

CANADIAN CHAPTER OF AIB: 2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Canadian Chapter of AIB is the International Business Division of the Administrative Studies Association of Canada [ASAC]. The Chapter had a very successful annual meeting in Quebec City at Laval University, June 5–8, 2004. Thirty-three papers were presented. There was also a best paper award and an award for honorable mention. This year's distinguished speaker was Professor Alan Rugman, President-Elect of AIB. Given its affiliation with ASAC, the Canadian Division is obliged to meet at the same time as ASAC. The Canadian Chapter has approximately seventy-two members. The Chapter has no budget distinct from that of ASAC.

As part of my activities in the past year, I have tried to strengthen the links between AIB and its Canadian Chapter. In this regard, I contacted all ASAC International Business Division members not currently AIB members to ask them to join or rejoin AIB. I also contacted all AIB members resident in Canada, who were not active in the Canadian Division to become so. Finally, I contacted all former AIB members residing in Canada to rejoin. Whereas it is difficult to attribute cause and effect, in the month following my personal letter as Canadian Chair of AIB, there were a considerable number of AIB renewals. Hence, although we can only guess at the achievements, I can definitely vouch for the inputs required of my secretary.

Ideally, all members of AIB residing in Canada would be active in the International Business Division of ASAC and vice versa, but the nature of the link between the organizations does allow us to require a joint affiliation. Nevertheless, there are clear benefits for both organizations to maintain and enhance their existing ties.

My two-year term as Canadian Chair ends with these meetings in Stockholm. I have enjoyed working with the outgoing AIB Exec as well as the new and former Secretariats. I wish the incoming Exec all the very best in promoting AIB. The Canadian Chapter of AIB is ready to work with the new Exec in making next year's Laval AIB Meetings a great success. Professor Brigitte Levy of the University of Ottawa will be replacing me as Canadian Chair.