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This issue of the IPAC Newsletter comes to you with the best wishes for the holiday season from the IPAC national staff.

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1. 2007 PIERRE DE CELLES AWARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the IPAC-Pierre De Celles Award for Excellence in Teaching Public Administration (deadline: March 31, 2007). For more details, go to

<http://www.ipac.ca/awards/decelles/index.html> or [click here](#).

You can nominate on-line by clicking:

http://www.ipac.ca/awards/decelles/nomination_form.html or [click here](#).

2. NEW PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE: MIND THE GAP!

Join us at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Toronto on March 1-2, 2007 for a premier event on the changing face of the public service. "Mind the Gap: the Changing Face of the Public Service" will address the most pressing human resource challenge facing the public service over the next decade: the attraction, recruitment and retention of current and new generations of public servants. For more information on the program or to register, go to www.ipac.ca/NP2007.

3. DIGITAL STATE AT THE LEADING EDGE

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Learn how the current state of e-government in Canada and its future direction will affect your organization. Plan to attend this February 20, 2007 event organized in partnership with the Public Policy Forum at the MaRS Centre in Toronto. The event coincides with the launch of the book *Digital State at the Leading Edge*. For more information or to register for this event, please go to www.ipac.ca

4. MAKE WINNIPEG YOUR DESTINATION FOR THE 2007 IPAC CONFERENCE: August 26-29

IPAC 2007 Conference, *The Changing Nature and Faces of the Public service: Public Administration in Evolution* will explore some of the fundamental changes in public administration. An impressive roster of experts will look at how these changes affect the future of the public service, its employees and elected officials, and discuss ways to deal with the challenges ahead. For more information, go to www.2007winnipegipac.ca

5. IPAC INTERNATIONAL

IPAC was represented by its Executive Director, Gabriel Sékaly and its Director of International Programs, Ann Masson at The African Association for Public Administration and Management 28th annual Roundtable in Arusha, Tanzania from December 4th to 8th. The theme of the conference, attended by over 200 delegates, was "Towards an Effective Delivery of Public Service in Africa". Among the topics discussed were: the state of public services in Africa with a focus on the needs of citizens; a review of reforms and their impact on the service delivery and the operation of the state; Human Resource management with a focus on leadership; policy management; the role of public/private partnerships in service delivery; and the lessons learned from decentralization of government. More information can be found at www.aapam.org

6. IPAC KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS WINTER 2007 MEETINGS

The next meeting of the IPAC Knowledge Network on Regulatory Governance and Innovation will take place on February 26-27 at the Fairmont Hotel in Victoria. The IPAC Knowledge Network on Governance Dialogue will also meet in Victoria in early spring 2007. If you would like to take advantage of these unique learning and networking opportunities, contact George Khoury at 416- 924 8787 ext 234 or visit our website at www.ipac.ca

7. VANIER MEDAL TO BE PRESENTED TO RALPH HEINTZMAN

Ralph Heintzman, who is credited with helping to move Canada into a position of world leadership in government service delivery, will be honoured with the Vanier Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. Chief Justice Beverley MacLachlin will present the Medal at a February 23, 2007 ceremony at the Supreme Court building in Ottawa. For more information on the Vanier Medal or to nominate someone, please contact rmckenzie@ipac.ca.

8. CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW STUDY TEAMS

The Board of Directors of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada wishes to pursue its support of study teams and welcomes proposals from scholars and practitioners. The objective is to support the creation and development of multi-disciplinary study teams to examine issues in Canadian public administration. While all proposed topics will be considered, particular favour will be given to projects which propose to examine: aboriginal governance; the role of political staffing public administration; government transitions and knowledge transfer. For more details go to

http://www.ipac.ca/research/study_teams/index.html