

Parliamentary Internship Programme  
Report 2003-2004  
Jean-Pierre Gaboury, Academic Director

## 1. Acknowledgements

I would like to thank Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant, House Proceedings, House of Commons for her support of the Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP). She kindly provides the services of her administrative assistant, JoAnne Cartwright, to act as the Programme's administrator. Ms. Cartwright is very devoted to the Programme and a valued collaborator. I want to express my sincere gratitude to her.

The twenty Members of Parliament who agreed to have an Intern on their staff and who spent time with their Intern to help him/her understand the intricacies of the House of Commons should be warmly thanked.

The sponsors and friends of the Programme are also crucial partners and I would like to express our appreciation for their precious contribution.

## 2. The 34<sup>th</sup> Class of Interns

The PIP received 112 completed applications by the end of January 2003. Of the 112 applicants, 25 were interviewed by conference call. Ten were selected along with five alternates. Eight of the ten selected and two of the alternates accepted the Internship. The Members of the 2003 Selection Committee were: Jean-Pierre Gaboury, (Chair, Academic Director, (AD)); Marie-Andrée Lajoie, (Clerk Assistant, House Proceedings, House of Commons); Luc Juillet, (Department of Political Science, University of Ottawa, Former Intern); and Lindsey Richardson, (Former Intern, Prime Minister's Office).

The 2003-2004 Interns and their MPs

**Simon Bailey**, (St-John, NB)  
BA (Honors) History, University of Toronto  
MA Political Theory, London School of Economics

Carolyn Bennett, St-Paul's  
David Chatters, Athabasca

**Shantona Chaudhury**, (Montreal, QC)  
BA (Honours) & MA, French Studies, Queen's  
BCL/LLB Civil & Common Law, McGill

Paul Macklin, Northumberland  
Lorne Nystrom, Regina-Qu'Appelle

**Clare Demerse**, (Ottawa, ON)  
BH Humanities, MJ Journalism, Carleton

Bob Mills, Red Deer  
John Godfrey, Don Valley West

**Jeremy Geddert**, (Saskatoon, SK)  
BA & MA, Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan

Irwin Cotler, Mount-Royal  
Scott Reid, Lanark-Carleton

**Andrew MacDonald**, (Victoria, BC)  
BSc Biochemistry, University of Victoria  
BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics,  
University of Oxford

Mauril Bélanger, Ottawa-Vanier  
Loyola Hearn, St. John's West

**Chi Nguyen**, (Toronto ON)  
BA (Joint Honours) Political Science  
& Women's Studies; McGill

Libby Davies, Vancouver East  
Sheila Copps, Hamilton East

**Cloë Rowbotham**, (White Rock, BC)  
BA (Honours) Political Science & French,  
University of British Columbia

Suzanne Tremblay, Rimouski-Neigette-et-Mitis  
David Kilgour, Edmonton Southeast

**David Sandomierski**, (Toronto, ON)  
 BSc (Honours) Interdisciplinary,  
 McMaster University  
 MA Political Science & Environmental Studies,  
 University of Toronto

Joe Clark, Calgary Centre  
 Marlene Jennings, Notre-Dame- de-Grâce-  
 Lachine

**Adam Waiser**, (Toronto, ON)  
 BA (Honours) Political Studies, Queen's

Keith Martin, Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca  
 Scott Brison, Kings-Hants

**Eli Walker**, (Vancouver, BC)  
 BA (Honours) Political Studies,  
 University of British Columbia

Art Eggleton, York Centre  
 Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Laval-Centre

### 3. Sponsors and Friends

The sponsors are those who fund the Programme. The PIP is fortunate to be able to rely on a solid core group of sponsors who support it from one year to the other. I am happy to report that we have three new sponsors in 2003-2004: RBC Financial Group, Scotia Bank, and CGA Canada (Certified General Accountants Association of Canada). They each contribute \$5 000 to the Programme. We hope not only to keep these new sponsors for years but also to convince them to increase their support of the Programme. The friends of the Programme are those who give the Programme a grant for a comparative study tour or who pay directly part of the expenses for a tour. I take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and the friends of the Programme.

#### 2003-2004 Sponsors

##### Level I

Bank of Montreal	\$40,000
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	50,100

##### Level II

Canadian Bankers' Association	10,500
Canadian Cable and Television Association	16,500
Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association	17,000
Canadian Real Estate Association	10,500
Insurance Bureau of Canada	15,000
TD Bank Financial Group	10,000
The Co-operators	15,500

##### Level III

Brewers Association of Canada	5,000
CGA Canada	5,000
RBC Financial Group	5,000
Scotia Bank	5,000

<b>Total</b>	<b>205,100</b>
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#### 2003-2004 Friends

British High Commission, (in Kind, London & Belfast,)	
DFAIT, (US Congressional Fellows' Visit to Ottawa)	15,000
DINA, (Nunavut)	6,000
Embassy of the United States of America, (Washington)	17,000
European Union Delegation, (Brussels)	6,000
Parliamentary Internship Alumni Association	2,000
Via Rail, (Complementary Tickets to Toronto & Quebec City)	

<b>Total</b>	<b>44,000</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>251,100</b>
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#### 4. Study Programme

The main purpose of the PIP is to permit the Interns to observe Canadian parliamentary practice first hand through working with government and opposition MPs. The study programme supports and supplements this experience. The Programme has been in place for thirty four years now and its study programme has developed over these years and is now fine-tuned. It is another significant accomplishment. The 2003-2004 study programme consisted of:

1. a two-week orientation period in early September with a wide variety of speakers that introduced various aspects of the Canadian parliamentary system to them
2. weekly seminars with the AD to discuss a specially selected set of readings dealing with the Canadian parliament and comparative legislatures
3. an internship essay; this year's essays will each deal with one aspect of Prime Minister Martin's proposal to reform Parliament
4. five comparative study tours of the legislatures of Ontario, (November 2003); the European Union, the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, (January 2004); Quebec, (April 2004); Nunavut, ( May 2004); and the United States of America, (June 2004)
5. five visits of Interns/Fellows from Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and the United States
6. briefing sessions organized by and with the major sponsors
7. brown bag lunches throughout the year organized by the Interns with prominent politicians.

#### 5. The Institute on Governance's 2003 Hales Internship Essay Prize

The fifth annual Hales Internship Prize was granted to Jane Swann for her essay: *Majority Politics and Minority Rights: Exploring the Parliament-Judiciary Tension*.

The \$500 Prize is donated by the Institute on Governance and goes to the best internship essay. Three papers were selected by the former AD and submitted to the 2002 Hales Prize Committee, which makes the final selection. The Committee comprised Susan Carter, (Chair of the Committee, Institute on Governance); François Houle, (former AD); Marie-Andrée Lajoie, (Clerk Assistant, House Proceedings, House of Commons) and the AD (non-voting). Ms. Swann's essay will be published by the Institute and placed on the PIP web site. A shorter version will appear in the *Canadian Parliamentary Review*.

#### 6. The Level of the Stipend

We need to increase the level of the stipend given to the Interns. They are now getting \$16,500 a year. The stipend has remained at that level for several years now and during that period the cost of living in Ottawa has increased significantly. We would like to increase the stipend to \$20,000 for the 2004-2005 Internship. In order to do that, we need to raise an extra \$35,000 per year. We are now involved in a fund-raising campaign and so far we have raised \$15,000. We need to raise \$20,000 more. We hope to be able to do that before September.

#### 7. The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Programme was created on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1969 and will welcome in 2004-2005 the 35<sup>th</sup> Class of Interns. Two articles on the Programme will appear in the spring in *The Parliamentarian*, the journal of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.