of IDRC

IDRC: 40 years of Ideas, Innovation and Impact by Bruce Muirhead and Ronald N. Harpelle. Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2010.

“ Bruce Muirhead and Ronald Harpelle have produced an engaging, richly detailed, and timely book. Their accessible history demonstrates how a Canadian Crown corporation has become a global leader in advancing research for development that reflects the priorities and concerns of developing countries. They show IDRC was consistently ahead of the curve and has positively contributed to Canada’s international reputation. This comprehensive volume reveals why this institution should make all Canadians proud.”

Adam Sneyd. Department of Political Science, University of Guelph.

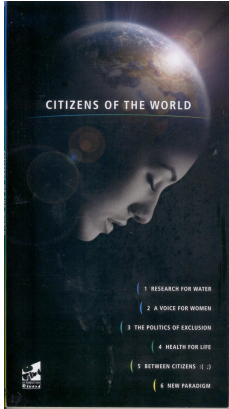


‘Our Movie’; Citizens of the World

During the Research the authors filmed at the projects they visited and the people they interviewed. Using this footage Documentary Maker Kelly Saxberg has produced the six part television series *Citizens of the World*. Focusing on issues involving our planet [the film] is a window on the many initiatives undertaken by scientists all over the world,

working to make a better world for human kind....audiences viewing this series will have a better understanding of the issues we face, and will gain insight into possible solutions.”

The French edition has been aired on TFO and negotiations are underway for the English version to be televised. For more information see www.productionsrivard.com



In Memoriam

John Laidlaw : Harare on July 11, 2010, age 70 An Obituary is at:

<http://www.legacy.com/can-ottawa/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=144065152>

Bob Huggan , Montpellier, France. February 15, 2011 age 78. An obituary at:

<http://www.legacy.com/can-ottawa/obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=148722629>

Picture Gallery

Alain in Ecuador



Here's a keeper: Louise with Nelson



Tony. On Top of the world! Peru

