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### MISSION

ICAD's mission is to lessen the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS in resource-poor communities and countries by providing leadership and actively contributing to the Canadian and international response.

ICAD's objectives are to:

- educate members and the public on HIV/AIDS and its impact on international development;
- support research, education, and knowledge about policy and programming pertaining to HIV/AIDS and international development; and
- promote communication and collaboration between Canadian and other organizations in the global effort against HIV/AIDS.

### ICAD's Intended Outcomes

ICAD is working towards a number of mid- and long-term outcomes to ensure that:

- Canada contributes more effectively to preventing and mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable groups and peoples around the world, particularly women and children;
- Countries that are most acutely struggling with HIV/AIDS look first to Canada for community-based expertise, assistance, and support or resources;
- Canada's international HIV/AIDS development effort becomes recognized as a global model of best practice, which is rights-based, gender-sensitive, and effective;

- Canada's HIV prevention, diagnosis, care, treatment, and support strategies, particularly within resource-poor communities, are improved by knowledge and experience from other parts of the world.

## ICAD in 2005-2006

### Strategic Planning

Over the past year, ICAD undertook a strategic planning process which involved extensive interviews with members and key informants. Feedback from the process emphasized ICAD's role in advocating for greater policy coherence and accountability to ensure that Canada plays a leadership role in addressing HIV/AIDS and fulfils its domestic and international commitments. Interview respondents noted that Canada's HIV prevention, diagnosis, care, treatment, and support strategies, particularly within resource-poor communities, are improved by knowledge and experience from other parts of the world.

Over the next three years, ICAD will support Canada to become one of the most effective and influential nations in contributing to the response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic by:

- becoming the primary Canadian source of information on HIV/AIDS and development;
- strengthening the domestic response to HIV/AIDS with lessons learned in other parts of the world, and strengthening the global response to HIV/AIDS by sharing lessons learned in Canada;
- providing leadership to Canadians in creating effective global policies and programs in response to HIV/AIDS;
- ensuring the long-term viability of ICAD as an organization.

### Membership

Throughout the year, ICAD continued to meet the evolving needs and interests of its diverse membership. At the end of 2005, ICAD had 154

members. Of these, 63 were AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), 50 were international development organizations, 5 faith-based organizations, or unions, and 36 were individual members.

### Information sharing

During 2005-2006, ICAD commissioned and disseminated a number of new publications on HIV/AIDS, offered workshops and presentations, participated in consultations on domestic and global AIDS issues, contributed to conferences, sponsored internships, and collaborated with allied organizations to provide input into policy discussions on AIDS held by the Canadian International Development Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The following publications were developed by ICAD during 2005-2006.

#### ***Resources Needed to Address HIV/AIDS:***

— fact sheet providing information on the resources needed to fight HIV/AIDS and the growing gap between what is needed and what resources are available. The fact-sheet also examines Canada's performance in contributing to international efforts to fight HIV/AIDS, and the links between HIV/AIDS and other development initiatives such as health system strengthening

***Environmental Scan Report: Springboarding a National HIV/AIDS Strategy for Black Canadian, African, and Caribbean Communities:*** — summary of the latest epidemiological information on HIV/AIDS among the Black Canadian, African, and Caribbean communities, and a summary of ongoing research and services provided to these communities.

***Annotated Bibliography—HIV/AIDS Among Persons from Countries where HIV/AIDS is Endemic:***

— compendium to the Springboarding Environmental Scan produced to support and promote further research on HIV/AIDS among persons from countries where HIV is endemic.

Highlights included epidemiological data on the epidemic in African and Caribbean communities; challenges and barriers that make this constituency particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS; and program and policy recommendations for African and Caribbean communities to respond to these challenges.

***Annotated Bibliography—Gender, HIV/AIDS and Development:***

— document compiling key online resources which describe the current understanding of, and responses to, the effects of gender on HIV/AIDS at the international level.

***Making the Links: Addressing HIV/AIDS and Gender Equality in Food Security and Rural Livelihoods Programming:***

— toolkit developed with funding from CIDA to address HIV/AIDS and gender equality in food security and rural livelihoods programming. The toolkit can be used by program managers and their partners when working in situations where HIV and AIDS prevalence is high.

***Fact sheets on HIV/AIDS as an Episodic Disability in the Workplace:***

—14 fact sheets compiled into 2 separate kits on employment-related issues, for PHAs and organizations. The kits were produced in partnership with the Coalition des organismes communautaires Québécois de lutte contre le sida (COCQ-Sida), with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada through the National HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Fund. An environmental scan on the status of HIV/AIDS and workplace policies and practices among Canadian organizations was also produced through this project.

***Regional HIV/AIDS Fact Sheets:***

Five regional overviews based on the latest epidemiological data from UNAIDS were also updated and distributed.

**Consultations**

ICAD participated in the Africa-Canada Parliamentary Policy Dialogue on *'The Role Of Parliamentarians In The Oversight Of HIV/AIDS*

*Policies'*, hosted by the Ottawa-based Parliamentary Centre and held in Saly, Senegal, September 12 to 14, 2005. ICAD's contribution provided insight into the challenges and opportunities Canadian organizations have in influencing policy on HIV/AIDS and their relationships with parliamentarians.

As a follow up to the March 10 and 11, 2005 Second Canadian Microbicides Symposium 'Advancing HIV Prevention', 15 NGOs and government and private sector representatives, met to form a steering committee to promote the development of a Canadian Microbicides Action Plan.

**Workshops**

In November 2005, ICAD co-hosted nine workshops entitled 'Understanding Gender and HIV/AIDS's. The workshops were facilitated by Peter Busse from South Africa. Each workshop provided participants with a strong foundation for understanding the link between gender, HIV/AIDS, and development by looking at several examples of successful international models and their potential application to programs and activities in Canada. Workshops were held in Ottawa, Toronto, Charlottetown, Montreal, St. John's, and Halifax with the participation of Oxfam Canada, the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, CAPAIDS, AIDS PEI, AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, and the Atlantic Center of Excellence for Women's Health and were funded with a grant from Health Canada's International Affairs Directorate.

Over the past year, ICAD offered 20 workshops for ASOs and NGOs on 'HIV/AIDS as an Episodic Disability in the Workplace'. The workshops focused on the development of responsive policies aimed at addressing employment-related concerns for people living with HIV/AIDS and other episodic disabilities in the Canadian workplace. Topics covered included the benefits and challenges of policy development, developing a Human Rights culture in the workplace, the principles of

accommodation, and successful policy implementation and management.

During the Fifth Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium held in Montreal from October 27 to 30, ICAD sponsored a satellite entitled “Women: Think Globally, Act Locally”. The satellite was organized jointly with the Blueprint for Action on Women and HIV/AIDS in Canada.

ICAD also collaborated with the African Caribbean Council on AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO) and six other organizations from across the country representing Black Canadians, African, and Caribbean Communities, to host a satellite. The satellite provided participants with an opportunity to share their experiences as service providers, researchers, and people living with HIV/AIDS and allowed them to identify what a national strategy to address HIV/AIDS for Black Canadian, African, and Caribbean communities needs to include.

ICAD also hosted two skills-building workshops during the symposium:

- ‘What does the Global Engagement Component of the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS have to do with me?’ Presentations were made by representatives of ICAD, Health Canada’s International Affairs Directorate, CIDA, and the Public Health Agency of Canada.
- ‘How to Evaluate International Partnerships and Twinning Projects’ was co-facilitated by San Patten (Health Research and Evaluation Consultant) and Rosemary Forbes (ICAD) and provided skills development for staff, board members, and volunteers in planning and conducting evaluations for international twinning projects.

ICAD held its Annual General Meeting jointly with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network in Montreal from September 9 to 11, 2005. The AGM featured a skills-building workshop entitled

“Addressing HIV/AIDS from a Gender Perspective”. It provided participants with an opportunity to learn how gender and AIDS are related. Facilitators and presenters included Françoise Nduwimana, Member of the Coalition for Women's Human Rights in Conflict Situations; Sara Austin from World Vision; Jacqueline Gahagan from Dalhousie University; Juanita Altenburg from the Maxi Linder Association (Surinam); Martine Bernier from the Centre de coopération internationale en santé et développement; and Marie-Hélène Bonin from the Canadian Labour Congress and ICAD Board member.

## Networking

In January 2006, ICAD Executive Director Michael O’Connor was appointed as the alternate representative for North America on the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (PCB). The PCB meets three times every two years to develop policies and priorities for UNAIDS and its cosponsoring agencies. As the representative for the North American region, ICAD will raise issues of concern to Canadian and US NGOs and ASOs.

As an active member of the Global Treatment Action Group (GTAG), ICAD played an important role in developing key civil society recommendations on the steps Canada should take to address HIV/AIDS. The platform was later endorsed by over 80 NGOs and ASOs for presentation to the government prior to the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto.

ICAD coordinated a letter writing campaign to the Prime Minister providing recommendations on how Canada can show leadership in efforts to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, and to assist in dealing with the consequences of the disease. Letters were written for World AIDS Day, the G8 meeting in Gleneagles, and the replenishment meeting of the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

ICAD was a member of the following working groups and campaigns:

- Microbicide Advocacy Group Network (MAG-Net)
- Canadian Microbicides Action Plan Steering Committee
- Steering committee for the PHAC situational assessment concerning HIV/AIDS and the African and Caribbean communities in Canada
- Editorial committee for Canada's Report on HIV/AIDS 2006.
- Local Host Advisory Committee for the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto
- Volunteer Sector Strategic Plan Process (VSSP)
- Consultative Group on HIV/AIDS International Issues hosted by the Health Canada International Affairs Directorate
- Northern NGO delegation for the Board meetings of the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GFATM)
- Africa Canada Forum working group of CCIC
- North American Council of AIDS Service Organizations (NACASO). ICAD also liaises with other international organizations involved in HIV/AIDS and development issues such as the UK AIDS Consortium, Stop AIDS Now Campaign UK, SAT Trust South Africa, International HIV/AIDS Alliance (UK), Health Gap USA, and the International Partnership for Microbicides

## Other programming

### Small Grants Program

The Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) and ICAD were awarded the CIDA-funded Small Grants Fund (SGF). This program supports partnerships between Canadian NGOs and ASOs and HIV/AIDS organizations in developing countries. The partnerships promote innovative exchanges and skills sharing and

focus specifically on HIV/AIDS and gender issues. The program involves 20 partnerships between Canadian NGOs, ASOs, and academic institutions and similar organizations in 17 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

### CIDA Youth Internships

This program provides opportunities for Canadian youth to get involved in international HIV/AIDS work and links organizations in Canada with AIDS organizations overseas. Six interns were funded through this programming to work in Zambia, Tanzania, Gabon and Lesotho.

### HIV/AIDS Skills Database

Initiated with the Canadian AIDS Society and funded by the International Affairs Directorate of Health Canada, the database allows members to promote their skills and expertise internationally: <http://www.skillsforhivaids.ca>

### Support for the UN Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa

ICAD administers a CIDA contract which provides technical and programming support to Stephen Lewis in carrying out his role as special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa through the engagement of a consultant.

## ICAD 2005-2006 Board of Directors

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Horace Joseph and Raymond Leclair resigned from the ICAD Board prior to the end of their mandates. As provided for in the ICAD by-laws, Enid Dixon and David Patterson were appointed to the Board for the remainder of the year.

## ICAD Staff

**Michael O'Connor**, Executive Director

**Rosemary Forbes**, Program Manager

**Francisca Sousa**, Financial Analyst

**Nicole Mayer**, Administrative Officer

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We extend thanks to the staff and Board of Directors for their hard work and commitment over the past year and to our members for their continued support.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	<b>March 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 84,660	\$ 93,948
Accounts receivable	98,828	90,316
Prepaid expenses	14,600	27,699
	198,088	211,963
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS – Note B</b>	12,175	15,219
	\$ 210,263	\$ 227,182
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 35,517	\$ 17,612
Deferred Revenue	58,854	110,211
	94,371	127,823
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets	12,175	15,219
Unrestricted	103,717	84,140
	115,892	99,359
	\$ 210,263	\$ 227,182

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

	<b>Year Ended March 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$ 481,809	\$ 422,015
Canadian International Development Agency	228,653	272,575
Foundations and other funders	25,833	45,198
Memberships	9,050	14,280
Donations	28,078	6,537
Other	6,593	10,706
	780,016	771,311
<b>Project Expenses</b>		
Public Health Agency of Canada	482,009	429,617
Canadian International Development Agency	228,653	272,600
Other	52,821	49,936
	763,483	752,153
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ 16,533	\$ 19,158

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS**

	<b>INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>Year Ended March 31</b>	
			<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 15,219	\$ 84,140	\$ 99,359	\$ 73,675
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(3,044)	19,577	16,533	19,158
Capital asset additions	-	-	-	6,526
Balance at end of year	\$ 12,175	\$ 103,717	\$ 115,892	\$ 99,359



Albert McNutt  
President



Michael O'Connor  
Executive Director

## In Memory of Peter Busse – 1958-2006

It is with great sadness that ICAD learned of the death on January 6, 2006 of our long time colleague and friend Peter Busse. Peter's regular trips to Canada included a visit in the fall of 2005 to lead nine workshops around the country on understanding gender and HIV/AIDS.

Peter's insights and wisdom contributed enormously to helping Canadians understand the links between the domestic and international epidemics, and he was a constant reminder of the power of the individual to make a difference. We join with his many friends and colleagues around the world in mourning for the loss of this exceptional teacher, leader, and friend.