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## President's Report

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Greetings to all as we prepare for our 2001 Congress meetings in Quebec. This year's meetings are being held at Laval University, May 25-27. Thanks go out to Philip MacEwen and Chris MacDonald for putting together an exciting programme. Many new faces will be present at this year's Congress, adding an edge of anticipation to the proceedings.

In past years, we have enjoyed a good relationship with Robert Baum, editor of Business and Professional Ethics Journal. This year, we look forward to a renewed relationship.

We have an enriching mix of papers and co-sessions this year, which span medical and environmental ethics, as well as education. A co-session with the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) on Amartya Sen's, Development and Freedom, is a welcome return to a close relationship with the CPA.

I wish to invite as many members or to-be-members to join us at this year's AGM on Saturday afternoon (lunch provided). We have a few positions to fill this year. Please send nominations and agenda items to me as soon as possible. We need to fill a position for newsletter editor (Marc Saner) and secretary treasurer (David Malloy) whose terms are up.

This year has been an extremely hectic one for many of us. Members have been busy on individual projects, having babies and otherwise attempting to deal with the "trickle-down-effect" of a doing-more-with-less government agenda. I invite members to contribute in whatever ways you can. Please feel free to contact me at the coordinates indicated in this publication on what you feel you could contribute in the upcoming year.

I look forward to renewing friendships and meeting new people at this year's conference. Hope to see you there and to enjoy a restaurant adventure or two.

Bruce Morito  
CSSPE President

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## A Message from the Editors

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This is the last newsletter from this editorial team. This is also a different newsletter. In this edition we focus on Canadian content which renders this newsletter perhaps more pertinent to you. As always, commentaries are welcome (saner@magma.ca).

Marc Saner & John Rowan  
CSSPE Newsletter Editors

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## Calls for Papers

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### *The Trumpeter*

*The Trumpeter* is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary, on-line quarterly dedicated to Deep Ecology. We invite articles from all relevant disciplines, including philosophy, social sciences, women's studies, psychology, politics, religion and Aboriginal studies. Articles should promote critical thinking and discussion of the philosophy, ethics, spirituality, science and public policy regarding our relationship to the earth. We also accept poetry and narratives that are appropriate and add to the discussion and understanding of Deep Ecology. Please visit our web site <http://trumpeter.athabascau.ca/> and go to the submissions page for author instructions. Papers should be sent to Dr. Bruce Morito, Centre for Global and Social Analysis, Athabasca University, 1 University Drive, Athabasca AB T9S 3A3 Canada. E-mail [brucem@athabascau.ca](mailto:brucem@athabascau.ca)

We are also soliciting manuscripts for a special edition of *The Trumpeter* on Applying Environmental Ethics. The proposed issue would cover a number of different aspects but might include: papers on how environmental ethics might apply to one or several issues or areas [e.g. resource management, law, activism and

environmental policy], and papers on actual applications, successful or attempted. For more information about this special issue, please contact: Dr. Annie Booth, Environmental Studies Program, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9. E-mail: [annie@unbc.ca](mailto:annie@unbc.ca)

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### ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

#### *International Journal of Politics and Ethics*

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarly journal, the International Journal of Politics and Ethics.

The International Journal of Politics and Ethics is published on behalf of the Frank Maria Center for International Politics and Ethics at New England College. It is intended as a forum for diverse interests and attitudes in all matters relating to politics and ethics, including their possible intersections. It is designed to encourage the exploration of matters of theory as well as broad issues arising from empirical contexts and the practical application of theory. No topic of critical interest is excluded from consideration, and the following are all within the purview of the journal: comparative and international politics; political philosophy and ethical theory; public policy and analysis; cultural, intellectual, legal and political history; legal theory; and interdisciplinary material that discusses substantive social, political, and ethical problems of public concern.

Each issue contains full-length articles, book reviews, and occasionally correspondence. The final issue of each volume of the journal is dedicated to a special theme, to be announced in advance. The journal is open to the work of all scholars wherever they may be.

Interested contributors are encouraged to visit the journal's website for additional information at: <http://www.nec.edu/academics/cipe/ijpe.htm>

Articles may be submitted electronically as

an e-mail attachment to the Editor. Offers to review recently published books are welcome. Articles and comments should be sent to: Patrick Hayden, Editor, IJPE, Department of Philosophy New England College, Henniker, NH 03242, USA, [phayden@nec.edu](mailto:phayden@nec.edu)

Book reviews and queries may be sent to: Tom Lansford, Reviews Editor, IJPE, Department of Political Science, New England College, Henniker, NH 03242, USA, [tlansford@nec.edu](mailto:tlansford@nec.edu)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

***Reason in Practice:***

***The Journal of Philosophy of Management***

*Reason in Practice* offers an independent, refereed forum for philosophers, theorists and management practitioners to apply philosophical scrutiny to management theory and practice. It seeks to define and develop the field of philosophy of management and is directed to philosophers working in all traditions. It will be published in English three times each year.

**SCOPE** The journal will focus on central philosophical issues of management in theory and practice including: o Presuppositions of management including theories of human nature, rationality, knowledge, legitimacy and rights; o Core concepts in management such as leader, vision, organisation, stakeholder, motivation, value, effectiveness, work; o Representations of management and managerial myths; o Management methodologies, for instance decision-making, control, organisation design; o The use of philosophical techniques and skills in management practice such as dialogue, enquiry, conceptual analysis; o The application of philosophical disciplines to issues facing managers including organisational purpose, performance measurement, the status of ethics, employee privacy, limitations on the right to manage

**CALL FOR PAPERS.** Contributions and

proposals under any of the following heads will be welcomed: o Papers: of 3-7,000 words; o Translations of work new to English speaking audiences; o Review Essays: extended critiques of significant books and conferences; o Review Notes of books, events or significant articles; o Dissertation Abstracts reporting significant research; o Concise Opinion Pieces and responses to articles published in *Reason in Practice* and elsewhere; o Symposia; o Interviews with leading philosophers, theorists and practitioners; o Crossover Studies: explications of the relevance of the work of philosophers to management; o Literature reviews and annotated bibliographies; o Noticeboard announcements of relevant activities, events, research projects and networks

Please send comments, proposals, and enquiries to:

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## **Conferences**

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### **CONFERENCE**

**22 May 2001, Toronto**

**Corporate Governance: A Canadian Focus**

Presented by the Canadian Centre for Ethics & Corporate Policy and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Sponsored by the Bank of Montreal. When: Tuesday, May 22, 2001, Where: Ontario Club - Engineer's Room (lunch in Canadian Room), Times: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Price: \$125.00 - student/member, \$150.00 - non-member

Program:

8:30 a.m. - Registration - Breakfast

9:00 - Welcome from the hosts

9:15 - George Khoury, Conference Board of

Canada - Corporate Social Responsibility Week  
9:30 - Roger Parkinson, Past Chairman & Publisher, Globe & Mail - Current Trends and Issues

10:00 - Guylaine Saucier, Chair, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - Report on Corporate Governance Committee

10:30 - Break

11:00 - Barbara Stymiest, President, Toronto Stock Exchange - The impact and need for Corporate Governance Committee Report  
Bob Lord, Chairman, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants - Public Interest in Integrity

12:00 - Luncheon Address - David Beatty, Director, Clarkson Centre for Business Ethics

1:30 - Working Session, Facilitator: David Simpson

2:30 - Debriefing / Groups report back

3:00 - Break

3:30 - Panel Discussion - Response to the speakers comments and the case study.

4:30 - Wrap up

To reserve your place at this event, please contact The Canadian Centre for Ethics & Corporate Policy. Phone (416) 348-8691, fax (416) 348-8689, e-mail: [ethicctr@interlog.com](mailto:ethicctr@interlog.com)

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## CONFERENCE

**24-25 May 2001, Toronto**

**Business Ethics 2001**

A conference organized by The Conference Board of Canada promises to connect you with the achievements, issues and key players in business ethics around the world. Business Ethics 2001: Conducting Business in a Global Marketplace will be held on Thursday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 25, 2001, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This event is presented in association with Export Development Corporation, the Institute for Global Ethics and Nexen Inc.

Rushworth Kidder, President of the Institute for Global Ethics, is the opening speaker. Find

out about major developments and current events in business ethics around the world. Ølyvind Hushovd, President and Chief Executive Officer of Falconbridge Inc., is the keynote luncheon speaker. His comments will focus on his own experiences about why corporate social responsibility is an important part of business operations, and how Falconbridge has integrated all elements of CSR into its global business practice.

Business Ethics 2001: Conducting Business in a Global Marketplace will deliver leading-edge thinking on important ethical issues that include: corruption and bribery; human rights; operating in an unsettled country; and effective global ethics programs. Check out the full conference agenda at

<http://www.conferenceboard.ca/conf/2001Ethics-Int.html>

Contact the Registrar at 1-800-267-0666 or through email at [registrar@conferenceboard.ca](mailto:registrar@conferenceboard.ca) for reservations.

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## PAST CONFERENCE

### Workshop on Research Ethics

The workshop was organized by The Ethics Network and the Philosophy Department at Ryerson Polytechnic University. The topic was "Ethical Dilemmas for Researchers: University-Industry Research Relationships - The Case of Dr. Nancy Olivieri." It took place on Friday March 2, 2001.

Keynote Address: Dr. Nancy Olivieri, Division of Haematology/ Oncology, University of Toronto and Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario

Commentary 1: Professor Arthur Schafer, Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba [Professor Schafer has written extensively on many topics in bioethics, and specifically about Dr. Olivieri's case in national news publications in Canada]

Commentary 2: Professor Wesley Cragg,

George Gardiner Chair of Business Ethics, Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto, Ontario [Professor Cragg is currently the President and Chair of Transparency International, and was formerly the President of the Canadian Philosophical Association]

Commentary 3: Professor Stephen Haller, Wilfrid Laurier University - Brantford Campus [Professor Haller is the author of *Apocalypse Soon?: Wagering on Warnings of Global Catastrophe*, forthcoming from McGill-Queens University Press]

Wrap Up and Closing Comments: Ted Schrecker, Associate Member of the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law, Montreal, Quebec.

For further information, Contact Alex Wellington, Department of Philosophy, Ryerson at [awelling@ryerson.ca](mailto:awelling@ryerson.ca), or 416-979-5000, ext. 7185

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## Positions Available

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### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

#### **Hospital For Sick Children - Bioethicist**

The Hospital for Sick Children ([www.sickkids.on.ca](http://www.sickkids.on.ca)) is seeking a Bioethicist to join its Department of Bioethics. The Bioethicist is a member of a busy clinical and academic service, and reports to the Director of Bioethics. Responsibilities include the provision of consultation on clinical cases as a member of an interdisciplinary team, education and mentoring of health care professionals and students, and leadership and collaborative participation in the development of policy. The bioethicist will pursue individual and collaborative research in child health ethics, which may be conceptual/theoretical, empirical, qualitative, or a combination of approaches.

The Bioethicist will be an active member and participant in the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics ([www.utoronto.ca/jcb](http://www.utoronto.ca/jcb)). Qualifications include: Excellent communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills, sound

judgment, and a demonstrated commitment to quality work.

A PhD in a relevant discipline from an accredited university. Consideration will also be given to those with a degree in medicine, nursing, law or a related discipline and a graduate degree in bioethics, provided that they meet the other requirements.

Significant formal training and experience in clinical and research ethics. This should include at least three years' experience in a health care setting with University affiliation, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Previous research and writing in the area of bioethics, preferably related to the health care of children. Junior candidates should demonstrate academic excellence and scholarly promise.

The potential for a University teaching appointment and the ability to teach in a graduate bioethics program. Salary will be commensurate with the successful candidate's rank, qualifications and experience. Canadian Immigration laws require giving preference to Canadian citizens and residents, but international applications are also welcomed. **Applications will be considered until the position is filled.** The starting date for this position is September 2001 (negotiable).

Applications consisting of a curriculum vitae and the names of three references should be sent to: Ann Sapingas, Human Resources, The Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1X8

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### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

#### **UBC - Visiting Professor**

The Department of Philosophy at the University of British Columbia may appoint a Visiting Professor (rank open) to teach one or two courses in the 2001-02 academic year. Area of specialization open, but we do have a need for a graduate course in ethics or social/political philosophy. Ideally, we would wish to appoint a person who occupies a tenured or tenure-track position at another university. There is no

requirement that the person appointed be Canadian. (This position has not as yet been formally authorized.)

We can be flexible as to length of time spent in residence. For instance, a senior person could (subject to approval by senior administration) teach a graduate course over two months, rather than the whole term.

The stipend for this position would depend on rank. In the case of a senior academic, it could go up to C\$30,000.

Expressions of interest should be sent to Mohan Matthen, Head, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver B.C. V6T 1Z1, Canada. (e-mail: [mohan.matthen@ubc.ca](mailto:mohan.matthen@ubc.ca)) Tel: (604) 822 6548 Fax: (604) 822 8782.

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## **POSITION AVAILABLE**

### **York University - Assistant Professor**

As part of a university-wide initiative in Technology-Enhanced Learning, the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, York University's second largest Faculty, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in Applied Philosophy to support professionally oriented programs and certificates in Professional Ethics and Public Service Studies. The appointment is at the assistant professor level and is to commence July 1, 2001. It is subject to final budgetary approval.

Eligible candidates will have a doctoral degree, publications, an excellent academic record and demonstrated excellence in research and teaching. Experience in developing internet distance education courses would be an asset. In addition to discipline-specific expertise, candidates will be expected to have a firm commitment to using the internet or other technologies in teaching, research interests in the assessment of TEL/distance education, and a firm commitment to participating in a pan-university initiative to advance York's interests in TEL/distance education. Qualified individuals should send a letter of application identifying their areas of research and teaching interests, a

curriculum vitae and the names and address of three references to: Professor Sam Mallin, Philosophy Coordinator, School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario M3J1P3, FAX (416) 736-5766. E-mail: [smln@yorku.ca](mailto:smln@yorku.ca). Applicants should also arrange for three letters of reference to be directly sent to this same address. At least one of the letters should address teaching.

More information on the programs can be found at <http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca>. A review of applications will begin March 15, 2001 and continue **until the position is filled**. For many years York University has had a policy of employment equity including affirmative action for women faculty and librarians. Recently, York has included racial/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and aboriginal peoples in its affirmative action program. Persons who are members of one or more of these three groups are encouraged to self identify during the selection process. Please note that candidates from these three groups will be considered within the priorities of the affirmative action program only if they self identify. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only.

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## **POSITION AVAILABLE**

### **Sheldon Chumir Foundation - Fellowship**

The Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership is pleased to announce the 2001 - 2002 Sheldon Chumir Fellowship in Government and Public Service.

We are inviting qualified individuals to submit applications for the three to four months fellowship. We are requesting that applicants include a letter from their employer indicating that, should the application be successful, the employer would allow the employee to take a three or four month leave of absence and would continue the employer's portion of any benefits as appropriate.

Based in Calgary, the Chumir Foundation seeks to promote community-indeed action in public life by providing a forum for informed discussion of the ethical dimensions of important public issues, encouraging values oriented involvement in community life, supporting ethically based education and training of potential leaders in society and recognizing persons who have successfully demonstrated ethical leadership.

In addition to this fellowship, our programs include a Media Fellowship, Internship, symposia, forums, publications and research and education projects designed to support and enhance ethical leadership. For further information, including information about the results of the very successful 2000 — 2001 competition, please see our website at: [www.chumirethicsfoundation.ca](http://www.chumirethicsfoundation.ca)

The Chumir Foundation was created from a bequest by Sheldon M. Chumir (1940 — 1992) Rhodes Scholar, lawyer, businessman, civil libertarian and Alberta MLA (1986 — 1992). Mr. Chumir believed that ethical values are fundamental to a healthy society, and wished this Foundation to operate so as to influence ethical actions in the practical world of politics, business, government and community structures and processes.

Signed: Marsha P. Hanen, CM, PhD,  
President Sheldon Chumir Foundation.

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## Computer Resources

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### **COMPUTER RESOURCE Canadian Bioethics Report**

The May 2001 edition of the Canadian Bioethics Report has been posted and can be viewed at <http://www.cma.ca/cbr/2001/may01/cbrmay01.htm>

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### **COMPUTER RESOURCE / OPINION Canadian Policy Research Network Report: A New Citizenship for a New Mandate**

Ottawa (January 25, 2001) – The country’s healthy balance sheet means the time is ripe to engage Canadians in a debate over our future. According to the Canadian Policy Research Network’s President, Judith Maxwell, “It’s time to create a new synergy between our social and economic policies, one that will define what it means to be a Canadian in the 21st century.” “Synergy means there is a positive interaction between social and economic policies. They reinforce each other, strengthening both the economy and the social fabric at the same time.”

Mrs. Maxwell’s argument is set out in her paper, *Toward a Common Citizenship: Canada’s Social and Economic Choices*, a CPRN REFLEXION released today.

The paper traces the roots of an earlier conception of Canadian citizenship – one that developed out of the remarkable synergy between economic and social policy in the post-war era. That citizenship involved a balance of rights and responsibilities, as well as access to the means to play a meaningful role in contemporary society. It grew out of our history and represented a unique Canadian response to social and economic conditions.

“The past 20 years or so of economic restructuring and fiscal retrenchment have left that notion of citizenship in tatters,” says Maxwell. “Today, we are in a position to redress the balance and redefine our citizenship for a post-deficit era, and in the context of global economic and technological integration.”

In the process, Maxwell argues, Canadians will have to decide on where they stand on the competing demands of market and state, of integration and independence, and of the values of compassion and self-reliance.

In particular, she outlines the challenges and choices facing the country with regard to four core elements of social and economic policy: - tax reform - health care - learning, and - social transfers

Mrs. Maxwell concludes that a “durable synergy between economic and social policies” would include the following; - a commitment to pay down the public debt faster - competitive corporate tax rates, made-in-Canada personal income tax rates - rethinking the governance of the health care system and finding a way to extend universality to include home care and drugs - the removal of barriers to equality of access to lifelong learning - a system of income supports designed for the new economy to include; (a) a comprehensive system of supports for families with children, and (b) a good balance between social protection and incentives to work.

“A package of policies along these lines would give Canada the scope to build a common citizenship consistent with economic success,” Maxwell says. “The scope to build the Canada we want.”

CPRN is a national not-for-profit research institute whose mission is to create knowledge and lead public debate on social and economic issues important to the well-being of Canadians, in order to help build a more just, prosperous and caring society. Download a free copy of the report here:

<http://lists.magma.ca:8080/T/A17.44.133.1.2063>

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## COMPUTER RESOURCE

### EthicsWeb

EthicsWeb is a cluster of websites related to various sub-fields of applied ethics. The EthicsWeb home page can be found at: <http://www.ethicsweb.ca>. It includes a link to the EthicsWeb Bookstore, an Amazon affiliate.

The site is operated by Chris MacDonald, Dalhousie University.

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## Other News & Announcements

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### REPORT ON THE AGM OF THE HSSFC 25-26 November 2000, Ottawa

The following reports was kindly provided by John R. Williams, Canadian Theological Society Representative and Member of Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada (HSSFC) Board of Directors.

The major accomplishments of HSSFC in 1999-2000 included the following:

- Successful lobbying of the Federal Government to increase funding for SSHRC (an extra \$10 million in the February budget and \$100 million in the October mini-budget);
- Organization and conduct of the 2000 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Alberta and planning for future Congresses (Laval – 2001, Toronto – 2002, Dalhousie – 2003, Manitoba – 2004);
- Continued operation of the Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme (approximately 150 books published);
- Development of a detailed communications strategy and preliminary planning for a strategic plan.

The annual meeting featured a candid presentation by Marc Renaud, recently appointed to a second term as President of SSHRC. He was grateful for the additional \$100 million announced in the mini-budget but noted the following on-going problems faced by SSHRC:

- It has to fund research in business and education as well as the humanities and social sciences, with the result that its resources are severely stretched.
- The number of applications for research grants has been increasing at a rate of 15-20% a year; with only slight increases in funds available, this has meant that success rates have decreased (10-20% in some programs).



- Studentships are very poorly funded in comparison to science and engineering.
- Although 20% of the new Canada Research Chairs are supposed to go to the humanities and social sciences, only 7% of these are for new faculty in comparison to 29% in science and engineering and 37% in health sciences.

Among SSHRC's priorities are student support, a higher success rate (50%) for research grants, and support of new research themes (e.g., education, life-long learning, management). Achieving these goals will likely require closing some programs.

Following Dr. Renaud's presentation, three members of SSHRC's Committee on Ethics and Integrity reported on the Committee's concerns with the Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. Unresolved issues with the Statement include what research is covered and what excluded, research with aboriginal peoples, qualitative research, naturalistic observation, participatory research and student research. Although it has been more than two years since the Tri-Council Policy was approved, these issues have not been addressed.

Another plenary presentation was by Dr. René Durocher, Executive Director of the Canada Research Chairs program, who outlined the various aspects of the program. Delegates voiced their concerns about the implementation of the program, about the allocation formula and, echoing Marc Renaud's comments, about the percentage of Chairs allocated to the social sciences and humanities. Dr. Durocher stated that all these issues would be scrutinized in the evaluation planned for the third year that will involve a thorough consultation with the community.

For one session of the Assembly delegates were divided into two groups: those representing universities and those representing associations. I participated in the latter group. It dealt with three main topics: membership, administration and web-based strategies.

- The membership session was animated by Michel Desjardins of the Canadian Society

for Biblical Studies. It generated suggestions for retaining retired members, forming alliances (e.g., the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion), using local society representatives, having professional development sessions as part of the annual meeting, and arranging for associate memberships in international associations.

- The administration session featured a presentation by John Becker who provides administrative support, including journal publication, for 12 associations.
- The web-based strategies session was led by Rob Long, a consultant in information technology. He presented the pros and cons of associations using the Internet. Pros include the possibility of interactivity between the association and its members and among members and the provision of unlimited content. Cons include the price (neighbourhood of \$10,000).

On the second day of the meeting delegates met in one of four electoral colleges: small, medium and large associations and universities. The following issues were discussed in the small associations college, which comprises 42 of the 57 member associations:

- Payment of Congress registration fees: Prior to the meeting Federation officials had written to all association presidents informing them of the very large number of Congress participants who did not pay the registration fee. This resulted in a significant deficit for the 2000 Congress. Association representatives discussed various reasons for non-payment but agreed that every effort should be made to ensure that at least those presenting papers, and hopefully all association members in attendance, will register and pay the fee in future. Members also agreed on the need for continuation of SSHRC travel grants for the Congress, preferably on a three-year basis.
- What can the Federation do for associations? It was noted that most small associations have declining membership, due in large measure to departments closing or

downsizing. Student enrollments are not the problem; rather, university administrators are choosing to expand some faculties and departments at the expense of others. The Federation meets with associations of Deans of Arts and Graduate Studies and VPs of Research to try to convince them to support the humanities and social sciences. Individual scholars and their associations need to actively proclaim the value of their disciplines for both research and teaching. As one delegate put it, the message (to governments, business leaders, etc.) should be, "It's much easier to train an educated person than to educate a trained person."

In the plenary business session, a motion to increase association fees was passed. Detailed information about the fee structure and the rationale for the increase will be provided to associations early in 2001. The new Executive for 2000-2001 is comprised of Dr. Patricia Clements, President; Dr. Louise Forsyth, Past-President; Dr. Michael Owen, Vice-President Research Dissemination; Mme Denise Pelletier, Vice-President External Communications; Dr. Wendy Robbins, Vice-President Women's Issues; and Dr. Judith Scherer Herz, Chairperson, Aid to Scholarly Publications Program Management Board.

For further information on HSSFC activities, consult its web site: [www.hssfc.ca/](http://www.hssfc.ca/)

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## **NEW SOCIETY**

### **Society for Empirical Ethics**

The Society for Empirical Ethics exists to further cooperative research into a naturalistic foundation for ethics. The Society's work is based on the following assumptions:

1. Attempts to ground morality in a religious metaphysic have failed.
2. Attempts to ground morality in pure reason have also not provided a solid foundation for ethical claims.
3. Ethical claims are not, however, irreducibly relative.

4. Ethical claims can instead be grounded in a conception of human flourishing.

5. Human flourishing is a feature of the natural world and amenable to empirical investigation.

6. Empirical investigation into human flourishing cuts across traditional disciplinary boundaries and will draw on the resources of, among others, philosophy, biology, psychology, sociology, anthropology, economics, history, comparative literature and comparative religion.

The Society for Empirical Ethics welcomes researchers in any field who are sympathetic to the aims and assumptions outlined above. The Society facilitates discussion by way of a listserv, coordinates research, and will be organizing conferences and sessions at academic conferences.

For further information about the Society for Empirical Ethics or to become involved in the Society's activities, please contact: Robert Halliday, Utica College of Syracuse University, [rhalliday@utica.ucsu.edu](mailto:rhalliday@utica.ucsu.edu)

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## Members' Activities

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### **CALL FOR DISCUSSION**

**by Jim Gough**

I am interested in knowing what others from across this country understand by the idea "two-tiered health care system". For example: Does it follow that any private health care providers contracted out by the government of some province constitute a two-tier model or not?

There seem to be two things going on: (i) Does a private provider make a profit within a public health delivery system where public providers do not make a profit? If so, is this two-tiered? and (ii) Does a private provider who offers services consistent with the public system (and paid for by this system) produce a two-tiered model by offering anyone with the ability to pay the difference an enhanced service or not? I throw this out for public discussion. Contact Jim Gough at [Jgough@MERCURY.RDC.AB.CA](mailto:Jgough@MERCURY.RDC.AB.CA)

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