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Canadian Bureau of International Education

Atlantic Regional Meeting
University of
Prince Edward Island
Charlottetown, PE
May 22 - 23, 2008



Nurturing Global Citizens

PEI (Persian Entertainment Industry)

Amirhossein Hosseinzadeh (Folot)
Amir Samimi (Daf)
Mohammad Kazem Ahmady (Vocalist)
Kasra Hosseinzadeh (Tombak)



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Thursday, May 22

7 pm: Opening Reception: wine, cheese, and entertainment.
Faculty Lounge, Main Building, UPEI Campus
Greetings from Wade MacLauchlan, President,
University of Prince Edward Island

Friday, May 23

8 - 9 am: **Breakfast: Faculty Lounge, Main Building, UPEI Campus**
Opening remarks by Vianne Timmons on behalf of CBIE.
CBIE Governance Review: Allison Broadbent, Mount Allison University

9 - 10 am: **Keynote:** Dr. Graham Pike, Dean Faculty of Education, University of PEI
Lecture Theatre Room 120, Main Building, UPEI Campus

10 - 10:30 am: **Nutrition Break: Faculty Lounge, Main Building, UPEI Campus**

10:30 - 11:30 am: Concurrent Sessions

Lecture Theatre Room 120, Main Building, UPEI Campus

Lesley Magee, Project Manager,
International Activities Office, Saint Mary's University
Making it Happen: Using New Media to Engage Youth

In April 2007, Saint Mary's University launched the CIDA Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund-supported project: Making It Happen: Newcomer youth find a voice through podcasting. The session will focus on how this project nurtures and empowers youth to educate themselves about and become actors in global issues using new media.

Room 237 Main Building, UPEI Campus

Godfrey Baldacchino, Canada Research Chair of Island Studies,
Simone Webster-Stahel, Graduate student, Margaret Mizzi, Graduate student,
University of Prince Edward Island,

International Graduate Students in Atlantic Canadian Universities - Lessons and Prospects from UPEI

This session will serve as a critical commentary on some of the challenges that graduate students coming from other countries face when they register in Canadian universities like UPEI. These challenges deal with issues such as campus and off-campus employment, accommodation, health care, research support, thesis supervision, language training and support, the status of graduate students in mainly undergrad universities (e.g. absence of opportunities for graduate student teaching / mentoring) and the difficulty or otherwise of applying for permanent resident status.

The session will also discuss some of the implications of the changes to the post-graduation work permit program, announced by the Hon. Diane

Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, on April 28th this year. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/release/2008/2008-04-21.asp>

11:30 - 12:30 pm: Plenary Speaker

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Andrea Desmarreau of Edu - Canada (DFAIT)
& Debbie Pineau (PEI Dept. of Education)

Andrea will be presenting key activities related to International Education including improved services to stakeholders such as a new website called Edu-CanadaPro dedicated to international education professionals; the calendar of international signature events and promotional activities organized by Canadian missions; and scholarships for international students. Andrea and Debbie will also introduce the new Education Brand developed in close collaboration between the federal, provinces and territorial governments.

12:30 - 1:30 pm: Networking Lunch: Faculty Lounge, Main Building, UPEI Campus

1:30 - 2:30 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Room 120, Main Building, UPEI Campus

Shahana Islam, Student Affairs Officer, Memorial University of Newfoundland
International students families in the University Context

The session will focus on Memorial's International Student Advising Family Program. The program initiates support for these students and their families.

The purpose of this program is to assist students and their families to settle and adjust to an unfamiliar cultural environment.

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Maryam Wagner, Research and International Practicum Coordinator
& EAP Instructor, University of Prince Edward Island, Jill Martin,
Lynn McCarthy and Alecia Barlow

Specialization in International Education (SIE) at the University of Prince Edward Island

SIE is an optional, award winning program for second year Bachelor of Education students at the University of Prince Edward Island. The presentation will provide an overview of the program including statistics on the number of students who have graduated from the program, and countries to which they have travelled.

Additionally, this presentation will introduce some of the ways in which students' perspectives on Canada and the Canadian education system changed as a result of their experiences, personal and professional challenges that students have faced and overcome, and the impact of the SIE program on their career and education paths.

2:30 - 3:15 pm: Plenary Speaker - Dr. Sheryl Bond, Associate Professor, Queens University

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3:15 - 3:30 pm: Closing Remarks - Vianne Timmons

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