

## ACTIVITIES OF THE METROPOLIS PROJECT

### *Metropolis Project*

The International Metropolis Project is a set of co-ordinated activities carried out by a membership of research, policy and non-governmental organizations who share a vision of strengthened migration policy by means of applied academic research. The Metropolis membership, now from over twenty countries and a number of international research and policy organizations representing a wide range of policy and academic interests, is sustained by the attractions of its core idea. It is the promise of more effective policy making, more socially meaningful research practices, and the excitement of international collaboration towards common goals that bring people to the Metropolis table to turn a vision into a concrete project. The underlying idea is that the members will work collaboratively on issues of immigration and integration, always with the goal of strengthening policy and thereby allowing societies to better manage the challenges and opportunities that immigration presents, especially to their cities.

Metropolis is an evolving project and has witnessed considerable growth since its beginnings in 1995. Members are now from:

<b>North America:</b>	Canada, United States
<b>South America:</b>	Argentina
<b>Europe:</b>	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
<b>Middle East:</b>	Israel
<b>Africa:</b>	South Africa
<b>Australasia:</b>	Australia, New Zealand
<b>International Organizations and NGOs:</b>	European Commission, UNESCO, OECD, International Organization for Migration, Migration Policy Group, Quartiers en Crise, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies, Swiss Red Cross

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6. Exchange and analyze information about effective practices where these have been identified and explained on the basis of rigorous empirical research.

Metropolis encourages these joint initiatives by fostering the growing international network of researchers and policy makers, by convening events that provide opportunities for its members to hold informed discussions, to discover where potential for collaboration exists, and to plan accordingly. There is no question that a partnership arrangement is more demanding than a mere supplier-consumer relation; there is also no question that its potential is far richer. Metropolis has organized its activities on the premise that one reason for the relatively low level of exchange that often has existed between the academic and the policy communities is that neither organizational culture was attuned to work with the other. Consequently, Metropolis has conceived of itself as a project wherein unities is xchange and anal

society to overcome the fears and barriers to successful migration management that often arise in our contemporary multicultural societies.

The Conference's programme of plenary sessions and workshops will cover a range of issues from managing flows to managing their effects, from policy on admissions to policy on integration, from economic and social benefits to developed nations to facilitating development advantages for the poorer regions of the world. Discussions will include the concerns over global security, economic impacts at the national level and integration measures at the local level. Of particular interest will be actions to improve intercultural understanding and co-operation which has met significant challenges since 9/11.

Note: Workshop Proposals are due **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**.

<b>Forthcoming International Metropolis Conferences</b>	Potentials: Belgium, Australia...
2005 - Toronto	Next International Steering
2006 - Lisbon	Committee Meeting: Rotterdam
2007 - Croatia	(Winter 2004)

To know more about the Conference: [www.international.metropolis.net](http://www.international.metropolis.net)

#### **Seventh National Metropolis Canada Conference**

Immigration and integration at the heart of the debate: Research, policy and practice

25 to 28 March 2004, Centre Sheraton Hotel, Montreal

*Immigration and Metropolis: Montreal Centre for Inter-university Research on Immigration,*

*Integration and Urban Dynamics*

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The programme for the Seventh National Metropolis Canada Conference will be developed on the basis of themes proposed by partners, researchers and stakeholders. The programme will be structured in such a way so as to ensure active participation of policy-makers, researchers, graduate students, NGO representatives and community groups.

Plenary sessions:

1. Migratory Flows and International Cooperation
2. Immigration and the Labour Market
3. Citizenship Charter: A Step Backward or Back?
4. Globalization and Challenges of Linguistic and Cultural Diversity
5. Immigration and the Arts

Note: Workshop and paper presentation proposals are due **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003**.

For more information about this Conference: [www.canada.metropolis.net](http://www.canada.metropolis.net)

The first *Metropolis Presents* on citizenship was organized in partnership with the EU delegation to Canada in October 2002. This event attracted the participation of approximately 130 people including academics, researchers, parliamentarians and bureaucrats from numerous departments in Ottawa as well as provincial government representatives.

The second *Metropolis Presents* entitled 'Religious Communities in Pluralistic Societies: "Clash of Civilizations" or Sources of Social Capital?' was organised in partnership with the Multiculturalism Programme at the Department of Canadian Heritage in March 2003. The central question asked was whether trust, reciprocity and co-operation benefits only individual religious communities (Putnam's "bonding" capital), or if they also benefit the broader-

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- If you need to provide training for your new employees and put them in contact with experts working in diversity and immigration; OR
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#### **How can I get more information?**

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## *2. Metropolis International Steering Committee (ISC)*

The ISC is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the international component of Metropolis and approves the venue and content of the annual international conferences. ISC meetings take place twice every year, once immediately following the annual conference and once in the spring. The post conference meeting is used to analyze the conference and the state of the Project overall in addition to regular items of business which concern such matters as communications, inter-conference seminars and other events. The spring