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1. Have you registered yet?

The Leadership Lessons of Deputy Ministers is an event you don't want to miss. This extraordinary learning and networking opportunity includes sessions that will give pause to examine leadership in action, to ask questions, to associate with passionate public servants and to share insights and best practices. The symposium takes place at Le Meridien King Edward Hotel in Toronto on April 20-21, 2006. For more information or to register online, go to:

http://www.ipac.ca/events/leadership_of_dms.html.

2. Where will you be August 27-30, 2006?

The place to be is Charlottetown, PEI where over five hundred public service practitioners, academics and professionals from across the country will gather to participate in IPAC's 2006 Annual Conference. Under the theme "In Search of Democracy", a dynamic and knowledgeable roster of speakers will address the challenges facing democracy in our public service culture, as well as the public services' democratic relations to other components of society. For more information or to register online, go to: <http://www.ipac.ca/2006/>

3. IPAC Workshops on Performance Reporting

IPAC's Joint workshops on performance reporting continue to draw participants from all orders of government and agencies. Workshops organized by IPAC National and Regional Groups have already been held in Montreal, Oakville and Fredericton with Halifax, Victoria and Edmonton sessions scheduled in May. For more information or for organizing a workshop in your region, contact George Khoury, Director of Membership and Marketing at gkhoury@ipac.ca

4. IPAC in Uganda

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The Ugandan government recently held a Public Service Readiness Workshop to prepare the public service for a newly elected government. All Permanent Secretaries (deputy minister equivalents) and presidential advisors attended the 4-day workshop which included presentations by Mr. Mitala, Head of the Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet, Mr. Vincent Lukone, Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, three Permanent Secretaries, and a team of three (political and bureaucratic) representatives of the Ontario Public Service. The workshop effectively defined and implemented a process to provide the incoming Cabinet with considered, non-partisan advice on how to implement the new government mandate, and a foundation for translating the election manifesto and other public commitments into a medium-term policy agenda.

5. A new IPAC program for Tanzania

IPAC is now planning a new program for Tanzania: Experience Sharing Programme on Human Resources (HR) Management. In the early summer, nine senior officers of the Tanzanian Ministry of Public Service Management will be visiting two Canadian provinces to gain insight into Canadian innovations and best practices in strategic workforce management, HR planning, recruitment and retention, labour relations, career management, and HR information management and analysis.

6. Call for Papers on "The Ontario Ministry of Finance, 1960-2000: A Study in Organizational Development"

Academics, practitioners and consultants are invited to submit proposals to explore this uncharted history of a vitally important ministry of the Ontario government. For more details, consult the "call for papers" page on the IPAC website at http://www.ipac.ca/research/calls_for_papers/index.html or contact Patrice Dutil, Director of Research at pdutil@ipac.ca.

7. Call for Papers on "Managing Transitions: Approaches to Changing Government in Canada"

IPAC is working with Dr. David Zussman of the University of Ottawa to deepen the understanding of this vital stage of governance in the Government of Canada and in the provinces, and to pursue the work it first made public with its 1993 publication, *Taking Power: Managing Government Transitions*, edited by Donald J. Savoie. IPAC welcomes proposals for papers that would document the past government transitions and provide insights into the "management lessons" they have imparted. For more details, consult the "call for papers" page on the IPAC website at http://www.ipac.ca/research/calls_for_papers/index.html or contact Patrice Dutil, Director of Research at pdutil@ipac.ca.

8. Study Team Proposals

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 deadline is March 31. For more details, consult the "Study Team" page on the IPAC website at http://www.ipac.ca/research/study_teams/index.html or

contact Patrice Dutil, Director of Research at pdutil@ipac.ca.

9. Nominate a great teacher in public administration: the 2006 IPAC-Pierre De Celles Award

Nominations are being accepted for the IPAC-Pierre De Celles Award for Excellence in teaching public administration. The deadline is March 31, 2006. For more details, go to: <http://www.ipac.ca/awards/decelles/index.html> You can nominate on-line by clicking:

http://www.ipac.ca/awards/decelles/nomination_form.html.

10. Nominate a great project: the IPAC Award for Innovative Management

The 2006 IPAC Award for Innovative Management, sponsored by IBM and KPMG will be accepting nominations under the theme "Sharing Governance: Citizens, Partners and Networks." The deadline is March 31, 2006. For more details, go to: <http://www.ipac.ca/awards/innovation/criteria.html>. The entry form can be found at: http://www.ipac.ca/awards/innovation/entry_form.html.

11. Nominate a great public servant: The Vanier Medal

The Vanier Medal named after the late Governor General Georges Vanier, recognizes individual achievement in public administration. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.ipac.ca/awards/vanier/criteria.html>.