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(AHED – UPESED)

Annual Report
2008

AHED – UPESED Representatives at Canadian Colleges and University

AHED – UPESED has added representatives at Canadian colleges and universities. The role of the representatives is to assist AHED – UPESED with recruiting volunteers, finding projects, fund raising, publicizing and any other tasks that help AHED – UPESED fulfill its mission. (See Appendix II for the list of representatives.)

AHED – UPESED will be working with UNESCO's Chairs Programme in developing countries to support the activities of the holders of the UNESCO Chairs.

Board Meetings and Board Members

AHED – UPESED held two Board meeting in April and September, 2008. Roger Abbott, Patricia Baranek, Keith Bezanson, Johanne Brunet, Lea Caragata, Yu-Ling Cheng, Robert Keaton, and Jeff Smith were elected to the Board. Myron Echenberg, Carol Speirs, Lea Caragata, Katherine Orr, and Robert Keaton resigned from the Board. Sadly, our colleague and friend, Michel Duquette passed away in September of 2008. Arch Ritter has been appointed treasurer and Pat Baranek, secretary and Jeff Smith, vice-chair, of the Board. (See Appendix I for the Current 2008 Board members.)

Charitable Status

AHED – UPESED received Charitable Status in April of 2008. Its registered Charity Number is 855102588RR0001

Executive Director

Steven Davis was appointed Executive Director (without pay) and Wendy Allen, Associate Executive Director of AHED – UPESED.

Friends of AHED – UPESED

In addition to those who are already friends of AHED – UPESED, several people have generously agreed to help AHED – UPESED with its mission. Jessica Schafer has offered to help AHED – UPESED find projects, Chris Ellis is upgrading its web site, and Catherine Jenner has agreed to provide pro bono legal advice.

Fund Raising

To date, the contribution from Board members in 2008 has been \$ \$ 25,899.50. Some of these contributions were for the Board members' 2007 commitments, which were carried over to 2008. AHED – UPESED received a grant of \$16,000 from the Zeller's Family Foundation and \$ 6,523.00 from individual donors.

In its MOU signed in 2007, VSO Canada, now CUSO VSO, agreed to pay for the expenses of AHED - UPESED volunteers and to train them on projects and volunteers of which it approves. CUSO VSO, which is part of the VSO Federation, currently has financial problems. The money for the projects in which CUSO VSO are involved comes to it through VSO, the headquarters of which is in London and which is funded by DFID, the UK Department for International Development (DFID). VSO received fifty million pounds in 2008 from DFID, but the pound has lost about 30% of its value with respect to other currencies. As a result, VSO has decided not to fund new projects, including projects that originate from AHED – UPESED. Consequently, AHED – UPESED will look for other sources for funding its projects.

Partnerships

In 2008, AHED – UPESED signed memoranda of understanding with Voluntary Service Overseas Canada, which has joined with CUSO to form CUSO VSO, the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada/Association de retraités des universités et collèges du Canada, the School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Chartwell, the University of Quebec at Montreal, the Centre for Developing-area Studies at McGill University, and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Montreal. It entered into an agreement with UNESCO, which will be formalized in 2009, when AHED – UPESED has been existence for two years, a UNESCO condition for an NGO to have formal relations with it.

Chartwell is AHED – UPESED's first business partner. The partnership brings with it two members of the Board, Jeff Smith, the CEO and Roger Abbott, senior Technology Architect and Project Manager at Chartwell. Jeff and Roger will help AHED – UPESED formulate a business plan, which will aid AHED – UPESED run its operations more efficiently.

Projects

On Going Projects

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ucc.edu.gh
Department of Computer Science
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- Indonesia
Disabilities Specialist
State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga
uin-suka.ac.id
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Center for Disability Studies and Services
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Projects under Consideration

- The Medical School at the National University of Rwanda, Rwanda with the Medical School at the University of Western Ontario (upgrade medical education in Rwanda)
- The Department of Land Management, Mzuzu University, Malawi with the Centre for Property Studies at University of New Brunswick (upgrade the Department of Land Management at Mzuzu University)
- The Medical School at Addis Abba University with the University of Toronto Medical School (upgrade medical education in Ethiopia)
- Asian University for Women, Dacca, Bangladesh (fill in teaching until the University gets established)
- University of Buee, Cameroon with the University of Toronto's International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation (upgrade education on disabilities and rehabilitation in Cameroon)

- University of Pedagogy, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam with the New Hope Resources for Child Development (upgrade treatment of autism)

Withdrawn Projects

The Rwanda Initiative at Carleton University withdrew from AHED – UPESED’s consideration a project with the Department of Journalism at the National University of Rwanda, Rwanda

Volunteers

AHED – UPESED has received three qualified applications from prospective volunteers. There are candidates for Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy in Tanzania, the Lecturer in Computer Science in Ghana and the Disabilities Specialist in Indonesia. The projects with the University of Western Ontario and the University of News Brunswick come with volunteers.

Web Site

With the help of Chris Ellis, the AHED – UPESED web site has been revamped to make it more attractive to internet search engines. In addition, it has begun a modest Google ad campaign. Lastly, AHED – UPESED has won a Google Grant which will give it \$10,000 a month’s worth of free Google advertising for at least three months.

Appendix I Board of Directors (2008)

1. **Roger Abbott** is a senior Technology Architect and Project Manager with Chartwell, one of AHED – UPESED’s partners.
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. **Keith Bezanson** was the former Director, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, former president of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada, and former Vice President, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C.
4. **JoAnne Brunet** is an Associate Professor of Marketing at the HEC, a member of the Board of Société des alcools du Québec and a former member of the Board of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
5. **Steven Davis** is the chair of the Board and Executive Director of **AHED – UPESED**, 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 and Simon Fraser University and Carleton University.
6. **Patricia M. Baranek** is the secretary of the Board of **AHED – UPESED** and an independent health policy and research consultant and is an adjunct assistant Professor, in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at University of Toronto, a researcher, in the Medicare to Home and Community Research Unit at the University of Toronto, Core Investigator in the Home and Community Evaluation and Research Centre, University of Toronto and an associate at Hollander Analytical Service, Ltd in Victoria, British Columbia.
7. **Yu-Ling Cheng** is a Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry at the University of Toronto. Professor Cheng has made significant contributions to the education mission of the University of Toronto.
8. **Michael Maxwell** is a retired historian of Great Britain and was twice the Dean of Arts at McGill University.

9. **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.
10. **JoAnne Perry** is a retired associate professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia and specializes in geriatric care.
11. **Arch Ritter** is the treasurer of the Board **AHED – UPESED** and a retired 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.
12. **Andre Saumier** is the Director General (based in Montreal) and previously Resident Director (based in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, 1996-2001) of CIDA-funded ODA advisory project in Viet Nam '*Policy Implementation Assistance Project*'. He was the Director based in Almaty (Kazakhstan) of USAID Project '*Development of Capital Markets*' in Kazakhstan and the advisor on Capital Markets, based in Jakarta (Indonesia), to Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID).
13. **Jeff M. Smith** the Vice-Chair of the Board of **AHED – UPESED** and is President and Chief Executive Officer of Chartwell, one of AHED – UPESED's partners.

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