



The IPDET Newsletter

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Pilot mentoring project

We're pleased to announce that with assistance from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), IPDET is piloting a small mentoring program in which IPDET alumni can apply to receive coaching from a skilled, professional evaluator on real-time evaluations. Funding is available for approximately 10 individuals during this pilot. [Click here](#) for information on the application process and eligibility requirements. The deadline for submissions is extended until October 14, 2011. We look forward to receiving some strong applications!

Looking back at IPDET 2011...

With 232 participants from more than 75 countries having attended, the 2011 program ranks as the second largest held in IPDET's 11-year history. [Demographic analyses](#) and [speakers' presentations](#) from IPDET 2011 are available on the website. In addition, alumni are welcome to login to the Alumni Area to view the [graduation slideshows](#) and many [photos](#)!

On their experience

Several of this summer's participants have passed along comments on the 2011 program and we're very pleased to share a few here:

It was a great and meaningful experience to increase my knowledge concerning M&E theory, acquiring new tools, methodologies and practices (during the 2 workshops weeks) and specially meeting so many different people from around the world with both different and similar experiences in this important and dear field of development evaluation... After IPDET I have had more experiences leading evaluations and teaching it in Brazil. I have also been selected to teach on the first long distance evaluation diploma course in Brazil.

–Paula Decotelli, Research Assistant
FIOCRUZ, Brazil

The learning is complimented by practical application of the small group work. I was so green on evaluation issues when I came and left very yellow (ripe) in issues of evaluation.

– Fredrick Ajwang, District Monitoring and Evaluation Officer,
Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya

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

Alumni Area 101

All previous participants of the program can gain access to our Alumni Area, a secure section of the IPDET website containing an alumni directory, photo collections, graduation slideshows, small group presentations, employment opportunities and much more. To access the Alumni Area from the [IPDET homepage](#), scroll your cursor over “Your IPDET”, down to “Alumni Area” and select any one of the options. If not already logged-in, you will need to sign on with the email and password you entered when you first applied for the program. If you are unsure if you are previously registered on the IPDET website or if you are experiencing any other difficulties, please email paul_glover@carleton.ca so that he may assist you.

Help us keep the Alumni Directory accurate and up-to-date:

While visiting the Alumni Area, please take a moment to update your personal contact information by selecting “Account Information” under “MyIPDET”.

EPDET celebrates 5 years

The 2011 European Program for Development Evaluation Training (EPDET) marks the 5th year of this annual mini-IPDET. Held in beautiful Vilanec, Czech Republic, from September 19-25, EPDET 2011 was organized by Daniel Svoboda, IPDET alum, and Dagmar Gombitova of the Slovak Evaluation Society. It was attended by 56 participants from 22 countries. Next year’s EPDET is being planned for the week of September 17, 2012. For more info, please contact Daniel Svoboda at svoboda@dww.cz.

Summers of the Secretariat



Aaron Brook boarded a plane shortly after IPDET and is now having the experience of a lifetime teaching English in Japan.

Brittany Dale travelled to Europe. Highlights include Belgium, France and Spain!



Mary Dixon (Registrar, info@ipdet.org) enjoyed reconnecting with family and friends while on holiday in Kingston, Ontario.

Dacia Douhaibi moved into a new apartment and spent some time in British Columbia, Canada.



Milla Evanics spent time at home with her family and made preparations for graduate school applications.

Paul Glover (Program Officer, paul_glover@carleton.ca) visited family & friends throughout Ontario and spent time in Florida, USA.



Gord Lamb spent his summer trotting the globe, visiting friends and family abroad!

[Look for IPDET at these upcoming conferences:](#)

*IEG Evaluation Week
October 24-28, 2011
Washington, DC*

*AEA Annual
Conference
November 2-5, 2011
Anaheim, California*

Deborah McWhinney (Manager, deborah_mcwhinney@carleton.ca) got reacquainted with Canada by going on canoe trips and spending time at the cottage with her daughter.



Linda Morra Imas (Co-Director, lmorra@worldbank.org) had some needed "down time" in South Florida near Miami and out west in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She sure likes those warm climates!

Mozyناه Nofal travelled to Egypt to spend time with family and friends back home.



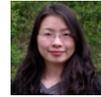
Asietu Numekevor bid farewell to her friends in Ottawa before starting her Master's degree at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Ray Rist (Co-Director, rist@worldbank.org) has continued traveling around the world, but did say that his granddaughter Molly loved her trip to Rome with the grandparents!



Alex Terrana travelled throughout Europe and has since started her Master's degree at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Yun Zhao (Finance Officer, finance@ipdet.org) spent quality time in the Ottawa region with her family, including her two young daughters.



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Directing the IDB

Cheryl Gray (IPDET instructor, 2009 & 2010), former Director of IEG-WB, is moving to the Inter-American Development Bank as the new Director of the Office of Evaluation and Oversight.

Change of post

Dieudonné Mouafo (IPDET alum, 2009 & 2010) has recently left CIDA to lead the Evaluation Unit of the UN Volunteers program (UNV) in Bonn, Germany.

Thank you Deb!

Deborah McWhinney (IPDET's current Program Manager) recently announced that she will be moving on to pursue new opportunities starting in January. Although her time with us has been short, Deb has brought many fresh ideas and fostered numerous friendships in the last year. As an integral part of the IPDET family, we wish Deb all the best and hope to receive regular updates on her future endeavours.

Recruitment for our next Program Manger is underway. Stayed tuned to the Listserv and the IPDET website for announcements on our new personnel.

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