

## News

Federal Partners in Technology Transfer at (FPTT)'s website, a unique example of people in Canada's federal science-based departments and agencies working together, will hold its annual meeting and awards ceremony' in Ottawa June 1-3, 2008.

**Editors.** The Innovation Journal is seeking volunteer Discussion Papers and Case Studies editors.

Thank you to the other editors: Ken Russell, Howard Doughty, Sanni Yaya and Ian Roberge.

### *Calls for Papers.*

The deadline for receipt of papers for the special issue on Client Empowerment is December 1, 2007 and for the special issue on Complexity and Innovation is January 4, 2008. We are also interested in papers on Innovations in Learning, Innovations involving Women in Arab Countries, Creativity, Innovations in Ethics, and Innovations in Local Government. As always, we are interested in articles in English et en français and papers on any public sector innovation topics for open issues. For more information, see the Call for Papers at: [http://www.innovation.cc/call\\_for\\_papers.htm](http://www.innovation.cc/call_for_papers.htm)

## VOLUNTARY PLANNING A CITIZENS' POLICY FORUM

### *Old News*

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- MA Economic and Governmental Reform
- MIT's OpenCourseWare Experiment
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"America's Best and Brightest are Leaving... and Taking the Creative Economy With Them"

Read this article by Richard Florida, posted at The Conference Board's website.

### **New Course - MA Economic and Governmental Reform**

The Global Economic Policy Institute at the University of Westminster in London has announced the world's first international 'how to reform a government' Masters programme, following several years' research and development. Further information is available online, at:

[http://www.wmin.ac.uk/solape/item\\_admission.asp?ID=R8664&wp](http://www.wmin.ac.uk/solape/item_admission.asp?ID=R8664&wp) and  
<http://www.wmin.ac.uk/ssh/new/Politics/maecongov.htm>

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### **MIT's OpenCourseWare Experiment**

MIT caught distance educators by surprise in April 2001 when it announced plans to post the content of some 2,000 classes on the Web, saying it hoped to spur a worldwide movement among educators to share knowledge and improve teaching methods.

In a world where most institutions are seeking to squeeze a few extra bucks from their Internet activities, here was a preeminent university willing to give it all away for free. "It's a profoundly simple idea that was not intuitive," says the manager of the MIT OpenCourseWare project.

"At the time, the world was clamping down on information, limiting it to those who could pay for it." In September, MIT will officially launch OpenCourseWare with 500 courses, but during the past year's beta phase, it's already learned a few lessons, such as how do you discourage Third World scam artists from hawking MIT degrees as if they were Rolex knock-offs?

Despite these problems, the test was hailed a success, and OpenCourseWare is now set to expand its outreach by offering translations of 25 courses into Spanish and Portuguese, courtesy of Universia, a Madrid-based consortium of universities. Similar offers from the Middle East, the Ukraine and Mongolia are under consideration.

The real test, however, will be whether the project will sprout the online communities needed to support individual courses. "We'd like to see self-managed OpenCourseWare communities," says the manager. "Our vision is to have this open source software on the site, as well as information that helps people build a learning community, whether it's in Namibia, Thailand, whatever."

*(Wired.com Sep 2003)*

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We are happy to report that the International Institute of Administrative Sciences - IIAS/ Institute international des Sciences administratives - IISA, headquartered in Brussels, has become a sponsor of *The Innovation Journal*. You may visit their site at: <http://www.iiasiisa.be/>

## **Call for Papers**

*The Innovation Journal* will be publishing twelve special issues over the next year or so, prepared by guest editors. The themes of the special issues and the editors of the issues are listed below. This is a call for papers for the special issues. Please submit papers to Eleanor Glor, Editor-in-Chief [eglor@magma.ca](mailto:eglor@magma.ca).

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Editor(s)</b>
<b>New Public Management</b>	<b>Eleanor Glor</b>
<b>Open Issue</b>	<b>Eleanor Glor</b> Volume 10(3) Fall 2005
<b>Technology and Innovation</b>	Ways in which technology enhances and supports innovation in government. Also considering whether big technology implementations deliver the innovation that they promise. <b>Glenda White</b>
<b>Innovation in Local Government</b>	Innovation in cities and small towns, as the primary sites of service delivery in many countries. <b>Glenda White</b>
<b>Innovation in Developing Countries</b>	What is taking place in governments in countries in the developing world, in particular Africa, South America, parts of Asia. A related topic is Innovation for Poverty Alleviation, from the perspectives of the developing world and donor community, and also urban communities dealing with problems of homelessness and unemployment <b>Glenda White</b>
<b>Rules Innovation</b>	Innovative public interest-oriented rule approaches, and associated institutions and processes, being developed by governments, the private sector, and civil society in response to challenges associated with use of conventional rules approaches (most notably, command and control regulation). <b>Kernaghan Webb</b>
<b>Client Empowerment</b>	Innovative ways that clients have been involved in policy and practice in public sector organisations. e.g. case studies, more theoretical papers, new ideas. <b>Monica Dowling</b>
<b>French papers</b>	D'idées et de renseignements sur l'innovation dans le secteur public. Vous L tes invités B soumettre des articles, des commentaires ou B apporter toute autre contribution. <b>Lucie Rouillard</b>