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From the Chair

Rob Robertson

Tim



He seemed the perfect Englishman, growing up in the heart of fashionable London, cheering for Chelsea. There was the refined accent, the degrees from Oxford and Cambridge, the scarf wrapped around his neck too many months of the year, the nutritious pub lunches of chips and ale.

And yet, Tim was wider than that. He was transnational. His biography says that he spoke English, French and Spanish...no need to mention his Arabic and his German. His religion...he respected them. His range of interests...whatever interested you.

As we all know, Tim liked to chat. He was a true democrat, talking to everybody and at length, whether a colleague or a passer-by. I did not see him with puppies, but I have little doubt...

But Tim was not always a man of many words. When it came to work he could be succinct and structured. Once, after I described a problem to him, he sat back in his chair and said, "You need a framework." A few months later I went to him with another problem. He listened intently, smiled and said, "Well, I hate to say it, but you need another framework."

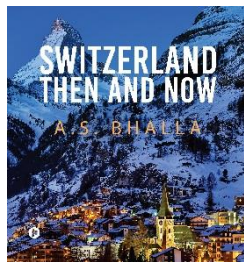
Tim was the soul of discretion, sort of. He was never one to criticize others, but when he did hear a critical comment with which he agreed he would don his best English accent and declare, "You might very well say so, but I couldn't possibly comment."

No one is perfect, and Tim had one glaring weakness. He did not adequately appreciate the Royal Family. Her Majesty was more or less off limits, but reference to the others always triggered the amused iconoclast in him. He once gave me a fine china teacup in mock celebration of a royal wedding. But such a gift would never touch his own lips.

Tim was bright, open and endearing. At the visitation, following his passing his sister said to me, "I always wondered what Tim would be like in a professional setting, how he might be different at work." It was an easy question to answer. He was Tim and there was only one of him.

Alumni in Print

Ajit Bhalla



[Switzerland Then and Now](#) Ajit Bhalla. Chennai, Notion Press.: 2019. ISBN 978-1-68466-031-5.

The book is a sequel to the author's earlier book on Switzerland, *Glimpses of Medieval Switzerland*. It breaks new ground by examining how medieval Switzerland has changed into today's tolerant country in accepting tourists from different cultures despite growing anti-immigrant attitudes, welcoming Indian mystics as well as film producers and directors (even honouring them!) and adopting such practices as Indian Ayurvedic treatments and promoting Japanese tea ceremonies. The book focuses on the growth of Asian tourism, which is discussed by destination, to such places/regions as Bernese Highlands including Interlaken, Lucerne and Zurich. Special attention is paid to the role of Indian Bollywood movies shot in Switzerland in the rise of Indian tourists in the country. Also discussed are celebrities (kings and queens, writers and film stars) who visited Switzerland for holidays (Queen Victoria, for example) or for work. Illustrations are based on over 100-year old vintage postcards in the author's private collection.

Ajit was a Centre Fellow and advisor to the President 1995-1997. Ed

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Rachel DesRosiers Alumni Award

The January Bulletin reported that [Grupo Sofía](#), Peru draws attention to gender issues in the social sciences to promote greater participation of women in knowledge production and dissemination, debate and policy making. Grupo Sofia has selected Guadalupe Yapud from Ecuador as this year's DesRosiers young researcher. Guadeloupe is affiliated with the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO- ECUADOR). Her research is entitled "Gender, academia and social inequalities. Andean women facing multiple discrimination in the academic field". The combined grant from the IDRC Alumni partnership is \$15,000.



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The David and Ruth Hopper and Ramesh and Pilar Bhatia Canada Fund

In ROSSA two female PhD students from Benin and Cameroun, both studying at [the Université Cheick Anta Diop](#), Sénégal, in the [Programme du Troisième Cycle Interuniversitaire \(PTCI\)](#). The students are:



Viviane Laure Mamno Wafo's thesis research is *Le rôle des inégalités éducationnelles de genre dans la croissance économique au Cameroun : une analyse des effets macroéconomiques*



Touwédé Bénédicte Atchade thesis research is *Essais sur le pouvoir de décision de la femme dans le ménage en Afrique de l'Ouest*.

The awardees were announced during the PTCI inaugural conference for the common courses in Dakar, Senegal by a representative from the Canadian Embassy in Dakar, Senegal. The event had [a wide local media coverage](#).

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ARO is supporting a programme of tuition scholarships for Environmental Studies Awards (ES Award) and Environmental Studies Scholarship (ES Scholarship) at the [University of Yangon](#), Myanmar, [Simon Fraser University](#), is administering the programme.

ES Scholarship will be given to all female students studying for a Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDES) during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 Academic Years. Some 80 women students will receive an ES scholarship.

Two students received the ES Award in 2018:

Soe Mynt

Air Pollution Control Study on Air Quality at Yangon Dwon Town Area



Nan Cherry Thein

Risk Perception Related to Utilization of Ground Water in University Avenue Housing of East Dagon Township

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
















IDRC IN THE MOVIES


When the request went out for Alumni to suggest projects from the past to be considered for highlighting in the celebration of the Centre's 50th it came to light that the films produced by the Communications Division in the 1970s -1980s are available as videos on YouTube. They are listed here under the programme labels of the time.¹

Most of the films were made by Neill McKee of IDRC's Communication Division during 1975-1987.

Click on the image to view the film.

¹ The films have been archived by Neill McKee, the Centre's film maker, producer, script writer, cameraman, editor...

<p>Mission of IDRC</p> 	<p>Agriculture: Fisheries (5)</p> 	<p>Agriculture: Fisheries (7)</p> 
<p>Agriculture: Oysterculture</p> 	<p>Agriculture: Grain storage / distribution</p> 	<p>Agriculture: Grain milling</p> 
<p>Information Sciences</p> 	<p>Agriculture: plant breeding / farming methods</p> 	<p>Agriculture: Forestry</p> 
<p>Agriculture: Agroforestry</p> 	<p>Agriculture: Sahel Reforestation (2)</p> 	<p>Health : Water and sanitation (1)</p> 
<p>Health: Primary care delivery</p> 	<p>Agriculture: cropping systems(6)</p> 	<p>Health: Handpump technology (3)*</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIMPLE DURABLE DESIGN • MANUFACTURED LOCALLY • MAINTAINED BY USERS • LOW COST • LOCAL MATERIALS

<p>Health: Traditional psychiatric medicine</p> 	<p>Education: Primary delivery systems</p> 	<p>Social Sciences: Rural development (4)</p> 
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FILM AWARDS

1. **World Health Organization Special Prize** for *Prescription for Health*, best primary health care film, 11th International Festival of Red Cross and Health Films, Bulgaria, June 1985. Also, **Best Audiovisual**, Information Services Institute, Ottawa, 1983.
2. **Prize of Environmental Council of Government of Czechoslovakia**, for *Trees of Hope*, 13th International Festival of Films and Television Programs of the Environment, Ekofilm '86. Also, **Red Ribbon Award for Environment and Ecology** at American Film & Video Festival, 1986.
3. **Silver Screen Award**, Medicine and Health, for *A Handle on Health*, U.S. Industrial Film and Video festival, Chicago 1987.
4. **Honorable Mention** for *Footholds* at 2nd Festival de cine del desarrollo, Colombia 1985.
5. **Honorable Mention** for *The Mysterious Milkfish*, 26th San Francisco International Film Festival, 1983.
6. **Best Audiovisual**, *Harnessing the Monsoons*, Information Services Institute, Ottawa, 1983.
7. **Prix Gestion des Ressources Naturelles** for *Fish By-Catch: Bonus from the Sea*, 9th International Scientific and Technical Film Festival, Brussels, 1982.

*The IDRC's support for a low cost, durable water pump was also the subject of a [Heritage Minute](#).



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IN MEMORIAM



Louise Behan
1949-2019

Louise died March 20 at the May Court Hospice in Ottawa.

Louise worked as a science journalist /writer with the Centre's Communication Division from 1987 to 2000.

Louise has made a gift to The World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) to support [*The Louise Behan Reporting Grant in support of science journalists in lower income countries*](#) *

The grants will enable science journalists in to report the stories of importance to his/her country or region.

When making the arrangements for the gift Louise shared thoughts on privileged she felt to have the opportunities her work with IDRC provided to travel to report the stories of science enabling international development. The photo of Louise with Nelson Mandela in 1991 is worth several thousand words.



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Louise was acutely aware that young journalists from the developing regions she met in the course of her IDRC work did not have her career opportunities. Her gift helps to bridge the gap.

Thanks to Jean-Marc Fleury for working with Louise to make the arrangements with the WFSJ. Ed.

A colleague remembers:

Hiring Louise was such a relief. Here was someone who knew the Canadian media from coast to coast, had sound judgment, positive attitude ... and who could grasp an IDRC activity or event and put it in nice words. Quickly and professionally. She was a key force and leader in the Public Affairs group and the Communications Division.

Louise believed in good journalism. She admired and loved good journalists, which greatly helped with her media relations work. Always looking for opportunities to make IDRC look good, in 1988 she proposed that IDRC invite the media to meet Peter Trueman, who had just resigned as host of Global

News. During a couple of hours, we chatted with this very nice man in Jim Mullin's office. Not a single journalist showed up! Another demonstration that a journalist without a medium is a nobody.

Nevertheless, Louise was prescient since Peter Trueman soon became host of the *North-South* program which started on the same year on *Vision TV*, a channel created by former IDRC Communications Director David Nostbakken.

Jean-Marc Fleury

Louise's obituary is found [here](#).

*Contributions can be made [World Federation of Science Journalists](#), with the specification this is for the "Louise Behan Reporting Grant".

The WFSJ will provide tax receipts for donations over \$20. For other payment methods, please write to info@wfsj.org.

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Jacqueline Bustos
1932 - 2019

Jaqueline Simone Bustos died in Ottawa on January 8, 2019.

Jacque was among the first employees of the Centre, joining IDRC in August 1971 with the Information Sciences Division. She made several moves in her fifteen years at IDRC working with Fellowships and Awards before leaving in 1986 to accompany her husband on a diplomatic posting to the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal.

A colleague remembers

I worked with Jacque in the Fellowship and Awards Division and again when Awards and Scholarships were in the Special Initiatives unit of the Corporate Affairs Division. Jacque was a delight to work with, the perfect mix of collegial reliability and friendliness.

Christopher Smart

Jacque's obituary is found [here](#).

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Tim Dottridge
1949-2019

IDRC mourns the passing of Tim Dottridge

Tim Dottridge, who joined IDRC in the early 1970s and served as a bridge until his retirement in 2010 between the early IDRC and the IDRC as we know it today, passed away on Saturday, February 9th following a brief illness.

Tim's influence on IDRC was first felt in the regions, where he was among the first cohort of staff in the Dakar, Senegal regional office in 1973. He then moved to Beirut in the mid-1970s when that regional office was established, but then was part of that office's relocation to Cairo in 1975 due to unrest. That move reflected the practical, action-oriented approach of the Centre's early years, and Tim played a fundamental role in helping to shepherd IDRC through to the present day.

Tim left the Centre in 1976 to study at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, where his research focused on Morocco. Tim rejoined IDRC in 1981, after which he served in a series of planning and policy positions. He retired in February 2010 as director of IDRC's Special Initiatives Division, marking more than 30 years of service.

Beyond Tim's work accomplishments, he was treasured by those with whom he worked. "Everyone who knew him knew he was the best in our organization," said IDRC President Jean Lebel, who recalled first meeting Tim in the cafeteria line soon after joining IDRC. "He was kind, smiling, knowing, friendly, always ready to help. An exceptional person and all who had the chance to meet him will remember with joy."

Claire Thompson, program officer with Foundations for Innovations, was among those who helped organize Tim's retirement party in 2010, which featured customized songs and other tributes.

"Tim was much-loved. He loved cycling, dancing, and gathering people at the pub," she said. "He was a funny, kind, and garrulous man with many friends. He was an icon in IDRC's history. Many of us are quite heart-broken."

Many IDRC alumni are sharing stories and tributes, including Rob Robertson, chair of the IDRC Alumni Association.

"All who worked with Tim will remember his wonderful personal qualities and his dedication to the Centre. We are so grateful to have experienced his friendship and benefitted from his wisdom," he said. "He was truly liked by everyone and treasured by those of us who worked most closely with him." IDRC sends condolences to Tim's widow, Bahija, their three children, and their grandson.

This tribute to Tim was published February 14 in Mahali, the Centre's internal information service. Ed. Tim's obituary in the [Ottawa Citizen](#).

Colleagues remember Tim:

Tim had such a warm personality that it makes it hard to describe him in terms of his professional contribution.

Tim rejoined IDRC when the Office of Planning and Evaluation (OPE) was created. There was naturally some concern in the program divisions that OPE would interfere with their programs. Tim was such a genuine person that he soon won the respect and cooperation of his colleagues throughout the Centre. Tim had an ability to understand both the technical programs and the institutional complexities of the partners we worked with so, among many other things, he was able to manage a number of program division reviews carried out by members of the Governing Board.

Doug Daniels

Tim was IDRC's resident historian. Many staff went to him for advice or to seek context on issues that had a long lineage, knowing Tim would provide a detailed and unbiased version of what transpired. He was a dispassionate and calming influence among staff in programs and P&P even during the (many) eras when there was actual or perceived turmoil at the top. Tim kept a measure of common sense in such matters.

Tim represented a bygone era at IDRC. I do not say this with regret or rancor, just as a fact. Times change and organizations must change with them. But Tim embodied the ethos of thoughtful, committed programming that gave IDRC its formidable reputation in its early years and persists to this day.

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**William Winegard
1924-2019**

Former IDRC Governor William Winegard passed away on January 31, 2019.

Winegard had a distinguished career as an engineer, researcher, professor, university president, and politician. He served on IDRC's Board of Governors from March 1974 until June 1980, covering a crucial period in IDRC's history following its founding in 1970.

Born in 1924 in Hamilton, Ontario, Winegard earned a BSc and PhD in metallurgy at the University of Toronto, where he became a professor and assistant dean in the university's School of Graduate Studies. In 1967, he became the second president of the University of Guelph, serving in that role until 1975.

From 1984 until 1993, Winegard served as a Member of Parliament in the Progressive Conservative government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. In the Commons, he chaired the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade, and later became Canada's first Minister for Science.

Winegard's experience with IDRC stayed with him during his time in politics. At one point he referred to IDRC as "the jewel of Canada's ODA [official development assistance]". He led a report on Canada's international assistance that recommended that IDRC research be built into and more effectively relate to projects run by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Officially the report was called *The 1987 Report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade on Canada's Official Development Assistance Policies and Programs*, but it became commonly known as "the Winegard Report".

Winegard's career reflected his life-long commitment to research and to empowering communities in developing countries to identify and implement sustainable solutions. "Long-term charity is not acceptable to any nation; in the short-term it is tolerable," Winegard said in a 1974 convocation address at the University of Guelph. "There is only one answer — we must make it possible for the developing nations to feed themselves. Those are high-sounding words, but it is possible according to [then-IDRC President] Dr David Hopper of the International Development Research Centre."

IDRC extends its deepest sympathies to William Winegard's family, friends, and former colleagues.

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Rose Wood
1926-2019

Rose Wood died on February 20th, 2019 at her home in Napanee, Ontario.

One of the first employees of the Centre Rose worked for IDRC from 1970 to 1986. Rose was TRAVEL, one of the first people outside their work unit programme staff met and relied on to get them out and about and home again.

Colleagues remember

I have stayed in contact with Rose over the years. She was a very strong and intelligent lady. I shall always be grateful to her for recognizing my worth, and hiring me to work in the Travel Department. She was known as "The Rose" Rest in peace Rose, I will miss our phone conversations!

When I joined IDRC on 1 June 1971, Rose Wood was one of the first employees that I met as she then worked in a combination job with Administration and Finance. She processed me as a new employee at which time I became employee number 43.

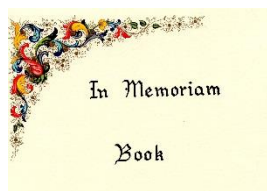
In later years Rose assumed different responsibilities, but the position that she is best known for was that of travel coordinator, a position that she held for most of her career at IDRC. When we travelled, Rose was the person who handled everything, including ticketing, visas, passports, hotel reservations, and anything else relating to travel. Rose was indeed part of the original IDRC family, and a valued colleague.

Gerry Bourrier

An obituary for Rose is found [here](#).

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The IN MEMORIAM book on line



The [Alumni In Memoriam Book](#) is found on the [IDRC Alumni Website](#).

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Bulletin Archive on Line



[Past issues of the IDRC Alumni Bulletin](#), from the first edition in January 2003, are available on the [IDRC Alumni website](#). Bulletins for 1 to 26 are either English or French. From 27-39 they are bilingual and from 40 on, either English or French.

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