

Transparency International Canada
Eighth Annual General Meeting
Report of National Coordinator – 2004

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The TI-Canada membership increased to 87 in 2004, from 80 in 2003. At year's end, there were 6 Charter, 5 Business/Professional, 2 Government, 9 NGO and 65 Individual Members, with one new Business/Professional, one new NGO and nine new Individual Members being welcomed.

In 2004, TI-Canada began a new three-year Core Funding Agreement with CIDA, for a total of \$100,000. The CIDA portion of revenues for 2004 represented 43%.

TI-Canada's main activities in 2004 included:

- along with other TI Americas National Chapters, continued work on recommendation to the Organization of American States Committee of Experts; Board Member Bob Olivero prepared the civil society response to a questionnaire for the 2005 Canadian review in connection with the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption
- Board Member Michael Davies and National Coordinator Bronwyn Best made presentation to Canada-Poland Student Exchange on "Handling Business Risks in Areas of Endemic Bribery and Corruption"
- held Symposium on "Corruption – Is Canada in Trouble?" (May 13, Toronto)
- with Transparency In Nigeria, TI-Norway and TI Secretariat, held conference entitled "Integrity Pacts for the Oil and Gas Sector in Nigeria" (May 27 – 28, Abuja, Nigeria); continued work with these organizations on a further Phase of this project
- finalized TI-Canada's Tri-Annual Evaluation with the TI Secretariat; TI-Canada approved for three years as a fully accredited National Chapter of Transparency International
- sent comments to the Ontario Securities Commission on its recommended Code of Business Conduct and Ethics
- Board Member John Swinden was key note speaker for the AGM of the Kroll Group, addressing the topic of TI and its activities
- signed on to Publish What You Pay, whose goal is to help citizens of resource-rich developing countries be able to hold their governments to account for the management of revenues from the mining, oil and gas industries
- ongoing work on Municipal Governance Project
- Chair and President Wes Cragg, Mr. Davies and Ms. Best participated in the 11th TI Annual Members Meeting as well as conference on "Creating Change Together towards a World Free of Corruption" (October 9-10, Nairobi, Kenya)
- with the Canadian Council on International Business, produced a press release for the first anniversary of the UN International Anti-Corruption Day, including a note of encouragement to the Canadian government to ratify the Convention as expeditiously as possible (December 9)

- Dr. Cragg, in particular, has participated in a number of media interviews, regarding the state of corruption in Canada, including an appearance on CBC's *The National*
- Mr. Davies prepared the Canadian segment of the first draft of a "TI Progress Report on Enforcement of the OECD Convention" presented to the OECD Working Group on Bribery

The above and other activities of TI-Canada in 2004 work to fulfill the TI-Canada Strategic Plan (view on www.transparency.ca)

TI-Canada held five Board Meetings in 2004 and produced three TI-Canada Newsletters. The latter have moved to an electronic mode for as many recipients as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,