ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES IN CHINA

1) President / Président

LI Wei

2) # of Canadian Studies Centres / # des Centres d'études canadiennes

40 centers and programs

3) # of Members / # des Membres

180 *

4) Web site / Site Web

Terminated since mid-2013

1) Activities (including dates) / Activités (avec dates)

(1) Since May, 2014, the Secretariat compiled and distributed 14 issues of ACSC E-Newsletter.

(2) On May 9-10, 2014 Qinghua University, and some Canadian universities co-hosted a conference “Transforming Canada-China Educational Cooperation: Significant Legacies and Future Challenges in Beijing”.


(4) On May 14-16, 2014 the CSC of Shandong University invited Mr. Colin Williams, finance planning analyst and part-time professor at Seneca College to give three talks at the School of Political Science and Public Administration.

(5) On June 10, 2014 many member of several CSCs were invited by Canadian Embassy in Beijing to attend the meeting of translation introduction of Alice Munro’s works. Mr. Guy Saint-Jacques, Ambassador, held an introduction and marketing event for Alice Munro: Her personality, Works and Though, written by Prof. Zhou Yi in January, 2014

(6) From April to June, 2014 the CSC at Shanghai University of International Studies held a Canadian Arctic Culture Festival.

(7) On June 13, 2014 the CSC at Beijing Foreign Studies University hosted an international conference “Prospects and Challenge: the Chinese Canadian Studies in the 21th Century”. On the same day the Center held the unveiling ceremony of “China Canadian Studies Resource Centre”.


(9) On September 30, 2014 the CSC at Inner Mongolia University hold a public memorial service for Prof. Xu Bingxun, former director of the center and senior Canadianist in China.

(10) On October 30, 2014, Beijing Foreign Studies University co-hosted the 10th Annual “Canada-China Energy and Environment Forum” (top-level policy-makers, researchers and senior executives’ forum).

(11) On October 23, 2014, Professor Hongyan Wang, director of the CSC at Liaoning Normal University delivered a lecture Canadian Culture and Its University Life to more than 150 freshmen from English Department. Also on December 23, 2014 she delivered a report Canadian Studies in China at the same department.

(12) Invited by Canadian Embassy in Beijing, President of ACSC Prof. Li Wei at the CSC, Shandong University watched “Moulin Rouge” performed by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in Shandong Grand Theater on the evening of November, 2014.

(13) On November 11-18, Prof. Du Fachun, Vice-President of ACSC visited some Canadian institutions in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto such as Association for Canadian Studies, Asia Studies Center at York University etc. He attended “The Second Symposium of Multidisciplinary Geography” held in Ottawa University, giving keynote speech on China’s grassland. He also talked with many scholars about the future cooperative programs between Canada and China.

(14) On November 20, 2014 the CSC at Yunan Agriculture University invited Prof. Shibao Guo from Education School, Carleton University to give a lecture “Canadian Multiculturalism and Ethnic Governance”.

(15) On March 13, 2015, some members of the CSC, Shandong University talked with Ms. Sarah Taylor, Deputy Head of Mission of Canadian Government, who came specially to investigate how Canadian Embassy in Beijing could help Chinese Canadianists in China after “Understanding Canada Program” was terminated.

(16) On March 20, 2014 Canadian writers Dennis Bock and Vincent Lam visited Canadian Information Dissemination Center at Communication University of China, talking to many of its members.
(10) Up-coming activities & events / Activités & événements à venir

On May 9, 2015 the ACSC will hold its 16th Biennial Conference in Shanghai University of International Studies, which provides some financial assistance.

We are planning to re-open the website by finding financial resources from some university.

8) Research / Recherches

Canadian literature, culture, language, history, ethnic groups, politics, economy, social policy, foreign relations, North Pole region and city space, etc.

9) What has been cut from your association activities since 2012/ Quelles activités ont été coupées depuis 2012?

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7) Grants awarded by the association. Awards & prizes received by members / Bourses offertes par l'association. Prix reçus par les membres de l'association

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(2) In Jan. 2015 Prof. Tang Xiaosong was awarded First-Class Prize of 2012-2013 Outstanding Social Science Achievement Prize of Guangdong Province.

(3) National Social Science Foundation grant for the Project “A Study of Canadian Housing Policy: Its Historical Evolution” (Shandong University), 2014.

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(6) Jiangsu Provincial College Social Science Foundation grant for the program “A Study of the Local Colorism in Alice Munro’s Short Stories” (Nanjing Normal University), 2014.

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(8) Post-Doctoral Research Foundation grant for the program “Contemporary Canadian Literature: In the Perspective of Animal Ethic Sense,” (Nanjing Normal University), 2014.

(9) 2014 China-Canada Scholar Exchange Program, recipient: Yao Yuan, Nanjing University.

(10) Shanghai University of International Studies grant for a year’s program A Study of Soft Power of Middle-Ranking Powers: Take Canada as an Example.

6) Publications


(2) Research on Canadian Domestic Affairs and Foreign Policy, published in July, 2014. It is a collection of articles written by members of some CSCs.

(3) Biography of Judice Wordsworth, Former President of Concordia University, published by Communication University of China in September, 2014.


(6) More than 40 essays were published in the top journals such as Contemporary Foreign Literature, World History, Historiography Quarterly, Contemporary Foreign Languages, International Review, Exploration of International Economy and Trade, as well as journals of universities and some collections.

(7) Four research reports to the Ministry of Education on the organization, cooperation, status and prospects of Canadian Studies and its policy implications.

(8) Research / Recherches

(1) On March 26, 2015, Prof. Qian Hao, director of the CSC at Shanghai University of International Studies and Vice-Secretary General of ACSC, was interviewed by China Daily (North America edition), about the present Sino-Canadian relations and the role the two countries would play in the world affairs.


(9) Besides above, many CSCs taught courses on Canadian issues.

(10) Up-coupées since 2012? 

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