

Winter 2010 Newsletter

International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET)

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Here comes IPDET 2010

RESERVE THE DATES! Information on the 2010 International Program for Development Evaluation Training is now available at www.ipdet.org and on-line registration is open.

This year is IPDET's tenth anniversary and we are very excited by the way this summer's program is taking shape. Once again, the Core program will offer eighty hours of instruction and learning in the fundamentals of development evaluation. Participants will also have more than 25 workshops to choose from in the two weeks that follow the Core, including several dynamic new workshops. More on those later in the newsletter.

We've heard you—

You've told us through your evaluation responses that you want to do more in-depth and advanced learning in the workshops. In response, we've decided to pilot extending all the workshops to two or three days duration for the 2010 program. Of course there is a trade-off: the change means that those participants taking both weeks of workshops will be able to take 4 workshops over the two weeks rather than 5 workshops as in prior years. So, we will be quite attentive to the feedback on the pilot. Visit <http://www.ipdet.org/page.aspx?pageId=workshopCurriculum> for up-to-date scheduling information.

Have you seen the website lately?

To help mark our tenth year, the IPDET website recently underwent a facelift. We hope that our new look will assist users in finding information they need more quickly, and that the site will provide more opportunities for interaction. New features including a searchable [Consultants Corner](#), which enables alumni to profile themselves and match their experience and expertise to potential evaluation managers, are now up and running.



www.ipdet.org

Contact Paul Glover (paul.glover@carleton.ca) to let us know what you think, what changes you might like to see, and how we can make the site even more user-friendly. This website is for YOU.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| March 19, 2010 | Deadline for submission of scholarship applications (including curriculum vitae and letter of support). |
| May 10, 2010 | Deadline for submission of non-scholarship applications. |
| May 28, 2010 | Deadline for payment of full program fees. |
| May 28, 2010 | Deadline for cancellation of registration to receive refund of fees paid (less \$500 deposit). |

New Workshops!

A total of five new workshops are planned for the 2010 program. They are:

- "Building Evaluation Capacity within Ministries: Lessons Learned and Good Practice in Industrialized and Developing Countries"
- "Assessing Program Impacts When a Statistical Evaluation Design Is Not Possible"
- "Evaluating Humanitarian Assistance"
- "Improving Performance Assessment, Evaluation, and Learning in Foundations and Grant-Making Organizations"
- "Governance, Corruption, and Development Evaluation: Role of Indicators and Empirical Tools".

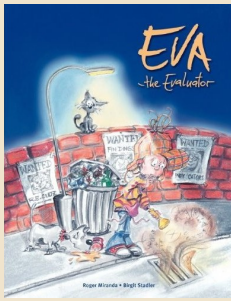
A big welcome goes to our new faculty:

- Phil Buchanan**, president, Center for Effective Philanthropy, USA
- Margie Buchanan-Smith**, consultant, trainer and facilitator on international humanitarian aid
- Nestorine P. Compaore**, executive director, Center for Research and Intervention in Gender and Development, based in Ouagadougou
- John Cosgrave**, consultant in humanitarian action and development, Ireland
- Daniel Kaufmann**, senior fellow, Global Economy and Development program, Brookings Institution
- Steve Montague**, evaluation consultant and educator, public and not-for-profit sectors
- Frederic Martin**, co-president, Institute for Development in Economics and Administration, Quebec
- Ruilin Ren**, Macro International Inc.

and a hearty [welcome back](#) to all returning instructors & facilitators!

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Evaluation for the kids!

Roger Miranda, a participant of the 2005 program, has recently published *Eva the Evaluator*, a fully-illustrated children's book aimed at explaining the many facets of evaluation by drawing upon examples from very well-known professions. Over the course of the story, Eva attempts to understand precisely what her father does as an evaluator.

"I so very much wish I had had this book when I had young children... this will be the first book I read to my grandchildren – over and over and over."

–Michael Q. Patton (IPDET Instructor since 2001)
Founder and Director, Utilization-Focused Evaluation &
Former President, American Evaluation Association

Update: Evaluating IPDET

In our last newsletter, we told you about IPDET's 5 year impact evaluation being conducted by Dr Brad Cousins and Catherine Elliott of University of Ottawa. Dr Cousins recently concluded site visits to Sri Lanka, China, Switzerland and Botswana. We look forward to receiving his findings, due in early summer 2010.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK. The evaluators will be asking past participants to respond to a short on-line survey, scheduled for the end of February. We hope that you will all take the time to complete the questionnaire, as your answers will help us to plan for the future and address the changing environment within which we all work.

The Annual Evaluation

If you haven't seen it yet, the full evaluation report for the 2009 program is available on the IPDET website at <http://www.ipdet.org/page.aspx?pageId=downloads>.

Once again, evaluation results demonstrate that

- IPDET participants continue to rate their IPDET experience highly and find the program's content and delivery very relevant to their work, and
- those attending the Core Course significantly increase their knowledge of evaluation, as measured by a standardized test.

"The government of South Africa has taken a bold step towards good governance by establishing an M&E unit directly reporting to the Presidency... The knowledge, skills and expertise acquired by [our employee] through IPDET will be of great value towards ensuring that the M&E system for the department, province and country performs as expected."

–Saddiq Adam (IPDET participant employer, 2009)
Acting Head of Department, Agriculture,
Environmental Affairs and Rural Development
South Africa

IPDET Happenings

Comings and goings–

- **Beatriz Ávalos Sartorio** (IPDET alum, 2009), at the Polytechnic University of Morelos State in Mexico, informed us that she was given a new position at the university post-IPDET. She is now in charge of strategic planning, performance monitoring and evaluation and reports that she is finding lots of applications for IPDET material.
- **Nayiri Dolabjian** (IPDET alum, 2009) was recently named Fellow of the Society of Management Accountants of Canada.
- **Dale M. Hill** (IPDET alum, 2004, 2007 & 2008) has joined the family at the American Red Cross as an M&E Advisor. Dale was previously working as a global partnership consultant with the World Bank.
- **Ghulam Mustafa** (IPDET alum, 2009) has recently rejoined the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) as Director, Project Evaluation Cell, Financial Management Wing.
- **Rumbidzai Paimanzi** (IPDET alum, 2006) was appointed in November as the Kenya-based member of the External Programme Evaluation Team (EPET) for Consortium for National Health Research (CNHR).
- **David Patterson** (IPDET alum, 2008) is now working at the International Development Law Organization in Rome. IDLO recently hired **Asela Kalugampitiya**, another 2008 IPDET alumnus, to work on its health law program.
- **Khaled Rajab** (IPDET alum, 2008) was recently admitted to the PhD Program in Governance and Policy Analyses in the School of Governance at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. He will focus on good governance indicators in the context of the local governments in Palestine.



In memory of Nancy Sheehan

News of Nancy Sheehan's sudden passing was circulated throughout the IPDET Listserv on October 23. Nancy was an active and dynamic participant in both IPDET 2006 and 2007, and touched many of those who met her here in Ottawa with her energy and commitment to make the world better.

For 16 years, Nancy owned and operated a business and economic development consultancy firm, *Grey Lynn, Nancy Sheehan & Associates*. She made significant contributions to evaluation, particularly within the Pacific. She was a founding member of Aoteaora, the New Zealand Evaluation Association (anzea) and was serving on its board. Nancy was a key part of anzea's working group developing evaluator competencies. She was also an active member of IDEAS and a member of the working group developing competencies for international development evaluators.

Nancy will be fondly remembered by her many friends and loving family, including her husband, Michael, and four children, Edward, Mereana, James and Emily.

A warm tribute, including comments from several of her colleagues, can be viewed on anzea's website at http://www.anzea.org.nz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=81&Itemid=92.

You are welcome to submit brief articles or items.
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