

**PRAIRIE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
FOR RESEARCH ON IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION
ANNUAL REPORT, 2001-2002**

Introduction

This annual report for 2001-2002 is the sixth and last report of the Prairie Centre in Phase I of the Metropolis Project. Overall, the past year has been a very successful one in terms of research productivity, collaboration with the different stakeholders, and research dissemination.

The report consists of seven parts. Part I addresses the Centre's key activities other than research. This is followed by a discussion of partnerships and collaborations in Part II. Next, Part III provides an overview of research and research outputs. Part IV deals with issues of management and communication, while Part V outlines the challenges ahead. The revised budget for 2002-2003 is presented in Part VI and the workplan for 2002-2003 appears in Part VII. Supplementary and explanatory material is provided in the appendices attached to this report.

Part I. Key Activities

During the year under review, the Centre's five main activities were:

1. Appointment of Centre Co-Directors

At its June 2001 annual meeting, the Prairie Centre Board of Governors appointed Drs. Baha Abu-Laban (Sociology, University of Alberta) and Tracey Derwing (Educational Psychology, University of Alberta) as Co-Directors of the Prairie Centre effective July 1, 2001. This appointment extends to the end of Phase II of Metropolis.

2. The Winnipeg Workshop

The Fourth Prairie Regional Workshop was held at the Hotel Fort Garry in Winnipeg, November 8-10, 2001 (See Appendix 1). The theme of the Winnipeg workshop was "Building on Strength: Supporting Policy & Practice through Immigration and Integration Research." The three earlier regional workshops hosted by the Prairie Centre were held in Regina, Calgary and Saskatoon respectively. The first two followed a similar format: in addition to opening and closing plenary sessions, delegates met in domain-based small groups. The third workshop in Saskatoon followed a different format, in that it featured plenary sessions throughout, and domain breakout sessions at the very end. For the Winnipeg Workshop, the intention was to develop a new hybrid format in order to more fully address current needs. Domain-based concurrent sessions were organized to address future directions for the Prairie Centre and domain reports were shared with all workshop participants in the final plenary session. In 2001-02, the

sixth and final year of Phase I of Metropolis, the aim of the workshop was to provide an opportunity to showcase selected projects or research programs as well as to feature plenary sessions on policy and community issues.

Specifically, the goals of the workshop were to: (1) **Highlight** unique features and common themes in immigrant integration on the prairies; (2) **Strengthen** the linkages among the stakeholders of the Metropolis Project; (3) **Enhance** graduate student training and participation in Metropolis; (4) **Showcase** selected studies funded by the Prairie Centre; and (5) **Guide** the development of a research agenda for Phase 2 of Metropolis.

About 100 delegates were in attendance, representing government policy-makers and analysts, immigrant-serving agencies and other community-based groups, university-based researchers and graduate students. The Winnipeg Workshop also afforded a chance for current and former PCERII graduate students to provide their perspectives on the opportunities offered to students through Metropolis.

The results of this and previous research planning workshops helped to develop the Centre's research program for the second phase of Metropolis.

3. Journal of International Migration and Integration

With Volume 2 almost complete, JIMI has been experiencing an increase in subscriptions and in the number of manuscripts submitted. An impressive total of 21 articles and 31 book reviews were published in Volume 2. Eight articles were submitted by Canadian authors and of those, three were by Prairie Centre affiliated researchers. ("The Racial Subtext in Canada's Immigration Discourse," by Peter Li, University of Saskatchewan; "Ethnicities and Social Adjustment in Canadian Adolescents," by Christopher Bagley et al., University of Southampton; and "Diagnosing and Preventing "Brain Waste" in Canada's Immigrant Population: A Synthesis of Comments on Reitz," by Richard Wanner, University of Calgary). In addition, JIMI was able to enlist the help of many prominent scholars as reviewers for submitted manuscripts.

The first Special Issue of JIMI was published in the Spring of 2001. This issue was guest edited by Dr. Ruben Gowricharn, a senior researcher at the University of Amsterdam. The issue was entitled, *Minority Elites in the Making* and discussed minority elites in Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. The next special issue concerns immigrant diversity and political participation; it is scheduled to be published in the Spring of 2002.

Notably, the editors of JIMI received a request from Harvard University to reproduce and distribute one of the articles as required reading for a core course. Also, the editors have received at least three separate requests from international (non-English) journals to translate and publish articles that have appeared in JIMI. As well, the editorial office continues to receive requests (from various sources) for reprints of articles. The most recent tribute to JIMI was a news item published in The Ottawa Citizen (March 20, 2002) that concerns an article published in Volume 2, #3 of JIMI entitled, "Immigrant Skill

Utilization in the Canadian Labour Market: Implications of Human Capital Research,” by Jeffrey Reitz (University of Toronto).

4. Revision of Internal Agreement:

In preparation for the second phase of Metropolis, the *Internal Agreement* which governs the operations of the Prairie Centre has been revised after consultation with, among others, members of the Board of Governors and the Research Grants Officers at the six participating universities. The tenor of the revised Agreement is more permissive and it reflects current practice more accurately than the original one. To harmonize the Agreement with the new phase of Metropolis, the Program Committee has been eliminated and replaced by two new committees: the Domain Research Committee and the Adjudication Committee. Also, a new and detailed description of the position of Domain Leader is provided in the revision. Finally, the revised *Internal Agreement* provides for the creation of an Executive Committee for the Board of Governors. The Presidents of all six participating universities have now signed the Agreement and it is being submitted to SSHRC for final approval (see Appendix 2 for a copy of revised Internal Agreement).

5. Closure of Dormant Accounts:

The Prairie Centre retrieved the unspent balances in four dormant research grant accounts under the names of: Dr. John Archibald, University of Calgary (\$9,164); Dr. Cynthia Baker, Université de Moncton (\$5,912); Dr. Alison Hayford, University of Regina (\$6,819); and, Dr. David Young, University of Alberta (\$1,063). The total amount of funds returned to the SSHRC account at the University of Alberta was \$22,958 (see Appendix 3).

Part II. Partnerships and Collaborations

1. Collaborations with Policy-Makers

Meetings and collaborations with policy-makers have taken place in different contexts throughout the year under review. The Winnipeg Workshop provided an opportunity for strengthening linkages with policy-makers as almost one-third of the delegates were drawn from the ranks of policy-makers (30), of whom 18 represented federal departments in Ottawa or the regions; eight represented the Prairie provincial governments; and four representatives were from municipal governments.

Other examples of collaboration with the public sector include the following:

PCERII Co-Directors Dr. Baha Abu-Laban and Dr. Tracey Derwing gave a series of talks at several different meetings of policy-makers during 2001-2002. For example, Dr. Abu-Laban was invited to address the Federal Government Caucus on Post-Secondary Education and Research on issues related to immigration at the Liberal Party Caucus

meeting held in Edmonton in August 2001. He also met with then Secretary of State for Multiculturalism, the Honourable Hedy Fry, in Edmonton at a meeting organized by the Wildrose Foundation in August 2001 and at a second meeting, in October 2001, to discuss post-September 11 issues facing Arab and Muslim immigrants.

Drs. Abu-Laban and Derwing have also been active in relating to policy-makers on the CIC-sponsored study on Kosovar refugees. Dr. Derwing and PCERII graduate student, Ms. Marlene Mulder, presented information about the study at the First National Settlement Conference organized and hosted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada in June 2001. At the same conference, Dr. Abu-Laban presented a paper on regionalization of immigration policy. On August 23, 2001, the Honourable Elinor Caplan, then Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), was hosted by the Prairie Centre and provided with highlights of the Kosovar refugee study report. Other briefings on this study were provided for Edmonton-based CIC staff, the Alberta Government and NGOs; and CIC staff in the Prairie Region. The results of the Kosovar Project were also presented at the National Metropolis Conference held in Ottawa in October 2001 and at a national planning conference organized by CIC in March 2002. The policy recommendations made in the Kosovar Project report have reportedly informed Canadian Government responses to future emergency refugee efforts.

Other PCERII researchers were also involved in collaborative activities with policy makers, specifically:

Dr. Yasmeen Abu-Laban (University of Alberta) was an invited speaker at an academic roundtable examining the impact of September 11 on international relations and Canada's foreign policy. The roundtable was organized by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development and held at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in November 2001 in Ottawa.

Dr. Nancy Arthur (University of Calgary), presented a paper entitled, "Building Global Connections in Career Planning," at the Building Tomorrow Today Regional Consultation on Career Development in Edmonton, which was attended by municipal, provincial and federal government policy-makers, as well as community practitioners.

In November 2001, PCERII researchers, Dr. Paul Bramadat (University of Winnipeg), Dr. Henry Chow (University of Regina), Dr. Yvonne Hébert (University of Calgary), and Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan), were asked to prepare and present papers for Canadian Heritage's Diversity and Identity Seminar at the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association (CESA) conference in Halifax. Dr. Bramadat's paper was entitled, "Shows, Selves and Solidarity: Ethnic Identity and Cultural Spectacles in Canada," Dr. Chow's paper was entitled, "Heritage Languages," Dr. Hébert's paper dealt with issues related to diversity, identity and education and Dr. Li prepared a paper entitled, "The Economics of Minority Language Identity." Papers presented at this seminar will be published in a special issue of Canadian Ethnic Studies in the near future.

Dr. Hébert was also an invited guest speaker at the Professional Development Workshop of the Calgary Catholic Separate School District later in November 2001.

In 2001-2002, Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan) gave a series of talks related to immigration and integration issues and attended several Statistics Canada advisory committee meetings on social condition at the invitation of policy-makers. Moreover, he was invited to participate in the Fourth Metropolis Conversation Series, “Brain Gain, Brain Waste, Brain Drain: Using the Diversity Model to Attract and Keep Talent in Canada,” in Ottawa in January 2001; the Metropolis Halifax Workshop in March 2001; and, he presented a paper entitled, “Racial Discourse and Justice,” to policy-makers at the Department of Justice Canada and attended a research meeting of economic domain leaders sponsored by HRDC in Ottawa in June 2001.

Dr. Maria Mayan (University of Alberta) was awarded a grant entitled, “All Together Now: A Multicultural Coalition for Health and Well-being for Ethnic Minorities,” as part of the Voluntary Sector Initiative with Health Canada. This project seeks to engage members of ethnic minority communities in the arena of policy development as an avenue for redressing inequalities in health and as a starting point for their progressive and meaningful political participation.

In January 2002, Dr. Valerie Pruegger (Adjunct Professor, University of Calgary), launched www.reporhate.org, a web site for young people in Calgary to report acts of discrimination and hate crimes. The web site stems directly from Dr. Pruegger’s PCERII-funded research project entitled, “Perceptions of Racism and Hate Crimes in Calgary: Effects on the Lived Experience,” (April 2000) and the resulting web site is supported by the City of Calgary and Calgary Police Service.

Dr. Wayne Simpson (University of Manitoba) was invited to participate in an expert panel to examine issues related to measuring discrimination against visible minorities in Canada that was organized by Canadian Heritage for policy-makers in Ottawa in February 2002.

Finally, the Prairie Centre continued to offer policy-makers a direct voice in the form of membership and voting rights on its management boards, specifically: Ms. Stephanie Bishop (Health Canada, Edmonton Regional Office); Dr. Samuel Laryea (Human Resources Development Canada, Ottawa); and Ms. Barbara Leung (Alberta Learning) served on the Board of Governors. Ms. Rashmi Joshee (Canadian Heritage, Edmonton Regional Office) is a member of the Program Committee. As major funders, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council continue to be represented on the Board. (See Appendices 4 and 5).

2. Collaborations with NGOs and Other Community Groups

Throughout 2001-2002, the Prairie Centre continued to place emphasis on strengthening its connections with community partners in a variety of ways such as (a) requiring grant applicants to consult with community groups, where appropriate, in advance of applying

for funds (see Grant Applications and Guidelines in Appendix 6), (b) providing full or partial financial support for NGO representatives to attend national and international Metropolis conferences, (c) providing information and, where possible, research support, (d) participating in conferences organized by NGOs, and (e) collaborating with NGO partners through their membership on the advisory committees of several PCERII research projects.

Turning now to specifics, Dr. Dan Chekki (University of Winnipeg) established linkages with the Sudanese Human Rights Association and the Coalition for Human Equality in Winnipeg. He also attended a forum of “First and Second Generation Immigrant Youth,” which was sponsored by the Immigrant Women’s Association of Manitoba on March 15, 2002.

Dr. Nancy Gibson (University of Alberta) formed a partnership with Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women in Edmonton as part of her PCERII-funded research project, “Transition Strategies: Success Stories of Immigrant Women,” which received funding in April 2001. The project will use a participatory action model and, through a mutually beneficial arrangement, the project has been designed to address the needs of the community as well as to facilitate the completion of a doctoral program. The Executive Director of Changing Together had identified the need for a more positive representation of immigrant women in the local community. Key goals of this project are to highlight the success stories of immigrant women and to provide the groundwork for a book and video material. Furthermore, an in-depth analysis of strategies and social policy will provide the basis for research work and social action. A project investigator will be working on site at Changing Together for three days per week over the course of two years which will allow for the building of relationships and trust through participant observation with the employees, volunteers, and clients of the centre. It will also provide for equity in that this research model permits the scholar to contribute to the program while conducting research.

The Social/Cultural Domain research team led by Domain Leader, Dr. Douglas Durst (University of Regina), received funding from the Prairie Centre for a research project entitled, “The Integration Experiences of Immigrant Seniors,” in 2001-2002. During the proposal writing process, a number of community organizations were consulted in Alberta and Saskatchewan and letters of support were provided. Members of the research team continue to partner with community stakeholders now that the project is underway. For example, Dr. Sharon McIrvin Abu-Laban (University of Alberta) is currently circulating the Edmonton survey questionnaire among members of the South Asian community for their input before the instrument is finalized.

One of the outcomes from the community consultation during the proposal writing stage for the above research project was the identification by community members of the need for the adaptation of a toolkit developed by the Alberta Council on Aging, under the title Senior Friendly Toolkit, to address the interests and concerns of visible minority elderly immigrants. A graduate research assistant, Irene Shankar (University of Alberta), started on this project in December 2000, and continued to work on it through 2001-2002.

PCERII Research affiliate, Dr. Denise Spitzer (University of Alberta), and Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women received funding from Canadian Heritage for a collaborative research project entitled, "Live-in Caregivers in Alberta: Employer Education and Employee Rights," during 2001-2002.

A number of PCERII affiliates participated in the Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies (AAISA) conference held in Edmonton in May 2001. Specifically, the Prairie Centre sponsored Dr. David Este (University of Calgary) who was invited to organize and host a session on his research into Chinese and Latin immigrant men as fathers in the Canadian context; and, two PCERII graduate students at the University of Alberta, Navjot Lamba (Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology), and Marlene Mulder (M.A. Candidate, Sociology), were also invited to organize a session and make presentations on the issue of immigrants overcoming labour market barriers.

A number of PCERII research affiliates and management board members were invited to participate as moderators, panelists and speakers at the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society's June 2001 conference entitled, "Calgary & Immigration: Growth, Advantage, Challenge," including: Baha Abu-Laban (Co-Director, PCERII); Tom Denton (Manitoba Refugee Sponsors & Member, PCERII Program Committee); Jim Frideres (University of Calgary); Barbara Leung (Alberta Learning & Member, PCERII Board of Governors); Lynn Meadows (University of Calgary); David Watt (University of Calgary); and, Lloyd Wong (University of Calgary).

As part of his PCERII-funded project entitled, "Processes of Maturation and Development among Alberta Muslims," Dr. Earle Waugh (University of Alberta) sought the input of several members of the Muslim community in Edmonton at a meeting held at the University of Alberta in June 2001. Dr. Waugh and his research team concentrated on three areas, namely, the development of Islamic infrastructure in Alberta, the development of leadership roles and structures, and the development of women's roles and issues.

In September 2001, PCERII Administrative Coordinator, Ms. Kelly McKean, facilitated a debriefing session with representatives of seven NGOs who had received funding from Canadian Heritage under the rubric of the Multicultural Francophone Association of Alberta to send representatives to attend the Fifth International Metropolis Conference.

Several PCERII research affiliates and staff members are also active in the community by serving on the boards of immigrant-serving and other community organizations. In this capacity, PCERII members assist community organizations with funding applications, organizing conferences and conducting research, among other things.

The Prairie Centre also made cash donations for the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society's Immigrants' of Distinction Awards 2002 Gala (March 2002) and the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights (JHC) for its symposium, "Human Rights as Global Security: Future Directions for the Charter" (April 2002).

The Prairie Centre continued to incorporate strong community representation within its management structures. For example, Mr. Tom Denton (Manitoba Refugee Sponsors) was a member of the Program Committee. Also, the Centre's Board of Governors included: Mr. Fariborz Birjandian (Calgary Catholic Immigration Society); Ms. Joan Brownridge (City of Saskatoon Race Relations Committee); Ms. Ana Maria Fantino (Edmonton Catholic Social Services); Mr. Keith Karasin (formerly Executive Director at the Regina Open Door Society); and Ms. Sheri Musa (formerly employed in the office of the Mayor of Winnipeg).

The PCERII Volunteer Internship Program is yet another form of partnership with the community. Now in its fifth year of operation, placements were offered by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CIMHEP), Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women, Edmonton Catholic Social Services, the Edmonton Multicultural Health Brokers' Cooperative and the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers.

Lastly, several PCERII research grant holders have invited NGO representatives to serve as advisors on research projects. For example, the Advisory Committee of the New Canadian Children and Youth Study (NCCYS), under the direction of Dr. Linda Oglivie (University of Alberta), includes representatives from Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women, Edmonton Catholic Social Services, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, and the Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative, as well as representatives from the Filipino, Kurdish and Vietnamese communities. The NCCYS research teams based in Calgary and Winnipeg also have community advisory committees made up of representatives from various government and community groups.

3. Research Collaborations and Networks: National and International

National Linkages:

Prairie Centre researchers continued to work on collaborative projects with researchers from the other Metropolis Centres particularly in the Education and Health Domains. For example, in the Education Domain, PCERII research affiliates continued to pursue collaborative relations with counterparts at the other Metropolis Centres through the Metropolis Educational Research Forum (MERF) and the Citizenship Education Research Network (CERN), a national body of Metropolis researchers and others interested in this topic. In the Health Domain, the ongoing New Canadian Children and Youth Study continued to foster the kind of cross-centre research that serves as a model for other domains.

During 2001-2002, the *Journal of International Migration and Integration* (JIMI) continued to serve as a vehicle for national, inter-centre collaboration. For example, the Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver Metropolis Centres made generous contributions in support of publication of the journal during the year under review. Furthermore, representatives of these centres serve on JIMI's Board of Directors and Board of

Associate Editors. Indications are that this collaborative arrangement in support of JIMI will be carried forward into the second phase of Metropolis.

As well, the Prairie Centre maintains its own Data Coordination Committee with membership drawn from across the Prairie Provinces (see Appendix 7). A main goal of this committee is to facilitate the sharing of data materials among PCERII affiliated researchers as well as the other Metropolis Centres. Two members from this Committee, Dr. Richard Wanner (University of Calgary), Chair, and Mr. Chuck Humphrey (Data Librarian, University of Alberta) continued to represent the Prairie Centre on the Metropolis National Data Committee during 2001-2002.

International Linkages:

In May 2001, Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan) spoke at a seminar entitled, “Skilled Worker Migration Seminar: Economic Impacts of Migration and Policy Considerations,” in London, U.K. that was jointly sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council, U.K., the Metropolis Project (Canada), and the Institute for Public Policy Research, U.K.

PCERII economics researcher, Dr. Derek Hum (University of Manitoba) was invited to spend his sabbatical in Australia from January – June 2002. He received a sabbatical grant from the University of Manitoba to pursue a research project on issues related to “Immigrant Assimilation in Canada and Australia.” During his stay in Australia, Dr. Hum was based at the University of Melbourne and made presentations at this institution as well as at several other universities and research institutes on topics related to immigration, social policy and panel data inquiries.

The Prairie Centre hosted Dr. M.A.B. Siddique of the University of Western Australia (UWA) in Perth, for several days in February 2002. Dr. Siddique is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics and Director of the Centre for Migration and Development Studies at UWA. During his stay in Canada, Dr. Siddique visited two of the Prairie Centre’s partnering universities, namely, the University of Winnipeg and the University of Alberta. While at the University of Winnipeg, Dr. Siddique was hosted by PCERII research affiliate, Dr. Hugh Grant, and the Department of Economics.

While at the University of Alberta, Dr. Siddique met with senior administrators and department chairs, as well with several faculty members and students individually. He also made three public presentations over the course of his stay on issues related to trade and economic development, international migration, and refugee and humanitarian programs in Australia.

As a direct result of Dr. Siddique’s visit to the Universities of Alberta and Winnipeg, discussions are now under way for establishing joint research programs involving Prairie Centre researchers and their counterparts at the University of Western Australia.

In addition, in March 2002, Dr. Shiva Halli (University of Manitoba) organized a workshop in New Delhi, India, jointly with the Indian Association for Canadian Studies at the request of Mr. Meyer Burstein, Executive Head, Metropolis Project at CIC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible collaboration between scholars in India and Canada on immigration-related research.

4. Support from Consortium Universities

The space provided by the University of Alberta to the Prairie Centre is intact. This includes 12 rooms, plus a shared conference room, for a total of 2,000 square feet. The cost of space and amenities provided to the Centre in 2001-2002 amounts to about \$46,000 (@\$23 per square foot per year).

In addition to the above, all the participating universities contributed space and amenities to the researchers funded by the Centre. A conservative estimate is that the cost of space for each funded project is \$1,000 per year, for a total of \$30,000 for the projects that were active in 2001-2002. Other forms of infrastructure support provided in 2001-2002 by the Consortium of Prairie Universities, such as accounting and administrative services, totaled \$53,600—which is equivalent to 0.67 FTE @\$80,000 per year.

In terms of direct financial support to the Prairie Centre, the University of Alberta, the host university, provided the Centre with a grant totaling \$54,000 for 2001-2002. This grant was used to support graduate student assistants, the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, travel, computer equipment and software, equipment rental (telephone lines, photocopier, and so forth), and casual non-academic support, among other things.

Moreover, the University of Alberta contributed two senior academics to serve as Co-Directors of the Prairie Centre, at no cost to the SSHRC/CIC grant. At a minimum, the dollar value of the current administrative arrangement for the Prairie Centre is \$67,600.

At the University of Calgary, the space provided for the exclusive use of Metropolis researchers includes three rooms, or a total of 820 square feet (one large room in the Education Tower and two large offices in the Math Sciences Building). The space in the Math Sciences Building contains four computers, two printers, plus furniture. The annual cost of these amenities (again @\$23 per square foot per year) is \$18,860.

During 2001-2002, each of the six participating universities provided office space and furniture, office equipment, access to the library, clerical and, accounting services and ethical reviews. Moreover, all six of the participating universities awarded grants to PCERII researchers, from internal funds, in support of Metropolis-related activities. PCERII researchers reported the following: The Prairie Centre received \$4,800 in graduate student support from the Department of Sociology, University of Alberta; Baha Abu-Laban received a grant of \$6,000 from the University of Alberta; Tom Carter received a grant of \$250 from the University of Winnipeg to cover administrative

expenses associated with the Node's work; Dan Chekki received a grant of \$720 to gather case study materials in support of his study of immigrants and their families from Menno Simons College at the University of Winnipeg and an additional \$300 (from the University of Winnipeg) to host a public forum entitled, "Voices of New Canadians;" Douglas Durst received a grant of \$5,000 for the China/Canada Scholars Exchange, from the University of Regina; Dr. Gerald Friesen and Dr. Royden Loewen received \$3,000 from the University of Manitoba for their PCERII-funded study, "Historical Analysis of Immigrant Integration to In-Land Cities, 1896-1971;" Derek Hum received \$13,800 for a sabbatical leave grant in support of a project entitled, "Immigrant Assimilation in Canada and Australia," from the University of Manitoba; Madeline Kalbach received \$4,000 from the Cultural Diversity Institute of the University of Calgary for her research project, "Variations in Ethnic Diversity by Occupation and Industry in Canada's CMAs;" Peter Li/Terry Wotherspoon received \$3,000 from the University of Saskatchewan in support of JIMI; Noorfarah Merali received a grant of \$4,000 from the University of Alberta for a pilot test of a cognitive-behavioural program for family assimilation disparity; Wilfreda Thurston received a University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine Endowment Grant (\$9,213) for a study entitled, "The Interplay of Gender, Migration, Socio-Economics and Health;" and, Lori Wilkinson received a University of Manitoba Research Program Grant for New Faculty (\$4,600) for her study, "A New Model of Integration for Refugee Youth."

The total contributions from the PCERII Consortium universities is **\$328,743**.

5. Support from Other Sources

Prairie Centre affiliates have also been successful in leveraging funds from external sources either to supplement their Prairie Centre grants or to support new research that may flow from such grants. The following grants were received in 2001-2002:

Journal of International Migration and Integration (Baha Abu-Laban, University of Alberta) \$30,000 (of which \$13,000 came from CIC, \$5,000 from Canadian Heritage, \$3,000 from each of the Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver (UBC) Metropolis Centres); Dr. Nancy Arthur (University of Calgary) received a grant of \$1,000 through the Career Development Chapter of the Canadian Counselling Association to produce a Field Test of the Diversity Competencies for Career Development Practitioners; Dr. Paul Bramadat (University of Winnipeg) received grants from the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society (\$20,000) and Canadian Heritage (\$20,000) for a book that he is co-editing entitled, *Religion and Ethnicity in Canada*. Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) and a co-investigator at Simon Fraser University received a three-year grant from SSHRC for her study, "Pronunciation and Fluency Development in L2 Learners," in the amount of \$121,899; Dr. Douglas Durst (University of Regina) received \$8,000 from the International Council for Canadian Studies for a study entitled, "Scholarly Linkages on Comparative Issues: Germany and Canada;" Dr. Nancy Gibson (University of Alberta) received \$15,000 in conjunction with Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women from an anonymous private donor for her PCERII funded study entitled, "Transition Strategies: Success Stories of Immigrant Women in Alberta;" Dr. Yvonne

Hébert (University of Calgary) received \$1,200 from Canadian Heritage to prepare a paper entitled, “State of the Art on Diversity, Identity and Education;” \$6,000 from Immigration et Métropoles for her work as Coordinator of Data Collection for Alberta on the joint Centre research project entitled, “Self & Society: A Quebec, New Brunswick and Alberta Comparison;” and, \$5,000 from the Canadian Education Research and Information Service for a project involving a citizenship education theme; Dr. Madeline Kalbach (University of Calgary) received two grants from Canadian Heritage specifically, \$4,500 for the project, “Ethnic Identity in Canada,” and \$32,820 for a three-year study of ethnic intermarriage and ethnic identity in Canada; Dr. Royden Loewen received \$20,000 from the CP Loewen Foundation for research on the link between entrepreneurship and ethnicity and an additional \$7,500 from the same institution to examine Mennonite immigration to Canada from Mexico and Paraguay between 1960 – 2000; Dr. Maria Mayan (University of Alberta) received a two-year Voluntary Sector Initiative grant from Health Canada in the amount of \$152,304 for her study, “All Together Now: A Multicultural Coalition for Health and Well-being for Ethnic Minorities;” Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta), Principal Investigator of the NCCYS Prairie Project Team, received \$23,250 from Citizenship and Immigration Canada and \$30,000 from Canadian Heritage for the study; Dr. Denise Spitzer (University of Alberta) along with Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women received Canadian Heritage funding in the amount of \$30,000 for a project related to employer education and employee rights for live-in caregivers in Alberta; and, Dr. Wilfreda Thurston (University of Calgary) received \$22,000 from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) and the Calgary Health Region for the case study, “The Diversity Initiative, Calgary Health Region.”

The grand total of these external grants is **\$550,473**.

Overall, the support which the Prairie Centre received in 2001-2002 from consortium universities and from external sources amounts to **\$879,216**. Thus, each dollar from the SSHRC/CIC grant is matched by **2.58** dollars from the participating universities and external funding agencies.

Part III. Research and Research Outputs

1. Research Teams and Research Programs

The Prairie Centre currently has 126 affiliated researchers from across the Prairies and beyond (see Appendices 8a and 8b for names of affiliates and recent changes therein). The Centre’s research program continues to cover five domains, namely:

- Economic
- Educational
- Social and Cultural
- Citizenship and Political
- Health

The 2001-2002 deadline for receipt of grant applications from affiliated researchers was April 30, 2001 (except for domain-driven grant applications that could be submitted at any time during the year). The Prairie Centre received a total of 11 grant applications this year, of which 10 were approved for funding, for a total of \$223,415. The average grant size was \$22,342 (see Appendices 9a-g). The following is a list of the projects funded, by domain:

Economic Domain

“Mandatory Retirement and the Economic Well-being of Elderly Canadian Immigrants,” Hugh Grant – Principal Investigator (Economics, University of Winnipeg);

“Incidence and Duration of Training by Canadian Immigrants,” Derek Hum – Principal Investigator (Economics, University of Manitoba);

“The Labour Market Transition of Refugee Youth in Alberta,” Lori Wilkinson – Principal Investigator (Sociology, University of Manitoba);

Education Domain

“Spatial Practices and Ethnocultural Diversity in Public High Schools: Students Negotiating Spaces & Identities,” Wanda Hurren – Principal Investigator (Education, University of Regina);

Social and Cultural Domain

“Ethnic Self-Representation in Multicultural Festivals,” Paul Bramadat – Principal Investigator (Religious Studies, University of Winnipeg);

“Double Advantage: Understanding Violence Against Canadian Migrant Women from Developed Countries,” Douglas Brownridge – Principal Investigator (Family Studies, University of Manitoba);

“The Integration Experiences of Immigrant Seniors,” Douglas Durst – Principal Investigator (Social Work, University of Regina);

“Transition Strategies: Success Stories of Immigrant Women in Alberta,” Nancy Gibson – Principal Investigator (Human Ecology, University of Alberta);

“Representation of Immigrants/People of Colour in National and Local Television News Coverage,” Frances Henry – Principal Investigator (Anthropology, York University);

“The Labour Market Transition of Refugee Youth in Alberta,” Lori Wilkinson – Principal Investigator (Sociology, University of Manitoba);

Citizenship & Political Domain

“Analyzing the Concept of ‘Immigrant’ and Naming the Practice of Cultural Competence: Implications for Health Care Policy,” Maria Mayan – Principal Investigator (International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, University of Alberta).

Appendix 10 provides Project Profile Sheets for each of the above noted projects, including background information, an abstract and, where available, a brief account of the likely outcomes and policy implications of the work.

Of the funds awarded to these 10 projects, 16% was claimed by the Economic Domain; 7% by the Education Domain, 68% by the Social and Cultural Domain, and 9% was claimed by the Citizenship and Political Domain (See Appendix 9c).

2. Training Opportunities

About 54% of the total funding awarded for 2001-2002 was allocated to student assistants (for more details, see Appendix 9d). In terms of numbers of graduate assistants, the grant recipients have indicated they have hired or intended to hire four Ph.D. students, 12 M.A. students and four undergraduate students (for information about student theses, see Appendices 11a and 11b).

During the course of their participation in the Centre, students have acquired a variety of skills and have had access to a number of opportunities, including: (a) direct research experience (in problem formulation, construction of questionnaires, interviewing, data analysis and writing), (b) co-authorship on articles, conference presentations and research monographs, (c) use of data bases for M.A. and Ph.D. theses, and (d) travel grants in support of attendance at Metropolis conferences.

In Winnipeg, PCERII researchers and graduate students in the Department of History at the University of Manitoba and the Department of History at the University of Winnipeg met several times throughout the year to share their research experiences with the Winnipeg Immigration History Research Group (WIHRG). At the Fourth Prairie Regional Workshop held in Winnipeg, November 8-10, 2001, WIHRG academic leaders, Drs. Gerald Friesen (University of Manitoba) and Royden Loewen (University of Winnipeg) led this research group in a panel presentation in the session entitled, “Immigrant Integration and the Prairie Region: Unique Features and Common Themes.”

During 2001-2002, the Prairie Centre funded four of its graduate assistants at the University of Alberta (Navjot K. Lamba, Katerina Maximova, Marlene Mulder and Irene Shankar) to conduct a survey among their peers throughout the prairie region, to evaluate graduate students’ work and research experience at their respective Nodes within the Prairie Centre. The final report and the recommendations resulting therefrom, which will be uploaded to the web site shortly, point to two broad areas for improvement: (1) the need to increase student awareness of Metropolis and its Student Registry, and of the

Prairie Centre's services and activities; and (2) the need to develop strategies which might improve the students' professional development (in terms of training and career outcomes). The results from this project were presented at the Graduate Student Forum at the Fifth National Metropolis Conference held in Ottawa in October 2001; and at the Winnipeg Workshop in November 2001.

At the undergraduate level, the PCERII Volunteer Internship Program, 2001-2002, provided nine students with opportunities to learn first-hand about immigration and integration issues and research, as well as to gain practical work experience through placements and regular monthly meetings. Eight of the nine students were able to complete the program including: Safiya Adam, (third year student in Science); Lauren Albrecht (first year student enrolled in pre-Education courses); Claudia Gallardo (a third year student in Sociology); Anita Kapur (third year of a degree in Sociology with the intention of applying to Social Work for next year); Rob Majeed (second year, Sociology); Thuy Duong Nguyen (BSc in Science completing an extra year of upgrading to apply to graduate school); Gemma Pineda (fourth year student in Criminology); and, Sylvia Sava (fourth year of an Anthropology degree). During the year, several guest speakers were invited to address the interns at their regular monthly meetings on such topics as applying to graduate programs, employment search tips for careers related to immigration and integration, intercultural education/communication, the role of graduate research assistants and Canada's response to the Kosovar Refugee Crisis.

Part IV. Research Management and Communications

1. Communications/Dissemination

During 2001-2002, Prairie Centre researchers continued to be actively engaged in research dissemination activities such as: presentations at professional conferences and at colloquia and university classes and seminars within and outside the home institution, presentations to immigrant-serving agencies, multicultural and other community groups, interviews with electronic and printed media, work with graduate students, publications in newsletters and applied journals, as well as publications in scholarly journals, books, and edited collections and conference proceedings.

Appendices 12a-e provide a list of publications and conference presentations. The publications listed include 15 books and research monographs; 36 refereed articles; 16 book chapters; eight completed theses and research projects; 10 book reviews; about 71 conference presentations; plus a large number of unpublished reports, AV material, workshops organized, and entries under work in progress.

To their credit, several Prairie Centre researchers have been directly involved in organizing special sessions or day-long seminars at the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities or at national or international Metropolis conferences, among other venues. They also have organized local workshops for researchers, policy-makers and community partners, such as Dr. Dan Chekki's public forum held at the University of Winnipeg entitled, "Voices of New Canadians." This forum was part of his PCERII-

funded research project, “Immigrant Families and Community Services: Change and Policy,” and was attended by about 40 people including representatives from several local community groups and Manitoba Labour and Immigration as well as Citizenship and Immigration Canada, among others.

The Prairie Centre has encouraged its research affiliates to participate actively in Metropolis conferences. For example, during this past year, the Prairie Centre subsidized, either partially or fully, 76 Metropolis researchers, graduate students and representatives of partnering organizations to attend the following conferences: the Fifth National Metropolis Conference in Ottawa, October 2001 (35 delegates), the Fourth Prairie Regional Workshop held in Winnipeg, November 2001 (33 delegates) and the Sixth International Metropolis Conference in Rotterdam, November 2001 (8 delegates).

The Brown Bag Lecture series, or speaker program, brings university researchers, government policy-makers, and representatives of partnering organizations together, typically during the noon hour, to discuss Metropolis related topics. The University of Alberta node hosted several brown bag seminars in 2001-2002 (Appendix 13). Most of the lectures were held on the premises of partnering organizations and only a few on campus. This proved to be helpful in drawing policy-makers and NGOs to the lectures.

2. Web Site

The PCERII web site has continued to undergo extensive development during this past year. Some major projects were completed with the assistance of Mr. Bojan Korenic who was hired on a temporary contract to assist with the uploading of a number of backlogged materials. For example, an extensive overhaul of the Centre’s Virtual Library, which included cleaning up files, updating files, and adding new reports was completed in the fall of 2001. In addition, Mr. Korenic uploaded an updated bibliographic listing of publications authored by PCERII affiliated researchers. Many other items were added to the site during this year. Of interest are the following two PCERII publications: “Lessons Learned: An Evaluation of Northern Alberta's Experience with Kosovar Refugees,” and “Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities on the Prairies: A Statistical Compendium,” which are available for downloading in their entirety. Also added to the site were abstracts of most of the reports presented at the Fourth Prairie Regional Workshop held in Winnipeg this past November.

While the site remains an effective dissemination tool for the Prairie Centre, plans are underway to expand the site. For instance, the Centre’s web master, Ms. Lenise Lévesque, recently attended some meetings in Eastern Canada with the aim of gathering information to further the development of the site.

3. Newsletter

The Prairie Centre’s newsletter, *Notes From the Prairie Centre*, is distributed to all affiliated researchers, partnering organizations, and community contacts. The information contained in the newsletter includes profiles of research underway at the Prairie Centre or among our partnering organizations as well as announcements

concerning conferences, workshops, news from research affiliates and announcements of publications related to immigration research. Two issues of the newsletter were published in 2001-2002.

Part V: Challenges Ahead

The second phase of Metropolis presents new challenges which need to be highlighted. The workplan that follows in section VII incorporates strategies that will enable the Centre to address these challenges. Among other things, the Centre Co-Directors should:

1. Ensure that the research priorities established for the new phase of Metropolis are addressed and that at least half of the annual research budget is allocated to them.
2. Coordinate the activities of the Prairie Centre Domain Leaders regionally and nationally, encourage cross-domain, cross-node and cross-centre research, and build appropriate research teams.
3. Lay the groundwork for pan-Canadian and international comparative research.
4. Better integrate graduate students into the Metropolis program.
5. Meet the rigorous reporting requirements associated with the new phase of Metropolis.

Part VI. Budget Projections for 2002-2003

The Office of Financial Services at the University of Alberta does not finalize the accounts for the 2001-2002 fiscal year until later in May. For this reason, the budget projections for 2002-2003 are based on our best estimate of the carryover from the preceding fiscal year. Currently, it is estimated that the carryover will be \$13,400 (see Appendix 14).

The budget projections are also based on estimates made by successful grant applicants in 2001-2002 concerning their needs in different categories of expenditure (e.g., research assistants, technical support, supplies and sundries, and travel), as well as estimates of the Administrative Centre's overall budget needs, based on past experience.

Part VII: Workplan for 2002-2003

The Prairie Centre's workplan for the first year of phase II of Metropolis includes the following major activities.

Research Activities

1. Initiate domain-driven multidisciplinary team research on selected research-policy priorities established for Phase II of Metropolis.

2. Approve quality investigator-driven research grant applications that address the established research-policy priorities or else are within the Centre's research program for phase II of Metropolis.
3. Develop a research project with a community based stakeholder, if possible.
4. Review progress and final reports based on PCERII funded projects.

Communications/Dissemination

5. Develop the Centre's Web Site further and upload to it more research reports and other relevant material.
6. Develop plans for the inauguration of the Centre's Working Paper Series.
7. Publish the third volume of the *Journal of International Migration and Integration* and publish the Centre's *Newsletter* and *Data Notes*.

Administrative Activities

8. Harmonize the Centre's grant application form and related guidelines, and the Centre's general guidelines to researchers, with the new terms and requirements associated with the second phase of Metropolis; and establish competition and other deadlines.
9. Visit Prairie Centre Nodes in the region, as may be necessary.
10. Consult with Centre colleagues and with partners on plans for the First Annual Research Planning Meeting, and on plans for the Sixth National Metropolis Conference and the First Domain Research Seminar which the Centre will make a bid to host in the spring of 2003.

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