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**1. Don't miss the IPAC Conference in Canada's Birthplace - August 27-30, 2006**

The place to be is in Charlottetown, PEI in August 27-30 where IPAC Conference delegates will explore the key role the public service plays in sustaining democratic values in society. The conference promises a stimulating roster of speakers – 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 and more. The conference theme is "In Search of Democracy".

Come and experience first-hand the famous down east Island hospitality and have fun in meeting old and new friends and colleagues. Register now! Charlottetown is a very popular place to visit in late summer and hotel availability is at a premium! The conference hotel - Delta Prince Edward Hotel - will hold rooms at the special conference rate no later than July 24th. For more information on online registration and accommodations, go to the conference website at <http://www.ipac.ca/2006/>

**2. IPAC "Executive Brief": Working with Political Staff at Queen's Park**

The role of ministerial staff was identified by members of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada as one of the most important issues facing public sector executives. IPAC responded by holding a pilot roundtable that brought together twenty Queen's Park veterans: half drawn from the ranks of Deputy Ministers; the other half from former ministerial advisors. Twenty-one recommendations emerged from this discussion. Read the full results by accessing the first IPAC Executive Brief at <http://www.ipac.ca/files/WorkingwithPolStaff06.pdf>

**3. IPAC Award for Innovative Management: The Jury is at work**

Seventy-one submissions were received for the IPAC 2006 Award for Innovative Management. Members of the jury have selected seven finalists who will be interviewed in Toronto to determine the gold, silver and bronze winners of the award. Winners will be recognized at the IPAC annual conference in Charlottetown. Members of the Jury are: Ms Ruth Dantzer, President and CEO, Canada School of Public Service (Chair); Ms Irene Hamilton, Manitoba Ombudsman; Mr. Robert Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Stratford; Ms Jeanette MacAulay, Deputy Minister, Social Services and Seniors, Government of PEI; Dr. Graham White,

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#### **4. International**

July 4-17, 2006 a delegation of eight senior public servants from Tanzania will be in Canada to meet and talk to their Canadian counterparts in the Governments of Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. They will share information on workforce management principles and best practices, including the handling of retrenchments and redundancies in the public service.

#### **5. Mark your calendars: "9/11+5: Canadian-American Relations in a New Context" (October 4-5, 2006)**

Plan to attend "9/11+5: Canadian-American Relations in a New Context". This two-day conference will take place 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? Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this exciting event. For information on the program and how you can get involved, contact Patrice Dutil, Acting Executive Director [pdutil@ipac.ca](mailto:pdutil@ipac.ca)

#### **6. The Phenomenal IPAC Summer Book Sale**

What a deal! Here's your chance to stock up on some classics in Canadian public administration. Five IPAC books for \$20, including GST and shipping. Here's a chance to get some great books while they are still available, and to support IPAC. Fill out the form at [http://www.ipac.ca/pubs/2006\\_ipac\\_book\\_sale.html](http://www.ipac.ca/pubs/2006_ipac_book_sale.html).

#### **7. Member Survey: We're counting on you**

The IPAC member survey was sent to you earlier this week. The survey seeks to collect valuable information on a variety of topics including member satisfaction with current services; suggestions for improvement; topics you would like IPAC to research or hold conferences on, and ideas for new products and services that you would like to receive. Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire and help enhance the value of your membership. For information on the survey, please contact George Khoury, Director of Membership and Marketing at [gkhoury@ipac.ca](mailto:gkhoury@ipac.ca)