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**ASTED Conference in Quebec City, 25-27 October 2004**



Reported by Quebec Regional Researcher Christine Veilleux

Canadiana.org was one of 45 exhibitors at this year's annual Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation (ASTED) Conference, which attracted about 400 people, most of whom were teachers and students, librarians and library technicians from college, university and public libraries, but also from other institutions such as historical and genealogical societies and government or municipal documentation centers such as the Jardin botanique de Montréal. The theme of the conference was "L'utilisateur : ses exigences et nos perspectives" (The User: his requirements and our perspectives). The conference opened on Monday with a reception at 5 p.m. in the exhibition area.

More than one hundred participants visited the Canadiana.org booth which was promoting our canadiana.org web site in particular, but also our other products and services. As this is a very multidisciplinary conference, it can be presumed that many who did not stop either already knew about us or were less interested in the field of historical research and documentation. More than half of those who did visit, especially those working in institutions other than academic libraries, had never heard of CIHM or ECO, including its Canada in the Making learning resources, or else knew very little about us and were very interested in our services, particularly those offered online. Many came by more than once to pick up documentation for themselves or colleagues of theirs who were unable to attend the Conference. There were also several people who were frequent users of our microfiche and online collections and who did stop by just to congratulate us on the merits of our project and our work.

On the whole, I feel there is a need to reach out further to public libraries, schools and colleges in Quebec, and perhaps eventually to other specialized libraries and associations who still do not know about Canadiana.org and its varied services.

## **National Land Claims Research Workshop, 24-26 October 2004, Halifax, N.S.**

Reported by Cataloguing Coordinator Judi McNeil

Canadiana.org was approached by Ralph Abramson, Director of the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (TARR) Centre of Manitoba in Winnipeg to make a presentation at their meeting and to provide assistance in using our site in their Technical Display area.

This was a very different conference from others I had attended. Those attending were very focused on specific reserve areas and the Treaties that affected these reserves. The pre Confederation material was the most heavily used for these purposes. There were not that many people who had heard of CIHM, but those that had were very enthusiastic. There was interest in the original manuscript documents and less in printed materials. The keynote speaker, Mr. MacDonald, Chief of the local Mi'kmaq spoke on the lack of historical materials written from the aboriginal perspective.

It was a small conference. Many of those attending were also presenting - they brought people up to date on their land claim actions. Researchers using our database were looking for background materials on the cultural life of the aboriginals in the 18th and 19th centuries.

There were two other Technical displays set up. One was from Natural Resources Canada, the Atlantic Client Liaison Unit and the other from the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Library in Ottawa.

Our resource would be best used as a general tool for these researchers. Most of the materials they need are the original hand written materials found in archives.

### **Updating the CIHM web site**



Some of you are asking why the site has not been updated now that the new name has been announced. Our plan is to carry this out, as time permits and we ask you to bear with us. It will take some time for the name change to catch on and sink in with those of you who have been familiar with CIHM for so many years. To ease this transition, we expect to keep the “formerly” by-phrase for some time.

### **Updated Web Site for Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL)**

And speaking of updating web sites, CIDL Coordinator Michelle Landriault recently announced that the redeveloped CIDL Web site is now available at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cidl/>

The new site is at work for CIDL members:

CIDL Steering Committee minutes and reports  
CIDL Members contact lists, CIDL Newsletter,  
CIDL Activities  
CIDL Membership information  
CIDL Sponsors  
Our Roots, a national project supported by CIDL

The new CIDL site provides direct links to active pages for members:

Submit your digital projects for listing in the Inventory of Canadian Digital Initiatives.

Submission forms are available at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/initiatives/indewx-e.html>

Send your favourite resources for digitization standards, preservation, interoperability, and more, for listing in Digitization Resources at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cidl/040021-800-e.html>

Contact: [cidl-icbn@lac-bac.gc.ca](mailto:cidl-icbn@lac-bac.gc.ca) dated web site for Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL)

### **Senator Laurier LaPierre Retires**

Best wishes to Senator LaPierre on his retirement from the Senate and his 75th birthday! A strong supporter of Canadian culture, arts and heritage, Senator LaPierre may be officially retired as a senator, but hardly as an activist. In his congratulatory message to the Senator, Canadiana.org President John Teskey thanked him for his “steadfast support of our organization, which has been preserving and providing access to early Canadian printed publications for over a quarter of a century”.

### **Holiday Closure**

Please note that the Canadiana.org office will be closed from 24 December to 3 January.



**Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday  
from all of us at Canadiana.org!**

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