

ANNUAL REPORT, AIB CANADIAN CHAPTER 2005

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I. Introduction

The AIB Canadian Division is affiliated with the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada/ Association des Sciences Administratives du Canada (ASAC), the umbrella organization for various business disciplines in Canada. The Canadian Chapter is the International Business Division of ASAC. Given its affiliation with ASAC, the Canadian Division must hold its annual meetings at the dates and locations selected by ASAC.

II. Current and Incoming Officers and contact information

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III. Summary of Membership

According to the ASAC Board Meeting held on May 28, 2005, the membership of IB Division has increased from 68 in 2004 to 73 in 2005.

Membership drive: on March, 10, 2005, an e-mail message was circulated by Brigitte Lévy to ASAC-International Business members inviting them to become a member of AIB or to renew their subscription. The message reminded all members that the IB Division is the Canadian Chapter of AIB. Alternatively, a message was circulated to Canadian AIB Members on March 21, 2005, encouraging them to become a member of the IB-ASAC Division, or to renew their membership.

Note: the numbers of IB-ASAC members and of Canadian AIB members do not match. There are more Canadian AIB members than IB-ASAC members. This can be partly explained by the fact that the nature of the link between the organizations does not allow us to require a joint affiliation.

IV. Summary of Meetings held this year

We had a very successful meeting in Toronto (Ryerson University) on May 28-30. Twenty-eight papers were presented in the ASAC-IB Division. All papers were peer-reviewed. Seventeen papers were accepted for inclusion in the proceedings and nine for presentation only. There was a best paper award, an award for honorable mention, and a best student paper award. The IB program also included two distinguished speakers: Rosalie Tung (Simon Fraser) -a joint session with the Gender and Diversity Division, and Paul Beamish (Western Ontario).

V. Plan for Future Meetings

ASAC 2006 will be held on June 3-6 in Banff (sponsored by the University of Lethbridge). ASAC 2007 will be held on June 2-5 in Ottawa (sponsored by the School of Management of the University of Ottawa).

VII. Other Issues

1. Financial aspects: the IB Division does not maintain its finances separately from ASAC and has no disposable budget.
2. Constitution: despite numerous enquiries over the past year, we have been unable to locate a constitution for the IB Division, or for any other Division of ASAC. Given that each AIB Chapter must operate under a formal Constitution, a committee was formed, during our Division Business Meeting of May 29, 2005, consisting of Brigitte Lévy (Chair), Emmanuel Abégurin, Fritz Rieger, and Howard Lin. The committee is in charge of drafting a Constitution.