

“Canada-India Education Conference”

Co-hosted by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) & Université Laval

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Date and Time: Friday, 15th May 2015: 9am -7pm

Venue: **Université Laval, Pavillon Alphonse-Desjardins, Grand Salon,**
2325, rue de l'Université, Québec (Québec) G1V 0A6

PROGRAMME (*indicates confirmed; # tentatively confirmed))

9.00-10.30 Session I: Plenary Session

Co-Chairs of the Session:

*Richard Poulin, Director, International Bureau, Université Laval &

*Biju Paul-Abraham, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) & Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, India

*Girish Shah, Chair of Conference Organizing Committee, Professor, Université Laval, and Acting Vice-President, SICI

09.00-09.10: *Girish Shah (4 min) and Richard Poulin (6 min) to introduce the event

09.10-09.25: *Biju Paul-Abraham, President of Shastri: Overview of SICI

09.30-09.40: (proposed) Mr. Vishnu Prakash, High Commissioner of India in Canada

09.40-09.50: *Mr. Jean Saintonge, Director General of Bilateral Affairs, Minister of International Relations and Francophonie (MRIF), Government of Québec

09.50-10.00: #Andreas Weichert, Director, International Education, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Government of Canada

10.00-10.05: *Welcome address by Denis Brière, Rector, Université Laval

10.05-10.15: (proposed) India Canada Educational link, Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India

10.15-10.45: Pause Santé

10.50-12.15: Session II: Canada-India Educational links

Co-Chairs of the session: *Ron Byrne, Mount Allison University & former Vice-President of SICI and

*Nicole Lacasse, Vice-Rector, Université Laval,

11.00-11.05: Introduction by chairs

11.05-11.15: *Ron Byrne, SICI: its past, present and future in Canada-India education link

11.20-11.35: *Nicole Lacasse: Education links between Laval University and India

11.40-12.15: A panel discussion by various representative Canadian and Indian Universities with Educational links between the two countries

Special invited speakers from India (Proposed): #Dr. Ved Prakash, Chairman of University Grants

Commission of India, Joint Secretary and Director of International Education, MHRD, Govt. India and

*Mr. Tsewang Namgyal, Deputy High Commissioner of India in Canada

12.20-1.30: Lunch

1.45-3.15 Session III: Synergy among different partners in Canada-India Education sector

Co-Chairs of the session: *Margaret Walton-Roberts, Wilfrid Laurier Univ & Executive Committee member of SICI, and a member from one of the collaborating organization (#MITACS/#IC-IMPACTS)

Theme: Collaborations among different organizations in the sector to create a critical forward movement

Speakers: *Margaret Walton-Roberts, *Ajit Jain (Canada Editor, Indian Diaspora), *Denise Amyot (CICan/ACCC), *Dr. Rob Annan (MITACS), *Mr Kasi Rao (Vice-President Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada), *Paul Davidson (AUCC), #Professor Nemy Banthia (IC-IMPACTS).

Response pending from Karen McBride (CBIE), Ivy Lerner-Frank (Trade Commissioner India desk) and High Commissioner of Canada in India. To be invited from India: CII, and FICCI, and others.

3.15-3.45: Pause Santé

4.00-5.30: Session IV: Challenges and Rewards for Francophone Institutions in Quebec-India educational collaborations

Co-Chairs of the session: *Girish Shah, Laval Université and Acting Vice-President-SICI and another co-chair (to be determined)

Theme: Specific challenges facing Quebec Francophone Universities to attract more collaborative interactions between Quebec and India from student mobility to educational and research activities

Panel Discussion: *Girish Shah, Université Laval and

Other proposed Speakers in the panel: Members from various Quebec universities (professors, and administrators of International offices or faculties of higher education), Indian students studying in Quebec, Quebec professors who have Indian students in their teams.

Confirmed University participants: *Serge Granger (U Sherbrooke), *Madhav Badami or substitute (McGill Univ), *Rajesh Tyagi (HEC Montréal), *Mathieu Boisvert (Univ. de Montréal), *Bilkis Vissandjee (U de Montréal), *Line Dubé or substitute (École Polytechnique, Montréal)

Special invitee: *Mr. Alain Olivier, Director and Consul, Quebec Government Office in India

5.30-6.00: Session V: Concluding Session

Co-Chairs of the session: Girish Shah, Richard Poulin, Biju Paul-Abraham, and Ron Byrne

6.00-7.00 Cocktail

Proposed concurrent activities:

- *(a) Jeunes musiciens du monde (30 min) and
- (b) Special invited speaker (30 min)

Organizing committee of the conference

Professor Girish Shah (Chair), Professor, Univ. Laval and Secretary /Treasurer, SICI

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