

Transparency International Canada
Ninth Annual General Meeting
Report of National Coordinator on work of TI-Canada – 2005

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The TI-Canada membership increased slightly in 2005 to 89, from 87 in 2004; 6 Charter, 4 Business/Professional, 2 Government, 8 NGO and 71 Individual Members. This included one new member each in the Charter, Business/Professional and NGO categories and 12 in the Individual category.

In 2005, TI-Canada was in its second year of the present three-year Core Funding Agreement with CIDA, for a total of \$100,000. The CIDA portion of revenues for 2005 represented 38%, down from 43% in 2004.

TI-Canada's main activities in 2005 included:

- Board Member Bob Olivero and National Coordinator Bronwyn Best prepared the civil society response to the questionnaire for the review of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption”;
- Ms. Best liaised with TI-Slovakia, the Canadian Embassy in Slovakia and York University to provide a Canadian intern for TI-Slovakia (paid for by the Canadian Embassy);
- TI-Canada was a support of an ethicscentre luncheon, 2 February, with a presentation by Neil Tait, Special Advisor to the President and CEO on Asia, BMO, “Ethics & Culture: How to do business in China”;
- TI-Canada received funding from Infrastructure Canada, Cities Secretariat, for the Municipal Governance Project;
- Ms. Best gave speech to employees of Acres International in Niagara Falls, 16 May, on the topic “Transparency International – an Agent for Positive Change in Today’s Business Environment”;
- Held Business Leaders’ Dinner, 31 May, and Eighth AGM and Symposium, “Creating a Level Playing Field in a Corrupt World?”, 1 June;
- Chair and President Wes Cragg participated in the Phase 2A workshop of the Nigeria Project, in Port Harcourt, Niger Delta, in July. This workshop informed the Chair and other members of the Niger Delta Development Commission of the potential for TI’s Integrity Pact tool for future community development projects funded by oil and gas revenues;
- Board Member Anita Davis participated in the Forum for the Future G8 BMENA (Broader Middle East North America) meeting in Jordan in August;
- Ms. Davis participated in the Forum for the Future G8 BMENA meetings in Lebanon, in September;
- Mr. Olivero presented an oral precise of the civil society response to the Canadian review for the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption to the OAS Committee of Experts, in Washington, D.C., 26 September;

- TI-Canada wrote to Canadian government officials re. Canadian ratification of the UN Convention against Corruption;
- Ms. Davis made a presentation to a Forum for the Future G8 BMENA meeting in Bahrain, in November;
- Board Member John Swinden participated in the Parallel Conference for the Forum for the Future meetings in Bahrain, 7-8 November;
- Mr. Swinden made a presentation on TI-Canada to the Granite Club, Toronto, 19 October;
- Ms. Best gave speech, "Corruption Across Cultures," 28 October, to East Asia Business Group, Renison College, University of Waterloo;
- TI-Canada was a supporter of the 10 November event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the hanging of Nigeria's Ken Saro-Wiwa ;
- Dr. Cragg, Ms. Bonnell and Ms. Best participated in the TI Annual Members Meeting, 10 – 15 November, in Berlin;
- TI-Canada sent letters to Minister Pettigrew, regarding legislation under consideration in the Duma of the Russian Federation, regarding severe restrictions on CSOs in Russia, as well as a letter regarding evidence gathered by the Volcker Committee, which had studied the Oil for Food Program, to be retained by the UN;
- TI-Canada sent a press release for the Second International Anti-Corruption Day, 9 December;
- Mr. Swinden made a presentation on TI-Canada to representatives of the Regulatory Office of China Premier's Executive Office, 15 November, in conjunction with the US China Exchange Council;
- Several pieces of correspondence were sent to The Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Peter Boehm, ADM, North America and Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of Canada for the IV Summit of the Americas, with regard to input for the OAS Declaration and Plan of Action; Dr. Cragg met with Mr. Boehm, regarding these issues; with funding from CIDA, Vice Chair Clare Bonnell and Americas Committee member Sharon O'Regan attended the civil society meeting of the IV Summit of the Americas in Mar del Plata, Argentina, 3-5 November;
- Dr. Cragg participated in a number of media (radio, television, print) interviews, regarding the state of corruption in Canada.

TI-Canada held five Board Meetings in 2005 and produced two TI-Canada Newsletters.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bronwyn Best