

# NEWSLETTER



UNESCO Chair in Applied  
Research for Education in Prison



# REVIEW OF THE FIRST YEAR



*Paul Bélanger, outgoing Chairman of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Chair in Applied Research for Education in Prison at Malmo, Sweden, in June 2011.*



*Jean-Pierre Simoneau, Director of Operations of the UNESCO Chair of Applied Research for Education in Prison, at the Eighth World Assembly of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) in Malmo, Sweden, in June 2011.*

## ABOUT THE UNESCO CHAIR

The UNESCO Chair in Applied Research for Education in Prison of the Marie-Victorin General and Professional College is a continuation of the Dakar (Senegal) Framework for Action stating that education is a right for all people in all circumstances and that it is an essential tool for social development. In 2009, the Belem Framework for Action, the final document adopted by the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI), went further and recommended “ensuring adult education in prisons at all appropriate levels”. Given the international commitment to support the Belem Framework for Action, the unequivocal role and mandates of UNESCO for putting it in practice, the UNESCO Chair for Applied Research in Education in Prison contributes, with UNESCO, to providing adult education in prisons.

## THE CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN THE EIGHTH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF THE ICAE

From June 14 to 17, 2011, the UNESCO Chair of Applied Research for Education in Prison participated at the Eighth World Assembly of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) in Malmo, Sweden. As part of the strategic directions of the Working Council, adopted by the General Assembly on June 17, 2011, the Chair proposed integrating education in prison within the objectives pursued by the ICAE, a proposal that was accepted unanimously. It should be noted that the World Assembly of the ICAE brings together persons related to education of youth and adults from around the world every four years.

It promotes the significance of the right to adult education for construction of democratic, fair and equitable societies. For the occasion, Mr. Jean-Pierre Simoneau, Director of Operations for the Chair, briefly presented the mission and objectives of the Chair, as part of a workshop on education in prison. In addition, the entire staff of the Chair thanked the Canadian Commission for UNESCO for its financial support and Mrs. Giovanna Mode of the CLADE organization (Campana Latinoamericana por el Derecho a la Education), which enabled her to attend this forum.

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE UNESCO CHAIR IN APPLIED RESEARCH FOR EDUCATION IN PRISON

On Tuesday, September 27, Cégep Marie-Victorin launched the UNESCO Chair for Applied Research for Education in Prison, the first UNESCO Chair to appear in a college level institution in Canada! Representatives of several government, international and university organizations were invited to participate in the activity. However, the launch of the UNESCO Chair brought together many practitioners, program managers, professionals, researchers and students interested in education in prisons in Quebec, Canada and worldwide.



*Jean-Pierre Miron, Chair, Brian A. Grant, Director General, Research, Correctional Services Canada, Jean-Pierre Simoneau, Director of Operations of the Chair, Paul Bélanger, Chairman of the Scientific Committee, UQAM Researcher and Professor, Nicole Rouillier, Director General of Cégep Marie-Victorin, Arpi Hamalian, professor in the Department of Educational Sciences at Concordia University and Founding Co-Chair of the Concordia-UQAM Chair of Ethnic Studies representing the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and Josée Deschênes, Director of Continuing Education and Business Services, at the official launch of the UNESCO Chair at the Cégep.*

## THE CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CANADIAN COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

Mr. Jean-Pierre Simoneau, Director of Operations for the UNESCO Chair for Applied Research for Education in Prison, represented the Chair at the 51st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO which took place from June 9 to 11, 2011, in Ottawa.

This 51st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO was preceded by several meetings including with the UNESCO Chairs of Canada, which allowed the UNESCO Chair in Applied Research for Education in Prison to inform other Canadian partners about its mission and objectives.



*The Director General of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), Irina Bokova, and the former Governor General of Canada, Michaëlle Jean, with representatives of the Youth Commission, at the 51st Annual General Meeting of the CCU (Canadian Commission for UNESCO) in Ottawa, June 2011.*

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# THE CHAIR DEVELOPS AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE



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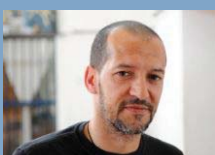
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Member of the Scientific Committee



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Member of the Scientific Committee

## ABOUT THE CHAIR'S SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Composed of researchers, professors, consultants and practitioners from Canada and abroad relating to applied research for education in prison, the Scientific Committee is the Chair's advisory body. It supports the Steering Committee in achieving the Chair's objectives. Members have a renewable term of three years.

## MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### Chairman - Monsieur Paul Bélanger, Ph D (Canada)

*Université du Québec à Montréal*

### Brian Grant, Ph D (Canada)

*Director General, Research, Correctional Services Canada*

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## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

### Monsieur Hugo Rangel

*Applied Research Advisor*

### Monsieur Marc De Maeyer

*Project Development Advisor*

## THE UNESCO CHAIR HOSTED THE INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON ADULT EDUCATION (ICEA) AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN QUEBEC FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL PRISONS

In anticipation of the tenth anniversary of the Quebec Adult Learners Week that will be held from March 22 to April 1, 2012, and the activities of the Big Read, representatives of the Institute for Cooperation on Adult Education (ICÉA) met on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at the Cégep Marie-Victorin, with representatives of the main organizations responsible for adult education and training in Quebec's prison communities.

### NOTE:

The UNESCO Chair in applied research for prison education participates in the UNESCO Chairs of Canada.

<http://www.unesco.ca/fr/interdisciplinaire/chaieres/LesChairesUNESCOauCanada.aspx>

The UNESCO Chair of the Cégep Marie-Victorin is also involved in the UNITWIN network of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

<http://www.unesco.org/fr/university-twinning-and-networking/access-by-region/europe-and-north-america/canada/unesco-chair-in-applied-research-for-education-in-prison-916/>

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*Director General, Research Branch, Correctional Services Canada*

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*Chair*

### 7. Jean-Pierre Simoneau

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