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The IPDET Newsletter

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Send us your news items, brief articles, announcements, position changes, awards, etc. Please email them to news@ipdet.org.

Registration open!

This is the 11th year that IPDET will offer eighty hours of instruction and hands-on learning in the fundamentals of development evaluation during the two week Core Course (June 13 – 24), as well as more than 25 workshops in the two weeks that follow the Core Course (June 27 – July 1; July 4 – 8). [Read more.](#)

New for 2011

Workshops

Many of IPDET's highly successful workshops will be offered again this year, but there are also several new workshops:

- **Essentials of Evaluating Networks and Coalitions;**
- **Developmental Evaluation: Applying Systems Thinking and Complexity Concepts to Enhance Innovation and Use; and**
- **Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Advanced Level.**

[Click here](#) to learn more about these and other 2011 workshops.

Register for individual workshops

Don't have enough money in your training budget to take a full week of IPDET workshops? We can accommodate you! Recognizing your needs, we are now able to offer registration for individual workshops. The cost of a 2-day workshop is \$1,000 CDN/USD and \$1,500 CDN/USD for a 3-day workshop. Contact us at info@ipdet.org or at 613-520-3525 if you are interested in this new option. [Click here](#) for more information.

Welcome to our new instructors:

- **Bassirou Chitou**, Senior Statistician at the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office in Rwanda and *IPDET 2009 alumnus*;
- **Heather Creech**, Director, Global Connectivity, International Institute for Sustainable Development workshops; and
- **Jared Raynor**, Senior Consultant with the TCC Group (originally, The Conservation Company).

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"[IPDET] is a well organized, relevant, practical and interesting training program, where I was able learn and also share experiences with other colleagues participating from across the world."

-Nematullah Atif,
Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan
IPDET 2010

Upcoming conferences:

IDEAS Global Assembly –
April 11-15, 2011 –
Amman, Jordan

CES Annual Conference –
May 1-4, 2011 –
Edmonton, Canada



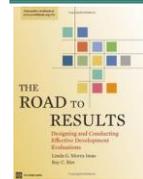
We've recently updated our look as we enter IPDET's second decade. Please [tell us](#) what you think!

Web updates

Visitors of the IPDET website can expect to see some additions in the coming weeks. Planned modifications include an improved *employment section*; site subscription options; more pictures; and the integration of social media. **For our alumni:** we are also working on a tool to access and search archived Listserv messages. You can stay in touch with our community by following us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)!



The Road to Results: A must read



Our Core textbook, *The Road to Results* (2009), written by IPDET's Co-Directors, Linda G. Morra Imas and Ray Rist, was recently highlighted on the American Evaluation Association's "AEA365" blog under the post, "[Susan Kistler on Must Read Books for Evaluators](#)". [Read the blog post.](#)

Comings and goings

Welcome to our new Program Manager



On January 1st, Deborah McWhinney, who was most recently Deputy Representative for UNICEF in Mali, took the helm as Carleton Program Manager of IPDET. Deborah brings a great deal of experience to this position and she is looking forward to this summer's program. [Read Carleton's news story.](#)

A fond farewell to Barbara

In January, nearly 25 former secretariat members gathered for dinner to celebrate Barbara Levine's 5 years of service as IPDET's program manager. Following the meal, guests were treated to a tribute slideshow, featuring many pictures of Barbara and her team members. [View the slideshow.](#)

Note of condolence

Sadika Akhter (IPDET alum, 2009), whom has most recently been studying at the University of Antwerp, returned home upon learning of her husband's serious condition in December. We are sad to let all know that her husband passed away at only 38 years of age from pancreatic cancer on January 26, leaving her and their 5 year old daughter. Please send your caring thoughts to her directly at sadikaakhter@yahoo.com.

Change of post

James Datey (IPDET alum, 2010) left CIDA in the Fall and has since moved on



to agriculture at Agri-Food Canada.

Returning to the community

Jean-Charles Rouge (IPDET alum, 2002), who spent a number of years “out of the M&E scope”, has recently been posted within the Central African Republic (CAR) at the UNDP. Jean-Charles looks forward to reconnecting with the IPDET family, especially those situated in CAR.

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