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Mapping the Canadian ED Landscape: Demographics and Practices of Post-Secondary Educational Development Centres: Phase II

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The purpose of Phase II of this collaborative national study has been to continue to collect data to answer 39 questions (created from the literature) about ED centre activities and practices from educational development (ED) centres across Canada. With this grant, we have been able to add substantially to the ED Database (see <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/edc-centres-database/>), going from nearly 40 university and college centres to a total of 60 Canadian centres, resulting in the most comprehensive data collection of its kind.

The collection of this information serves four purposes:

- Provide information on activities and exemplary practices to inform the ED community;
- Provide information on ED centres' research on their own practices;
- Provide feedback on ED centres' website information dissemination, making recommendations for areas typically under-represented on websites; and
- Within the context of the history of ED in Canada, by studying ED centres' recent growth, attempt to anticipate future directions, including what national initiatives might support those directions.

Data were returned to Centre Directors for verification, and to invite them to add data not typically found on websites, including institutional relationships, procedures for planning activities, innovations promoted by the unit, assessment practices, and exemplary practices. Anecdotally, participating centres have indicated benefits to compiling their data, seeing the summary of their own data, and having information from other centres.

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Conference Presentations

Simmons, N., Cassidy, A., Kustra, E., McPherson, A., Potter, M., Rodgers, R., Scrimger, A. (2009). *The Ebb and Flow of Canadian Educational Development Practices*. Presented at the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) conference, Fredericton, June.

Simmons, N., Kustra, E., Potter, M., Rodgers, R., Scrimger, A., & Wolstenholme, J. (2009). *An evolving landscape: demographics and practices of Canadian educational development (ED) centres*. Presented at the Educational Developers' Caucus (EDC) conference, Oshawa, February.

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Simmons, N., Cassidy, A., Kustra, E., Macpherson, A., Potter, M., Rodgers, R., Scrimger, A., & Wilson, M. (2010). *ED Website A, B, C, D: A Bridge for Cross-Cultural Dialogue?* Presented at the Educational Developers' Caucus (EDC) conference, Kamloops, BC, February.

Publication

Simmons, N. (2010). Canadian Educational Development (ED) websites: More ebb than flow? *Collected Essays on Learning and Teaching, 3*.

Budget Update

We have spent the entire 2009 grant budget and were very grateful to have the \$2496.00 to cover RA salary and benefits. No additional costs were incurred.