

Annual Report for 1998

Dear Editorial Board Members,

I would like to thank you for the support you have offered me and the *Innovation Journal* during 1998, and to wish you a happy and productive 1999. The turning of the year is a good time to look back and to look forward.

1998

A major accomplishment during 1998 was the redesign of *The Innovation Journal* and our successful move to a more accessible site www.innovation.cc. My naivete about the difficulties this would entail in combination with moving to a new web master were bountiful. The job is now successfully done, however.

During 1998 we completed a consultation about the *IJ*, created an editorial board, and secured a small grant from Deloitte Touche to support publication of the *Journal*. On a substantive level we added several new features to the *IJ*, including a peer reviewed section, news, questions, correspondence, awards, what's new, training, humour and an index

We also published a good deal of new material, including:

- three peer reviewed articles
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- six case studies
- fourteen book reviews
- enhancement of the bibliography
- many hot links to other locations added
- numerous news items posted, tracking conferences, publications, etc.
- correspondence, especially where new material is provided.
- information on seven innovation awards and a related article
- The Canadian Centre for Management Development shared its data base on single window service delivery with us.

Readership

While the counters were working, the English *Innovation Journal* home page at the old site was accessed by 2045 people during 1998 and the new site since November 1st by 373, for a total of 2418. La Revue de l'innovation was accessed by 234 people since May 24, 1997. The counter jammed a number of times, so the count is not complete. This is not a bad count, but readers are still needed. For the English *Journal*, an effort will be made during 1999 to get registered at the new site with a number of new search engines. For La Revue we need a French editor, so that we can secure more material.

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Some material is currently pending, including:

- A case study on reform of a Human Resources Development Canada office in southern Ontario
- An article on innovation in not-for-profit organizations and government
- The Third Culture by Kevin Kelly, editor of Wired magazine, that was originally published in *Science* in celebration of the 150th anniversary of that publication. The first essay in the series, "The Great Asymmetry", was by Stephen Jay Gould
- A case study on the new Canadian Food Agency
- A number of items have been promised.

I have some ideas that I am pursuing for publication in 1999. These include:

- The three papers prepared for the Auditor General of Canada's workshop on innovation and risk-taking by the Public Policy Forum, Industry Canada and the Auditor General's office.
- The papers of the Futures and Strategies Network (about 30), to be published in groups with a summary/introductory paper.
- A series of papers related to the New Public Management
- A series of papers with an introduction on process innovation in the Saskatchewan government, 1971-82, under the Blakeney government
- An article on labour reform in Saskatchewan during the 1970s

Do you have any ideas/authors you can pursue?

We need further work to:

1. Improve design as the amount of content increases
2. Upgrade the Revue de l'innovation. We need a French editor.
3. Get more readers

Any suggestions?

Some questions:

- Can you commit to write something for the IJ in 1999?
- Should we consider adopting an issues format instead of constant publishing?
- Do you like the inclusion of news, correspondence, humour?

Eleanor Glor, Editor and Publisher
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