1) President / Président

Mr. Daniel Ben-Natan

2) Year of Foundation / Année de fondation

1985

Year of ICCS Membership / Année d’adhésion au CIEC

1986

3) Canadian Studies Centres / Centres d’études canadiennes (number/nombre)

1 – The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HC)

400 (mostly individuals, including a number of heads of related institutions)

4) Members / Membres

#Individual/Individuel :

#Institutional/Institutionnel :

5) Web site / Site Web

The IsACS together with the HC launched a joint website at the end of September 2002. The site, entitled "Canadian Studies in Israel", is located at http://canadianstudies.huji.ac.il. The site provides information about the IsACS and its different programs. It also provides information about the Halbert Centre programs, as well as sources of funding and links to different websites of interest to Canadianists in Israel, including the ICCS.

6) Activities / Activités

a) Academic / académiques

b) Outreach (Promotion and publicity) / (Promotion et publicité parmi les non-spécialistes et les professionnels)

c) Cultural / culturelles

Opening Session of the 12th Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies: June 2008

Mr. Danny Ben-Natan, President, The Israel Association for Canadian Studies

1. The 12th Biennial Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies: The Israel Association for Canadian Studies together with its partner the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem organized the 12th Biennial Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies which was held at the Mount Scopus Campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, between Monday, June 16 and Thursday, June 19, 2008. The topic of the conference was: "RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF DIVERSITY: CANADA, ISRAEL, AND BEYOND". Approximately 80 academics from 11 countries attended the conference as presenters, chairs, and guests. The first conference session was a well-attended workshop on the topic of “Religion, Culture, and Rights: A Conversation about Women's Rights” presented by Janice Stein, Director of the Munk Centre at the University of Toronto, and chaired by Nachman Ben-Yehuda, Head of the Academic Committee of the Halbert Centre. The respondents to Prof. Stein’s lecture included Professors Bruce Elman, Noreen Golfman, Mordechai Kremnitzer, Vered Vinitzky-Seroussi, and Shira Wolosky. A lively open discussion followed the lecture and five responses. The ensuing sessions were the platform for discussion of a variety of topics related to the conference theme, several of which focused on the Bouchard Taylor Commission. Issues related to the First Nations of Canada were also central to several sessions and follow-up discussions. The themes discussed in the conference were in full accordance with the priorities of "Understanding Canada". As in recent years, the conference was also the occasion for the annual meeting of the Halbert Centre Advisory Committee and the General Assembly of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies.

2. Public Lectures: Over the past year, the following lectures (attended by audiences of 25-80 persons) were given in the framework of the joint IsACS/HC Public Lecture Series:

- Dr. Robert Paine, Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "The Power of Rhetoric: How Joseph R. Smallwood Brought Newfoundland into Canada" (January 10th, 2008).
- Prof. Ira B. Nadel, Department of English, University of British Columbia, "Leonard Cohen: Back on Boogie Street" (March 6th, 2008).
- Prof. George Weisz, Department of Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University, "Regulating Doctors and Specialists in the 19th and 20th Centuries" (March 19th, 2008).
7) **Publications**

(books, journals, proceedings, etc./ livres, revues, actes, etc.)

1. **Coping with Crisis: Conflict Management and Resolution** appeared in October 2008. The essays in this collection focus on the theme of conflict management and resolution in its many facets: on the level of individuals, families, groups, cities and countries, in the spheres of environment, economics, law and politics, and through its representation in literature and the arts. The essays included in *Coping with Crisis* were selected from papers presented at the 11th Biennial Conference in Canadian Studies held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in July 2006.

The volume was edited by **Shuli Barzilai**, Professor of English and director of the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; **Arza Churchman**, Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and chair of the Academic Committee of the Israel Association of Canadian Studies; **Allen Zysblat**, Adjunct Professor of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and associate chair of the Academic Committee of the Israel Association of Canadian Studies.

[See "Research" below.]

Almost all activities of the IsACS, such as the biennial conference, public lectures and publications, are carried out jointly with the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies of the Hebrew University.

Two Government of Canada programs are administered by the Israel Association for Canadian Studies in cooperation with the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv. The Academic Committee of the IsACS, together with representatives from the Embassy, evaluates the applications within the framework of the two programs and submits its recommendations to Ottawa.

1) **Faculty Research Program**

- Four research proposals were approved under the Government of Canada Faculty Research Program for 2008.
- Carmi Korine, Dr., Mitrani Department of Desert Ecology, the Ramon Science Center, "Forest Edge: Effects on Species Diversity and Activity".
- Dagan Tsilly, Dr., Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University, "The Business-Personal Distinction: A Comparative study".
- Kidron Giora J., Dr., Earth Surface Institute, the Hebrew University, "Interrelationships between Environmental Factors and Microorganism Weathering in Cold and Hot Deserts".

8) **Youth Activities**

(Events, teaching areas and resource development, theses, student exchanges, etc.)

9) **Collaborative activities between associations / centres / local Canadian Government mission / Activités entre associations / centres / mission locale du Gouvernement du Canada**

10) **Grants awarded by the association / Awards & prizes received by members**

(including student grants / awards)

**Bourses offertes par l’association / Prix reçus par les membres de l’association**

(y compris les bourses / prix pour les étudiants)
11) Research / Recherches
a) principal areas and projects / domaines de recherches principaux et projets
b) aims and strategies / objectifs et stratégies
c) outcomes / résultats

Yanay Uri, Dr., School of Social Work and Social Welfare, the Hebrew University, "Reviving Restorative Justice Practices: Peace and Sentencing Circles in Canada".

2) Faculty Enrichment Program
Three applications were approved under the Government of Canada Faculty Enrichment Program for 2008 (for the purpose of developing courses with significant Canadian content).
- Amir Ruth, Dr., Department of Political Science, the Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezeel, "Multiculturalism in Comparative Perspective: Issues and Policies".
- Aravot Iris, Prof., Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion, "New Towns: From New Frontiers to New Horizons".
- Stuczynski, Dov, Dr., Department of General History, Bar-Ilan University, "Between Reality and Dream – Utopias in Early Modern Europe and America".

In line with its priority of encouraging the development of a younger generation of Israeli scholars, the Israel Association for Canadian Studies Graduate Research Fellowships, made possible with the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada, was established a few years ago and has awarded to date 25 scholarships. This fellowship is designed to assist Ph.D. and M.A. students at Israeli universities who are working on a dissertation or thesis that has significant Canadian content. The fellowship provides funding which allows the recipient to collect data in Canada, meet Canadian experts in their field and also to take courses at Canadian universities.

Two proposals were selected for funding in 2008:
- Eshet Edo, PhD student, Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University, "Organizational Changes at the Workplace and their Affect on the Employee's Rights and Responsibilities in Canada".
- Gottlieb Dan, PhD student, Division of Public Administration and Policy, School of Political Sciences, Haifa University, "Communitue Planning and Environmental Awareness in the Public Domain".

In June 2008, the Arie Shachar Post-Doctoral fellowship was first issued. This fellowship was established, in partnership with the Halbert Centre, in memory of the first president of the IsACS, in order to assist post-doctoral students of the Hebrew University who are working at a Canadian university on a research that has significant Canadian content. The establishment of this fellowship is in accordance with our priority and the priority of "Understanding Canada" in placing great emphasis on ensuring the next generation of Israeli Canadianists. The inaugural Post-Doctoral fellowship was awarded to Dr. Rosen Gillad, Department of Geography, The Hebrew University, "From Public Space to Private Places: The Rise of Gated Communities in Israel".

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

From left to right:
Mr. Robert Kaith Rae, Member of Parliament, Ottawa
Mr. Danny Ben-Natan, President, The Israel Association for Canadian Studies
Professor Shuli Barzilai, Director, The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies
H.E. Mr. Jon Allen, Ambassador of Canada, Israel

From left to right:
Mrs. Tmima Shachar
Professor Shuli Barzilai, Director, The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies
Mr. Danny Ben-Natan, President, The Israel Association for Canadian Studies
Dr. Gillad Rosen, The Arie Shachar Post-Doctoral Fellowship recipient