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INTRODUCTION

The Prairie Metropolis Centre is a consortium representing six prairie universities including the University of Alberta; University of Calgary; University of Manitoba; University of Regina; University of Saskatchewan and the University of Winnipeg. The Centre is based at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, with research nodes at each of the other five universities. This is the 15th annual report for the Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC) and the fourth report in Phase III of the Metropolis Project.

The Prairie Metropolis Centre's overall objectives include developing research programs in a number of Research Domains; documenting the specific strategies that immigrant groups employ to effect successful integration within urban structures and systems, the processes by which these strategies are pursued and modified, and the outcomes of these processes; identifying policy options that relate to immigrant integration into Canadian society and; communicating the Centre's research findings broadly to academic and non-academic audiences. The goal is to better understand the processes by which immigrants become Canadians.

As in past years the year under review was a busy one for the Prairie Metropolis Centre. The following are highlights of activities from 2010-2011:

- PMC organized five node conferences in prairie cities. Each of the node conferences included a Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration Research Priority Workshop.
- PMC continued to provide support to its community partners. PMC supported various NGO projects during the year as well as continuing to offer travel subsidies to facilitate NGO participation in Metropolis events.
- PMC provided travel grants to students and researchers to facilitate their participation at both the national and international Metropolis conferences.
- PMC held two research grant competitions this past year, one in September 2010 and one in January 2011.
- PMC held two Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Award competitions this past year, one in October 2010 and one in March 2011.
- PMC hosted five Brown Bag Lunch Seminars in Edmonton and one in Calgary.
- PMC facilitated another successful Internship program for both undergraduate and graduate students.

GOVERNANCE

Co-Directors

The Centre is managed by two Co-Directors. The Co-Directors are the chief executive officers of the Centre, reporting to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) and Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) continued in their roles as Co-Directors this past year. In the fall of 2010 and winter 2011, the Co-Directors organized five node conferences in each of the PMC prairie cities. This past year they facilitated two research competitions and two Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Award competitions. They also organized one Board of Governors' face-to-face meeting, adjudicated travel grants for both the International and National Metropolis conferences, and dealt with community and academic requests for grant funding. They continued networking with PMC's government and NGO partners and with students and research affiliates to ensure the maintenance of PMC's research capacity.

The Co-Directors once again this year had to address a number of issues with the University of Alberta's Research Services Office (RSO). These difficulties translated into late disbursements of grant funds. The issues were once again brought to the attention of the RSO and are being resolved.

Board of Governors

The Centre is managed by a Board of Governors with the overall responsibility for the direction of the Centre and which is accountable to the Sponsors, Institutions, and Partner Organizations.

The PMC Board of Governors met face-to-face once this past year and held three teleconferences. In June, 2010 the Board of Governors held a teleconference to approve the budget for the upcoming year and the Annual Report. In November, a teleconference was held to ratify the research funding recommendations made by the Adjudication Committee for the September competition. The Board held a face-to-face meeting in conjunction with the Edmonton Research Symposium held in January 2011 to discuss planning for the final year of PMC. Another teleconference was held in March 2011 to ratify the research funding recommendations made by the Adjudication Committee for the January competition.

Please see Appendix 1 for a complete list of Board of Governors members.

Domain Research Committee

The Domain Research Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and is mainly responsible for developing the Centre's domain research programs as well as developing the research priorities as set out in the MOU and related Annexes for Phase Three of Metropolis.

The Domain Leaders continued work on the cross-domain research project entitled, *An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross-Domain Project*. At the January Board of Governors meeting the Domain Leaders presented reports on their progress-to-date. These updates can be found in section II Academic Research (d) of this report. The results were also presented at the National Metropolis Conference in March.

Please see Appendix 2 for a complete list of Domain Leaders.

Adjudication Committee

The Adjudication Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and is mainly responsible for reviewing grant applications submitted to the Centre for full or partial funding according to standard SSHRC procedures, as well as the Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Awards.

The Adjudication Committee met twice this year, once in October via teleconference and once face-to-face in March to decide on the research grant proposals submitted in September 2010 and January 2011. Members were once again able to provide comprehensive and constructive feedback to all researchers who applied for funding.

Please see Appendix 3 for a complete list of Adjudication Committee members.

Data Committee

The Data Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and is mainly responsible for coordinating the purchase of data by Centre researchers to ensure maximum benefit and optimal costs and sharing of data purchased with Centre funds among all interested Centre researchers.

The Prairie Metropolis Centre Data Committee continued this year to provide PMC-affiliated researchers with access to quantitative data in support of their research. A number of new data sources, along with updates of established sources have been made available by both CIC and Statistics Canada. With increasing emphasis at CIC on quantitative research to inform policy, we anticipate that demand for these rich data holdings will increase.

Please see Appendix 4 for a complete list of Data Committee members.

Senior Policy Advisor

Mr. Rob Vineberg continued in his role as Senior Policy Advisor to the PMC. During the past year Mr. Vineberg published a number of peer reviewed articles such as Welcoming Immigrants at the Gateway to Canada's West: Immigration Halls in Winnipeg, 1872-1975, *Manitoba History*, No. 65 (Winter 2011). Mr. Vineberg also prepared a number of reports; for example, for the Brandon University Rural Development Institute he wrote a report entitled, *Immigration and Demographic Change in Manitoba*; for the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership, Mr. Vineberg wrote an article entitled, *Immigration and Demographic Change in Ottawa-A Comparative History of Immigration to Ottawa*; and he wrote an article entitled, *Welcoming Immigrants to a New Land during Canada's First Century*, for the Canadian Immigration Historical Society Bulletin.

Mr. Vineberg's professional service included a number of presentations to the Brandon University, Rural Development Institute, and a presentation entitled, *Targeted Programs and Short-Term Skilled/Less-Skilled Labour Market Needs* for the Institute for Research on Public Policy symposium on Canada's Immigration Policy: Reconciling Labour Market Needs and Longer-Term Goals, in Ottawa, May 25, 26, 2010. Further, Mr. Vineberg was a discussant at the Institute for Research on Public Policy working lunch where he presented *The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program: Attraction, Integration and Retention of Immigrants*, with IRPP Study authors Dr. Tom Carter, Dr. Manish Pandey and Dr. James Townsend. Mr. Vineberg also made a number of other presentations during this fiscal year; for example, a presentation entitled, *Overview of Federal-Provincial Relations in Immigration and Integration*, at a conference on "Immigrant Integration and Canadian Federalism," organized by the Forum of Federations and the Mowat Centre, Toronto, January 28, 2011. A presentation to the Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, entitled, *Immigration and Immigrant Integration: A Model of Collaboration and Cooperation among Governments*, February 4, 2011. Finally a presentation on *Aspects of Immigration Settlement in the 19th and Early 20th Century* he presented at a roundtable, on the subject of Learning from the Legacy: Valuing and Learning from the Historical Evolution of Canada's Immigration Policy at the 13th National Metropolis Conference in Vancouver.

Journal of International Migration and Integration

Dr. John Shields (Ryerson University) continued in his position as the Editor of the Journal. PMC continued to facilitate the editorial process but as these processes are being transferred to an online editorial system, PMC's role is becoming less onerous. Dr. Shields received a course release this year and some travel money from Springer, however, as the stipend from Springer did not sufficiently cover travel to National and International Metropolis conferences, PMC made up the difference (\$4,952.69). The Journal selected a new Book Review Editor this past year. Dr. Clea Schmidt, University of Manitoba, began her term in November 2010.

PMC Staff

Ms. Lenise Anderson and Ms. Genevieve Murphy continued in their respective roles as Assistant to the Co-Directors and Office Coordinator. PMC's Clerical Assistant, Ms. Anna Miekus, took a leave of absence in the fall of 2010. Ms. Sarvenaz Hatami, an international PhD student in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta was hired for four months in the fall term to assist with various clerical duties while Ms. Miekus was on leave. Ms. Brenda Crnkovic continued in her role as a student assistant responsible for aspects of JIMI until September 2010 when she left to pursue her nursing career. PMC also hired on a temporary basis Ms. Merin Oleschuk, a graduate student in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta, and Ms. Alison Kalischuk from the University of Manitoba, who completed some data analysis on a PMC research project.

Ms. Marlene Mulder, the PMC Junior Research Scholar, continued to organize the internship program and the Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series in Edmonton. She also continued to work with Ms. Laura Templeton, a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Alberta, on a 3rd edition of the PMC statistical compendium, *Immigrants, Temporary Residents & Ethnic Minorities in Canada: Regional Comparisons*. The compendium will be ready for distribution in summer of 2011. In this phase, the compendium will be made available in electronic format, rather than as a book. The new format will make the information, tables and figures available for use in electronic presentations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Prairie Metropolis Centre accomplishments for the 2010-2011 fiscal year are described in reference to the six categories identified in the MOU: training activities, academic research, knowledge transfer/mobilization activities, communities and NGO capacity, network activities and budget.

I. Training

In the fiscal year 2010-2011 approximately 53% (or \$122,026 of \$227,067) of the PMC research funding awarded in 2010-2011 was allocated to student research assistants. PMC research grant recipients have indicated that they intend to hire or have hired 4 doctoral students, 6 master's students and 3 undergraduate students (see Appendix 11f for more information about student research assistants). Furthermore, reporting PMC research affiliates have engaged 72 students in different training opportunities. For a complete list please refer to Appendix 5 and Summary Table 8. For a list of the 26 Master's and 41 PhD theses completed or in-progress please refer to Appendix 5 and Summary Table 7. In addition, the PMC administrative office employed six students (one undergraduate and five graduate) to assist with a variety of research and administrative tasks throughout the year.

The *Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Award* competition was held twice this fiscal year in order to provide the students with enough time to complete their projects before the PMC's closure in March 2012. In September 2010, the award was given to two students at the University of Alberta. Ms. Dan Cui, from the Department of Educational Policy Studies, working under the supervision of Dr. Jennifer Kelly, was funded \$5,000 for her project entitled, *Identity and Belonging: Exploring the Lived Experiences of the First and Second Generation Chinese Canadian Youth in Alberta*. The second award was given to Ms. Merin Oleschuk, from the Department of Anthropology, working under the supervision of Dr. Helen Vallianatos. Ms. Oleschuk was awarded \$4,500 for her project entitled, *Changing Foodways: A Gendered Study of Refugees in Brooks, Alberta*.

In the January 2011 competition, PMC funded another two students. Ms. Scarlett Ewen from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, working under the supervision of Dr. Hassan Vatanparast, was awarded \$4,017. Her project is entitled, *Insight into the Food Culture Issues Surrounding Karen and Burmese Refugees in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan*. The second award was given to Ms. Anoosha Aghakhani, from the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta, working under the supervision of Dr. Noorfarah Merali. Ms. Aghakhani was awarded \$4,775 for her project entitled, *Skilled Worker Immigrants' Pre-Migration Occupation Re-Entry Experiences in Canada*.

In addition, during this past year, PMC offered funding to 10 students to attend the National Metropolis Conference in Vancouver. PMC continued to distribute regular email notifications regarding immigration and Metropolis related events to students registered on the PMC student list.

Marlene Mulder, PMC Junior Research Scholar, managed the PMC's successful Volunteer Internship program for students at the University of Alberta. For the fourth year in a row, PMC received more requests for interns from the community partners than it could accommodate. The program was smaller this year because fewer students applied to be part of the program (since the PMC internship program started 15 years ago, many similar programs have sprung up at the University of Alberta campus, some of which offer course credit for working in the community). This year six undergraduate and two graduate students participated in the Internship Program (see Appendix 6 for a list and descriptions of internship placements). The Internship program is very popular with the Centre's Edmonton community partners, who are not only happy to receive PMC interns but are also actively seeking them as they offer consistent volunteer assistance over an extended period of time. For many of the community programs that focus on immigrant youth the students are excellent mentors and role models. In the past year, 8 interns were placed in 6 settings. One student withdrew from the program part near the beginning of the program. The students provided approximately 530 hours of volunteer time.

II. Academic Research

a) PMC Research Team

During the year under review, PMC increased the number of affiliated researchers from approximately 140 to 157 from across the Prairie provinces (see Appendix 7a for a list of researchers and 7 b for a list of new affiliates). During the period under review, reporting PMC researchers (58 individuals submitted reports) published 12 books, 82 referred articles, 58 book chapters, and 45 other publications such as book reviews (see Appendix 9 and Summary Table 1 for a list of these publications and a breakdown by research domain). As well, reporting PMC researchers presented 287 papers at national and international conferences, workshops, symposiums, and meetings (see Appendix 10a and b and Summary Table 2 for a list of presentations and breakdown by research domain).

b) PMC Research Program

The five domains represented in the PMC, *Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration; Economic and Labour Market Integration; Family, Children and Youth; Housing and Neighbourhoods; and Welcoming Communities: The Role of Host Communities in Attracting, Integrating and Retaining Newcomers and Minorities* are well represented by their respective Domain Leaders and by researchers. Although the PMC does not have a *Justice, Policing and Security* domain, there are PMC researchers conducting work in this area.

c) PMC Research Grants

The Centre received 8 grant applications for the September 2010 competition. Of these, two were approved for funding for a total of \$40,642 (see Appendices 11 a-f). In January 2011 the Centre received 17 grant applications and of these, seven were funded for a total of \$186,425. The total amount funded for PMC research projects is \$227,067 for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

The following is a list of projects funded grouped by research competition. (See Appendix 12 for a copy of the PMC Grant Application, Guidelines and Tips for Applying.)

September 2010 Competition

A Qualitative Longitudinal Cohort Assessment of Unaccompanied Refugee Youth in Edmonton Pathways and Transition Options for Successful Integration and Resettlement

Principal Investigator: Ernest N. Khalema, University of Calgary

Awarded: \$20,642.13

Psychosocial Barriers to Prevention of Early Childhood Caries (ECC) in African Immigrant Families

Principal Investigator: Maryam Sharifzadeh-Amin, University of Alberta

Awarded: \$20,000

January 2011 Competition

Enhancing Inclusion through Critical Dialogue with Students

Principal Investigator: Laurie Carlson Berg, University of Regina

Awarded: \$21,400

La conservation de la memoire des nouvelles communautés immigrantes: le cas des Congolaise dans la région d'Edmonton (de 1980 a 2010)

Principal Investigator: Paulin Mulatris, University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

Awarded: \$20,000

Language and Ethnic Identity: A Longitudinal Examination of the Linguistic and Psychological Acculturation of Immigrants to Canada

Principal Investigator: Kimberly Noels, University of Alberta

Awarded: \$23,940

Social Support Program for African Refugee Parents of Canadian-Born Children

Principal Investigator: Miriam Stewart, University of Alberta

Awarded: \$49,347

Health Literacy and Perceived Health Status of Visible Minority Immigrants in Calgary

Principal Investigator: Bejoy Thomas, University of Calgary

Awarded: \$35,078

Uncovering Invisibility(ies): Understanding Experiences of Newcomer Women Across the Homeless Spectrum in Calgary

Principal Investigator: Christine Walsh, University of Calgary

Awarded: \$24,660

The Determinants of Immigrants' Choice of Destination in Canada: Ethnic Affinity, Economic Opportunity, and Entry Class

Principal Investigator: Richard Wanner, University of Calgary

Awarded: \$12,000

d) PMC Research Domains

Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration Domain

Lloyd Wong, Domain Leader

Preliminary findings from all four of the following CSCCI projects were presented at the Research Symposia in Calgary (Oct. 22, 2010), Saskatoon (Nov. 19, 2010), and Edmonton (Jan. 27, 2011).

(1) Nancy Arthur – University of Calgary

Career Development Influences of International Students Who Pursue Employment and Permanent Immigration to Canada

International students have traditionally been viewed as temporary sojourners who live and learn in another country. Changing immigration policy in Canada recasts the view of international students as highly desirable human capital and a source of skilled labour. International students potentially contribute their knowledge of practices and customs from their home country and, as a result of studying in Canada, gain valuable local experience. Policy change that permits international students to work in Canada for 3 years post-graduation expands their capacity to qualify for immigration under the Canadian Experience Class. Changing immigration policy requires a corresponding shift in policies pertaining to institutional programs and services in higher education, and in institutional linkages with employers. Comprehensive approaches are required to address the career development needs of international students, including the option to work and live in Canada. This research focuses on the career decision and planning needs of a unique group of migrants: international students who are completing their studies as temporary immigrants and who are embarking on the career journey of employment and permanent immigration. This pilot project examines the career planning experiences of international students who are making the transition from school to full-time employment in Canada. The intent of the research is to determine key influences on their career decisions, and the types of formal and informal support systems that enhance their success in securing employment and planning for permanent immigration to Canada.

(2) Alison Taylor – University of Alberta

Temporary Foreign Workers in Nursing and the Trades in Alberta

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), the “initial entry” of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) in Alberta was 24,371 in 2007 compared to 7,341 in 1998. As of December 2008, there were 57,843 TFWs in the province. However, our literature review suggests that little research has been done on the TFW program in Alberta or the rest of Canada. Our proposed research seeks to address this gap by addressing the question: “How does the TFW program in Alberta work for two occupational groups in high demand – trades workers and nurses?” Related questions address issues around credential assessment, education and training, and opportunities for mobility and permanent residence. To explore these questions, we will conduct two case studies. One will focus on trades workers in Wood Buffalo and the other on nurses in Edmonton. After developing a profile of these workers, based on statistical information from CIC, 40 unions, regulatory bodies, foreign recruiters, government, community agencies providing settlement services, and TFWs, our focus on trades and nursing occupations promises to highlight policy-relevant issues related to differences based on credential assessment and recognition processes, workplace and community integration experiences, and gender. Following ethics approval, data will be collected and analyzed with the aid of NVivo7 software. Findings will provide evidence to inform policies in the areas of education and training, immigration, and workforce planning. The goal will be to carry out a multi-level dissemination plan aimed at the policy community.

(3) Hassan Vatanparast – University of Saskatchewan

Nutrition and Health Issues among Newcomer Children in Saskatchewan

Background: Despite the growing number of newcomers including immigrants and refugees in Saskatchewan, little is known about their nutritional and health status and needs.

Objectives: This project will be the first to identify the major nutrition and health issues and needs for interventions for newcomer families, especially their children as they are a more vulnerable group. We will: characterize nutritional statuses of newcomer children and identify the prevalence of inadequacy in important nutrients; evaluate physical activity in children; determine the association between nutrition, physical activity with bone and body measures; evaluate vitamin D status in newcomer children; and finally evaluate income-related household food insecurity of children's families and its impact on children's health and nutritional status and compare to those of Canadian children.

Methods: In a cross-sectional design 100 children (n= 50 refugee, n= 50 immigrant) in the age range of 8-10 years and their mothers will be recruited in the study. The overall sample will be 200 participants. In children, their dietary intake, vitamin D status, physical activity level, bone and body composition and anthropometrics will be assessed using standard tools. Socio-demographics and food security status will be determined at the family level using Statistics Canada tools for comparison purposes. The current immigrant/refugee support system with regard to nutrition and health services will be reviewed. This study will be strengthened by collaboration with non-government organizations (NGOs), the Saskatoon Health Region, and the University of Saskatchewan for subject recruitment and data collection. A committee consisting of the five collaborator organizations will review the results for policy implications. Two graduate students have been assigned for this project. Data will be coded, cleaned and analyzed using appropriate statistical procedures. The results will be disseminated in academia and target communities using various approaches. A committee from collaborator organizations will be involved in defining sets of recommendations based on the results for policy-makers, service providers and the research community to address the main issues around nutrition and health status of immigrants/refugees and encourage more research in this area.

(4) Christine Walsh – University of Calgary

Cultural Validation of the Elder Abuse Questionnaire

Research on the prevalence and incidence of violence against older adults has been identified as necessary to address the most critical knowledge gap in the development of policies and programming to ameliorate this growing health and social problem. The Elder Abuse Questionnaire is designed to gather national estimates of the violence experiences of older adults. Elder abuse however, is not specific to one particular culture; it is experienced by members of various ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Increasing migration and ethno-cultural diversity highlights the need for information with respect to understanding the nature of elder abuse among specific cultural sub-groups. The limited research available however, focuses almost exclusively on the experiences of Caucasian elders in Western societies. Much of the existing research appears to view elder abuse as a culturally benign phenomenon, by using concepts

derived from a Western cultural perspective to understand elder abuse in other cultures, or as culturally muted due to the grouping of various cultural sub-groups as opposed to exploring culturally-determined experiences. Researchers have been cautioned about applying elder abuse categories derived from a Western cultural perspective to understand these concepts in other cultures. The proposed study will evaluate the measurement properties of the Elder Abuse Questionnaire within specific immigrant groups in Alberta (Asian-Chinese; Black–Caribbean/Sudanese/American; and South Asian–Indian Pakistani) using focus groups with community leaders/members. Such research is necessary in order to increase public, professional, and political knowledge as to culturally-determined experiences of elder abuse, and to inform the development of culturally-sensitive elder abuse policies, programs and services.

*B. Upcoming CSCCI Related Applications for the **PMC Research Grant 2011-2012***

Prior to the final PMC Research Grants Adjudication Committee deliberations, the CSCCI domain leader discussed potential research projects with three researchers from the CSCCI Domain.

C. 2010-2011 - Node Meetings – CSCCI Related Research Symposia in Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Saskatoon, and Edmonton.

This year the Node – Research Symposia featured the CSCCI Domain and were organized by the Domain Leader, Dr. Lloyd Wong, U of Calgary, and the Co-directors of the Centre, Dr. Tracey Derwing & Dr. Linda Ogilvie, with the assistance of the Office Coordinator, Ms. Geneviève Murphy. These research symposia were held at the following cities: Winnipeg – September 17, 2010; Regina – September 24, 2010; Calgary – October 22, 2010; Saskatoon – November 19, 2010; Edmonton – January 27, 2011. For these five Research Symposia there were a total of 54 presenters and 18 discussants. The attendance at each conference was excellent.

D. An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross-Domain Research Project

PMC Domain Leaders (Dr. Darren Lund, Dr. Rick Enns, Dr. Anna Kirova, Dr. Peter Li, and Dr. Lloyd Wong) have been working on an index of immigrant integration a project funded by PMC in the spring of 2009. While there are several international studies that identify ‘indicators’ of integration, none have tried to identify the most significant factors leading to integration into a single index. The five domain leaders (two former, three current) are using the Ethnic Diversity Survey to identify the most significant indicators of integration. The group presented some of their findings at the National Metropolis Conference in Vancouver in March 2011.

E. Response to Sheldon Chumir Foundation Report – “Wasted Potential – Students and New Canadians Talk Frankly About the Impact of the Economic Downturn” (2010 – Sheldon Chumir Foundation of Ethics in Leadership – ISBN978-0-9730197-6-6) The CSCCI domain leader provided a PMC response to this report and its findings at the Press Conference for its release on November 23, 2010.

Economic and Labour Market Integration Domain

Lori Wilkinson, Domain Leader

This report contains 3 sections. Part A outlines the three most ‘popular’ topics of research conducted by PMC-ELM affiliates. Note that this section is derived from the information provided to me in a request to affiliates distributed in November 2010—thus it does not represent all the research being conducted in this domain. Part B outlines the Domain Leader Integration Index Project. Part C describes the PMC/RDC statistical working papers ‘translation’ project and our work to date. Information on publications by PMC-ELM researchers can be found in Appendix 9).

A. Current ELM Research Projects by PMC Researchers

Most research conducted by PMC affiliates in this domain focuses on the following three issues:

(1) Qualifications and Credentials Issues of Immigrants:

- Qualification standards for career development practitioners
- Qualifications for getting into the new economy
- Skilled immigrants facing credentialing problems and their protest actions

(2) Skilled Immigrants and Labour Market Outcomes:

- Skilled migration in North America
- Highly skilled immigrants
- Economic outcomes of adult education
- Labour transition of immigrant youth
- Immigrants’ experiences in the Saskatchewan labour market
- Economic wellbeing

(3) Economic characteristics of subgroups

- ESL teaching, immigrant teachers
- Immigrants’ retirement prospects
- TFWs

B. Domain-Driven Project

PMC Domain Leaders (including Dr. Anna Kirova and Dr. Peter Li) have been working for 18 months developing an index of immigrant integration. The five domain leaders (two former, three current) are using the Ethnic Diversity Survey to identify the most significant indicators of integration. The Economic and Labour Market domain contribution is led by Dr. Peter Li. The group is nearly finished their work and will be presented their findings at the National Metropolis Conference in Vancouver this spring.

C. Translating Statistical Research on Immigration Project

Funded by the Prairie Metropolis Centre and conducted by Ms. Jill Bucklaschuk (PhD student, University of Manitoba) and Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba), this project involves reviewing and summarizing the approximately 130 working papers

generated by research conducted at various Statistics Canada Research Data Centres across the country. The project is a result of a request by some immigrant-serving agencies for assistance in deciphering complex statistical papers. The outcomes of this project are:

- create an easily navigable webpage, connected to PMC's and RDC's website, that would allow interested readers to easily locate the abstracts and final reports of research conducted at the RDCs that deal with immigration issues. The list is sorted by domain so that researchers interested in health and immigration (for example) can easily locate all the statistical research dealing with this topic. This part of the project is complete and currently ready for uploading
- write a summary paper. Given that over half of the papers produced by RDC researchers deal with economic issues, the first summary paper will focus on ELM issues only. Work on this paper is currently underway with a draft paper ready in spring of 2011. Other summary papers may be produced in the future.

Family, Children and Youth Domain

Laurie Carlson-Berg, Domain Leader

The FCY Domain involvement has been active this year. A summary of research affiliates' publications for the Domain can be found in Appendix 9. The FCY domain is involved in the Cross-Domain Project Mentioned above; Dr. Anna Kirova of the University of Alberta represents the FCY domain. A list of presentations of Family, Children and Youth domain members can be found in Appendices 10a and b.

Housing and Neighbourhoods Domain

Rick Enns, Domain Leader

There are currently 20 research affiliates listed in the Housing and Neighbourhoods Domain. A list of the work of the affiliates in this domain can be found in Appendices 9, 10a and 10b. The Housing and Neighbourhoods Domain has been involved in the cross-domain project, developing integration indices.

Welcoming Communities: The Role of Host Communities in Attracting, Integrating, and Retaining Newcomers and Minorities Domain

Darren Lund, Domain Leader

Membership: 47 PMC Research Affiliates identify with our domain. A list of their publications and presentations can be found in Appendices 9, 10a and 10b.

Brown Bag Seminar (co-hosted by: Prairie Metropolis Centre and Faculty of Education, University of Calgary)

Speaker: Dr. Paul R. Carr, Lakehead University (Orillia, ON)

Thursday, December 16, 2010, Noon – 1:00 pm

Topic: Crafting a New Democracy: Elections, Reality Shows, and Social Justice

Additional Domain Leader Activities of Darren Lund:

Member, *Diversity Directions Committee*, hosted by Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, Calgary, AB

Member, *Editorial Advisory Committee*, and multiple contributor, *Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education* (J. A. Banks, Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Nominee, *2011 Scholar-Activist Award*, Critical Educators for Social Justice, American Educational Research Association

Nominee, *2010 Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism*, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Consultant, *Goteland Regional Agency on Arts and Cultural Development*, Gothenburg, Sweden

III. Knowledge Transfer/Mobilization Activities

Again this past year PMC undertook a number of knowledge transfer activities which included, Brown Bag Seminars, Research Symposia in five cities, the PMC website, the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, the PMC e-Newsletter, the PMC Working Papers Series, the work of the Data Committee, and sponsorship of delegates at Metropolis Conferences. Appendices 10 a and b provide a complete list of miscellaneous conferences, workshops, lectures, working papers and other forms of dissemination undertaken by PMC researchers. This is in addition to the scholarly presentations and publications listed in Appendix 9. Summary Table 2 provides a breakdown of knowledge dissemination by event type.

a) PMC Research Symposia (Node Meetings)

Research Symposia were held in each of the cities of partnering universities (Regina, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton). The conferences all took a similar format: the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain was highlighted in the mornings, and local researchers and community partners presented their work in the afternoons. Dr. Lloyd Wong, University of Calgary, organized the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration workshops. In each city he presented his own research, and incorporated presentations from appropriate provincial, municipal and NGO representatives. The afternoon proceedings were organized by the PMC, and presentations were made by local researchers, NGOs, government representatives and in some cases, graduate students. The symposia were extremely well received, and there was good audience participation from local federal, provincial, and municipal government representatives, academics, and service-providing organizations in each instance. There were approximately 29 attendees in Regina, 101 in Winnipeg, 68 in Saskatoon, 100 in Calgary and over 120 in Edmonton. The quality of the local presentations was superb, and the feedback the PMC received was overwhelmingly positive in each case. PowerPoint presentations from each of the research symposia are available on the PMC website. (Programs appear in Appendices 13 a-e).

b) PMC Brown Bag Seminars

As in other years, Marlene Mulder of the PMC organized a series of 4 speakers in Edmonton; Darren Lund arranged a presentation in Calgary. The Brown Bag Seminars take place over the lunch hour in a variety of settings. Our co-sponsors (university departments, policy-makers or NGOs) provide venues and the seminar topics are matched to the interests of the hosts. This year the turnout in Edmonton attendance ranged from 12 to 42. Some of the PowerPoint presentations from the seminars have been uploaded to the PMC website. The abstracts appear in Appendix 14.

Calgary

December 16, 2010

Crafting a New Democracy: Elections, Reality Shows, and Social Justice

Dr. Paul R. Carr, Lakehead University (Orillia, ON)

Edmonton

March 18, 2011

Is it Enough to Have a Job?: Work-life Challenges for Secondary Migrants and Temporary Foreign Workers in Fort McMurray

Sara Dorow, University of Alberta

November 3, 2010

Getting Things Done at Work: An Evidence Base for Teaching Complex Requests

Lynda Yates, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

October 12, 2010

Occupational Status Recovery Trajectories for Highly-Skilled Immigrants: An Investigation of Ethno-racial Difference

Laura Templeton, University of Alberta

September 30, 2010

Discerning Racism: Implications of a Focus on Culture that Obscures the Racialized Relations of Minoritized Immigrants' Interfaces with Human Services

Ruth Wolfe, University of Alberta

c) Data Committee

Update from Dr. Richard Wanner

University of Calgary

Chair, Data Committee

The Permanent Resident Data System (PRDS, formerly LIDS) micro data for 2009 have been added to the 1980-2008 file. The updated file can be accessed by PMC researchers who sign an MOU protecting the confidentiality of the data. You may contact me at wanner@ucalgary.ca for a copy of the MOU. As I have with previous

releases, I have converted the updated file to both Stata and SPSS formats to facilitate analysis.

There has been great concern in the research community about the Harper government's demand that the long form of the 2011 census be voluntary, rather than compulsory as in the past. I attempted to organize a teleconference meeting of the Data Committee in December 2010, but only one member responded. I discussed the matter with Dr. Alice Nakamura, a new member of the Committee, and we drafted a motion opposing this move by the government. The motion was forwarded to the PMC Board of Governors who referred it back to the Data Committee. The matter was discussed extensively at the National Data Committee meeting in Vancouver in March of this year. Statistics Canada is optimistic about the response rate to the National Household Survey, which takes the place of the long form census. They have put into place many mechanisms to improve data quality and the response rate, including linkage to taxation data, increased canvassing, follow-ups both by telephone and in person, and weighting to adjust for non-response bias.

In another important data development, the IMDB (longitudinal immigrant data base) data will now be available not only as compendium tables, as in the past, but also as cube files available for download through an electronic file transfer system. The IMDB is particularly valuable for studying immigrant economic integration, since it merges data from the PRDS with tax data. These cube files, though still representing cross-tabulated variables with rounded frequencies, can be manipulated by the researcher to more effectively address their specific research questions. Researchers may contact me or Mr. Michael Wendt of Statistics Canada (Michael.Wendt@statcan.gc.ca) to arrange access to these data.

With the expected end of the Metropolis project in its current form in 2012, the National Data Committee met recently via teleconference to discuss the future of data access for immigration researchers. Both CIC and Statistics Canada hope to be able to continue the fruitful relationships they have had with Metropolis researchers by affiliating with the proposed partnership led by Dr. Krishna Pendakur and the current Centre directors.

d) Website

The PMC website continued to offer access to the latest PMC research reports, travel grant applications, grant application packages, reports from workshops and working papers, as well as information regarding upcoming events. The content of the website has been regularly updated throughout the past year and includes presentations from the Research Symposia organized by the Prairie Metropolis Centre as well as notifications of upcoming Brown Bag Seminars. The PMC website provides direct links to the sites of the other Metropolis Centres, Metropolis federal partners, participating prairie universities, and the affiliated university researchers.

e) E-Newsletter

E-Newsletters were distributed 3 times during this past year. Each issue covered a variety of topics relating to the Centre. For example, the December 2010 issue included information about the 13th National Metropolis Conference held in Vancouver. Each issue is distributed to the PMC network via email and each issue contains active links to web pages to allow the reader to access the most up-to-date information on the topics included.

f) Journal of International Migration and Integration

Volume 11 of JIMI was published this past year. This volume included 23 articles, including a special issue. Of the 23 articles, ten were from international authors and 13 were from Canadian authors with one being published in French. Of the 13 by Canadian authors, two were by PMC affiliates. This volume also included 17 book reviews. The regular issues were all on time. Submissions are steady. Although JIMI was sold to Springer last year, the PMC has still taken an active role in the development of a database for the electronic submission of manuscripts. The PMC has also provided support to the Editor and Book Review Editor.

Report of the Managing Editor of the Journal of International Migration and Integration (JIMI)

Dr. John Shields,
Department of Politics and Public Administration,
Ryerson University

Since taking over the Managing Editorship from Dr. Peter Li in the late summer of 2009, my responsibilities have been primarily focused on reading, reviewing, sending out for peer review and making written editorial decisions on article submissions to JIMI. This has also involved regular correspondence by the editor with manuscript submitters, the Prairie Metropolis Centre staff & Co-Directors and the journal's publisher, Springer. Furthermore, I am often required to identify suitable peer reviewers for submissions. Each year there is also a Special Issue of the journal that is published, and as editor I take the prime responsibility for soliciting, selecting, and working with the guest editors of these Special Issues. The bulk of the considerable hours I devote to the job of the Editor of JIMI are centred on such activities.

In addition, I have an ongoing responsibility to promote the journal in terms of expanding its readership and those interested in submitting articles. This is carried out in particular at special events organized around immigration research themes (many organized by the Metropolis Project) as well as at academic conferences. I attend both the annual National Metropolis Conference held in Canada each year as well as the annual International Metropolis Conference, explicitly for the purpose of promoting JIMI.

Four editions of JIMI have been published since I assumed editorship, starting with Vol. 11, No.2, Vol. 11, Nov. 3, Vol. 11, No. 4 and Vol. 12, No. 1. Currently, being finalized is a Special Issue focused on *Citizenship and Immigration in a Comparative Context*. Additionally, many of the papers for forthcoming issues have already been approved and are awaiting publication.

g) PMC Working Papers Series

PMC has added a requirement to research grants issued by the PMC that a working paper be submitted at the end of the granting period. PMC is actively following up on these requirements as well as urging non-funded researchers to submit papers to the series. This has admittedly been a difficult task as many researchers are hesitant to submit for fear of breaching journal submission guidelines. We have also had significant numbers of requests for extensions to grant periods, which has delayed the publication of working papers.

2010-2011 additions to the PMC working paper series appear on the PMC website and are listed in Appendix 15. This year PMC published 9 working papers. One paper was withdrawn in order for a peer review journal article to be published. Four of the papers listed below were presented at an international conference organized by Professors Li Zong and Peter Li, of the University of Saskatchewan. A fifth paper from the conference is undergoing revision and will be posted shortly.

WP10-04

A Portrait of the Health and Well-being of Newcomer Children and Youth in the Prairies

Lori Wilkinson, John Anchan, Nancy Arthur, Esther Blum, Elizabeth Burgess Pinto, Joyce Cabigting Fernandes, Amy Chaves, David Este, Chuck Humphrey, Nina Hrycak, Bong-Hwan Kim, Anna Miekus, Linda Ogilvie, Frank Trovato, Joe Wu

WP10-05

Challenges and Opportunities for Educational Cultural Brokers in Facilitating the School Adaptation of Refugee Children

Sophie C. Yohani

WP10-06

Drawing Insights from Former Youth Leaders in Social Justice Activism

Darren E. Lund

WP10-07

Experience and Transitioning of Internationally Educated Nurses (IENS) into the Alberta Healthcare System

Gina Marie Awoko Higginbottom – Paper Withdrawn

WP10-08

Crossroads of Changes: Working Toward Transformative Learning in Newcomer Education

Karen Magro and Parvin Ghorayshi

WP10-09

Diversity in Public Education: Acknowledging Immigrant Parent Knowledge

Yan Guo

WP10-10

Rethinking Integration as Cosmopolitan Subjectivities: From Migrant & Minority to Citizen of the World: Evidence from la francophonie de Calgary

Yvonne Hébert

WP10-11

Unfinished Promise: Socioeconomic Status and Attitudes towards Equality for Migrant Workers in Urban China

Yaping Zhou, Yixuan Wang, and Wenjiang Chen

WP10-12

Understanding Immigrants' Downward Social Mobility: A Comparative Study of Economic and Social Integration of Recent Chinese Immigrants in Calgary and Edmonton

Shibao Guo

h) Statistical Compendium

Ms. Marlene Mulder (PMC's Junior Research Scholar), Ms. Laura Templeton (a PhD student in Sociology from the University of Alberta) and Ms. Lenise Anderson, PMC Assistant to the Co-Directors, have completed their work on a new version of the statistical compendium, *Immigrants, Temporary Residents & Ethnic Minorities in Canada: Regional Comparisons*, using 2006 census data and 2009 *CIC Facts and Figures* data. The report will be available electronically in 2011. The compendium will be distributed in CD format upon its completion to government partners, partnering NGOs and the other Centres. Data libraries will be supplied with the information as well. We will also make the information available on our website for free download, pending decisions regarding intellectual property of information pertaining to the Metropolis Project.

i) Sponsorship of Delegates at Metropolis Conferences

PMC was pleased to be able to provide funding to 2 NGO representatives and 3 academic researchers to attend the 15th International Metropolis Conference in the Hague, Netherlands. PMC also provided funding to 48 delegates to attend the 13th National Metropolis Conference in Vancouver, BC (24 academic researchers, 14 NGO representatives, and 10 students).

j) Communication of Research Results to Policy-Makers by PMC Research Affiliates

During the past year, PMC affiliated researchers actively engaged in disseminating their research results with policy-makers. For example, Dr. Maryam Amin (University of Alberta) was a research collaborator with Alberta Employment & Immigration (AE&I) including shared publication on existing AE&I data.

Dr. William (Bill) Ashton (Brandon University) in collaboration with Mr. Ben Rempel, (Assistant Deputy Minister, Manitoba Labour and Immigration), Ms. Margo Morrish, (Strategic Planning and Program Support, Manitoba Labour and Immigration), Mr. Benjamin Amoyaw, (Manitoba Labour and Immigration) and Ms. Pamela McConnell, (Manitoba Labour and Immigration) played a role in RDI's Building Welcoming Communities project, in Inter-government cooperation (e.g., participated in Community Immigration Conference held February 20, 2010) and contributed to RDI's Rural Employers' Information Pathway for Hiring Temporary Foreign Workers in Manitoba Guide. As well RDI participated in the Provincial Nominee Program Assessment and conversations on policy implications of research on immigration and welcoming communities.

Dr. Lee Anne Block (University of Winnipeg) attended planning meeting for IET programs at the Fairness Commission, Manitoba Labour and Immigration.

Dr. Laurie Carlson-Berg (University of Regina) is a member of the Immigration Research and Learning Network, a partnership between the Government of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) serves on an advisory committee overseeing the development of a curriculum framework for adult ESL, funded by Alberta Employment and Immigration. Dr. Derwing participated in a consultation session on ESL with Ms Teresa Woo-Paw, Parliamentary Assistant, Alberta Employment and Immigration in September, 2010.

Dr. James Frideres (University of Calgary) presented a paper at the Canadian Embassy, in The Hague entitled, *Conflict, Cohesion and Assimilation: the Value of Multiculturalism*.

Dr. Nina Hrycak (University of Calgary) was an invited contributor at the Academics roundtable meeting on migration health, hosted by the Public Health Agency of Canada. She is also a member of the Conference Planning Committee. *Second National Transcultural Health Conference: Multiple Voices for Enhancing Health Equity Through Research, Policy, Education, and Clinical Practice* with Alberta Health Services, Calgary Health Region.

Dr. David McGrane (University of Saskatchewan) attended a research forum held by Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment, and Immigration in May 2010.

Dr. Noorfarah Merali (University of Alberta) was part of a panel presentation with Mr. Michael Watts, Director of the International Policy Coordination, CIC at Metropolis Family, Children and Youth Priority Seminar and in a discussion regarding her research study and potential implications for Mr. Watts' work. This seminar was chaired by Brenna McNeil, Director, of the Social Policy and Programs, Immigration Branch, CIC, who has expressed an interest in having ongoing communication of Dr. Merali's emerging and final research results to inform the work of the branch. Dr. Merali also conducted telephone conversations with Ms. Nora Lynn Paddock from the CIC Gender-Based Analysis Unit regarding Dr. Merali's PMC funded research and their interest in the gender-related emerging findings for their policy-making. Further, Mr. Randy Gurlock, Director of CIC Edmonton Branch was the Respondent to Dr. Merali's presentation at the Prairie Centre Edmonton Research Symposium after which Dr. Merali was asked to speak to the immigration officers in the Edmonton Branch about the research and relevance for their work.

Dr. Haizhen Mou (University of Saskatchewan) was in contact with The Department of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration of Saskatchewan about a research project.

Dr. Paulin Mulatris (University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean) participated in the Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Edmonton (Mirande Alexandre): film festival on immigration in March 2011.

Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) has multiple contacts with municipal, provincial and federal policy-makers as Co-Director, PMC. She participated in the roundtable meeting on migration health research hosted by the Public Health Agency of Canada in Vancouver in March 2011.

Dr. Valerie Pruegger (University of Calgary/City of Calgary) presented Welcoming Community Policy on 2011 January 5 to the Calgary City Council.

Dr. Hetty Roessingh (University of Calgary) is an Alberta Education, Alberta Universities Association Representative, English as a Second language (k - 12) Advisory Committee member. Dr. Roessingh held a consultation session on ESL with Ms Teresa Woo-Paw, Parliamentary Assistant, Employment and Immigration, on February 11, 2011 in Calgary.

Dr. Marian J. Rossiter (University of Alberta) participated in the Racism Free Edmonton dialogue series for education at the invitation of Councillor Sohi, City of Edmonton (March, 2011). Dr. Rossiter held meetings with Councillor Sohi and Ms. Catherine Keill, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, City of Edmonton regarding the effects of the refugee transportation loan on the community (February, 2011).

Dr. James Townsend (University of Winnipeg) presented a report with Dr. Tom Carter in October 2010 to Hon. Jennifer Howard, Minister of Labour and Immigration,

Province of Manitoba, entitled *Provincial Nominees: Attraction, Integration and Retention – A Manitoba Case Study*.

Dr. Hassan Vatanparast (University of Saskatchewan) presented *Nutrition and Health Issues among Newcomer Children in Saskatchewan* at the Immigration Research Forum held in Saskatoon and hosted by the Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Ministry in Saskatchewan.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) was an invited speaker for the Metropolis Brown Bag Lunch series in Ottawa where she presented *The Labour Market Transitions of Newly Arrived Immigrant Youth: A Tri-Provincial*. Dr. Wilkinson was also invited to present *A Young Migrant's Perspective on the Transition from School to Work in Canada-Evidence from a Tri-Provincial Study* at Metropolis Presents: Immigrant Families-From Negotiation to Integration A Policy-Research Seminar on Immigrant and Refugee Families, Children, Youth and Seniors in Ottawa at the National Libraries and Archives Canada.

Dr. Warren Wilson (University of Calgary) collaborated with Valerie Kiss, Refugee Health Project Coordinator, Reducing Disparities Health Promotion, Disease and Injury Prevention Population and Public Health Canada.

Dr. Lloyd Wong (University of Calgary) attended and provided comment on February 24th, 2011 for PMC at the Stakeholder Consultation on the Federal Skilled Worker Program that was hosted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada and held in Calgary.

IV: Communities and NGO Capacity Activities; Academic – Community Partnerships

The Prairie Metropolis Centre continued this past year to support community partners by bringing together stakeholders who share common interests and goals. For example, PMC's Brown Bag series, research symposia and the Internship Program provide networking opportunities for our stakeholders. PMC was also pleased to be able to provide funding support to a variety of community projects such as the Fellowship Refugee Committee's annual fundraising dinner which supports sponsorship of refugees. We assisted with a request from the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation, who put out a call for proposals to write a document in recognition of the 40th year of Multiculturalism. Drs. Harvey Krahn and Tracey Derwing provided advice on the wording of the call itself, and they vetted the 24 resulting proposals and made recommendations to the Foundation.

Two applications for partnership grants in SSHRC's new Connection program were relevant to the research and practical interests of the PMC's affiliates and partners. One of these applications, submitted by Professor Krishna Pendakur of Simon Fraser University and co-director of the BC Metropolis Centre, was entitled Canadian Metropolis Centre: National Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and

Diversity. We sent information about this application to all our affiliates, inviting them to become collaborators. Over 20 active PMC research affiliates signed on as potential collaborators, and all three Prairie provinces indicated that they were interested in partnering at a later stage. The PMC also solicited collaborators for another LOI application, headed by Dr. Victoria Esses of the University of Western Ontario: Pathways to Prosperity. The PMC also obtained several letters of support from NGOs and government representatives, as well as agreements to partner. Two prairie representatives are co-investigators on this proposal: Dean Marc Arnal, of Campus Saint Jean, University of Alberta, and Associate Dean of Social Sciences, Harley Dickinson, University of Saskatchewan. Finally, a third LOI went forward from Dr. Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba, the Domain Leader for Economics and Labour Market Integration.

Dr. Maryam Amin (University of Alberta) has linkages to the Multicultural Health Brokers Coop, Alberta Health Services.

Dr. Glenda Bonifacio (University of Lethbridge) is a member of the Board of Directors, Lethbridge Family Services (Immigrant Services).

Dr. Laurie Carlson-Berg (University of Regina) is a volunteer with the Saskatchewan African Heritage Museum Association.

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) is a member of the Advisory Committee to Language Assessment and Referral Counselling (LARCC) Catholic Social Services.

Dr. James Frideres (University of Calgary) is the Chair of the Board for the Immigrant Services Calgary.

Dr. Shibao Guo (University of Calgary) is a Board member of the Calgary Chinese Community Service Association and on the Cultural Advisory Council for the Calgary Board of Education.

Dr. Yan Guo (University of Calgary) is a member of the Coalition for Equal Access to Education, Calgary and the Immigrant Sector Council of Calgary (ISCC), CARE strategy for children and youth of immigrant families, Calgary.

Dr. Ingrid Johnston (University of Alberta) participated in meetings with the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities for planning new project entitled *The Awareness & Impact of Resources for Diversity for Alberta's Immigrant & Refugee Youth*.

Dr. Darren E. Lund (University of Calgary) is part of the *Diversity Directions Committee*, hosted by Calgary Catholic Immigration Society in Calgary.

Dr. Alison R. Marshall (University of Winnipeg) is a Board Member of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre.

Dr. Noorfarah Merali (University of Alberta) is working directly with the Indo-Canadian Women's Association and National Indo-Canadian Council on current Prairie Metropolis Centre funded research study on immigration fraud versus genuine arranged marriages. She has also started to work with the Canadian Marriage Fraud Victim's Society.

Dr. Paulin Mulatris (University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean) is a member of the Board, Centre d'accueil et d'établissement; the Ad hoc committee sur l'immigration (ACFA) Steering committee, monthly information bulletin "Le nouvel arrivant francophone".

Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) has multiple NGO contacts related to position as Co-Director, PMC.

Dr. Philomina Okeke-Ihejirika (University of Alberta) works with Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women; The Mennonite Centre for Newcomers; the Centre for Race and Culture; the Edmonton Immigrant Services Association; and The Africa Centre.

Dr. Marian J. Rossiter (University of Alberta) is a member of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee, St. John's Anglican Church - sponsorship and ongoing support of refugee families sponsored by the group.

Dr. Hassan Vatanparast (University of Saskatchewan) is a member and Chair of the Governance Committee, Board of Directors, Open Door Society in Saskatoon.

Dr. Christine Walsh, (University of Calgary) presented *Ethnocultural perspectives on elder abuse; Older Black immigrants and service providers: Views about family violence in old age; Elder abuse among Aboriginal Canadians. Ethnocultural perspectives on elder abuse; Ethnocultural perspectives on elder abuse* for the Alliance to End Violence in Calgary.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) is an appointed member of the Urban Exchange Working Group, United Way of Winnipeg, September 2009 to 2011.

Dr. Warren Wilson (University of Calgary) is collaborating with Dr. Lanice Jones at the Calgary Refugee Health Program.

Dr. Lloyd L. Wong (University of Calgary) is a Board Member of the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary and also Chair of the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary's *Research and Policy Committee*.

V: Network Activities

a. Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments

Several federal partners are represented on our Board, and all three provincial governments are on our Board of Governors, and all three are currently active and engaged in the area of immigration. We experienced excellent participation from provincial, federal and municipal governments at all of the research symposia in the 2010-2011 year. Several of our researchers have been involved with discussions with government representatives at both the federal level and provincially. The municipal governments in Edmonton and Saskatoon in particular have been very active in participation in PMC events. The administrative office often receives request for advice from government representatives on an informal basis.

b. Affiliated Researchers

Dr. Baha Abu-Laban (University of Alberta) is a Co-Editor (With Dr. Peter Li) of a book series entitled International Perspectives on Migration launched by Springer in 2010. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for SpringerBriefs outlet launched in June 2010, designed to bring cutting edge research to the public domain in a relatively short time. Dr. Abu-Laban is a peer reviewer for the Journal of International Migration and Integration and also for two research programs funded by Qatar National Research Fund.

Dr. Glenda Bonifacio (University of Lethbridge) is a research affiliate with the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, University of Lethbridge. She is a member of the RC31 Sociology of Migration, International Sociological Association; Association for Research on Mothering; Association for Women's Rights in Development; Canadian Ethnic Studies Association; Society of Edmonton Demographers (SED); and Canadian Women's Studies Association.

Dr. Laurie Carlson-Berg (University of Regina) is a member of the URFA Equity Committee at the University of Regina.

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) is a member of Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language (ATESL), the Alberta Teachers' Association English as a Second Language Specialist Council (ESL-C), TESL Canada, the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics (ACLA), the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL), and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Dr. Joy H. Fraser (Athabasca University) is a board member of the People's Movement for Human Rights Education (PDHRE); a member of the Equity Committee at Athabasca University. Further, Dr. Fraser has spent considerable time internationally this past year, as the External Examiner for the University of the West Indies (Jamaica)

and as a consultant to the Canadian University of Dubai and the Dubai Health Authority.

Dr. Ingrid Johnston (University of Alberta) helped to facilitate new a MOU signed with Queensland University of Technology and the University of Alberta.

Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan) presented a paper entitled, *Immigrant Entrepreneurship in Canada* at the International Conference on Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation organized by OECD in Paris, France. He also presented a paper entitled, *The Past, Present and Future of the Chinese Overseas Population* at the Canada-China Forum on Migration and Identity in Shanghai, China. Dr. Li also presented a paper entitled, *Approach to Ethnic and Cultural Diversity: Canada and China Compared* at the Conference on Migration Issues of China hosted by the Hong Kong Baptist University.

Dr. Darren E. Lund (University of Calgary) is a member of the Human Rights and Social Justice, *Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee*, Alberta Teachers' Association; *Advisory Committee on Equity Policy*, Canada Research Chairs Program; Advisory Committee on Sociocultural Aspects of Learning, Bachelor of Education degree program, Faculty of Education; Editorial Advisory Committee Member, *Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education* (J. A. Banks, Ed); mentor, *Critical Educators for Social Justice Mentorship Program*, at the 91st Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO. Dr. Lund's other memberships include: Alberta English Language Arts Council (ATA); Alberta Teachers' Association (Associate Member); American Educational Research Association; Alberta Association for Multicultural Education; Canadian Association for Critical Pedagogy; Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies; Canadian Association of Foundations of Education Canadian Association for Teacher Education; Canadian Society for the Study of Education Coalition for Equal Access to Education; Critical Educators for Social Justice (AERA); Education Alumni Chapter, University of Calgary; Educators Against Racism Faculty Association of the University of Calgary; Intercultural and Second Languages Council (ATA) (Honorary Lifetime Member); International Association for Intercultural Education; Kappa Delta Pi Honour Society; National Association for Multicultural Education; National Coalition of Academics of Colour (White Anti-racism Ally); Rotary Graduate Alumni Association; and the Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR), Calgary Chapter.

Dr. Paulin Mulatris (University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean) is a Co-director of GRITI (Groupe de recherche sur l'inter/transculturalité et l'immigration) (Campus Saint-Jean); and member of the Board, ARIC (Association internationale pour la recherche interculturelle) (Sherbrooke).

Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) has multiple academic contacts related to position as Co-Director, PMC. She provided the final remarks at a workshop on nurses as temporary foreign workers where the Provinces of Alberta and Manitoba were participants.

Dr. Valerie Pruegger (University of Calgary/City of Calgary) is part of the Alberta Hate Crime Committee and the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology

Dr. Hetty Roessingh (University of Calgary) is a member of TESL Canada; CMLR (Canadian Modern Language Review); TESOL Quarterly; the Mount Royal College: Advisor for their upcoming transition to university status, particularly in their Bachelor of ATA ESL-C; and the Calgary Regional Consortium. Professional Development for k – 12 practitioners.

Dr. Marian J. Rossiter (University of Alberta) is the Associate Editor, *TESL Canada Journal*. A member of the Advisory Committee, *Transition Program for Immigrant and Refugee Students*, Edmonton Public School Board; a member of the Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Youth (SAAIRCY); a member of the Refugee Transportation Loan sub-committee; a member of the Identification Issues sub-committee; TESL Canada Director-at-large, April 2010-September 2010; Chair of the TESL Canada Journal Advisory Committee, April 2010-September 2010; member of the TESL Canada Standards Committee, April 2010-September 2010; member of the TESL Canada Professional Development Committee, April 2010-September 2010; member, Alberta Teachers' Association English as a Second Language Specialist Council (ESL-C); and member, Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language (ATESL) / TESL Canada; member, American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL); member, Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics (ACLA); member, International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL), 2009-2010; and a member, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Dr. Lloyd Sciban (University of Calgary) is a member of the Academic Committee for the conference, *Media and Media Practices in Minority and Competitive Contexts: from Local to Global*, University of Alberta.

Dr. Hassan Vatanparast (University of Saskatchewan) is a member of the Scientific Board, Nutrition, Health & Development Institute in Iran.

Dr. Christine Walsh (University of Calgary) presented *Roma refugee children in Canada: Exclusion or integration? The Maturing of the Multicultural Experiment: European Challenges Coming to Canada?* to the European Union Centre of Excellence at York University. Dr. Walsh also presented *Elder abuse: Ethnocultural issues and perspectives* at the Prairie Metropolis Centre Research Symposium in Calgary and she presented *Elder abuse among immigrant older adults in Canada: A summary of the research evidence*, a Priority Seminar for Metropolis.

Dr. Earle H. Waugh (University of Alberta) is the Editor of the Interdisciplinary Journal, Religious Studies and Theology, England and the Educational and Research Director, Alberta Caregivers Association, Edmonton. He is also a Council Member, VON-Les Aidantes d'Alberta, Edmonton and Calgary.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) is involved in a research partnership with the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata India. She is working with Dr. Ruby Sain on a project comparing the integration experiences of Bangladeshi migrant women in India and Canada. Dr. Wilkinson has also developed, in tandem with academics from University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, Saint Mary's University and McMaster University, an application for a SSHRC Insight LOI. The Letter of Intent includes the proposal to work with Mosaic BC, the Immigrant Centre, ANAK Inc., Manitoba Education, Halifax-Dartmouth YMCA and the City of Hamilton to examine the family and social influences on the integration of migrant youth. Dr. Wilkinson is the Vice-President (elected), Canadian Ethnic Studies Association, 2010-12; Chair (elected), Policy, Ethics and Professional Concerns Subcommittee, Canadian Sociological Association, 2009-2011;

Dr. Lloyd L. Wong (University of Calgary) is Member of Research Committee #31, Sociology of Migration, of the International Sociological Association

CHALLENGES FACED AND CHALLENGES AHEAD

Challenges Faced

One of our greatest challenges this year has been working with the Research Services Office at the University of Alberta to get timely attention to the grants we have funded. Even after face-to-face meetings with the senior members of the RSO and an agreement on their part that one individual would be responsible for all PMC matters, there have still been internal communication problems at the RSO that have caused delays in the processing of grants, especially grants that are located at other universities. We have also experienced significant delays in processing at some of our partner universities as well.

We have had some staffing challenges (for example, Dr. Linda Ogilvie was on sick leave for three months in 2010, and Ms. Anna Miekus was called away on a personal matter for several months) but generally the office has run smoothly.

We held two competitions for research grants and the *Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Award*. This meant that our Adjudication Committee had to meet twice and review two sets of applications. Several members of the committee met by teleconference, while some members travelled to Edmonton for the last competition.

Arranging for five mini-conferences in the fall and January presented scheduling challenges, particularly since the domain leader and the co-directors were teaching, but we feel that the level of engagement in each of our partnering universities and with local representatives of NGOs and government departments was worth the time spent.

We still had considerable involvement with JIMI, although it was sold to Springer. The PMC developed an electronic database, and also handled the last of the manually submitted manuscripts. Our involvement has gradually devolved, but our Assistant to the Directors is still spending approximately five hours a week on JIMI matters.

In February of this year, Alberta Employment and Immigration indicated that there would be some funding available to continue the work of the Prairie Metropolis Centre, although it would have to be established as a separate entity. We met with representatives of the government, and the RSO at the University of Alberta, but ultimately, the department decided against the project, opting for more control over the funds themselves.

Finally, it is challenging, given the small grants that we have to offer, to address the federal, provincial and municipal governments' concerns in comparative, large scale, quantitative studies. Our Adjudication Committee has applied rigorous standards to the grants that have been assessed, but the long wish list of our partners cannot be addressed comprehensively. However, we are very pleased with the level of engagement, particularly in the three provinces. We have also done everything we

could to accommodate our federal partners by directing them to individual researchers who could help them with specific projects.

Challenges Ahead

Our principal challenge this year will be to encourage our researchers to complete all their work by March 31, 2011. This will be difficult because in this phase so many researchers have sought extensions. The demands on our affiliates' time have caused delays, as well as delays at the level of the Research Services Offices in all of our universities, but particularly the University of Alberta.

Rather than hold full day research symposia this year, we plan to provide each of our participating universities with some start-up funding for a half-day meeting or a brown bag lunch series. In lieu of the node meetings, we will hold a regional conference in Edmonton, and bring researchers, students and NGOs to the conference as a wrap-up of the Prairie Metropolis Centre. This conference will be held in November over two days.

We hope to develop a legacy document summarizing the accomplishments of the PMC. Whether we are able to do this depends in part on funds and availability of personnel to help with the compilation of the document.

We will be holding a face to face meeting with a representative of Springer in August (in Edmonton) to discuss next steps for the journal, now that the PMC's term is coming to an end. We will offer to help with the recruitment of a new Editor once John Shield's term is completed (he has indicated that he will be stepping down at the end of his term).

We have offered our Data Committee some travel funds to meet to discuss the development of lesson plans using anonymized data from CIC for courses in statistics. We hope to see some movement on this front in the coming year.

We look forward to receiving some guidelines from SSHRC as to what the final report should entail. We have made arrangements with the University of Alberta to keep our space until June 30, 2012, and we will retain a staff member, Lenise Anderson, until the end of June, 2012, to complete the reconciliation and closure of our accounts.

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