

1) President / Président	Drs. Irene Salverda
2) # of Canadian Studies Centres/ # de Centres d' études canadiennes	1, in Groningen
3) # of Members / # de Members	106 individual members
4) Website	www.acsn.nl

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

As announced in earlier annual reports the ACSN was forced to downscale its activities drastically following the abolition of the Understanding Canada Program. The Executive Board, that now consists of 3 members, has decided to focus on core activities: the support of students who wish to study in Canada - either by granting an ACSN-scholarship and/or by (personal) advice on other financial sources -, taking part in meetings of the European network and meetings of the International Council for Canadian Studies, regular consultation with the Canadian embassy in the Hague, and last but not least supporting existing and new and incipient Dutch-Canadian academic networks. Activities during the 2014-2015 reporting year were:

- 4 Executive board meetings
- Review of 9 scholarship applications. Of these applications 4 were granted an award.
- Special meeting with Canadian embassy staff in preparation of the commemoration of 75 years of Canada-Netherlands diplomatic relations and 70 years of liberation.
- Collaboration with the Netherlands Department of Foreign Affairs on 70 years liberation/ 75 years of bilateral relations between the Netherlands and Canada. ACSN advised the Department on the distribution of 70 scholarships to Dutch students wishing to study in Canada
- Collaboration with the Netherlands Department of Foreign Affairs in preparation of a joint academic and trade mission of King Willem Alexander of the Netherlands and representatives of the Dutch business community to Canada. The ACSN has advised to include representatives from Wageningen University, where two viable networks, one in water management and environmental technology, and one in Biobased economy are taking shape. As a result, Wageningen University will take part in both the academic and trade mission May 21 - 25, 2015
- Meeting at the Canadian Embassy in the Hague, to get acquainted with new permanent staff members and discuss possible joint activities, June and October 2014
- Participation in the 39th meeting of the European Network for Canada Studies in Brussels (Irene Salverda and Cornelius Remie, November 2014)
- Meeting with the Canadian Embassy and Netherlands Department of Foreign affairs at Wageningen University, to connect Wageningen University's new networks to the activities described above. December 17th, 2014
- Participation in 'roundtable on academic relations' at Groot Haesebroek, residency of the Canadian ambassador in the Netherlands. Discussion with premier Robert Ghiz of Prince Edward Island, academic relations officers of the Canadian embassy in the Netherlands, and 10 representatives of academic institutes in the Netherlands, January 8, 2015
- Meeting with premier Robert Ghiz, his personal advisor and trade officer, at Wageningen University, January 9, 2015
- ACSN president Irene Salverda had several meetings with professor Huub Reijnaarts, dr. Hans van Duijne and ir. Pim de Jager on the organization of a roundtable on Canadian water management issues at Wageningen University during the environmental technology congress of April 28-April



30, 2015. ACSN supported and assisted in the organisation of the roundtable by inviting five Canadian (associate) professors and five Dutch academics/ (associate) professors and welcoming them in Wageningen April 28, 2015

- Meeting with Professor Hans Bak and associate professor Mathilde Roza at the Radboud University, to discuss the organization of a roundtable in 2016. April 1st, 2015
- Regular updating of the website (Irene Salverda).

6) Publications

N.A. (publication series *Canada Cahiers* was discontinued due to lack of funds.

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

During the reporting year 2014-2015 ACSN Student Research and Networking Awards were granted to:

- Jasper Candel and Adriaan de Bourgraaf (Wageningen University) for their joint project: "Hydrology and quantitative water management", project was carried out during an internship at the Netherlands Trade Office in Edmonton and resulted in a set of recommendations to be continued in a new study in 2015 (see below)
- Daphne Bongardt (Utrecht University) for her PhD-project "Developing adolescent sexuality in context", project was carried out at the Department of Sexology of the Université du Québec in Montréal
- Bram Wennekes (Wageningen University) for his project "A review of the upstream and downstream effects of flood mitigation techniques used (inter)nationally, including groundwater effects", project is carried out during an internship at the geoscience department of the University of Calgary

8) Research / Recherches

Major areas of research by ACSN members continue to be in the realm of sustainability, political systems and economics, as well as issues regarding first nations peoples, and English and French Canadian Literature. A rising research area is water management, environmental technology and research into the Biobased/Circular Economy.

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

Organising major conferences and publicizing the *Canada Cahiers*. ACSN now only supports local initiatives on a matching grant basis. Scholarship awards for students have been restricted due to lack of outside sources.

10) Up-coming activities & events / Activités & événements à venir

- Follow-up on roundtable on water management at Wageningen University
- Support of a Netherlands-Canada academic network on water management and environmental technology
- Support of a Netherlands-Canada academic network on biobased economy
- organisation of roundtable at Radboud University Nijmegen
- activities related to 70 years liberation/ 75 years of diplomatic relations.