

## *IPTI and First Nations Share Their Visions on Land Management*

The International Property Tax Institute (IPTI), in cooperation with the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC), BC Assessment and BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, organized and conducted a well attended two-day conference discussing the new economic reality and potential based on land ownership for Canada's e-emerging and evolving First Nations.

The event was held on traditional Coast Salish territory of the Songhees people in Victoria, British Columbia, at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, on March 16-17, 2010.



Honorable George Abbott and Chief Manny Jules

The conference program focused on Land as the Economic and Social Platform for First Nations, featured, among other key First Nations speakers, Clarence T. (Manny) Jules.

International speakers from Australia and South Africa brought an international flavor to the event and facilitated the active exchange of ideas and issues common to policy makers and specialists in local finance, land registry, property tax, public administration and assessment.



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The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation was a key note speaker. He delivered an inspired review of the historical and current relationship between the First Nations and the Government of British Columbia.



Tom Johnstone, International Property Tax Institute



Charles Johnstone, Chair and Rolf Franzen, African Tax Institute

Over 100 people attended the two-day event, including First Nations leaders from across Canada, senior members of the Federal and Provincial Governments, academics, the international development community and various supporting institutions.



Renowned speakers dealt with topics such as current legislative framework and land ownership, registration of the interests of land, land as an economic tool, as well as discussed many other timely and important aspects of land management.



Godfrey D. Archbold, President, CEO Land Title & Survey Authority of BC

Symposium delegates commented on the relevance of the topics, the timeliness of the events and the high quality of speakers and knowledgeable attendees. The symposium was credited with "dramatically improving the understanding of property taxation and the capitalization of land."



The co-operating agencies, the First Nation Tax Commission, BC Assessment and BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation helped make this a successful and memorable event.

Thanks to the many delegates who attended the event and provided their keen interest, enthusiasm and positive feedback.

### Upcoming Webinars

- June 22 : Appraisal and Valuation of Real Property in a Declining Market—Is It Feasible to Derive Accurate Values?
- September 14 : Assessment Management of Property Taxation in the Current Economic Climate — Challenges and Opportunities

### Our Next Events

- April 27—28 , 2010 IPTI's 13th International Conference, Adelaide, Australia
- June 17-18, 2010 IPTI's 5th Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium, Hong Kong, PRC
- July 30, 2010 IRRV Workshop , London, UK