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## *Annual Conference Held amid Beautiful British Columbia Scenery*

The 2011 Annual Training Conference was held in Vancouver, British Columbia from September 11-16. More than seventy members were in attendance, with many first-time conference attendees from Canada present. The Conference Committee worked with the Association Board to develop and present an excellent program, featuring a number of outstanding speakers, and an advanced training module on Change Management.

One unique feature of the training schedule involved field visits on Thursday afternoon; one to the Downtown Eastside neighborhood, where Vancouver police officers regularly deal with a large population suffering from drug addictions and mental illness. The other field visit looked at the new rapid transit system (the Canada Line), where cross-jurisdictional policing is practiced effectively.

At the Thursday evening awards banquet, two founding IALEP members, **Mark Calhoon** and **Barry Horrobin** were jointly honored with the O.W. Wilson Award for Long Term Achievement. The Albuquerque, N.M. Police Department was named winner of the Project of the Year Award (accepted by **Bill Slauson**), and several members achieved their Certification recognition. **Dillon Kraft** (Polk County, Iowa) was elected to the Board as Staff Vice-President, while **Will Davis** (Scottsdale, AZ) was elected to a second full term as Board Treasurer.

Gratitude is extended to members of the Conference Committee for an outstanding job as hosts: **Correen Yedon**, **Tim Skopek-Skopowski** and **Lindsey Jones** (Vancouver Police), and **Beth Nielsen** and **Lance Talbott** (South Coast British Columbia Transportation Police).

# *Opening Ceremony sets the tone for a smooth conference*



Top: Vancouver Chief Constable Jim Chu (L) and IALEP President Joe Bui give welcoming speeches

Left: Keynote speaker Tracey Gurton is introduced by Tim Szkopek-Szkopowski

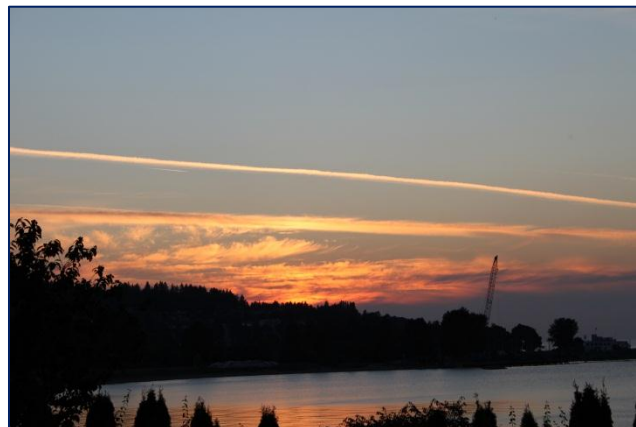
Below: (Left) The Honorable Shirley Bond, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General for British Columbia also welcomes attendees; (Right) Members await the Opening Session



## *Monday Networking at the Yacht Club*



Top Left: The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club played host to the Monday evening outing, featuring a west coast barbeque; Top Right: Enjoying the atmosphere are Theresa Bowling (Columbus OH), Sanjena Clay (Palm Beach FL) and Tiffany Anderson (Chandler AZ); Center Left: Craig and Malinda Sampsell (Akron OH) and Marg Gloade (Waterloo, ON); Right: Conference Committee Members Lindsey Jones and Tim Szkopek-Szkopowski; Bottom: Sunset on the bay closed the day.





## Opportunities to Meet Vendors

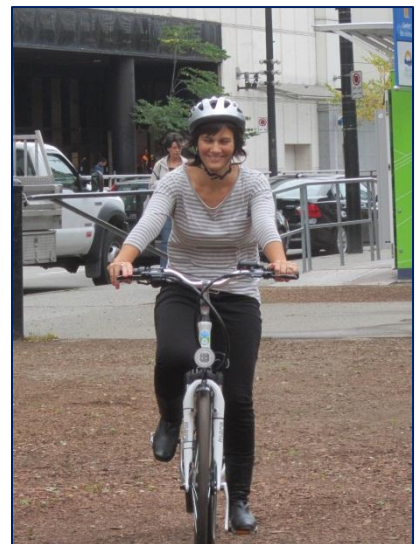
The Conference Committee did a great job of arranging a strong contingent of vendors:

(Top Left) Karl Goguen of M C Border Security, Inc. displays the latest in surveillance technology

(Left) Bill English discussing software applications at the IAPro display

(Bottom Left) Members viewing a selection of Elite bicycle products

(Bottom Right) Malinda Sampsell takes a test ride on an electric assist bike



## *A Visit to the Whistler Resort*

Wednesday afternoon's excursion took members to the resort village of Whistler; a two-hour drive north of Vancouver, and host to many of the ski events at the 2010 Winter Olympics. Members enjoyed a ride on the highest peak-to-peak gondola in North America. The scenery, dining and shopping were enjoyed by all.



## *Closing with the Awards Banquet*



The Thursday evening Awards Banquet put a punctuation on the conference. (Top Left) Incoming IALEP President Jon Markus discusses 2012 plans (Top Right) Current President Joe Bui and Secretary Beth Nielsen give away door prizes.

## *Parting Shots from Vancouver*



Photos courtesy of the Vancouver Conference Committee

## *Charlotte plays host to the Fall Planners Course*

*By Barry Horrobin, Training and Certification Coordinator*

The twenty-first installment of the IALEP Planner's Course, first offered in May 2000 in Kansas City, Missouri, recently wrapped up in beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina, the host city for the 2012 IALEP conference this coming September. The class was held at the historical and stately Dunhill Hotel in the heart of Charlotte's bustling and well forested downtown, hosted by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD).

Coordination of the course's logistics were graciously handled by "Tar Heel" **John Couchell** from CMPD's Planning Unit who is a proud "local" having graduated from the venerable University of North Carolina. The class featured 12 attendees from across the United States and Canada with a particularly strong showing from North Carolina. Instructors **Peter Bellmio, Marty Lege, and Barry Horrobin** loaded up attendees with all kinds of information designed to equip them for success in the law enforcement planning field. Participants were challenged with a combination of group exercises and case studies to complement material delivered via PowerPoint lecture format.

To show the host state some IALEP courtesy, instructors Bellmio and Horrobin attended a home college basketball game of Division I Davidson College who promptly utilized the two IALEP'ers as good luck charms in knocking off rival University of Richmond (my apologies to IALEP member **Brian Cummings** and all other Richmond alumni). All in all it was a great week for everyone that included some good 'ol fashioned southern BBQ for many, amid all the other great eats that were consumed in the process!!



Left: Attendees at the Planners Course were hosted at the Dunhill Hotel in downtown Charlotte, NC  
Right: Course instructor Peter Bellmio discussing Crime Analysis methodologies.

## New IALEP Website Design Makes a Debut



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IALEP members who have not visited the association website recently will be in for a surprise. A two-year effort by the Board and IALEP Webmaster **Chris Stockard** has come to fruition with a complete redesign of the look and functionality of the site. According to **President Joe Bui**, it had been the consensus of the Board members that the old site design (essentially unchanged since the mid-nineties) had become outdated in appearance, cluttered with content, and was no longer user-friendly.

Board members worked with the Webmaster over the past year to update the site organization and design, archive old content, and build in features that enhance functionality and improve navigation. Most of the written content is now hidden behind drop-down menus, but is still easily accessible. President Bui advised that some of the improved business features are designed to allow members to easily conduct transactions such as dues renewal and conference registration on-line. Plans are to gradually incorporate more multi-media content, such as videos of conference presentations.

Please take the time to navigate through the new and improved website. Feel free to contact any of the members of the IALEP Board with feedback and suggestions for continued enhancement of the site.

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## *Chapter Activities*

The **Virginia Chapter (VALEP)** held their Fall Training Conference on November 18, in Stafford, Virginia, hosted by the Stafford County Sheriff's Office in their modern new Public Safety Headquarters. Guest speakers presented on topics ranging from Social Media to Predictive Policing. The first official elections were held, with IALEP members **Bill Anzenberger** (President) and **Sue Wills** (Secretary) elected to positions on the VALEP Board.

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## *News from OALEP*

*Submitted by Marg Gloade, OALEP President*

One of the main activities of the Ontario Association of Law Enforcement Planners (OALEP) is hosting semi-annual symposiums in the spring and fall each year. A recent initiative of the Association is to have different police services across the Province of Ontario host the symposiums. Changing venues allows our members to see and hear from the diverse range of police agencies operating throughout this vast province. Large and small agencies often approach planning and implementing policing initiatives in their communities with unique strategies that we can all learn from.

The most recent fall 2012 symposium was hosted by York Regional Police (YRP) in Vaughan, Ontario. The theme to "capitalize on change, minimize risk" captured many innovative ideas for dealing with the ongoing challenges police agencies are facing. Deputy Chief Tom Carrique from YRP spoke about their organization's commitment to make a small, positive change every month for their members. Chief Bill Blair from the Toronto Police Service candidly shared some of their approaches to budget cuts, external organizational reviews, and how he is embracing the new police paradigm.

From a U.S. perspective, we heard from Steve Winegar of the Oregon Public Safety Academy on the future scope of policing changes and why he believes "the sky is green". For the first time ever, attendees not only heard about York's fitness and wellness program, but also experienced a sample "fitness break" – we promised not to distribute any photos! Thank you to YRP and Brenda Mulroy, the Symposium Co-Chair, for a very successful event.

OALEP is looking forward to our spring 2012 symposium on May 1 and 2, hosted by the Brantford Police Service and our Symposium Co-Chair, Inspector Scott Easto. Brantford is a community of 97,000 in the heart of Southern Ontario, home of Wayne Gretzky and Wilfrid Laurier University's new Brantford Campus' Criminology Department. OALEP extends an invitation to all IALEP members to attend our symposiums. As an IALEP member, we will offer the OALEP membership rate for registration. Please see the OALEP website ([www.oalep.ca](http://www.oalep.ca)) for more details on our future events and other OALEP news.



OALEP members at the Fall Symposium at Vaughan, Ontario

### *Links to Chapter Websites*

Southwest Chapter: [www.ialepsw.org](http://www.ialepsw.org)

North Carolina Chapter: [www.nclepa.org](http://www.nclepa.org)

Ontario Chapter: [www.oalep.ca](http://www.oalep.ca)

Virginia Chapter: Still under Construction

## **Member News**

After a false start, **Lew Wardell** (Durham, NC Police) is finally moving on to retirement. Some will recall that Lew originally announced his retirement last May, but then was told he would have to stay in place for six additional months, in order to meet all service-time requirements. IALEP Administrative Assistant Denise Thurston advised that Lew has officially now taken his leave. When asked his plans after thirty-one years in law enforcement (including twenty years as a sworn officer and Chief), Lew said “I’m ready for some FUN...at least until I get bored”.

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