

Annual Report

Academics for Higher Education and Development/
Universitaires pour l'éducation supérieure et le développement
(AHED – UPESED)

December 15, 2006 – December 31, 2007

Advisory Council

AHED – UPESED set up an Advisory Council of distinguished men and women who have experience with the developing world. (See Appendix II for the list of Advisory Council Member.)

Board Meetings

AHED – UPESED held one Board meeting in December of 2006 and three in 2007, in April, September and December. (See Appendix I for the 2007 Board members.)

Establishing AHED – UPESED's Mission

It was decided that AHED – UPESED's mission would be to support developing countries build capacity in higher education and it would fulfill its mission by sending professionals and academics, that is, staff, faculty, and administrators, on projects to the developing worlds' universities and colleges. In setting its mission, AHED - UPESED's sees its activities connected to the UN's Millennium Development Goals, "the central objective of which is to improve levels of human development throughout the developing world, including improved nutrition, universal primary education, gender equity, health, and the environment." To achieve these goals, developing countries will require major increases in skilled personnel in medicine, governance, agronomy, education, engineering, public administration, science, policy analysis and formulation, communications, architecture, etcetera. This is a task for universities, and other centres of tertiary education, institutions that AHED – UPESED proposes to assist in their meeting the goals that they set for themselves.

Supporters of AHED – UPESED

Throughout 2007, a number of friends of AHED – UPESED provided assistance with the web site, proof reading, editing, legal advice, logo design, research, and translation. (See Appendix IV for the list of Supporters of AHED – UPESED.)

Fund Raising

Each member of the Board, apart from the Chair, is committed to donating \$1000 a year and the Chair, \$5000 a year to AHED – UPESED. The contribution from Board members for 2007 was 2007. AHED – UPESED applied to the Zeller Family Foundation for a grant.

Incorporation and Charitable Status

AHED – UPESED was incorporated in February of 2007 and it applied for Charitable Status with Revenue Canada in May of 2007.

Naming and Setting up the Organization

The Board adopted as the name of the organization “Academics for Higher Education and Development/ Universitaires pour l’éducation supérieure et le développement” with “AHED – UPESED” as the acronym. Montreal was chosen as the location of the organization, which will be bi-lingual, French and English.

Partnerships

In 2007, AHED – UPESED signed memoranda of agreement with l’Agence universitaire de la francophone and the School of Social Work at McGill University and entered into discussions to establish partnerships with Voluntary Service Overseas Canada, UNESCO, the University of Quebec at Montreal, and the Centre for Developing-area Studies at McGill University.

Projects

AHED – UPESED approved of four projects for which it will try to find volunteers. (See Appendix III for the list of projects.)

Prospectus

AHED – UPESED drew up a prospectus that outlined its mission and the way in which it would operate. It also specified plans for the future development of AHED – UPESED.

Web Site

AHED – UPESED set up a web site which will be the principal way for it to recruit volunteers and which will provide access to information about AHED – UPESED to potential partners in the developing world. The web site can be found at www.ahed-upesed.org.

Appendix I

Board of Directors

(2007)

1. Steven Davis is the chair of the Board and was the founder and director of one of the major centres for applied ethics in Canada, the Centre on Values and Ethics at Carleton University and is a professor emeritus of philosophy at Simon Fraser University and Carleton University.
2. Josiane Boulad-Ayoub holds the [Chaire Unesco d'étude des fondements philosophiques de la justice et de la société démocratique au Canada, is the](#) Vice-doyenne à la recherche de la Faculté des sciences humaines, and a professor of philosophy at the University of Quebec at Montreal.
3. Michel Duquette is a professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Montreal and specializes in Latin America, especially in economic and political development with a special interest in sustainable development.
4. Myron Echenberg is an historian of sub-Saharan Africa at McGill University, who has had wide experience and many contacts in the area.
5. Michael Maxwell is a retired British historian and was twice the Dean of Arts at McGill University.
6. Bernard Schiff, a retired professor of psychology from the University of Toronto, has extensive experience in working with charitable organizations. He was one of the founders and the publisher of *The Walrus Magazine*, one of Canada's leading general interest magazines with an international outlook.
7. Carol Cumming Speirs is a retired professor of social work from McGill University who has experience in the developing world. She was involved in McGill's Social Equity Project with Indonesia's State Institutes of Islamic Studies and spent a summer investigating mental health and social agencies in the township areas of Johannesburg and Cape Town in South Africa.
8. Katherine Orr is the Director of the International Health Office at the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine. She has extensive experience with non-governmental organizations, and international agencies in Africa, Asia and the Balkans, which include Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, World University Service of Canada, the United Nations, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.
9. JoAnn Perry is a professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia and specializes in geriatric care.
10. Arch Ritter is a development economist in the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and the Economics Department at Carleton University who has done research on East Africa and Latin American, especially Chile and Cuba.

Appendix II Advisory Council (2007)

AHED – UPESED’s Advisory Council is made up of distinguished men and women who have a great deal of experience with the developing world. Their function will be to advise the organization about its operations.

1. **Cecil Abrahams**

University Professor, Cultural Foundations, School of Education and the English Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Former Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa.

2. **Jean-Pierre Asselin de Beauville**

Vice-Rector, Programmes, l’Agence universitaire de la francophonie, Montréal, Québec.

3. **Ogunlade Davidson**

Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Dean of Post-Graduate Studies, the University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

4. **G. O. S. Ekhaguere**

President of the International Centre for Mathematical & Computer Sciences (ICMCS), Lagos, Nigeria; Professor of Mathematics, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

5. **Mostafa El-Abbadi**

Professor Emeritus of Greco-Roman Studies at the University of Alexandria, the President of the Archaeological Society of Alexandria , Member of the Supreme Council of Culture, Cairo and Member of the Supreme Council of Archaeology, Cairo

6. **Jean-Pierre Ezin**

Director of the Regional Institute of Mathematics and the Physical Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Bénin. Former Rector, the National University of Bénin, now the University of Abomey-Calavi

7. **Francine Fournier**

President of the multipartite committee of the National Reconciliation Program for Duplessis Orphans. Former Assistant Director-General, the Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO

8. **Charles Freedman**

Scholar in Residence, the Department of Economics, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario. Former Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada

9. Louise Fréchette

Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation of Waterloo, Ontario.
Former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

10. Magbaily Fyle

Professor of African History, the Ohio State University, Department of African American and African Studies. Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

11. Paule Leduc

Past Rector of the Université du Québec à Montréal, former president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, former director of the Canada Council for the Arts

12. Ernest-Marie Mbonda

Maître de conférences and Vice-Doyen, the Philosophy Faculty, Catholic University of Central Africa, Yaoundé, Cameroun.

13. David Morley

Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children – Canada, Former Executive Director, Canadian section of Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors without Borders

14. Sue Montgomery

Justice Reporter, the Gazette, Montreal. Former professor of journalism, National University of Rwanda, Butare.

15. Bienvenido F Nebres

Rector of the Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, the Philippines. Member, the [Boards of Trustees](#) of [Georgetown University](#), [Regis University](#), and the [Asian Institute of Management](#)

16. Vic Neufeld

National Coordinator, the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research. Professor Emeritus Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Consultant with the INCLIN Trust, Manila.

17. James Orbinski

Associate Professor of Medicine and Political Science, University of Toronto, Former International President, *Médecins sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders*, Chair of the Board, War Child Canada and Dignitas International.

18. Marco J. Pereda-Saavedra

Academic Director, Simón I. Patiño University, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

19. **Jan Persens**
Director, International Relations, the University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa, and Past President, African Mathematical Union.
20. **Prichard, J Robert S.**
President Emeritus of the University of Toronto and past director of the International Association of Universities, the Association of American Universities, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the World Bank Institute.
21. **Marc Renaud**
Professor of Sociology, University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec. Former President, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council/Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.
22. **Eva Rathgeber**
Adjunct Professor and former Joint Chair, Women's Studies, University of Ottawa and Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario. Past President, the Canadian Association for International Development. Former Director for West Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Ontario
23. **Joyashree Roy**
Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at Jadavpur University
24. **Mahamadé Savadogo**
Professor and former Head, the Department of Philosophy, and former Associate Dean of Research, University of Ouagadougou, Ouagadougou, Burkino Faso
25. **Timothy Shaw**
Professor, [School of Peace and Conflict Management](#), Royal Roads University, Victoria, B.C.
Director of the Institute of International Relations, the University of the West Indies, Trinidad.
26. **Chris Smart**
Former Director, the Special Initiatives Division, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, Past Chair, VSO – Canada Board
27. **Robert Suskind**
Founding/Regional Dean, Texas Tech University, Health Centre, El Paso Campus, Former Dean, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, Chicago Medical School, Chicago, Illinois.
28. **Stephen J. Toope**
President of the University of British Columbia and Past President of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation.

Appendix III Projects (2007)

Current Placements

Tanzania 1

Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy
The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Tanzania 2

Information Technology Manager
The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Tanzania 3

Curriculum Development and Marketing Advisor
The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Tanzania 4

Research and Grants Management Advisor
The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Ghana

Computer Scientist or Information Technologist
University of the Cape Coast
Department of Computer Science
Cape Coast, Ghana
This job is pending financing.

Indonesia

Disabilities Specialist
State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga
Center for Disability Studies and Services
Yogyakarta, Indonesia
This job is pending financing.

Rwanda

Lecturer in Journalism
National University of Rwanda
Department of Journalism
Butare, Rwanda

Appendix IV
Supporters of AHED - UPESED
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Devin DeCiantis **Digital Media**

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