

**Introduction to Special Edition of the Innovation Journal:
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The sixth International Symposium on Public Sector Management entitled: “Efficient Management in the Non-Profit Organizations,” was hosted by McLaughlin College, York University, on September 13 and 14, 2006. McLaughlin College is one of nine colleges at York University, and its theme is public policy. The symposia have been held every year or two over the past decade, organized by the Centre for Public and Non-Profit Management, Mannheim University, and the Schulich School of Business, York University. Each year, the proceedings of the conference are published for the benefit of conference participants and other readers who might benefit from the insights of the conference. This year, we are pleased to have our proceedings published as a special edition in the *The Public Sector Innovation Journal*.

The two key organizers of the International Symposium on Public Sector Management since its inception have been Prof. H. Ian Macdonald, President Emeritus of York University, and Prof. Peter Eichhorn, Rector Emeritus of the University of Mannheim. Professors Macdonald and Eichhorn organized the proceedings for this conference, and invited participants to present papers. The conference could not have occurred without the sponsorship of the Schulich School of Business, the School of Public Policy and Administration, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, and McLaughlin College, all at York University. As well, we are grateful for the support of the German Consulate General in Toronto.

The paper presentations led to lively discussions which informed the revision of the papers in this special edition prior to their publication. We are grateful to the anonymous peer reviewers for their very useful suggestions. Most of all, we are indebted to the *Innovation Journal* for producing this special edition. We hope that our readers will find the papers in this special edition both useful and enjoyable.

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