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1. **Welcome Gabriel Sékaly, IPAC's new Executive Director !** IPAC has a new

Executive Director: Gabriel Sékaly. IPAC President Luc Bernier announced on August 8 that the IPAC Board's Selection Committee has tapped a former Ontario Public Service Executive as new Executive Director. Mr. Sékaly starts on August 14, 2006. To read more, go to the IPAC press release at http://www.ipac.ca/news/index.html?id=06Aug09_1

2. **Last Call for Charlottetown – IPAC Annual Conference, August 27-30, 2006**

Don't miss the opportunity to join your colleagues at the public administration event of the year. Enjoy PEI's hospitality and learn from distinguished speakers at the IPAC 2006 Annual Conference, August 27-30. – Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Pierre-Yves Julien, Bernd Christmas, The Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson, Premier Paul Okalik, Anne MacLellan, Nancy Riche, Elizabeth May, Gordon Gibson, Paul Thomas, Peter Aucoin, Brian Crowley, Ruth Dantzer are some of the speakers you will hear. The conference theme is "In Search of Democracy". For more information on online registration and accommodations, go to the conference website at <http://www.ipac.ca/2006/> You are encouraged to dress casual for this event!

3. **IPAC Award for Innovative Management: Congratulations to the Finalists!**

Congratulations to the three finalists selected by the jury. They are: The Government of the Northwest Territories for "The Tlicho Community Services Agency" project; Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for "Synergy Alberta"; and Hôpital Sainte-Anne for "Le Centre Sainte-Anne". The theme for 2006 was "Sharing Governance: Citizens, Partners and Networks". The finalists will present their innovations at a plenary session of the annual IPAC Conference in Charlottetown on August 29. The winners will be announced at the final banquet on August 30.

4. **Hot Topics in Public Administration**

So, what do you think is most interesting to scholars in public administration around the world? You'd be surprised. Take a look at the new IPAC Executive Briefing at www.ipac.ca

5. International: Lessons Learned Program Workshop

With the conclusion of the *Public Sector Capacity Building for Governance and Social Development Program* on June 30, 2006 and official approval of IPAC's new *Good Governance Program*, IPAC International Programs will be hosting a two-day workshop for Good Governance Program Coordinators in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The program specific workshop will take place on Saturday August 26 to Sunday August 27, 2006 and co-facilitated with the Center for Intercultural Learning (CIL). CIL is a part of the Canadian Foreign Service Institute of Foreign Affairs Canada. The workshop will consist of two components: (1) Identifying and documenting the accomplishments, best practices and lessons learned in the *Public Sector Capacity Building for Governance and Social Development Program*, and (2) Commencing the planning for the new *Good Governance Program*.

6. Mark your calendars: October 4-5, 2006

Plan to attend "9-11+5: Canadian-American Relations in a New Context". This two day conference will take place October 4-5 in Toronto and will explore the state of Canada-U.S. relations five years after the September 11, 2001 events. Where do things stand in Canada-US relations? What are the implications for security, trade, culture, the environment and for the relationship in general? What is the role of public administrators on both sides? For information on the program or to register, go to www.ipac.ca

7. What's New on the Blog?

Just west of Toronto, in the middle of June, over 300 participants from the non-profit, voluntary and private sector as well as individual citizens attended a public forum organized by the Halton Regional Government. How did it happen that over 300 participants attended? What made the difference? IPAC's blogger, Carleen Caroll, explores the issues. Get involved! <http://www.quantumgovernance.ca/wordpress/>

8. Regional Groups Excellence Award

The jury will have a hard time selecting the winner of this year's Regional Group Excellence Award. We received six excellent submissions from Edmonton, Saskatchewan, National Capital Region, Montreal, Fredericton and Halifax. This is a reflection of the high quality programs offered by IPAC volunteers across the country. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual conference in Charlottetown.

9. Knowledge Networks

If you have responsibility for Regulatory Policy or Citizen Engagement and Dialogue, IPAC Knowledge Networks are a must. Join leaders in your field to learn about the latest developments and techniques and to discuss issues of mutual concern in an informal and safe environment. Find out more about the networks and the upcoming October meetings at <http://www.ipac.ca/events/knowledgenetwork/index.html>