



It's hard to believe that we're into the second half of 2010. To keep our membership up-to-date on what's happening at IPTI, the **IPTI Update**, a 'members only' newsletter, has been created. We hope you enjoy it!

IPTI PAST

In February, moving onwards and upwards, IPTI departed the 7th floor offices to settle into our new office at Suite 880, 100 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario. Our email address and main telephone number remain the same.

Also moving forward, IPTI welcomed Miriam G. Christie as Director in early 2010 and then Ilona Cherkas joined us as a Communications/PR Specialist.

Three major IPTI events have taken place since January. **Land-The Economic and Social Platform for First Nations** was conducted in March in Victoria, BC. This was IPTI's second such event and attracted much attention as it dealt with the new economic reality and potential based on land ownership for Canada's re-emerging and evolving First Nations. IPTI is planning similar future symposiums.

In April, IPTI's 13th International Conference held 'down under' in Adelaide, Australia, attracted much international attention and participation and opened up dialogue on **Reforms in Revenue, Rating, Valuation and Taxation-Australasian and International Experience**.

Our **5th Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium The Pursuit of a World-wide Model on Property Taxation and Mass Valuation** held in Hong Kong in June explored many issues including property tax reform in China and training and development for a new generation of valuers.

IPTI is no stranger to international participation. During the first week of August, IPTI members participated in the **Commonwealth Heads of Valuation Agencies (CHOVA)** conference held in Cambridge, England. The presentations included international property tax databases and international benchmarking.

IPTI has also been invited to make a presentation at the IAAO's annual conference in Florida on August 29-September 1st focusing on the challenging issue of personal development and management - **Performance Benchmarks in Assessment Administration**.

... LOOKING FORWARD

Since the latter part of 2009, IPTI has conducted a very successful series of webinars. With the ease of today's technology and the ability to attend meetings without leaving the comfort of one's own office, these webinar opportunities are the way of the future. The upcoming session is entitled **Management of Property Taxation in the Current Economic Climate** and is being offered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. EST. Featured speakers are Philip Glenwright, Property Tax Advisor-EMEA, Shell Real Estate, England; Marc Sances, Vice President Real Estate Taxes for AMB Corporation, USA; Roland Teixeira, Tax Manager for General Electric—Belgium; with Lynne Ashton, Managing Director of AEC International, Canada, as the session moderator. Thanks to the sponsorship of AMB Corporation, Kraft Foods Global and Proskauer, attendance is free. Register directly from the email that was sent to you or at www.ipti.org.

On August 25th, 2010 IPTI and the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, are co-hosting an info-session entitled **Property Taxes in the United Kingdom—Are There Lessons for Ontario?** Panelists are David Magor, CEO, Institute of Revenue, Rating & Valuation (IRRV), England and Paul Sanderson, Director of Professional Services, Valuation Office Agency (VOA), England, as well as IPTI President Jerry Grad. Chairing this session is Dr. Enid Slack, Director of the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance. For more information email enid.slack@utoronto.ca.

IPTI is also pleased to announce that our 14th annual conference will be held in partnership with the IRRV in Dublin, Ireland on May 10—May 11th, 2011. The conference agenda is currently being developed and the venue finalized. Details will be available on our website in the very near future.

Over the summer, IPTI is conducting strategic planning initiatives to be finalized in early fall, which will revisit and refocus our strategic direction for the future. On the administrative front, we are also redesigning IPTI's website, anticipated to be launched in September.

Stay tuned for our new look on the web and the next edition of the **IPTI Update!**

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