

Transparency International – Canada
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In 1999, TI-Canada continued to grow in the number of activities and members:

Membership grew from a total of 71 in 1998 to 81 in 1999. We gained 1 Charter, 1 Government, 3 NGO, 2 Business/Professional, and 25 Individual members in 1999; we lost 1 Charter, 1 NGO, and 9 Individual members.

In 1999, TI-Canada was in the second of its three-year Contribution Agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), at \$25,000 per year. This continues to represent about one-third of revenues, keeping TI-Canada fairly balanced in funding as a coalition of public, private and civil society sectors.

Main activities in 1999 included a seminar, in Vancouver, February 4-5, on “Corruption and Bribery in Foreign Business Transactions: Corporate Symposium on New Global and Canadian Standards,” with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy; a “Workshop on Anti-Corruption in the Americas,” April 29, in Toronto, with Luis Moreno Ocampo, member of the Advisory Council for Transparency International and Chair of TI-LAC (Latin America), as one of the speakers; and a meeting of members of the TI-Canada board with senior government officials to discuss with them the implementation of the OECD *Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions* and to present them with a four-part government-wide anti-corruption work plan and agenda; six members of TI-Canada attended the TI AGM and the 9th IACC in Durban, South Africa, including the Chair, Vice-Chair and National Coordinator; Chair and President, Wes Cragg, made presentations to the Canadian International Development Agency International Development Days and International Cooperation Days conferences in April, in Banff, and in November, in Ottawa, to the Canadian Executive Services Overseas in May in Ottawa, and to the Conference Board of Canada conference, “Integrity in the Workplace,” also in May in Toronto.

TI-Canada was a finalist in the “Mark Drake Award recognizing excellence in communicating international development issues,” of the “Canadian Awards for International Cooperation 1999,” of the Canadian International Development Agency and the Alliance of Manufacturers and Exporters Canada:

“TI-Canada played a key role in ensuring that legislation on bribery and corruption in international business transactions was passed in the federal House of commons by the end of 1998. Working closely with the Government of Canada and the Canadian business community, TI-Canada was able to marshal support and the sense of urgency at the legislative level to allow for timely passage of the bill. The new legislation ensures that Canada can meet its obligations under the 1997 *OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions* and brings the Convention into force. Transparency International Canada is one of Canada’s most prominent and effective champions of fundamental values cherished by Canadians, and its actions on this particular Convention will benefit all sectors of society in countries around the world.”

TI-Canada continues to work towards transparency in government procurement in the Organization of American States and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, as well as towards an effective monitoring mechanism for the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

During 1999, TI-Canada produced four newsletters, held four board meetings, carried out activities normal to a membership organization and changed its web page name to: www.transparency.ca I invite you to visit this informative site.

Respectfully submitted,

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