

Transparency International Canada
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Report of National Coordinator – 2002

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In 2002, TI-Canada's membership stayed relatively the same with 79 paid members and a handful outstanding (paid members: 5 Charter; 2 Government; 3 Business/Professional; 8 Voluntary; 61 Individual). In the past two years, there have been a total of 85 members, and we have a number of new members already in 2003.

2002 was the second of the current three-year Contribution Agreement with CIDA. With the public sector representing 39% of revenues, TI-Canada maintained a better balance as a coalition of the public, private and civil society sectors than 2001, when the government's contribution represented 47%.

TI-Canada's main activities in 2002 included:

- ongoing work with other TI Americas National Chapters on recommendations to the OAS Committee of Experts, particularly concerning the monitoring of the Free Trade of the Americas Anti-Corruption Convention; Board Member Bob Olivero serves on a Working Group of the TI Americas National Chapters;
- participation by Chair and President, Wes Cragg, in the Inauguration of the Governance Reporting Initiative, at the UN (4 April);
- presentation by Dr. Cragg on "Political Party Funding & Regulation" at a conference of the Trinidad & Tobago Transparency Institute (13/14 April);
- Symposium on "Three Years after the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention: How are we doing?" (April 25);
- keynote address by Dr. Cragg at "CSR and Sustainability" conference in Santiago, Chile, on "Chile/Canada and the Challenge of Corruption" (June 11);
- presentation by National Coordinator Bronwyn Best to the Bangladesh Women (sic) Chamber of Business and Industry, for the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, on "Handling Business Risks in Areas of Endemic Bribery and Corruption" (September 11)
- sending letter to TI-Canada members and key government officials re. TI-Canada's response to Acres International's bribery conviction in Lesotho;
- participation by Dr. Cragg, Vice-Chair Michael Davies and Ms. Best in TI Annual General Meeting in Casablanca; Dr. Cragg presented the TI Codes Manual to the AGM (October 11-13);
- participation of Dr. Cragg in the OECD Fourth Annual Informal Consultations with Civil Society (October 28);
- presentation by TI Chair, Peter Eigen, in Toronto, on "The Fight Against Corruption – Are we succeeding?" (November 4);
- participation of Dr. Cragg in a workshop on Business Ethics in Azerbaijan (November 21);

- presentation on anti-corruption by Board Member P. K. (Sunny) Pal to Canadian Trade Commissioners;
- corresponding with the Prime Minister and federal Ministers, concerning TI Recommendations for the UN Anti-Corruption Convention and additional funding for timely completion of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention Phase 2 Reviews;
- continuation of work with Transparency In Nigeria on upcoming conference, in Nigeria, "Transparency and Accountability in the Oil and Gas Sector in Nigeria";

These activities reflect TI-Canada's three-part mandate of working on anti-corruption issues with the Canadian government, the TI Secretariat in Berlin and other TI National Chapters.

In addition, TI-Canada produced four Newsletters and held five Board Meetings in 2002. For further information, please visit: www.transparency.ca and www.transparency.org

Respectfully submitted,

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